

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
“RULES OF THE ROAD”

Rules and Regulations approved September 8, 1936 and since amended.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1: For the purpose of these rules and regulations, the words and phrases used herein shall have the following meanings except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- a. **STREET OR HIGHWAY:** The entire width between property lines of every way open to the use of the public for purpose of travel.
- b. **ROADWAY:** That portion of a street or highway between property lines of every way open to the use of the public for purposes of travel.
- c. **LANE:** A longitudinal division of a roadway into a strip of sufficient width to accommodate the passage of a single line of vehicles.
- “d. **VEHICLE:** Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, except devices moved by human power, such as a bicycle, or used exclusively upon-stationary rails or tracks.
- e. **EMERGENCY VEHICLES:** Vehicles of the Fire Department, Police Department, ambulances, vehicles of Federal, State, Municipal Departments, and public service corporations, while responding to an emergency in relation to the Police or Fire departments.
- f. **PARKING:** The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, in obedience to an officer or traffic signs or signals, or while make emergency repairs, or if disabled, while arrangements are being made to move such vehicle.
- g. **LIVE PARKING:** The stopping or standing of a vehicle, while the same is in direct charge of a licensed motor vehicle operator, on a roadway otherwise than. temporarily in obedience to traffic ruler, regulations, signs or signals.
- h. **PEDESTRIAN:** Any person afoot or riding on a conveyance moved by human power, except bicycles.
- i. **SIDEWALK:** That portion of a street set aside for pedestrian travel.

- j. **CROSSWALK:** That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection of curb lines and property lines at intersections or at any portion of a roadway clearly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines on the road surface or by other markings or signs.
- k. **RAILROAD CROSSING:** Any intersection of ways with a railroad right-of-way
- l. **TRAFFIC CONTROL AREA:** Any area along any way other than an intersecting way, at which drivers are to be controlled by traffic control signals.
- m. **TRAFFIC:** Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, street cars, or other conveyances either single; or together while using any street or highway for the purpose of travel.
- n. **OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS:** All signs, markings and devices other than signals, not inconsistent with these rules and regulations, and which conform to the standards prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the; Commonwealth of Massachusetts and placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning or regulating traffic.
- o. **OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNALS:** All signals, conforming to the standards as prescribed by the Department of Public Works-of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, not inconsistent with these rules and regulations, placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of directing or warning traffic.
- p. **TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL:** Any device using colored lights which conforms to the standards as prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic may be alternately directed to stop and to proceed.
- q. **OFFICER:** An officer shall be construed to mean any officer, any investigator, examiner or inspector of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Springfield Parking Authority any constable or special officer, provided they are in uniform and or has their badge or other form of identification of office.
- r. **BUS STAND:** An area in the of roadway set acids for the berthing and parking of buses.
- s. **TAXICAB STAND:** An area in the roadway, in which certain taxicabs are required to park while waiting to be engaged.
- t. **FUNERAL:** Any procession of mourners properly identified as such accompanying the remains of a human body.

- u. **TRAFFIC ISLAND:** Any area or space set aside, within a roadway and approved by the Department of Public Works which is not intended for the use of. vehicular traffic.
- v. **OFFICIAL STREET MARKING:** Any painted Tine, legend, marking or marker of any description painted or placed upon any way which purports to direct or regulate traffic and which has been authorized by the Board of Aldermen and which has the written approval of the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

- w. **I.O.:** When the letters "I.O." appear after the name of any street in these rules and regulations, it shall refer to such street in the portion of the City of Springfield known as Indian Orchard.

- x. **U-TURNS:** The turning of a vehicle by means of a continuous left turn. whereby the direction of such a vehicle is reversed.

- y. **SERVICE ZONES:** An area in the roadway set aside for the accommodation of commercial and transient vehicular traffic.

- z. **BUS STOP:** An area in the roadway or a specifically designated point set aside for the stopping of busses to pick up or to discharge passengers.

- aa. **TRAILER:** Any vehicle or object on wheels and having not motive power of its own, but which is drawn by, or used in combination with a motor vehicle.

- bb. **SEMI-TRAILER:** A trailer so designed and used in combination with a tractor that some part of the weight of such trailer and that of its load rests upon and is carried by the tractor.

- cc. **STAND OR STANDING:** Means the halting of-a vehicle whether occupied or not, otherwise than for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

- dd. **STOP OR STOPPING:** When prohibited means any halting even momentarily of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control sign or signal.

- ee. **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE:** Any vehicle being used in the transportation of goods, wares or merchandise for commercial purposes.

- ff. **HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE:** Any commercial vehicle of two and one-half 2 1/2 ton capacity or over.

- gg. **ACTUALSERVICE DELIVERY:** Actually engaged in or performing services including, but not. limited to trades, repairs, and/or in loading or unloading of goods, supplies, merchandise, or any other items at the premises of a resident of the City of Springfield.

| hh. **RESIDENT:** Any individual or business which is located in the City of Springfield.

ii. **RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:** Any motor vehicle which is designed as and used solely for recreational purposes and not for use on a public way.

jj. **EMERGENCY:** Any situation in which the life, safety, welfare or property of a resident of the City of Springfield is immediately endangered.

kk. **TRAFFIC ENGINEER:** The traffic engineer shall be the Director of the Department of Public Works or his or her designee.”

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ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1: OFFICERS TO DIRECT TRAFFIC

It shall be the duty of officers designated by the Chief of Police to enforce the provisions of the rules and regulations. Such officers are hereby authorized to direct all traffic either in person or by means of visible or audible signals in conformance with the provisions of these rules and regulations, provided that in the event of fire, roadway construction or other emergency to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police or Fire Department may direct traffic, as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of these rules and regulations.

SECTION 2: OBEDIENCE TO POLICE

Drivers of vehicles shall comply with any lawful or reasonable order, signal or direction of any officer.

SECTION 3: EXEMPTIONS

The provisions of these rules and regulations shall not apply to drivers actually engaged in work upon a street or highway closed to travel or under construction or repair; to officers when engaged in the performance of public duties; nor to drivers of emergency vehicles while operating in any emergency and in performance of public duties which necessitates a departure from any part of these rules and regulations. These exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any vehicle from the consequence of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

SECTION 4: PARADES AND PROCESSIONS

No procession or parade excepting the forces of the United States Army, Navy, the military forces of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the forces of the Police and Fire Departments shall occupy, march, or proceed along any way except in accordance with a permit issued by the Chief of Police or designee and the Director of the Department of Public Works or designee, the ordinances of the City of Springfield, and such other regulations as are set forth herein which may apply.”

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ARTICLE III

TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS

SECTION 1:

a. The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized and as to those signs and signals required hereunder it shall be his duty to place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained all official traffic signs, signals, markings and safety zones which shall conform to the standards as prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation or any applicable Federal regulation.

b. Subsection (1) of Section 1 and Section 2 to 11 inclusive of Article V, Sections 2 and 3 of Article VI, each relating to parking, and subsection (b) of Section 10 and Section 11 of Article VIII, relating to turning, shall be effective only during such time as a sufficient number of official signs are erected and maintained in each block designating the provisions of such sections and located so as to be easily visible to approaching drivers.

c. Section 1, Article VII of these rules and regulations relating to one-way streets, shall be effective only during such time as a sufficient number of official signs are erected and maintained at each of the exits for a distance of at least seventy-five (75) feet to drivers approaching such an exit.

d. Section 14D, Article V of these Rules and Regulations relating to Commercial Vehicle Parking, shall be effective only during such time as a sufficient number of official signs are erected and maintained at each of the main arterial entrances to the City.

SECTION 2: DISPLAY OF UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKINGS PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or maintain or to display upon or in view of any street any unofficial sign, signal or marking, which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic sign, signal or marking, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic or which hides from view any official sign or signal. The Chief of Police or designee, and / or the Director of the Department of Public Works or designee is hereby empowered to remove every such prohibited sign, signal or marking or cause it to be removed without notice.

SECTION 3: It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully deface, injure, move, obstruct or interfere with any official traffic sign, signal or marking.

SECTION 4: The Chief of Police is hereby empowered to remove every such prohibited sign, signal or marking or cause it to be removed, without notice.

SECTION 5: EXPERIMENTAL REGULATION

For the purpose of trial, the City Traffic Engineer and / or the Director of the Department of Public Works may make temporary rules regulating traffic, or test under actual conditions, traffic signs, marking or other devices without approval of the Traffic Commission. No such experimental rule relating to traffic shall remain in effect for a period of time longer than Ninety (90) Days. Once the trial period has run out the Traffic Engineer shall report to the Traffic Commission the results of the experimental regulation at such time the traffic commission shall vote whether the experimental regulation shall remain. If the commission votes that the experimental regulation shall remain it must then go before City Council in order to make the experimental regulation permanent. If the traffic commission does not vote to accept the experimental regulation, then the temporary sign, marking, signal or other deceive shall revert to the condition before the temporary rules were put in place. All public way closings in excess of fourteen (14) days, except for emergency closings, shall be approved by the City Council.”

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ARTICLE IV

PEDESTRIANS, RIDERS, ZONES OF QUIET

SECTION 1: OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC BY STOPPING, LOITERING OR SAUNTERING

No person shall stop, stand, loiter or saunter on any sidewalk, street or highway so as to obstruct or impede the normal movement of traffic and any person doing so shall move on if directed so to do by an officer.

SECTION 2: PEDESTRIANS SOLICITING RIDES

It shall be unlawful for any person to stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the operator of any motor vehicle.

SECTION 3: CLINGING TO MOVING VEHICLES

It shall be unlawful for any person traveling upon any bicycle, coaster, sled, roller skates or any toy vehicle to cling to, or attach himself or any such conveyance to any other moving vehicle upon any roadway.

SECTION 4: PROTECTION OF PEDESTRIANS

a. It shall be the duty of every driver to anticipate the presence of pedestrians and the riders of bicycles and tricycles in the street or highway and to exercise ordinary vigilance to see and discover such pedestrians or riders. Drivers shall exercise the highest degree of care when the presence of children in the street or highway has been observed.

b. Drivers shall at all times so operate their vehicles as to provide pedestrians and the riders of bicycles and tricycles, who indicate a desire to cross the roadway, an opportunity to do so without jeopardizing the safety of such pedestrians or riders.

c. Whenever any vehicle has stopped to permit a pedestrian or the rider of a bicycle or tricycle to cross the roadway, the driver of another vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle, notwithstanding the provisions of any other section.

d. Whenever practicable, a pedestrian shall use such sidewalks or paths as are adjacent to the roadway, but where no sidewalk or path exists or conditions

compel, he shall at all times use the left side of the roadway and face approaching traffic.”

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ARTICLE V

PARKING

“SECTION 1: GENERAL PROHIBITIONS.

No person shall park a vehicle, trailer, cart, or any other object in any of the following places:

- a. Within an intersection
- b. Upon any sidewalk
- c. Upon any cross walk
- d. Upon any tree belt or curbing
- e. Where parking is permitted on the left side of a One-Way street, this rule shall not apply to the parking of vehicles on the left side of a One-Way street, if vehicles are parked with both wheels on the left side of the vehicle within eighteen (18) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway and headed in the direction in which traffic is moving.

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Except where angle parking is permitted upon the roadway in a business or residential district where parking is permitted unless both wheels on the right side of the vehicle are within eighteen (18) inches of the curb or edge of roadway.

- f. Upon any roadway where the parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed lane at least ten (10) feet wide for passing traffic.
- g. Upon any street or highway within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.
- h. Within five (5) feet of the projection of the side lines of any driveway or alley with the curb line of the street, or so as to obstruct cross lanes marked with white lines.

- i. Upon any street or highway within twenty-five (25) feet of any intersecting way.
- j. Upon any street or highway at non-intersection locations within one hundred (100) feet in advance and twenty (20) feet beyond the crosswalk as posted.
- k. Within fifteen (15) feet of any official sign or post used to designate a bus stop, except as otherwise provided under Section 2 (b).
- l. Within fifteen (15) feet of the intersection of the curb line with a line drawn at right angles to the curb line, from the center of the entrance or exit of a building owned by the City of Springfield, or the County of Hampden, or any theater during the period of one-half hour before to one-half hour after any performance is given in said theater, or any church during the period from one-half hour before to one-half hour after a service is given in said church; or any hotel.
- m. No vehicle shall be parked for any purpose between the hours of 4:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. in the area bounded by the Connecticut River on the west, the Boston and Albany Railroad on the north, Chestnut Street inclusive on the east, and State Street inclusive on the south, unless both right wheels of the vehicle are parallel to and within 18 inches of the curb or edge of roadway.
- n. No vehicle shall be parked for any purpose on any terrace, median strip or crossover therein.

SECTION 2: PROHIBITIONS ON CERTAIN STREETS.

- a. No vehicle except while receiving or discharging passengers or a load shall remain standing at any time in any posted prohibited locations:
- b. No vehicle other than a bus shall remain standing at any time in any of the posted bus stop locations:
- c. There shall be no loading or unloading between the hours of 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. in the posted locations:
- d. Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specific places, except. when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law on the direction of a police officer or official traffic control device, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on posted prohibited streets or parts of streets where official traffic signs are erected.
- e. No stopping, standing or parking during certain hours on certain streets, "Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with

law on the direction of a police officer or official traffic control device, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle during the posted specified times, except as otherwise provided.”

SECTION 3: PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS

No person shall park a vehicle, except while receiving or discharging passengers or a load, on any of the designated prohibited streets or parts of streets, during the posted specified times, except as otherwise provided:

SECTION 4: FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE PARKING AT ANY TIME

No person shall park a vehicle for longer than fifteen (15) minutes except on Sundays and public holidays, at any time, on the designated prohibited streets or parts thereof, except as otherwise provided:

SECTION 5: FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE PARKING - SPECIAL TIMES

No person shall park a vehicle, except on Sundays and public holidays, for longer than fifteen (15) minutes during the posted hours at any of the designated prohibited streets or parts thereof, except as otherwise provided:

SECTION 6: THIRTY (30) MINUTE PARKING - SPECIFIED TIMES

No person shall park a vehicle, except on Sundays and public holidays and, except as otherwise provided, for longer than thirty (30) minutes during the posted hours, at any of the designated prohibited streets or parts thereof:

SECTION 7: ONE (1) HOUR PARKING AT ANY TIME

No person shall park a vehicle for longer than one (1) hour, except on Sundays and public holidays, at any time, on the designated prohibited streets or parts thereof, except as otherwise provided:

SECTION 8: ONE (1) HOUR PARKING - SPECIFIED TIMES

No person shall park a vehicle, except on Sundays and public holidays, and except as otherwise provided, for longer than one (1) hour during specified hours, at any of the designated prohibited streets or parts thereof:

SECTION 9: TWO (2) HOUR PARKING - SPECIAL TIME

No person shall park a vehicle, except on Sundays and public holidays and except as otherwise provided, for longer than two (2) hours during the specified times on any of the designated prohibited streets or parts thereof:

SECTION 10: ANGLE PARKING

Angle parking shall not be permitted except on the designated streets, and upon those streets all vehicles shall be so parked that one wheel is within twelve (12) inches of the curb and at an angle indicated by markings and official signs.

SECTION 11: LIVE PARKING

In the posted locations unless the same is in direct charge of a driver, except the hours designated.

SECTION 12: STOPPING AT THE CURB

No vehicle shall stop with its left side to the curb except on One-Way streets, unless there is a sign such as "No Parking" or other signage prohibiting parking on a one-way street.

SECTION 13: PARKING VEHICLES FOR SALE PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for any person to park upon a street or highway any vehicle displayed for sale.

SECTION 14A: SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY REGULATION

Definitions

"Severe weather" - Any weather condition including but not limited to snow, ice, hail, excessive wind or rain which may in the judgment of the Director of Public Works cause Areas and ways in the City of Springfield to become unsafe for travel and dangerous to public.

"Announced" - A declaration issued by the Mayor on request of the Director of Public Works advertised in a daily newspaper published by the City on the City website and by a public declaration issued to all local radio and television stations which makes known that severe weather condition may exist and that a severe weather emergency regulation has been declared.

"Severe Weather Emergency Regulation" - During the period of an announced "Severe Weather Emergency Regulation" it shall be unlawful for the owner of, driver, or person to whom is registered any vehicle other than one acting in an emergency to park said vehicle on the even numbered side of any public way or portion thereof between the hours of seven (7) post meridian of any calendar date and seven (7) ante meridian of the following calendar date and on the odd numbered side of any public way or portion thereof between the hours of nine (9) ante meridian and four (4) post meridian on any single calendar date; the aforementioned restrictions shall not supersede posted parking prohibitions.

Parking is permitted as aforesaid if not otherwise prohibited by this Section.

SECTION 14B: TOTAL BAN

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle other than one acting in an emergency to park said vehicle on any posted streets or portions thereof between the hours of one (1) ante meridian and six (6) ante meridian.

**SECTION 14C: ALL NIGHT COMMERCIAL AND OTHER VEHICLE
PARKING PROHIBITED**

No driver shall park or stand any motor vehicle and/or motor vehicle attachment (including recreational vehicles) having a gross vehicle weight of twelve thousand (12,000) pounds or more or exceeding twenty-four (24) feet in length for more than one (1) hour between 7:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. on any day, or at any time on Sunday, or any part of any street, way, highway, road, or parkway under the control of the City of Springfield where parking or standing a vehicle is not otherwise prohibited providing that this regulation shall not apply during actual service, delivery, or in the case of an emergency. Motor vehicles, regardless of size, owned or operated by the City of Springfield, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the United States of America are hereby exempt from these regulations. Each day in which a motor vehicle is in violation of this provision shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 14D: COMMERCIAL AND OTHER VEHICLE PARKING PROHIBITED

No driver shall park or stand any motor vehicle and/or motor vehicle attachment (including recreational vehicles) having a gross vehicle weight of twelve thousand (12,000) pounds or more or exceeding twenty-four (24) feet in length twelve for more than one (1) hour between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P. M. on any day, or at any time on Sunday, or any part of any street, way, highway, road, or parkway under the control of the City of Springfield where parking or standing a vehicle is not otherwise prohibited providing that this regulation shall not apply during actual service, delivery, or in the case of an emergency. Motor vehicles, regardless of size, owned or operated by the City of Springfield, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the United States of America are hereby exempt from these regulations. Each day in which a motor vehicle is in violation of this provision shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 15: LIGHTLESS PARKING AREA

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 7 of the General Laws, parking of a motor vehicle without lights at night between one (1) hour after sunset and one (1) hour before sunrise is hereby permitted except on the posted streets or parts of street:

SECTION 16: SERVICE ZONES

a. No person shall park a vehicle upon any street in any of the posted service zones for a period of time longer than thirty (30) minutes except while actually engaged in loading and unloading.

b. No person shall park a vehicle other than a commercial vehicle excepting passenger type vehicles properly registered for commercial transportation purposes in a loading zone during the hours designating the area restricted to loading or unloading activities.”

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ARTICLE V-A

TOW-AWAY ZONE REGULATIONS

SECTION 1: In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 262 of the Acts of 1979, the City Council of the City of Springfield hereby enact the following regulations authorizing the immobilization and removal to a convenient place of vehicles parked or standing in such manner, or in such areas as are herein after described on any way under the control of the City of Springfield. Vehicles specifically exempted by Chapter 262 of the Acts of 1979 shall not, however, be subject to such immobilization or removal.

SECTION 2: AUTHORIZATION OF POLICE

The moving or towing of any vehicle under the provisions of this Article shall be by and at the direction of the Chief of Police or any designee or by the Parking Control Officers appointed by the Police Commissioner as he may from time to time designate.

SECTION 3: FEES

The City Council hereby imposes upon the owner of any vehicle moved or towed to a convenient place under the provisions of this article, the following fees:

- a. Towing Fee - Not to exceed the maximum tariff established by the Department of Public Utilities for such services.
- b. Storage Fees - Not to exceed ten dollars (\$35.00) for any twenty-four (24) hour period or portion thereof.

SECTION 4: LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE DURING REMOVAL OR STORAGE

The Contractor shall be liable to the owner for any damage arising out of negligence caused to a vehicle in the course of removal and storage.

SECTION 5: GENERAL PROHIBITION TOWING ZONES

No person shall stand or park or allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand or park on any of the posted prohibited areas. Vehicles found in violation of the provisions of this section except those specifically exempt by law, shall be removed to a convenient place under the direction of. an officer of the Police Department or by a Parking Control Officer appointed by the Police Commissioner. The owner of the vehicle so removed, or towed away shall be liable to the cost of such removal and storage, if any, as set forth in Section 3, of this Article. The owner of any vehicle removed or towed away under the

provisions of this Section shall also be subject to the penalties provided in Chapter 90, Section 20A½ of the General Laws. (Ter. Ed.)

- a. Posted Tow Away Zone.
- b. Upon any way in such a manner as to impede the removal or plowing of or ice.
- c. Upon any sidewalk.
- d. Upon any crosswalk.
- e. Upon any way within twenty-five (25) feet of an intersection way except alleys.
- f. Upon a way within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.
- g. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of the way.
- h. In front of a public or private driveway.
- i. Upon any way where the parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed lane at least ten (10) feet wide for passing.
- j. Upon any tree belt, curbing or median strip.
- k. On any part of any way in such a manner as to obstruct any curb ramp designed for use by handicapped persons as means of egress to a street or public way.
- l. Obstructing or occupying any parking space reserved for handicapped parking, unless bearing the distinguishing license plate, placard or special parking identification plate of a vehicle used by a disabled veteran or handicapped person, or the official identification of a handicapped person issued by any other state.
- m. On any part of any way in such a manner as to obstruct any Fire Lane.

SECTION 6: PARKING PROHIBITIONS - TOWING ZONES

No person shall stand or park or allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand or park on any of the ways or parts of ways hereinafter described and during the periods of time set forth. Vehicles found in violation of the provisions of this section except those specifically exempted by law shall be removed to a convenient place under the direction of an Officer of the Police Department and the owner of the vehicle, so removed or towed away shall be liable to the cost of such removal and storage, if any, as set forth in Section 3 of this Article. The owner of any vehicle removed or towed away under the provisions of this Sections shall also be subject to the penalties provided in

Chapter 90, Section 20A of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.).

- a. In front of any public building, theater, church or hotel, as described in Article V, Section 1 of the Rules of the Road of the City of Springfield.
- b. In any bus stop or stand.
- c. In any taxi stand.
- d. Both sides of the following streets for their entire lengths. (See attachment A)
- e. Both sides of the following streets for the areas indicated. (See attachment B)

ARTICLE V-A

TOW-AWAY ZONE REGULATIONS

ATTACHMENT "A"

SECTION 6d: PARKING PROHIBITIONS - TOWING ZONES

Both sides of the following streets for their entire length:

Abbe Avenue; Abbe Avenue Bridge; Acushnet Avenue; Adams Street; Ainsworth Street; Albany Street; Alberta Street; Alderman. Street; Alert Street; Alexander Street; Alfred Street; Allendale Street; Amber Street; Amherst Street; Amity Court; Applewood Place; Arch Street; Arlington Street; Ashley Street; Ashmun Street; Atwood Place; Auburn Street; Autumn Street; Avon Place;

Bancroft Street; Banks Place; Barnes Street; Batavia Street; Bayonne Street; Beacon Street; Beaumont Street; Beaumont Terrace; Beech Street; Bellevue Street; Belmont Place; Berkley Place; Berkley Street; Birnie Avenue; Blake Hill; Bliss Street; Bloomfield Street; Bond Street; Bowdoin Street; Bowdoin Terrace; Bowles Street; Boylston Street; Bradford Street; Bridge Street; Brigham Street; Brightwood Avenue; Broad Street; Broadway; Brookline Street; Brown Street; Buckingham Street; Burlington Street; Burton Street; Byers Street;

Calhoun Street; Catherine Street; Cedar Street; Central Street; Chapel Street; Charter Avenue; Chase Avenue; Cherry Street; Chester Street; Chestnut Street; Church Street; Churchill Street; City Hall Place; Claremont Street; Clarendon Street; Clark Street; Clayton Street; Clifford Street; Clifton Street; Clinton Street; Clyde Street; Colchester Street; Collins Street; Colton Street; Columbus Avenue; Congress Street; Conklin Street; Converse Street; Coomes Street; Cornell Street; Court Street; Court Square Avenue; Crosby Street; Cross Street; Crossett Lane; Crown Street; Crystal Avenue; Cumberland Street; Cypress Street;

Dale Street; Dartmouth Street; Dartmouth Terrace; Darwell Street; Daviston Street; Dawson Street; Demond Street; Dexter Street; Division Street; Donald Street; Dorchester Street; Donne Street; Douglas Street; Dover Street; Dow Street; Dwight Street; Dwight Street Extension;

Eagle Street; Earl Street; East Alvord Street; East Court Street; East Hooker Street; Eastern Avenue; Edgeland Street; Edwards Street; Elliot Street; Elm Street; Elmwood Street; Emery Street; Essex Street; Euclid Avenue;

Fairbanks Place; Fairfield Street; Federal Court; Federal Street; Ferry Street; Fisk Avenue; Florence Street; Florida Street; Forest Street; Fort Street; Fort Pleasant Avenue; Foster Street; Freemont Street; Frost Street;

SECTION 6d: PARKING PROHIBITIONS - TOWING ZONES CONT'D

Both sides of the following streets for their entire length:

Gardner Street; Garfield Street; George Street; Girard Avenue; Glendell Terrace; Gordon Street; Grace Street; Grand Street; Grant Street; Granville Street; Grays Avenue; Greenacre Street; Greene Street; Greenleaf Street; Greenwich Street; Greenwood Street; Grenada Terrace; Gridiron Street; Grosvenor Street; Grove Street;

Hall Street; Hampden Street; Hancock Street; Hannon Street; Hanover Street; Harriet Street; Harrison Avenue; Harvard Street; Hawley Street; Hawthorne Street; Hebron Street; Herman Street; Hickory Street; High Street; Hillman Street; Hillside Place; Holland Street; Holyoke Street; Horace Street; Howard Street; Hubbard Avenue; Hunt Terrace; Huntington Street; Hyde Avenue;

Ingersol Grove; Ingraham Terrace;

James Street; Jefferson Avenue; Jenks Street; John Street; Johnson Street;

Kaynor Street; Keith Street; Kensington Street; Kenwood Park; Kenwood Terrace; Kibbe Avenue; Kimberly Avenue; Knox Street;

Ladd Street. Lafayette Street. Lansing Place. Laurel Street. Laverne Street. Lebanon Street. Leete Street. Leyfred Terrace. Lillian Street. Lincoln Street.. Litchfield Street. Locust Street. Logan Street. Lombard. Street. Longview Street. Loring Street. Lowell. Street. Lyman Street.

Madison Avenue; Magazine Street; Main Street; Malden Street; Manhattan Street; Mansfield Street; Maple Court; Maple Street; Maplewood Terrace; Marble Street; Marengo Park; Margaret Street; Marion Street; Market Street; Marshall Street; Mason Street; Mattoon Street; McKnight Street; Medford Street; Melrose Street; Meltzer Street; Merrick Avenue; Merwin Street; Monmouth Street; Monroe Street; Montford Street; Montpelier Street; Moore Street; Morgan Street; Morris Street; Mountainview Street; Mulberry Street; Myrtle Street;

Nelson Avenue; New Street; Newland Street; Newman Street; Niagara Street; Noble Street; Noel Street; Norwood Street;

Oak Street; Oakland Street; Olive Street; Orange Street; Orchard Street; Orlando Street; Orleans Street; Osgood Street; Oswego Street; Oxford Street; Ozark Street;

Palm Street; Palmer Avenue; Park Street; Pasadena Street; Patton Street; Pearl Street; Pearl Street Place; Pease Street; Pendleton Avenue; Pine Street; Pine Street Court; Plainfield Street; Pleasant Street; Plymouth Street; Pomona Street; Portland Street; Prince Street; Princeton Street; Pynchon Street;

SECTION 6d: PARKING PROHIBITIONS - TOWING ZONES CONT'D

Both sides of the following streets for their entire length:

Queen Street; Quincy Street;

Randall Place; Randolph Street; Ranney Street; Revere Street; Richelieu Place; Richelieu Street; Ridgewood Place; Ridgewood Terrace; Rifle Street; Ringgold Street; Ripley Place; Rittenhouse Terrace; Riverside Road; Riverview Street; Riverview Terrace; Roseland Street; Rowland Street; Rupert Street; Rutledge Street;

Sachem Street; Salem Street; Sanderson Street; Sanford Street; Saratoga Street; Sargeant Street; School Street; Scott Street; Seventh Street; Shamrock Street; Sharon Street; Sheffield Street; Sheldon Street; Sheridan Lane; Sherman Street; Shillingford Street; Smith Street; Sorrento Street; Spring Street; Spruce Street; Stearns Square; Stebbins Street; Sterns Terrace; Stevens Street ; Stockbridge Street; Stratford Terrace; Summit Street; Sumner Terrace; Swanton Court;

Talcott Avenue; Taylor Street; Temple Street; Tenth Street; Terrance Street; Thomas Street; Thompson Street; Townsley Avenue; Tyler Street;

Union Street; Vassar Street; Ventura Street; Vermont Street; Vernon Street; Vine Street;

Walker Street; Walnut Court; Walnut Street; Walter Street; Wareham Street; Warner Street; Warren Place; Warriner Avenue; Washburn Street; Wason Avenue; Waverly Street; Welcome Place; Wellesley Street; Wendell Place; West Street; West Alvord Street; Westernview Street; Westminister Street; Whiting Street; Whitney Place; Wight Place; Wigwam Place; Wilcox Street; William Street; Willow Street; Wilmont Street; Winchester Street; Windsor Street; Winter Street; Winthrope Street; Woodside Terrace; Woodworth Avenue; Worcester Avenue; Worthington Street;

Yale Street; York Avenue; York Street.

ARTICLE V-A

TOW-AWAY ZONE REGULATIONS

SECTION 6e: PARKING PROHIBITIONS - TOWING ZONES

ATTACHMENT "B"

Both sides of the following streets:

Alden Street, from Logan Street to Hickory Street.
Allen Street, from Island Pond Road to Hickory Street.
Armory Street, from Federal Street to Albany Street.
Belmont Avenue, from Sumner Avenue to Fort Pleasant Avenue.
Carew Street, from Main Street to Chestnut Street.
Dickinson Street, from Locust Street to Sumner Avenue.
Forest Park Avenue, from Fort Pleasant Avenue to Sumner Avenue.
Franklin Street, from Main Street to Chestnut Street.
King Street, from Logan Street to Walnut Street.
Liberty Street, from Main Street to Chestnut Street.
Liberty Street, from Main Street to East Columbus Avenue.
Longhill Street, from Sumner Avenue to Columbus Avenue.
Saint James Avenue, from Tapley Street to Magazine Street.
State Street, from Columbus Avenue to Hayden Avenue.
Sumner Avenue, from Dorset Street to Longhill Street.
White Street, from Allen Street to Sumner Avenue.
Wilbraham Road, from Eastern Avenue to Colton Street.

SECTION 7: OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS

The provisions of Section 6 shall be effective only when an official traffic signs bearing the legend "Tow Away Zone" are installed, erected, maintained and located so as to be visible. to approaching drivers, said signs to be appended above or incorporated into the legend of Parking Prohibition Signs.

SECTION 8: POLICE TO KEEP RECORD OF TOWED VEHICLES

The Police Department shall keep a record of all vehicles towed or removed under the provisions of this Article. Such record shall be retained for one (1) year and shall contain the following information:

1. The license plate and registration of the vehicle (if available)

SECTION 9: IMMOBILIZATION OR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES WITH FIVE OR MORE OUTSTANDING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS OR OUTSTANDING EXCISE TAXES DUE

Any motor vehicle, found parked upon any public way of the City of Springfield,

upon which they owe outstanding excise tax, or five (5) or more traffic violation notices, in the aggregate, have been affixed as provided in Section 20C, and/or 20A½ of Chapter 90 of the General Laws within the current calendar year and/or the calendar year immediately preceding and have not been disposed of may, by officers of the Police Department of the City or by Parking Control Officers designated by the Police Commissioner of the City, be immobilized in such a manner as to prevent its operation; no such vehicle shall be immobilized by any means other than by the use of a device which will cause no damage to such vehicle unless it is moved while such device is in place. In addition, a motor vehicle may in any calendar year, if in such year and in the calendar year immediately preceding five or more notices, in the aggregate, have been affixed to said vehicle as provided in said Section 20C, and/or 20A½ and have not been disposed of, be held or removed to and stored in a convenient place in the City until all charges lawfully imposed for such removal and storage have been paid and due notice has been received that either the fines provided in such notices have been paid or security for the payment thereof has been deposited.

SECTION 10: NOTICE OF IMMOBILIZATION

A conspicuous notice to the effect that such vehicle has been immobilized and that any attempt to move such vehicle might result in damage to the vehicle shall be placed on such vehicle.”

SECTION 11: RELEASE OF IMMOBILIZED OR TOWED VEHICLE

The owner of such immobilized vehicle, or other duly authorized person, shall be permitted to secure the release of the vehicle upon due notice being received that either the fines provided for in such violation notices have been paid or security for the payment thereof has been deposited.

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ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1: LOCATION OF BUS STANDS, TAXICAB STANDS

The location of all bus stops, bus stands, and taxicab stands shall be as specified by a special order of the Traffic Commission or Ordinance of the City Council.

SECTION 2: BUS STANDS

- a. No person shall park a vehicle other than a bus in a bus stop.
- b. No person shall park a bus upon any street within a business district at any place other than a bus stand when a nearby bus stand is available for use.
- c. A lane set aside for the sole purpose of operating the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Buses in the right lane immediately adjacent to the curb (i.e. "right curb lane") on the following street.

SECTION 3: TAXICAB STANDS

No person shall park a taxicab upon any street within a business district at any place other than the taxicab stand or stands designated for the use-of his taxicab or taxicabs except while engaged.

SECTION 4: DELETED

SECTION 5: USING VEHICLE FOR SOLE PURPOSE OF DISPLAYING ADVERTISING PROHIBITED

No person shall park a vehicle on any street or highway for the sole purpose of displaying advertising signs.

SECTION 6: PARKING OF TRAILERS OR SEMI-TRAILERS

No person shall park or stand any trailer or semi-trailer on any part of any street, way, highway, road or parkway under the control of the City of Springfield unless such trailer or semi-trailer is attached to a motor vehicle capable of towing it, except during the actual loading or unloading of materials.

SECTION 7: PARKING FOR DISABLED VETERANS OR HANDICAPPED PERSONS

No person shall park a vehicle on a posted handicap space, or part of a street designated for Handicap or Disabled Veterans thereof, except those vehicles

bearing the distinctive "HP" or "V" number plates, handicap placard, or any other official identification of a handicapped person issued by any other state.

SECTION 8: OPERATION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

- a. The use and operation of heavy commercial vehicles are hereby restricted on the posted streets or parts thereof, and in the manner outlined and during the period of time set forth.
- b. Exemptions - Part 1 of this Section shall not apply to emergency vehicles, or heavy commercial vehicles going to or coming from places upon said streets for the purpose of making deliveries of goods, materials, or merchandise to or similar collections from abutting land or buildings or adjoining streets or ways to which access cannot otherwise be gained; or to vehicles used in connection with the construction, maintenance and repair of said streets or public utilities therein; or to Federal, State, Municipal, public service corporation owned vehicles.”
- c. Part 1 of this section shall be in effect only during such. times as official traffic signs are installed and maintained.

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ARTICLE VII

**ONE-WAY STREETS -- TERRACED -- THROUGH TRAFFIC STREETS--
ISOLATED STOP STREETS -- TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS**

SECTION 1: ONE-WAY STREETS

Upon the designated streets or parts of streets vehicular traffic shall move only in the direction indicated below:

- a. NORTHERLY
- b. SOUTHERLY
- c. EASTERLY
- d. WESTERLY

SECTION 2: TERRACED STREET

Upon the designated terrace streets both traveled ways being part of the same street any person having charge of any vehicle shall cause such vehicle to keep to the right of such terrace or unpaved areas at all times when traveling on such streets.

SECTION 3: OBEDIENCE TO THROUGH WAY STOP SIGNS

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, . Section 9 of the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, and except as provided in Section 19 of Article VIII of these rules., the designated streets or parts of streets are hereby declared to be through ways.

SECTION 4: ISOLATED STOP STREETS

Every driver of a vehicle, or other conveyance approaching an intersection of ways where there exists facing him an official sign bearing the word "STOP" or a Flashing Red Signal indication whether temporary or permanent, said signs or signal having apart from these rules and orders, the written approval of the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and such approval being in effect, shall, before proceeding through the intersection, bring such vehicle, or other conveyance to a complete Stop at such point, as may be clearly marked by a sign or line, or if a point is not so marked, then at the nearer line or crosswalk of said intersection. This section shall not apply when the traffic is otherwise directed by an officer or by a lawful traffic regulating sign, signal or

device or as provided in Section 19 of Article VIII of these rules. In accordance with the foregoing, the erection and maintenance of an isolated Stop Sign, or signs or Flashing Red Signals, as the case may be, are authorized so as to face.

SECTION 5: OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

Colors and arrow indications in traffic control signals shall have the commands ascribed to them in this section, and no other meanings, and every driver of a vehicle, railway car or other conveyance shall comply therewith, except when otherwise directed by an officer or by a lawful traffic regulating sign (other than a "Stop" sign), signal or device. In no case shall a driver enter or proceed through an intersection without due regard to the safety of other persons within the intersection, regardless of what indications may be given by traffic control signals.

1. Green indications shall have the following meanings:
 - A. Drivers facing a CIRCULAR GREEN may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. But drivers turning right or left shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.
 - B. Drivers facing a GREEN ARROW, shown alone or in combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same time. Such drivers shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
2. Steady yellow indications shall have the following meanings:
 - A. Drivers facing a steady CIRCULAR YELLOW or YELLOW arrow signal are thereby warned that the related green movement is being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when drivers shall not enter the intersection.
3. Steady Red indications shall have the following meanings:
 - A. Traffic facing a steady CIRCULAR RED signal alone shall stop at a clearly marked stop line or if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown except as allowed by Chapter 89, Section 8 of the General Laws and/or Chapters 43 and 372 as amended by the legislation Acts of 1981. Such drivers shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
 - B. No driver of a vehicle facing a CIRCULAR RED signal indication shall make

a right turn, or a left turn from a one-way street into another one-way street, where official traffic signs are installed and maintained prohibiting such turn at the designated intersections:

1. Right Turns Prohibited
2. Left Turns Prohibited”

Northbound drivers on Eastern Avenue at State Street.

4. RED and YELLOW indication shall have the following meaning:
While the red and yellow lenses are illuminated together, drivers shall not enter the intersection, and during such time the intersection shall be reserved for the exclusive use of pedestrians.
5. Flashing signal indications shall have the following meanings:
 - A. Flashing red (stop signal) - When a red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersections, or if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersections roadway before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 8 of the General Laws.
 - B. Flashing yellow (caution signal) - When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution.

SECTION 6: OBEDIENCE TO YIELD SIGNS

Every driver of a vehicle or other conveyance approaching an intersection of ways, where there exists facing him an official sign bearing the word "YIELD" said sign having been erected in accordance with the written approval of the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and such approval being in effect shall surrender to oncoming traffic his right to enter the intersection until such time as he has brought his vehicle or other conveyance to a complete stop at a point between the said "YIELD" sign and the nearer line of the street intersection, provided, however, that this requirement to stop before entering the intersection shall not apply when a driver approaching a "YIELD" sign can enter the intersection in safety without causing interference to approaching traffic.

"This section shall not apply when the traffic is otherwise directed by an officer or by a lawful traffic regulating. sigh, signal or device or as provided in Section 19(c) of Article VIII of these rules."

In accordance with the foregoing, the erection and maintenance of official "Yield" signs are authorized so as to face:

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ARTICLE VIII

OPERATION OF VEHICLES

SECTION 1: DRIVE WITHIN MARKED LANES

When a roadway has been divided into lanes a driver of a vehicle shall not move from the lane in which he is driving until he has first ascertained if such movement can be made with safety.

SECTION 2: USE RIGHT LANE

Upon all roadways the driver of a vehicle shall drive in the lane nearest the right side of the roadway when said lane is available for travel except when overtaking another vehicle or when preparing for a left turn.

SECTION 3: OVERTAKE ONLY WHEN THERE IS SPACE AHEAD

The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass a vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless there is sufficient clear space ahead on the right side of the roadway to permit the overtaking to be completed without impeding the safe operation of any vehicle ahead, or without causing the driver of any such vehicle to change his speed or alter his course except as provided in the following section.

SECTION 4: DRIVER TO GIVE WAY TO OVERTAKING VEHICLE

The driver of a vehicle when about to be overtaken and passed by another vehicle approaching from the rear shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

SECTION 5: OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC/GRIDLOCK

a. Obstructing Traffic: No person shall drive in such a manner as to obstruct unnecessarily the normal movement of traffic upon any street or highway. Officers are hereby authorized to require any driver who fails to comply with this section to drive to the side of the roadway and wait until such traffic as has been delayed has passed.

b. Gridlock: No driver shall enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk and on the right half of the roadway to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

SECTION 6: FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY

The driver of a vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely, than is reasonable and prudent having due regard to the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon and the condition of the street or highway.

SECTION 7: SLOW VEHICLES TO STAY 200 FEET APART

Upon roadways less than twenty-seven (27) feet wide and upon which vehicular traffic is permitted to operate in both directions the driver of any slow moving vehicle when traveling outside of a business or residential district shall not follow another slow moving vehicle within two hundred (200) feet, but this shall not be construed to prevent such slow moving vehicle from overtaking and passing another slow vehicle. This' section shall not apply to funerals or other lawful processions.

SECTION 8: CARE IN STARTING, STOPPING, TURNING OR BACKING

a. The driver of any vehicle before starting, stopping, turning from a direct line or backing shall first see that such movement can be made in safety.

If the operation of another vehicle should be affected by a stopping or turning movement,. the driver of such other vehicle shall be given a plainly visible signal, as required by the following section.

b. Turning right or left: Operators of vehicles intending to turn to the right or left into another street shall, so far as is possible, work their way into the extreme right or left respectively of the line of traffic before reaching the street intersection at which the turn is to be made.

c. PROCEDURE OF VEHICLES AT THE INTERSECTION OF A TWO-WAY STREET AND A ONE-WAY STREET

Two lines of. vehicles may be allowed to proceed out of a one-way street into a two-way street or into a one-way street from a two-way street or across a two-way street when proceeding out of and into a one-way street. No person having charge or control of any vehicle shall cause or permit the same to turn left from a one-way street into a two-way street or from a two-way street into a one-way street, unless such left turn be made from a left lane.

SECTION 9: STOPPING AND TURNING

a. Any signal herein required shall be given sufficient time in advance of the movement indicated to give ample. warning to any person who may be affected by said movement, and shall be given either by means of the hand and arm in the manner specified, or by a suitable mechanical or electrical device, except that when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent the hand and arm signal from being made or from being visible both to the front and rear, the signal shall be given by a suitable device.

b. Hand and arm signals, as required herein, shall be made as follows:

1. An intention to stop shall be indicated by extending the arm stick your left arm out of the window of the vehicle pointing down, with your palm facing the vehicles behind you.
2. An intention to turn to the left shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle and by pointing to the left with the index finger.
3. An intention to turn to the right shall be indicated by extending your elbow on the windowsill and raise your forearm up so it forms a 90-degree angle with your arm. Keep your left hand open.

SECTION 10: U – TURNS PROHIBITED

No person having charge or control of any vehicle shall turn or cause the same to be turned around so as to be headed in the opposite direction where posted.

a. Crossing streets: A vehicle crossing from one side of the street to the other shall do so by turning to the "left" so as to head in the same direction as the traffic on that side of the street.

b. Turning Around in Certain Streets: Between the hours of 3:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. and except by order of a traffic officer, no person having charge or control of any vehicle shall turn or cause the same to be turned around so as to beheaded in the opposite direction in any of the specified streets.

SECTION 11: LEFT TURNS PROHIBITED

No person having charge or control of any vehicle shall cause or permit the same to be turned to the left where posted.

SECTION 11a: RIGHT TURN PROHIBITED

No person having charge or control of any vehicle shall cause or permit the same to be turned to the right where posted

SECTION 11b: LEFT LANE MUST TURN LEFT

No person having charge or control of any vehicle shall cause or permit the same to be turned to the right or straight through lanes where posted

SECTION 11c: RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT

No person having charge or control of any vehicle shall cause or permit the same to be turned to the left or straight through lanes where posted.

SECTION 12: PROHIBITED USE OF VEHICLES AND WARNING SIGNS

Wherever the load on a vehicle extends more than three feet from the rear of the

vehicle, a red flag must be conspicuously fastened at the rear end of the load in the daytime, and a red light at night time.

SECTION 13: OPERATOR OF VEHICLES IN FULL CONTROL

No driver of any horse drawn vehicle traveling in any street or public highway in the City of Springfield, shall, while such vehicle is in motion, permit the guiding reins to pass out of his control.

No person having charge of or operating a motor vehicle in any such street or highway shall operate, or permit such vehicle to be operated therein unless such vehicle is at all times under the immediate control of the driver.

SECTION 14: OPERATION AT UNDERPASS OR OVERPASS AND AT INTERSECTIONS WITH ISLANDS

At any junction or crossing of way where the roadway grades have been separated and where the ways are connected by ramps and at any intersection of ways in which there are traffic islands, drivers of vehicles shall proceed only as indicated by official signs, signals or markings.

SECTION 15: DRIVING ON ROAD SURFACES UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIRS

No operator shall enter upon the road surface of any street or highway or section thereof when by reason of construction, surface treatment, maintenance or the like, or because of some unprotected hazard, such road surface is closed to travel, and one or more signs, lights or signals have been erected to indicate that all or part of the road surface of the street or highway is not to be used, or when so advised by an officer, flagman, watchman, member of a street or highway crew or employee of the City, either audibly by signals, or signage.

SECTION 16: DRIVING ON SIDEWALKS

Except as otherwise provided, no horse, mule or beast of burden, or other vehicle shall be driven, backed; led or allowed to stand on any sidewalk, except that wares or merchandise in process of loading or unloading may be transferred from trucks or other vehicles over the sidewalk, by use of skids, provided a passageway must be kept open within the stop line of buildings for the free passage of pedestrians, provided this section shall not apply to children's carriages.

Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the riding or driving of horses, mules, or beasts of burden, or vehicles from private property directly across the sidewalks of any street to the roadway or from the roadway back to such private property.”

SECTION 17: PASSING STREET CARS

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SECTION 18: OPERATION OF VEHICLES -- FUNERAL PROCESSIONS TO BE

PROPERLY IDENTIFIED

A funeral composed entirely or partly of a procession of vehicles shall be identified as such.

SECTION 19: RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DRIVERS IN FUNERALS OR OTHER PROCESSIONS

a. It shall be the duty of each driver in a funeral or other procession to keep as near to the right edge of the road-way as is feasible and to follow the vehicle ahead as closely as is practicable and safe.

b. At an intersection where a traffic signal is operating, the driver of the first vehicle in a funeral or other procession shall be the only one required to stop for a red or yellow indication.

c. At an intersection where a lawful stop sign exists the driver of the first vehicle in a funeral or other procession shall be the only one required to stop before proceeding through the intersection.

SECTION 20: DROPPING OR LEAKING LOADS

No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street or highway nor shall any owner of any vehicle knowingly permit such vehicle to be driven or moved on any street or highway unless such vehicle is so constructed or so loaded as to prevent its contents from: spilling, dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping therefrom.

Vehicles loaded with any material which may be blown by the wind shall be suitably covered to prevent the contents from being blown upon the street or highways.

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ARTICLE VIII-A

PEDESTRIAN CONTROL REGULATIONS

SECTION 1: Pedestrians Crossing Ways or Roadways

Pedestrians shall obey the directions of police officers directing traffic and whenever there is an officer directing traffics a pedestrian or traffic control signal or a marked crosswalk within three hundred feet (300) of a pedestrian, no such pedestrian shall cross a way or roadway except within the limits of a marked crosswalk and as hereinafter provided in these regulations. For the purpose of these regulations, a marked crosswalk shall only be construed to be that area of a roadway reserved for pedestrian crossing located between two (2) solid white reflectorized twelve (12) inch pavement markings in rural areas or markings not less than six (6) inches wide in urban areas, said markings or lines being no less than six (6) feet apart or Continental Style, also known as ladder or zebra style which are a minimum of 8 ft wide and are alternating between 2 ft of completely painted solid white reflective pavement markings and 2ft of no markings at all.

SECTION 2: PEDESTRIAN ACTUATION

a. At a pedestrian control signal location where pedestrian indications are provided but which are shown only upon actuation by means of a pedestrian push button, no pedestrian shall cross a roadway unless or until the pedestrian control signal pushbutton has been actuated and then cross only on the proper pedestrian signal indication. At traffic control signal locations where no pedestrian indication is provided, pedestrians shall cross only on the indication to cross. If necessary, the indication shall be actuated by the pedestrian by means of a push button.

b. At a pedestrian control signal location, pedestrians shall yield the right of way to vehicles of a funeral or other procession or authorized emergency vehicle while in performance of emergency duties regardless of the signal indication given, and they shall not attempt to cross the roadway until such vehicles or procession has passed at which time pedestrians shall then cross the roadway only as provided in these regulations.

SECTION 3: PEDESTRIAN OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

Where intersections have pedestrian control signals such signals must be used to cross the street. Intersections without pedestrian control signals pedestrians must use a crosswalk using due care when crossing the street. Pedestrian control signal indications and legends shall have the commands ascribed to them in this section and no other meanings, and very pedestrian shall comply therewith, except when

otherwise directed by an officer.

a. WALK SYMBOL or the word "WALK": Whenever the symbol of a person is illuminated or the single word "Walk" is illuminated, pedestrians facing such indication may proceed across the roadway and in the direction of such signal only.

b. Red alone or "Dont Walk": Whenever the words "Dont Walk" or any indication other than red and yellow shown together are illuminated in a traffic control signal where pedestrian indications are provided, pedestrians approaching or facing such indication shall wait on the sidewalk, edge or roadway or in the pedestrian refuge area of a traffic island and shall not enter upon or cross a roadway until the proper indication is illuminated in the traffic control signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing on the walk indication shall proceed or return to the nearest sidewalk or safety island on the yellow indication, the red indication or when the words "Dont Walk" are illuminated by rapid intermittent flashes.

c. Green Alone: At traffic control signal locations where no pedestrian indication is given or provided, pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked crosswalk in the direction of the green indication.

d. Yellow Alone, Red Alone or Flashing "Dont Walk": Pedestrians approaching or facing a yellow, red or flashing "Dont Walk" illuminated indication shall not start to cross a roadway.

e. Flashing Red, Yellow or Green: At any traffic control signal location where a flashing red, flashing yellow or flashing green indication is being given facing a crosswalk, pedestrians shall actuate, where provided, the pedestrian signal indication and cross the roadway only on the red-yellow or "Walk" indication when such indication is in operation. If no pedestrian signal is provided, pedestrians shall cross within crosswalks with due care.

SECTION 4: VEHICLE OPERATION AT CROSSWALKS

a. When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle, which for the purposes of this Article shall include bicycles, shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be so to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian approaches from the opposite half of the roadway to within five (5) feet of that half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling.

b. No operator of a vehicle shall pass any other vehicle which has been stopped at a marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross a way, nor shall any operator enter a marked crosswalk until there is sufficient space on the other side of the crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he is operating notwithstanding any traffic

control signal indication to proceed.

SECTION 5: PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND USE OF ROADWAYS

- a. No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a sidewalk or safety island and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield the right of way.
- b. Pedestrians shall at all times attempt to cross a roadway using the right half of crosswalks.
- c. Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway whenever the sidewalk is open to pedestrian use.
- d. Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the left side of the roadway on its unfinished shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.
- e. Persons alighting from the roadway side of any vehicle parked at the curb or edge of roadway shall proceed immediately to the sidewalk or edge of roadway adjacent to vehicle, and shall cross the roadway only as authorized by these regulations.
- f. It shall be unlawful for any person to actuate a pedestrian control signal or to enter a marked crosswalk unless a crossing of the roadway is intended.

SECTION 6: CROSSING AT NON-SIGNALIZED LOCATIONS

Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway. At a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overpass has been provided pedestrians shall cross the roadway only by the proper use of the tunnel or overpass.

SECTION 7: OPERATORS TO EXERCISE DUE CARE

The provisions of these regulations shall in no way abrogate the provisions of Chapter 90, Sections 14 and 14A of the General "Laws (Ter.Ed.) which provide: "Precautions for Safety of Other Travelers" and for the "Protection of Blind Persons Crossing Ways." Furthermore, notwithstanding the provisions of these regulations every operator of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon the roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary and shall exercise proper precautions which may become necessary for safe operation.

SECTION 8: PEDESTRIANS SOLICITING RIDES OR BUSINESS

No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment or business from the operator or occupant of any vehicle without the

written permission of the board or officer having control of such roadway or highway:

SECTION 9: OFFICERS TO ENFORCE PEDESTRIAN REGULATIONS

These pedestrian control regulations shall be enforced by all officers of the City of Springfield on and after August 1, 1963.

SECTION 10: EXEMPTIONS

The provisions of these rules and regulations governing the use of ways by pedestrians shall not apply to pedestrians actually engaged in work upon a roadway closed to travel or under construction or repair, to municipal, state, federal or public service corporation employees while in the performance of their duties, to officers engaged in the performance of their public duties or to pedestrians acting in an emergency when such emergency necessitates departure from any part of these rules and regulations.

SECTION 11: PENALTIES

Whoever violates any provision of any such rule shall be punished by a fine of one dollar for the first, second or third such offense committed by such person within the jurisdiction of the district court in the particular calendar year, and by a fine of two dollars for the fourth or subsequent such offense so committed in such calendar year.”

SECTION 12: EFFECT OF REGULATIONS

All existing rules and regulations governing the operation of vehicles or the use of ways by pedestrians which are inconsistent herewith are hereby expressly repealed. This repeal shall not, however, affect any punishment or penalty imposed or any complaint or prosecution pending at the time of passage hereof for any offense committed under any of the said rules and regulations hereby repealed.

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of these rules and regulations is for any reason unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of these rules and regulations. The City Council of the City Springfield hereby declares that they would have passed these rules and regulations and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

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ARTICLE VIII-B

Bicycles, Mopeds, Limited Use Vehicles and Off Highway Vehicles

SECTION 1: Bicycles may ride in the following places: on any public road, street, or bikeway; mopeds may ride on any public road, street they may also ride on bike lanes but never on bike paths. All other Limited Use Vehicles may ride on any public roads or streets, never on any bikeway.

SECTION 2: Bicycles, moped, limited use vehicles and off highway vehicles may not ride on any limited access or express state highway. In addition, off highway vehicles may not ride on any public road or street.

SECTION 3: Bicycles, moped, limited use vehicles and off highway vehicles must yield to both pedestrians and motor vehicles, including while on crosswalks.. In addition, Bicycles, moped, and limited use vehicles must stop at stop signs and cross public ways only when safe to do so. Failure to Yield will result in a \$20 fine.

SECTION 4: Bicycles, moped, limited use vehicles and off highway vehicles must obey all traffic laws and regulations of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 5: Bike paths are paths strictly for bicycles. Any motor vehicle or moped, limited use vehicles and off highway vehicles found riding on a bike path is subject to a \$20 fine. Bike lanes are lanes designated by striping, signage or pavement markings on a street or roadway for the preferential use of bicycles, however, moped may also ride on bike lanes.. Bike box is an area ahead of a traffic signal that provides a bicycle with a safe visible way to get ahead of queuing motor vehicles. They can also be used to facilitate a left turn while the signal is red. Any other limited use vehicle besides a moped found riding in a bike lane is subject to a \$20 fine.

SECTION 6: Any motor vehicle that is found parked or standing on a bike lane or bike box shall be subject to a fine of \$50.”

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ARTICLE VIII-C

HORSES, PONIES, MULES, ETC. REGULATIONS

SECTION 1: No person shall, without first obtaining a special permit from the City Council, ride, drive or lead any horse, pony, mule, donkey, llama, cow, or other cattle, or to drive carriages or wagons drawn by such animals, upon any public property, public or private way, street, sidewalk or alleyway located within the City of Springfield.

SECTION 2: The Springfield Traffic Commission shall be authorized to receive applications for special permits under this Article VIII-B, charge a fee therefore, and recommend actions to the City Council. The City Council shall be the City’s permit granting authority under this Article, and is authorized to grant and condition permits, either individually or to groups, for parade purposes, or for other purposes which benefit the general public.

SECTION 3: The rider(s) of any animal(s) in violation of this Article shall be subject to a civil fine of \$300 per occurrence, in addition to any criminal penalties, or lawful seizure actions that may apply and be enforced through the Springfield Police Department, Animal Control Department, or other authorized law enforcement body.

SECTION 4: if any portion of this Article is found to be unenforceable or unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of this Article shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and publication as provided by Massachusetts law.”

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ARTICLE IX

ACCIDENT REPORTS, RESPONSIBILITY AND PENALTIES

SECTION 1: DRIVERS MUST REPORT ACCIDENTS

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in the injury or death of any person or property damage to an apparent total extent of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more shall within five (5) days make a full and complete report in writing of such an accident to the Police Department in this City and to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. A driver who has been incapacitated as the result of such an accident, and to such an extent as to make reporting impossible or unfavorable to his recovery, shall not be required to report such accident until he has recovered sufficiently to be able to do so. The report shall be made on a form furnished by the Police Department, copies of which shall be available at the police station. Compliance with this section, however, shall not relieve such driver from the additional responsibility of reporting to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles any accident in which a person is killed or injured.

SECTION 2: OWNER PRIMA FACIE RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLATIONS

If any vehicle is found upon any street or highway in violation of any provisions of these rules and the identity of the driver cannot be determined, the owner or person in whose name such vehicle is registered, shall be held prima facie responsible for such violation.

SECTION 3: METRO BUSINESS DISTRICT “C.B.D.” PARKING ZONE

Shall include that territory in the City of Springfield, bounded on the south by Union Street; on the West by West Columbus Avenue; on the North by Liberty Street; and to the east by Chestnut Street, Lyman Street, Spring Street, and School Street.

SECTION 3A: FINES (limited time parking)

The City Council hereby imposes upon the owner of any vehicle a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for a violation of Article V, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, including metered parking.

A fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be imposed upon the owner of any vehicle in violation of Article V, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, including metered parking; found within the boundaries of the "C.B.D. Parking Zone" as stated in Section 3.

SECTION 3B: FINES (prohibited parking)

The City Council hereby imposes upon the owner of any vehicle a fine of twenty dollars (\$20) for a violation of Article V, Section la, b, c, d, e, f, h, i, j, 1, n; Section 2a, b, c, d, e; Sections 3, 10a, 11, 12, 13, 14, B, C, D, 15, 16a, 16b. Article VI, Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8a.

A fine of twenty dollars (\$20) shall be imposed upon the owner of any vehicle in violation of Article V, Section la, b, c, d, e, f, h, i, 1, n; Section 2a, b, c, d, e; Sections 3, 10a, 11, 12, 13, 14, B, C, D, 15, 16a, 16b. Article VI, Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8a; found within the boundaries of the "C.B.D. Parking Zone" as stated in Section 3.

SECTION 3B.1: FINES (prohibited parking within 10' of Fire Hydrant)

The City Council hereby imposes upon the owner of any vehicle a fine of fifty dollars (\$50) for a violation of Article V, Section lg provided that the fine is paid within twenty-one (21) days after issuance of the ticket, sixty five dollars (\$65.00) if paid thereafter, but before the parking clerk reports to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, and eighty dollars (\$80.00).

SECTION 3B.2: FINES (prohibited parking within 5' of Bus Stop)

The City Council hereby imposes upon the owner of any vehicle a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) for a violation of Article V, Section lk.

SECTION 3C: FINES (impeding snow & ice removal and severe weather emergency regulation)

A fine of fifty dollars shall be imposed provided that the fine is paid within twenty-one (21) days after issuance of the ticket, sixty five dollars (\$65.00) if paid thereafter, but before the parking clerk reports to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, and seventy five dollars (\$75.00) upon the owner of any vehicle in violation of Article V-A, Section 5A (Impeding Snow & ice Removal) and Article V, Section 14A (Severe Weather Emergency Regulation).

SECTION 3D: FINES (Disabled veterans/handicapped persons)

A fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be imposed provided that the fine is paid within twenty-one (21) days after issuance of the ticket, one hundred sixty five dollars (\$165.00) if paid thereafter, but before the parking clerk reports to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, and one hundred seventy five dollars (\$175.00) for a violation of Article VI, Section 7.

SECTION 3E: FINES (maximum penalties)

Except as otherwise provided by these rules or by any law or by any rule or regulation of any commission, department or other body authorized by law to impose penalties for violations of rules, regulations and orders governing the use and operations of motor vehicles any person violating any provision of the

foregoing Rules and Regulations shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty (\$20.00) dollars.

SECTION 3F: Fines (payable under General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 20A½)

g. Chapter 385 Article VII, sec.39 of the Ordinances of the City of Springfield

SECTION 3G: Fines commercial vehicle parking)

A fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be imposed upon the owner of any vehicle in violation of Article V, Section 14c and 14d. (Commercial vehicle parking prohibited)

SECTION 3H: Proceedings

Proceedings under Chapter 90, Section 20A½, shall not in the first instance be deemed criminal. If upon application by the owner or the City, the District Court asserts jurisdiction over the matter, the proceeding is thereafter deemed criminal. Any fine imposed by the Court shall not exceed double the maximum fine provided for under Article IX, Section 3F”

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ARTICLE X

ANNULMENT AND APPROVAL REPEAL

SECTION 1: These rules are adopted with the intent that each of them shall have the force and effect separately and independently of every other except insofar as by express reference or necessary implication any rule or part of a rule is made dependant upon another rule or parts thereof.

The provisions of these rules so far as they are the same in effect as those of any existing rules, orders or regulations heretofore made by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Springfield relative to or in connection with official signs, lights, markings, signal systems or devices shall be construed as a continuation thereof and not as new orders, but all other existing rules, orders and regulations so made for the regulation of vehicles are hereby expressly repealed.

This repeal, however, shall not effect punishment or penalty imposed or any complaint or prosecution pending at the time of the passage hereof for any offense committed under any of said rules, orders or regulations hereby repealed.

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SECTION 19: No such vehicle shall be stopped to take on or to discharge passengers at any place on any street except at the curb; nor shall any passenger be permitted to enter or leave the vehicle except from the side nearest the curb.

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THE GENERAL LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

PART I. ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

TITLE XIV. PUBLIC WAYS AND WORKS

CHAPTER 90. MOTOR VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT

MOTOR VEHICLES

Chapter 90: Section 20A1/2. Cities of Boston and Cambridge; parking violations; tags; appearance; failure to appear; adjudication by mail

Section 20A1/2. In the cities of Boston and Cambridge and in any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, each manager in a city having a Plan D or E form of charter or the mayor, with the approval of the city council or board of aldermen in any other city, or the town council or board of selectmen of a town shall designate or appoint a parking clerk. The parking clerk shall report to the council or aldermen of a city, the council or board of selectmen of a town and shall supervise and coordinate the processing of parking notices in such city or town. The parking clerk shall have the authority, after such authorization by the mayor and city council in a city or town council or selectmen in a town, to hire and designate such personnel as may be necessary or contract by competitive bid for such services, subject to appropriation, to implement the provisions of this section; provided, however, that such positions shall be filled in the city of Boston and Cambridge by granting preference to persons who had been employees of said cities in the fire, police or traffic crossing guard service, and all such positions in said city of Boston and Cambridge shall be subject to chapter thirty-one, and in no case in the city of Boston and Cambridge shall the amount expended for administration of this section exceed eleven per cent of the total amount of the annual receipts collected by the parking clerk.

It shall be the duty of every police officer who takes cognizance of a violation of any provision of any rule, regulation, order, ordinance or by-law regulating the parking of motor vehicles established for their respective city or town, forthwith to give the offender a notice, which shall be in tag form as provided in this section, to appear before the parking clerk of the city or town wherein the violation occurred at any time during regular office hours, not later than twenty-one days after the date of such violation. All tags shall be prepared in triplicate and shall be prenumbered.

Said tag shall be affixed securely to the motor vehicle and shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following information: the make, color and registration number of the vehicle involved and the state of issuance of said registration number, the date, time and place of the violation, the

specific violation charged and, if a meter violation, the number of said meter, the name and badge number of the officer and his division, a schedule of established fines, instructions for the return of the tag and a notice which reads: This notice may be returned by mail, personally or by an authorized person. A hearing may be obtained upon the written request of the registered owner. Failure to obey this notice within twenty-one days after the date of violation may result in the non-renewal of the license to drive and the registration of the registered owner.

At or before the completion of each tour of duty, the officer shall give to his commanding officer those copies of each notice of such violation taken cognizance of during such tour. Said commanding officer shall retain and safely preserve one of such copies and shall at a time no later than the beginning of the next business day of the city or town after receipt of such notice deliver another of such copies to the parking clerk before whom the offender has been notified to appear. The parking clerk shall maintain a docket of all such notices to appear.

Any person notified to appear before the parking clerk, as provided herein, may appear before such parking clerk, or his designee, and confess the offense charged, either personally or through an agent duly authorized in writing or by mailing to such parking clerk the notice accompanied by the fine provided therein, such payment to be made only by postal note, money order or check made out to the parking clerk. Payment of the fine established shall operate as a final disposition of the case. Notice affixed to a motor vehicle as provided in this section, shall be deemed a sufficient notice, and a certificate of the officer affixing such notice that it has been affixed thereto, in accordance with this section, shall be deemed prima facie evidence thereof and shall be admissible in any judicial or administrative proceeding as to the facts contained therein.

The traffic and parking commission of the city of Boston, the traffic commission or traffic director of any other city or town having such a commission or director with authority to promulgate traffic rules, the city council of any other city, and the board of selectmen of any other town, shall, from time to time, establish by rule or regulation a schedule of fines for violations subject to this section committed within such city or town; provided, however, that all such fines shall be uniform for the same offense committed in the same zone or district, if any; and provided, further, that the fine for the violation of the parking of motor vehicles within ten feet of a fire hydrant shall not be more than one hundred dollars, and provided, further, that any fine established under the provisions of this section for all other parking violations shall not exceed \$50, if paid within 21 days, nor shall it exceed \$55, if paid thereafter, but before the parking clerk reports to the registrar, as provided below and shall not exceed \$75 if paid thereafter.

Should any person notified to appear hereunder fail to appear and, if a fine is provided hereunder, to pay the same, or having appeared desire not to avail himself of the benefits of the procedure established by this section, the parking clerk shall forthwith schedule the matter before a person hereafter referred to as a hearing officer, said hearing officer to be the parking clerk of the city or town wherein the violation occurred or such other person or persons as the parking clerk may designate. Written notice of the date, time and place of said hearing shall be sent by first-class mail to the registered owner. Said hearing shall be informal, the rules of evidence shall not apply and the decision of the hearing officer shall be final subject to judicial review as provided by section fourteen of chapter thirty A.

If any person fails to appear in accordance with said notice, the parking clerk shall notify the registrar of motor vehicles who shall place the matter on record and, upon receipt of two or more such notices, shall not renew the license to operate a motor vehicle of the registered owner of the vehicle or the registration of said vehicle until after notice from the parking clerk that all such matters have been disposed of in accordance with law. Upon such notification to the registrar, an additional twenty dollar charge, payable to the registrar of motor vehicles, shall be assessed against the registered owner of said vehicle. It shall be the duty of the parking clerk to notify the registrar forthwith that such case has been so disposed of in accordance with law, provided however, that a certified receipt of full and final payment from the parking clerk of the city or town in which the violation occurred shall also serve as legal notice to the registrar that said violation has been disposed of. The notice to appear provided herein shall be printed in such form as the registrar of motor vehicles may approve. The parking clerk shall distribute such notices to the commanding officer of the police department of the city or town upon request, and shall take a receipt therefor. The registrar shall approve such other forms as he deems appropriate to implement this section, and said forms shall be printed and used by the cities and towns.

If any person shall have failed to appear in accordance with five or more said notices, notwithstanding any notification to the registrar, the parking clerk may notify the chief of police or director of traffic and parking of said city or town that the vehicle involved in said multiple violations shall be removed and stored, or otherwise immobilized by a mechanical device, at the expense of the registered owner of said vehicle until such time as the matter has been disposed of in accordance with law.

As used in this section, the words “motor vehicle” shall, so far as apt, include trailer, semi-trailer and semi-trailer unit.

The provisions of this section shall apply to violations of rules and regulations relative to the use of parking areas subject to the control of the county commissioners adjacent to or abutting county buildings, and county commissioners are hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations. Said provisions shall also apply to violations of rules and regulations relative to the parking of motor vehicles established by any commission or body empowered to make such rules and regulations.

Any person notified to appear before the parking clerk, as provided herein, may without waiving his right to a hearing before the parking clerk or hearing officer as provided by this section, and also without waiving judicial review as provided by section fourteen of chapter thirty A, may challenge the validity of the parking violation notice and receive a review and disposition of the violation from the parking clerk or a hearing officer by mail. The alleged parking violator may, upon receipt of the notice to appear, send a signed statement explaining his objections to the violation notice as well as signed statements from witnesses, police officers, government officials and any other relevant parties. Photographs, diagrams, maps and other documents may also be sent with the statements. Any such statements or materials sent to the parking clerk for review shall have attached the persons' name and address as well as the ticket number and the date of the violation. The parking clerk or hearing officer shall, within twenty-one days of receipt of said material, review the material and dismiss or uphold the violation and notify, by mail, the alleged violator of the disposition of the hearing. If the outcome of the hearing is against the

alleged violator, the parking clerk or hearing officer shall explain the reasons for the outcome on the notice. Such review and disposition handled by mail shall be informal, the rules of evidence shall not apply, and the decision of the parking clerk shall be final subject to any hearing provisions provided by this section or to judicial review as provided by section fourteen of chapter thirty A. Each parking violation issued shall carry a statement explaining the procedure to adjudicate the violation by mail.

As adopted by the Springfield Finance Control Board on _____