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THE GOOD NEIGHBOR HANDBOOK

Springfield Community
Policing Partnership



A Guide to Quality of Life Regulations in
Springfield, Mass.



Our *Good Neighbor Handbook* outlines ordinances and other laws dealing with the quality of life issues in the City of Springfield. It should be an invaluable tool to police, neighborhood groups, business associations, and concerned citizens.

Ordinances have been summarized for complete *General Ordinance* or *Zoning Ordinance* citations
Visit www.springfieldcityhall.com
or springfield-ma.gov

The agency charged with enforcement of each ordinance has also been listed.

SPRINGFIELD MASSACHUSETTS POLICE: MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD BY PROTECTING, SERVING, AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP PHILOSOPHIES WHICH PROMOTE EQUITY AND ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CITIZENS AND POLICE TO ENHANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT, AID IN THE PREVENTION OF CRIME, AND PRESERVE THE PUBLIC PEACE.

Together we can make our city a better place to live and work.

www.springfield-ma.gov/police

Commercial Vehicles

Article 4.4.14-F

Commercial vehicles over 10,000 Lbs. cannot be kept on residential land.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Zoning Department 787-7807/311

Ticket: \$50, \$100 per day court fine

Commercial vehicles exceeding 12,000 lbs. or 24 ft. (including recreational vehicles) may not park on city streets for more than one hour.

Refer to **Rules of the Road, Section 5-14**

Enforcement: Police Department 787-6302 Ticket: \$50

Unattached trailers cannot be parked on city streets.

Enforcement: Police Department 787-6302

Ticket: \$50

Significant Trees

368

No tree which is 75 years old and over or which is three feet in diameter and over can be trimmed or cut without written approval of the City Forester.

Ticket: \$50

Information: Parks Department 311

Conservation Land

City owned parcels under the stewardship of the Conservation Commission are protected to preserve our natural resources and open spaces. Only passive recreation is allowed: hiking, fishing, cross country skiing, picnicking, wildlife observation, and nature study, etc. Not allowed: motorized vehicles including: snowmobiles, dirt-bikes, and other types of all-terrain vehicles; fires; tree cutting; hunting; trapping; harassing wildlife; removing or damaging plant life; and drinking of alcoholic beverages.

Information: Conservation Commission 787-6234

Dumping (Massachusetts General Law)

MGL 270-16)

It is illegal to "dump" on any public or private property. If a vehicle is used, it may be seized. If convicted, the operator may have his/her license suspended.

Enforcement: Police Department 787-6302

(1st Offense): \$5,500

Subsequent Offenses: \$15,000

Land Maintenance

Front Yards (ZO III–ZO IV)

Seventy-five percent of front yards in Residence A-1, A, and B zones and fifty percent of front yards in Residence C zones shall be planted with grass or landscaped and shall not be parked upon.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Zoning Department 787-7807

Ticket: \$50, \$100 per day court fine

Swimming Pools Article 5 Table 5-1

In-ground swimming pools shall be enclosed by a fence at least four feet high. Above-ground swimming pools shall be enclosed by a fence at least four feet high or shall have a ladder which is removed when the pool is not in use.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Department 787-7801

Ticket: \$50, \$100 per day court fine

Fences Article 7 Section 7.4.20

Fences in A-1 or A district cannot be constructed between the front line, the street or in a required front yard.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Zoning Department 787-7807

Ticket: \$50, \$100 per day court fine

Front yard fences in residential zones B, B1 or C district cannot be higher than three feet.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Zoning Department 787-7807

Ticket: \$50, \$100 per day court fine

Signs Article 9 Section 9.6.11

Signs for professional and home occupation in residential zones shall not exceed one square foot.

Signs may not be placed in the public way without a permit from Code Enforcement

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Department 787-6031

Ticket: \$50, \$100 per day court fine

Overgrowth (7.16.120 V)

Property must be kept free of grass, grass clippings, weeds, leaves, branches, or yard waste more than six inches high.

Enforcement: Police Department: 311

Ticket: \$100

Refrigerators and Stoves (7.16.120)

No refrigerator or stove should be stored or discarded outside.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Department 787-6030 Ticket: \$50

Community Action

Captain Richard LaBelle

RLabelle@Springfieldpolice.net

Traffic Unit (413) 787-6333

ORDINANCE

Quality of Life HOTLINE 3-1-1 or 413 736 3111

Supervisor: Sergeant William Catellier (413) 426-8338

WCatellier@springfieldpolice.net

| | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|
| Sector A North End | Off. Matthew Lee | (413) 636-4277 |
| Sector B Liberty Heights | Off. Matthew Lee | (413) 636-4277 |
| Sector C East Springfield | Off. Julio Vazquez | (413) 426-6602 |
| Sector D Indian Orchard | Off. William Laporte | (413) 574-8455 |
| Sector E South End, Maple High–Six Corners, Downtown and Worthington Area | Off. Tequila Taylor-Evans | (413) 574-0242 |
| Sector F Old Hill, Upper Hill, Bay and McKnight | Off. Joel Rosemond | (413) 636-4073 |
| Sector G Pine Point and Boston Rd. | Off. Keith Fleming | (413) 351-6085 |
| Sector H Forest Park and East Forest Park | Off. Lindsey Ruby | (413) 574-8473 |
| Sector I Outer Belt and Sixteen Acres | Off. William Laporte | (413) 574-8455 |

Community Police Liaison

(413)-787-6359

**Text a tip: Text SOLVE plus message (include city) to:
CRIMES (274637) Press Send**

Always use 9-1-1 in an emergency.

For all non-emergency police calls where you want a police car to respond you should call 787-6302.

3-1-1 or 413-736-3111 can be used for routine city service

Springfield Police Department Directory

| | |
|---|---|
| Emergency | 911 |
| Non-Emergency | (413) 787-6302 |
| Alternate Emergency | (413) 827-9301 |
| Non-Emergency Report Line | (413) 750-2525 (Leave a detailed message) |
| Police Department Front Window | (413) 787-6322 |
| Clerks Office/Reports | (413) 787-6310 |
| | |
| Detective Bureau | (413) 787-6355 |
| <i>Assault, Homicide</i> | |
| Special Victims Unit | (413) 787-6355 |
| <i>Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse, & Restraining Orders. Domestic Violence Services</i> | (413) 735-1519 |
| | |
| Sex Offender Registry | (413) 787-6832 |
| Crimes Against Property | |
| <i>Burglary, Fraud, Larcenies, & Robbery</i> | (413) 787-6355 |
| | |
| Student Support (Youth Aid) | (413) 787-6360 |
| <i>Juvenile Booking, Missing Person, & Runaways</i> | |
| | |
| Firearms Investigation Unit | (413) 787-6393 |
| <i>Narcotics, Gang Task Force, Street Crimes Unit, Prostitution, Vendors, Licensing</i> | |
| | |
| Records Bureau | (413) 787-6363 |
| Internal Investigations Unit | (413) 787-6383 |
| <i>Citizen Complaints</i> | |

Sectors A, B, C, D, and G

Deputy David Kane, DKane@springfieldpolice.net

Sectors E and F

Deputy David Martin, DMartin@springfieldpolice.net

Sectors H and I

Deputy Steven Kent, SKent@springfieldpolice.net

Watch Commanders Office (413) 787-6325

Home Based Businesses (ZO III: 307.)

An office is allowed in a residential zone in a person's permanent home only if the operator resides in the dwelling and can only be assisted at that location by other resident family members. All on-site business must be conducted exclusively by phone, mail, or computer. The operator cannot receive customers at home. **Commercial vehicles over 10,000 Lbs. are not allowed on residential property.**

Enforcement: Code Enforcement/Police Department 787-6031
Ticket: \$50

False Alarm Regulations 100-20

Security alarm systems must be registered with the Police Department. Three or more false alarms in a calendar year shall result in a ticket.

Ticket: \$25 (3rd), \$50 (4th), \$100 (5th), \$200 (6th and subsequent)

Litter in Common Areas 327-13.M

Halls, cellars, garages, sheds, porches, and other common areas of multi-family residences must be kept free of litter.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Department 311
Ticket: \$100 (1st), \$200 (2nd), \$300 (3rd)

Litter on Private and Public Property 327-13.M

It is illegal to throw litter on occupied or vacant private or public property. Owner must maintain property free from litter at all times.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Department 787-6030
Ticket: \$500

Springfield Office of Housing
413-787-6500

**Register to receive messages about Community Meetings,
Emergencies and other important community news**
<https://member.everbridge.net/892807736725465/login>



BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Graffiti 201-13

Graffiti is a public nuisance. Therefore, every effort must be made to remove graffiti as quickly as possible whenever and wherever it occurs. It is unlawful for any person who is the owner, or who has primary responsibility for control of property, to permit property that is defaced with graffiti to remain defaced for 10 days after service by first class mail of notice of defacement.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement 311

It is unlawful for any person to apply graffiti. To report graffiti application in progress, call 9-1-1.

Non-criminal disposition \$300 Ticket

Criminal MGL S71 C 266 126 B

Emergency Notification (State Sanitary Code 410.481)

All non-owner occupied housing units shall have visibly posted, the telephone number of its owner or agent for twenty-four hour emergency notification.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Department 311, Ticket: \$50

Smoke Detectors 178-14

All buildings containing three or more dwelling units shall be equipped with approved smoke detectors.

Enforcement: Fire Department 787-6410

Numbers on Buildings 143-5

Street numbers, as assigned by the DPW, must be placed on buildings and maintained by their owners.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Department 311, Ticket: \$50

Lodgers (ZO III: 301: 7a)

Up to three lodgers rooms can be rented in a dwelling. More than three lodgers requires a lodging house permit from the City Council and can be issued only in Residence C and various non-residential zones.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Department 311

Ticket \$100 per day court fine

Home Occupations (ZO III: 307.13)

The only occupations/professional offices allowed in residential zones are architect, artist, dentist, doctor, electrician, hairdresser, lawyer, manicurist, musician, practitioner of acupuncture and teacher provided that the office or room is located in a dwelling in which there shall be no outside employees who are not members of the household. An architect, dentist, doctor, lawyer, and acupuncture practitioner are allowed no more than 1 employee who is not a member of the household.

Springfield Police Department and Community facilitate a unity of effort and criminal intelligence gathering by, with, and through interagency, community, and private enterprise cooperation in order to detect, disrupt, degrade and dismantle criminal activity.

The essential goals of C3 Policing:

- Create safe and secure environment
- Promote and foster community relationships/partnerships with local, State Police, community leaders and local organizations
- Reduce gang activity and violence
- Establish positive and effective youth/parental programs

The C3 policing effort will be based in four geographical areas of the City of Springfield

Springfield Police C3 Units

Lt. Brian Elliott: 413 244 4614

BElliott@springfieldpolice.net

Locations are subject to change, as needed.

C3 Forest Park:

Sgt. Daniel Johnson: 413 361 8037

DJohnson@springfieldpolice.net

Meetings are every Monday at 10:00 am

Calvary's Love Church, 19 Oakland Street

C3 Mason Square:

Sgt. Runuel Bibby

RBibby@springfieldpolice.net

Meetings are every Tuesday at 11:00 am on Zoom

<https://forms.gle/jEfrwzZs9Pzxfvm76> to register.

In-person meetings: third Tuesday, 11 am, Mason Square Library,
also on Zoom

C3 Metro/South End:

Sgt. Jacob Werbicki: 413 507 1948, Sgt. Mark Evans

JWerbicki@springfieldpolice.net , MEvans@springfieldpolice.net

Meetings are every other Wednesday at 11:00 am

510 Main Street—No meetings in August

Office: 732-5105 southendcitizenscouncilinc@yahoo.com

C3 North End:

Sgt. Elizer Vasquez: 413 636 4099

EVasquez@springfieldpolice.net

Meetings are every Thursday at 11:00 am

101 Lowell St. (community room)

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Playing in Streets 338-55

No one should play in a street so as to interfere with its use by others.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302

Ticket: \$50

Signs on Sidewalk or Tree Belt 338-57

No advertising or directional sign shall be placed on a public sidewalk or tree belt without a license from the DPW and without posting a bond approved by the Mayor.

Enforcement: Police Department, 311

Ticket: \$50

Handbills and Signs 118-9

It is illegal to paint or post a handbill or sign on public property, public trees, or public fixtures such as light posts, street signs, and traffic signs. The person responsible for the posting is liable for the costs of removal. Excepted are temporary signs which the DPW permitted.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302

Ticket: \$50

General Prohibition Against Obstructions 338-33

No person shall place or cause to be placed in any public street, or on any sidewalk, foot-walk or crosswalk in the city, any article or thing whatsoever, so as to interfere with the convenient use of same by any person traveling thereon. (This includes Basketball Hoops) Obstruction may be removed by enforcing agency.

Enforcement: DPW and Police Department, 311

Ticket: \$50

Littering 401-1

It is illegal to throw litter on streets, sidewalks, and public property.

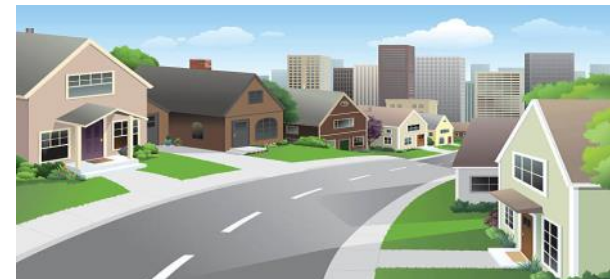
Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302

Ticket: \$300

Door to Door Sales 279-VII

No person shall engage in the activity of door-to-door sales unless they have a license from the Police Department. for a fee of \$25.

No cost or need for permit for a resident under 18 years of age.



STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & PUBLIC PLACES

Motorized Scooters **311-6**

Motorized scooters are prohibited on any city owned or controlled property. Can only be permitted on private property with express written permission of owner. The operator shall be at least 16 or have valid learner's permit or driver's license, with braking system, wearing a helmet, and riding responsibly. The City Ordinance defines a "motorized scooter" as any two-wheeled device, including but not limited to, the so-called mini-bikes, mini choppers, gas scooters, or electric scooters, that have handlebars, are designed to be stood upon or seated upon, and powered by a gas or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion, but is not defined as a motor vehicle under the laws of Massachusetts.

Ticket: \$100 (1st), \$200 (2nd), \$300 (3rd)
SPD has the right to impound the motorized scooter.

Maintenance of Sidewalks, Catch Basins, Gutters **327-13**

Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the abutting sidewalk, tree belt, catch basin, and 3 feet of street closest to the curb free of litter. Litter collected shall be placed in proper receptacles for collection as normal household rubbish. Litter must not be swept into the street.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Department, 311 Ticket:\$100

Snow and Ice Removal **322**

Occupants of single-family homes and owners of other types or property must remove snow from abutting public sidewalks, fire hydrants, and handicapped curb cuts within twenty-four (24) hours after a storm ends. Ice must be removed or sanded within twenty-four (24) hours of being formed. Snow and ice must not be thrown into any street which has already been cleared.

Enforcement: Police and Fire Department, 787-6302 Ticket:\$50

Maintenance of Tree Belts **338-21**

Occupants of single-family homes and owners of other types of property must keep the tree belt free from litter, debris, brush, ragweed, or other noxious weed.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Department 311 Ticket: \$50
Criminal complaint- up to \$300 per day court fine

Cutting Trees on Public Property **368-4**

No one can cut or trim trees on tree belts or public property without a permit from the Parks Commission

Enforcement: Park Department, 311 Ticket: \$50

Gates or Doors **338-53**

No gate or door should swing into a public sidewalk or street.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$50

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BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS

Hawkers and Peddlers 279-art 1

Going from place to place selling fruit, vegetables, or fish requires a license from the Police Clerks Office

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6310
Ticket: \$50

Charitable Solicitations 279-21

Public solicitation for charitable purposes requires a license from the City Clerk. 787-6094.

Exempt are religious groups, schools, colleges, and political parties.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$50

Transient Vendors 279-25

Sale of goods by a temporary or transient business requires a local transient vendor's license from the City Clerk 787-6094 as well as any necessary state licenses.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$100

Handbills 27-1

Handbills must not be place on trees, fences, unoccupied vehicles, or buildings.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$50

Tag Sales 351

Tag sales require a permit from the City Clerk. 787-6094

No one can hold more than 4 tag sales per year.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$50

Sales in Streets 338-48

No one should sell any items on any street or to anyone on a sidewalk without a permit from the Springfield Police Department.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$50

MOTOR VEHICLES

Abandoned Motor Vehicle in the Street 379-2

A motor vehicle may be removed from any street seventy-two hours after a police officer deems it to have been abandoned.

Enforcement: Police Dept. 787-6302 , Ticket: \$250

Unregistered Motor Vehicles on Lots 327-14

Unregistered motor vehicles, or substantial parts of such, must not remain on a property more than twelve days.

Enforcement: Code Enforcement Department 311, Ticket:\$50

Parking Motor Vehicle on Lawn or Landscape Area ZO-IV.403 4a

No Motor Vehicle shall be parked on the front lawn outside the driveway.

Enforcement: Police Dept. 787-6302, Ticket: \$50

Crossing Property to Avoid Traffic Signals 385-41

No motor vehicle shall cross public or private property within 200 feet of an intersection with a traffic signal or stop sign.

Enforcement: Police Dept. 787-6302, Ticket: \$50

Motor Vehicle Repairs on Sidewalks or Streets 338-43

No one should repair a motor vehicle-except for emergency repairs such as a flat tire—on any public sidewalk, street, tree belt, terrace, or public space.

Enforcement: Police Dept. 787-6302, Ticket: \$50

Vehicles Crossing Curbs 338-44

No motor vehicle may cross a curb unless permitted by the Public Works Director.

Enforcement: Police Dept. 787-6302, Ticket: \$50

Sales from Motor Vehicles 338-49

When stopped on public streets to sell frozen desserts and soft drinks, motor vehicles shall use front and rear amber blinker lights visible for 500 feet.

Enforcement: Police Dept. 787-6302, Ticket: \$50

Emergency Parking Bans 385-10

During snowstorms, the City can declare parking bans on public streets. During bans, **there is no parking on even side of streets from 7 pm to 7 am and on odd side from 9 am to 4 pm.**

Flashing blue lights at major intersections indicate a parking ban is in effect. Cars can be ticketed and towed if improperly parked.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302 Ticket: \$50

Notes: City speed limit is 25 MPH unless otherwise posted.

Do not park within 5 ft of a driveway, or 10 ft. of a fire hydrant.

Permit Parking 385-39

No one may park a motor vehicle on a restricted parking street without a parking permit or a visitor pass.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302 Ticket: \$50

Engine Brake Use Prohibited 385-50 & 385-51

The use of engine brakes shall be prohibited throughout the City.

Any violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine of \$300, which fine shall be recovered by criminal complaint before a District Court, or by noncriminal disposition in accordance with MGLc.40,§21D § 21D

Community & Police Management Teams



Each Police Sector has a Community and Police Management/ Advisory Team, composed of residents, community stakeholders and Officers. The teams meet monthly to collaborate and discuss crime information, gather community input, identify and solve problems and to strengthen community partnerships. Specific neighborhood crime and disorder problems can be brought to the team. You are invited to attend.

These dates times and locations are subject to change as needed.

For Information about your Sector Community and Police Meeting call the Community Police Liaison at:

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|----------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------|
| Sector A | 2 nd Thursday | 310 Plainfield Street | 6:00 pm |
| Sector B – Hungry Hill | 3 rd Thursday | 773 Liberty Street | 6:00 pm |
| Sector B1 – Lower Liberty | 2 nd Tuesday | 233 Franklin Street | 6:30 pm |
| Sector C | 3 rd Tuesday | 1437 Carew Street | 6:30 pm |
| Sector D | 2 nd Wednesday | 117 Main Street (I.O) | 6:00 pm |
| Sector E | 1 st Thursday | 510 Main Street | 6:00 pm |
| Sector F | 3 rd Thursday | 765 State Street | 5:30 pm |
| Sector G | 4 th Tuesday | 37 Wilkes Street | 5:00 pm |
| Sector H | 1 st Wednesday | 1100 Dickenson Street | 6:00 pm |
| Sector I – Outer Belt | 1 st Tuesday of Feb, April, June Oct., & Dec | 1395 Allen Street | 6:15 pm |
| Sector I – 16 Acres | 3 rd Tuesday of Mar, May, Sept., & Nov. | 1187 1/2 Parker Street | 6:00 pm |

Locations subject to change; please call **413-787-6359** If you have questions

Visit the Springfield Police Department website at:

www.springfield-ma.gov/police

On Facebook:

www.Facebook.com/SpringfieldPoliceDeptMA

or contact your Neighborhood Council or Civic Association.

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ANIMALS

Keeping Domestic Animals

110-2, 110-3, 110-4, and 110-5 ZO III

All dogs, cats and ferrets over 3 months of age must be vaccinated against rabies. Dogs over 6 months of age must be licensed. Four dogs are allowed in a household provided ALL are spayed/neutered. If there are more than three dogs in a household and ANY remain reproductively intact a kennel license is required. If more than three animals and ANY remain reproductively whole, a kennel license is required.

Enforcement: City Clerk 787-6094, Animal Control 781-1484

Ticket: \$50 -\$150 can be impounded

Rules of the Road (Horse, Pony, Mule)

Article VIII-C

A permit is required to ride a horse, pony, or mule on any public property, public or private way, street, sidewalk, or alleyway in the City.

Enforcement: Police Department 787-6302, Animal Control 781-1484

Ticket: \$300

Licenses and Vaccination

110-2

If a dog, cat, or ferret is at least 3 months, it must be vaccinated. A dog over 6 months must be licensed.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302

Ticket \$50

Restraining Dogs / Cats

110-5

All animals, with the exception of sterilized cats, shall be kept under restraint when in public. Dogs outside fenced areas or pens must be restrained with a leash not more than six feet long.

Enforcement: Police Department 787-6302 Animal Control 781-1484

Ticket: \$50 (1st), \$100 (2nd), \$300 (3rd).

Nuisance Animals Potentially Vicious Animals

110-5/6

An animal found to be a public nuisance may be impounded by an Animal Control Officer. Barking, whining, howling, or other noises audible at a distance of (100) feet from the premises housing said dog 10 min. or more shall be considered a nuisance.

Enforcement: Animal Control 781-1484

Ticket:\$50 (1st), \$100 (2nd), \$300 (3rd)

Dangerous or Nuisance Dogs

110-10

A dangerous dog is one that when unprovoked: inflicts a bite or injury on a human or domestic animal; chases or approaches a person upon any public way in an apparent attitude of attack; or has a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack. To consider declaring a dog vicious or a nuisance, a hearing before a special hearing committee shall be held. Request a hearing in writing to the Police Department or Animal Control.

Removing Dog Wastes

110-11

Dog owners or handlers must immediately remove any feces deposited by the dog(s) outside of the owner's property/city property.

Enforcement: Police Department 787-6302, Animal Control 781-1484

Humane Care

110-8

No dog shall be tethered for more than 5 hours out of every 24 hrs. and outside from 10 pm to 6 am, unless the tethering is supervised and for less than 15 min. No dog shall be kept outdoors in severe weather or when a weather advisory has been issued.

Enforcement: Animal Control 781-1484

Ticket: \$50 (1st), \$100 (2nd), \$300 (3rd)

Livestock Animals Prohibited

110-12D

No person shall keep any livestock animals on his/her property. This includes chickens and roosters. Violations: Any person who keeps, feeds, or shelters an animal in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than

\$50 (1st violation); \$100 (2nd); \$300 (3rd or subsequent violation).

Enforcement: Police Department 787-6302

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center: 413 781 1484

Massachusetts Environmental Police: 800 632 8075 (Emergency 24/7 Statewide Dispatch)

WASTE COLLECTIONS

Waste Collection **327-4.D**

For all municipal collection services listed below, items should be placed at curbside no earlier than sunset of the day prior to collection but no later than 6:30 am of the collection. Containers and uncollected waste must be removed from curbside no later than midnight of the collection day.

Trash Pickup Violation **327-7**

Rubbish must be placed in automated collection containers. Leaves or yard waste must be recycled. Ticket: \$50

Recycling Collection Violation **327-25**

Rinse and placed in approved recycling receptacles: aluminum foil and tray; unbroken glass bottles and jars; tin cans and lids; uncapped plastic bottles coded 1 through 7; plastic tubs, cups, jars; and flattened milk and juice containers. Clean newspapers, magazines, catalogues, brown paper bags, white paper, computer paper, telephone books, junk mail, paper-back books, and flattened corrugated cardboard must be bound or placed in paper bags.

Report call 311 (736-3111)
Ticket: \$50

Leaves and Yard Waste Collection **327-4.C**

Place leaves, grass, hedge clippings, garden wastes, and small twigs loosely in barrels or in approved paper leaf bags (no plastic bags). Other trash must not be mixed in. Yard waste collections occur on your recycling day from 2nd week in April through 2nd week in December. Call DPW or 311 (736-3111) for exact pick up date.

Ticket: \$50

City Bulk Collection **327-6.A**

The city collects large items from residents such as furniture and appliances. Doors must be removed from refrigerators prior to being placed at curbside. You must call the DPW at 311 (736-3111) for an appointment. There is a limit of five items per appointment. You must affix a sticker(s) to the item that can be purchased at Big Y courtesy booths.

Place items out no earlier than evening before pick up.

Report 311 (736-3111)
Ticket:\$50

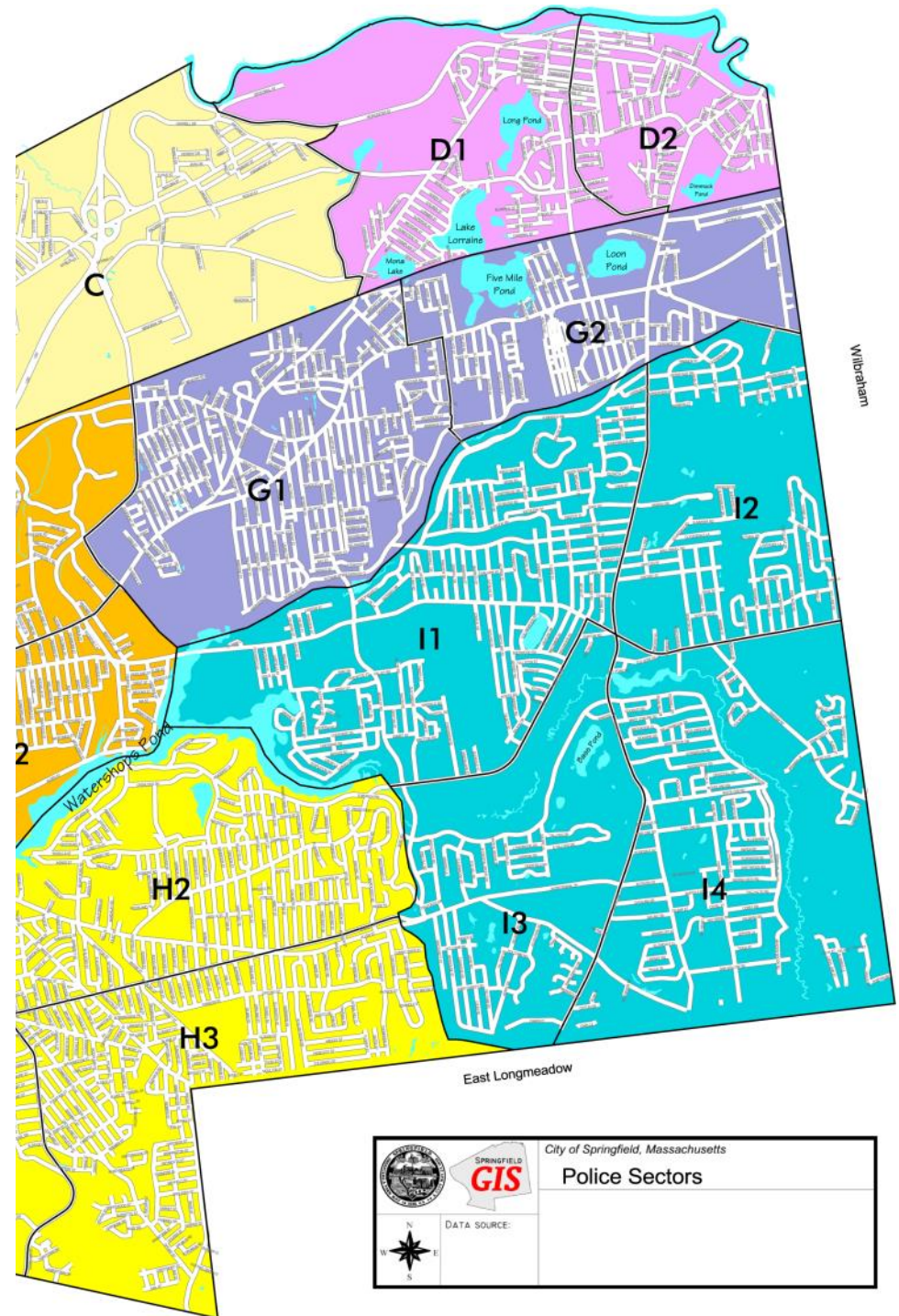
Placement of Trash Containers **Z 7.4.31**

All trash) containers other than one and two family dwellings shall be set back from the front property line at least as far as the primary structure.

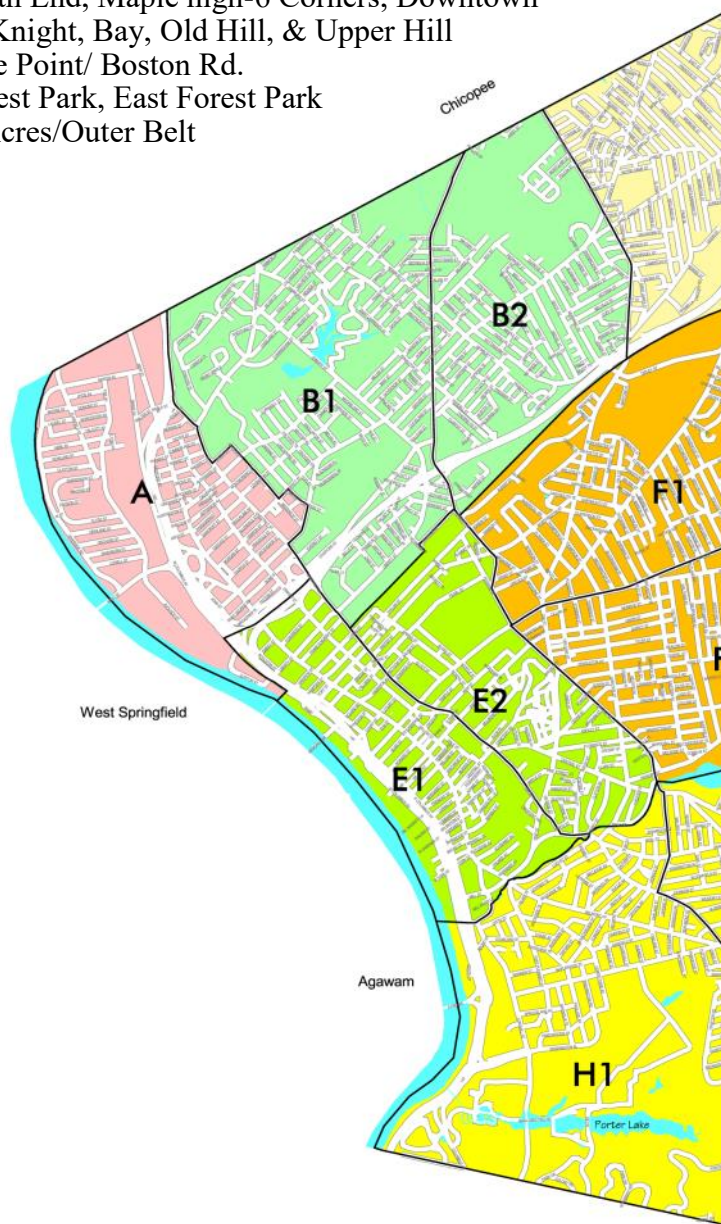
Also see: State Sanitary Code 410.560 A-F

Garbage Collection Services Licensing **4 01-10 (7.17.1)**

Garbage, rubbish and hazardous waste must be transported only by collectors authorized by the Director of Public Works. Said articles must be deposited only in places approved for their disposal.



- Sector A- Brightwood/Memorial Square
- Sector B- Liberty Heights
- Sector C- East Springfield
- Sector D- Indian Orchard
- Sector E- South End, Maple high-6 Corners, Downtown
- Sector F- McKnight, Bay, Old Hill, & Upper Hill
- Sector G- Pine Point/ Boston Rd.
- Sector H- Forest Park, East Forest Park
- Sector I- 16 Acres/Outer Belt



PUBLIC PEACE AND WELFARE

Paint Ball Guns and BB Gun 412-3

No person shall project by means of any paint ball gun, BB gun, or any air-powered weapon, any missile or substance whatsoever in or into any street or other public place.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$50

Darts and Knives 412-4 & 412-5

No steel-pointed darts, pointed missiles, steel knives, machetes, or swords with blades longer than seventeen inches shall be sold to anyone under age sixteen.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302

Noise 259-12

Prohibited is unreasonably or excessive noise that is plainly audible at a distance of 100ft. or in the case of loud amplification devices or other similar equipment, noise plainly audible at a distance of fifty feet from its source by a person of normal hearing.

259-5 Outdoor Domestic Tools: 7:00 am—9:00 pm on weekdays & 9:00 am—9:30 pm on weekends
259-6 Construction/Power tools: 7:00 am & 7:00 pm. With Exceptions

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$100 (1st), \$200 (2nd), \$300(3rd)
After the fourth within 12 months \$300

Alcoholic Beverages 275-2

Open containers of alcohol on any public street or public property are prohibited. Exempt are events and festivals licensed by the License Commission.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$50

Marijuana MGL C : 94C CO 245

It is *illegal* for a person under 21 to possess Marijuana.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$100

Use of Marijuana in any public way or area is illegal.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$300

Loitering 240

No one should stand on a street, sidewalk, bridge, or crossing so as to obstruct the way or prevent or hinder anyone from passing.

Enforcement: Police Department, 787-6302
Ticket: \$50

Community & Police Beat Management Meetings

| JANUARY 2026 | | | | | | |
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Sector A - Brightwood/Memorial Square

Kenefick Park 310 Plainfield St at 6:00 pm. 2nd Thursday of the Month - **ON HOLD**

Sector B1 - Lower Liberty Heights

Lower Liberty Heights Neighborhood Council. 233 Franklin Street. 6:30 pm
2nd Tuesday of the Month

Sector B2 - Liberty Heights/Hungry Hill, Atwater

Hungry Hill Senior Center 773 Liberty Street at 6:00 pm
3rd Thursday of the Month.

Sector C - East Springfield

East Springfield Neighborhood Council 1437 Carew St. (behind Pottenger School) at 6:30 pm.
3rd Tuesday of Month.

Sector D - Indian Orchard Location

Indian Orchard Community Council at 117 Main St. at 6:00 pm. 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Sector E - South End, Maple High-6 Corners, Downtown

South End Citizens Council 510 Main St. at 6pm. 1st Thursday of Month

Sector F - McKnight, Bay, Old Hill & Upper Hill, Mason Square - ON HOLD

Mason Square Library 765 State St. 5:30 pm. 3rd Thursday of month

Sector G - Pine Point/Boston Rd.

Pentecostal Church of God 37 Wilkes at 5:00 pm. 4th Tuesday of the Month.

Sector H - Forest Park, East Forest Park

Sinai Temple 1100 Dickinson St. at 6:00 pm. 1st Wednesday of Month-

Sector I - 16 Acres/Outer Belt Feb, Apr, June, Oct, Dec, at Talmadge Elementary School, 1395 Allen St. at 6:15 pm on 1st Tuesday. Mar, May, Sept, Nov at Clodo Concepcion Community Center 1187 1/2 Parker St. (behind Library) at 6:00 pm on 3rd Tuesday of the Month

These dates are subject to change PLEASE CONTACT 413-787-6359 for questions or updates