



**CITY OF AMESBURY  
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN**

**SPONSORED BY: Councilor Anne R. Ferguson BILL No. 2015-077**

At the meeting of the Amesbury City Council held on December 8, 2015, in the City Hall Auditorium the following action was taken:

**An Ordinance to: Request the City Council to accept the updated Traffic & Parking Regulations**

Summary: The original Traffic Regulations were adopted on October 19, 1964 and updated on November 9, 1999. The Traffic Commission has recently updated these regulations to include changes since 1999.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows: To accept the updated Traffic & Transportation Regulations as submitted by the Traffic & Transportation Commission and attached to the bill; with further recommendation that the Council specify the date of June 30, 2015 as the date to which the schedules have been updated together with the recommendation that the schedules be updated on an annual basis.

Councilor Lavoie moved to approve as recommended by the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Bartley seconded. Roll Call Vote – 8-Yes

Witness my hand and seal for the City of Amesbury, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015

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Bonnijo Kitchin, City Clerk

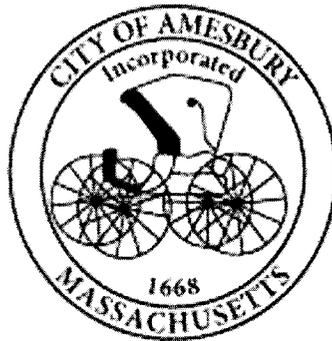
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C. Kenneth Gray, Mayor

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Date

**CITY  
OF  
AMESBURY  
MASSACHUSETTS  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING  
REGULATIONS**



**Adopted: December 8, 2015**

**Revised To: June 30, 2015**

**As Attested City of Amesbury, City Clerk**

**Date: December 14, 2015**



## TOWN OF AMESBURY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND ONE

At the meeting of the Amesbury Municipal Council held March 13, 2001 at the CITY Hall Auditorium, the following action was taken:

**SPONSORED BY:** Thomas K. Iacobucci, Councilor **BILL No. 2001-35**

### **An Ordinance**

Vote to amend Article XII Authority and Duties of the Traffic and Transportation Commission Section 12-1 Organization.

**Be it Ordained by the Municipal Council assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:**

Section 12 -1 Organization.

The Commission shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Municipal Council and shall be constituted as follows:

- 1 member from the Municipal Council
- 1 member from the Amesbury Police Department
- 3 members from the general public

(and to eliminate members from the DPW & AOEC)

Motion by Thomas K. Iacobucci for approval and that the third reading be waived, seconded by Joseph E. Faro.

VOTED UNANIMOUS (7 members present at time of vote) (Brown not present)

Witness my hand and seal for the CITY of Amesbury this      day of

CITY Clerk

# Amesbury

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**99-136**  
**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION**  
**ADOPTION OF REVISED REGULATIONS**

At the meeting of the Amesbury Municipal Council held November 9, 1999 at the CITY Hall Auditorium, the following action was taken:

Vote to approve the Traffic & Transportation Committee revisions to the Amesbury Traffic Regulations, that these revisions be adopted to replace all current regulations. Copy of revisions attached and also on file in the office of the CITY Clerk, CITY Hall, Amesbury, Ma.

Motion by Thomas K. Iacobucci for adoption and to amend to include Pleasant Street Stop sign which was approved October 28, 1997 by the Municipal Council, seconded by Albert B. Sears, Jr.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Amesbury Municipal Council meeting held November 9, 1999 and also the action taken on same.

Witness my hand and seal of the CITY of Amesbury this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1999.

CITY Clerk

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## **PREAMBLE**

The Traffic & Transportation Commission of the City of Amesbury, acting by virtue of the power given to it by Section 22 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, and by virtue of any other power it hereto enabling, hereby adopts and makes the rules and orders for the regulation of carriages and vehicles used in the said city for regulating traffic upon the streets and highways of said City of Amesbury, insofar as the said rules and orders or any of them are the same as the regulations, rules and orders now in force they shall be deemed to be a continuation thereof.

## ARTICLE I – DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this code, the words and phrases used herein shall have the following meanings:

**Bus Stop:** An area in the roadway set aside for the boarding of or alighting from buses.

**Crosswalk:** That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within intersections, or at any portion of a roadway clearly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines on the road surface or by other marking or signs.

**Curb Marking, Official:** That portion of a curbing, the painting of which has been authorized by the Municipal Council, in compliance with statute and regulations.

**Emergency Vehicle:** Vehicles of the Fire Department, police vehicles, ambulances and emergency vehicles of federal, state and municipal departments or public service corporations when the latter are responding to an emergency.

**Funeral Procession:** Any procession of mourners properly identified as such accompanying the remains of a human body.

**Handicap Ramp:** A means of egress located in the sidewalk with a sloped surface leading to the roadway.

**Intersection:** The area embraced within the extensions of the lateral curb lines or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines, of intersecting ways as defined in Section I of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, including divided ways.

The rules and regulations herein contained governing and restricting the movement of vehicles at and near intersecting ways shall apply at any place along any way at which drivers are to be controlled by traffic control signals whether or not such place is an intersection as herein defined. (App. MA DPW 1-5-78)

**Lane:** A longitudinal division of a roadway into a strip of sufficient width to accommodate the passage of a single line of vehicles. A lane shall consist of twelve (12) feet in width.

**Loading Zone:** A designated area in the roadway set aside for the accommodation of commercial and transient vehicular traffic actively engaged in the loading and unloading of goods and equipment. (clearly designated as a service vehicle) (temporary/short term)

**MHD:** Massachusetts Highway Department

**Officer:** Any sworn officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for the violation of traffic regulations.

**Parking:** The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in obedience to an officer or traffic signs or signals, or while making emergency repairs or, if disabled, while arrangements are being made to move such vehicle.

**Pedestrian:** Any person afoot or riding on a conveyance moved by human muscular power, except bicycles or tricycles, as defined in Chapter 90, Section 18A (General Laws).

**Person:** The word “person” shall mean and include any individual, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

**Railroad Crossing:** Any intersection of ways with a railroad right-of-way.

**Roadway:** That portion of a street or highway between the regularly established curb lines or that part, exclusive of shoulders, improved and intended to be used for vehicular traffic.

**Rotary Traffic:** The counterclockwise operation of a vehicle around an object or structure.

**Safety Zone:** Any area or space set aside within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which has been indicated by signs, lines or markings, having the written approval of the Massachusetts Highway Department, where required by statute or regulation.

**Sidewalk:** That portion of a street, highway, off-street parking area controlled by the city, set aside for pedestrian travel.

**Service Zone:** A designated area set aside for temporary or short-term accommodation of a clearly marked commercial vehicle engaged in servicing an adjacent facility.

**Street, Highway, or Road:** The entire width between property lines of every way open to the use of the public for the purposes of travel.

**Street Marking, Official:** Any painted line, 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 Municipal Council and which has the written approval of the MHD, where required by statute or regulation.

**Taxicab Stands:** A designated area in the roadway in which certain taxicabs are authorized and required to park while waiting to be engaged.

**Traffic:** Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, streetcars or other conveyances either singly or together while using any street or highway for the purpose of travel.

**Traffic Control Area:** Any area along any way, other than an intersecting way, at which drivers are to be controlled by traffic control signals or signs, devices or appurtenances.

**Traffic Control Signal:** Any device using colored lights which conforms to the standards as prescribed by the MHD, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic may be alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

**Traffic Island:** Any area or space set aside within a roadway, which is not intended for use by vehicular traffic.

**Traffic Signs, Official:** All signs, markings and devices, other than signals, not inconsistent with these rules and orders, and which conform to the standards prescribed by the MHD and placed or erected by The Traffic & Transportation Commission or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning or regulating traffic.

**Traffic Signals, Official:** All signals, conforming to the standards as prescribed by the MHD, not inconsistent with these rules and orders, placed or erected by authority of the Traffic & Transportation Commission or police officer having jurisdiction. For the purpose of directing or warning traffic.

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

**Vehicle:** Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, including bicycles when the provisions of these rules are applicable to them, except other devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks and devices which derive their power for operation from stationary overhead wires.

**Vehicle, Commercial:** Any vehicle being used in the transportation of goods, wares or merchandise for commercial purposes.

**Vehicle, Heavy Commercial:** Any commercial vehicle of over two and one-half (2.5) ton capacity.

## **ARTICLE II - AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF POLICE**

### **SECTION 2-1 - Traffic, Police to Direct**

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

### **SECTION 2-2 - Close Street, Police May Temporarily**

The Chief of Police or his designee is hereby authorized to close temporarily any street or highway in an impending or existing emergency, construction, lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession.

### **SECTION 2-3 - Parking, Police May Prohibit Temporarily**

The Chief of Police or his designee is hereby authorized to prohibit, temporarily, parking on any street or highway or part thereof in an impending or existing emergency; or for a lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession; or for construction or repairs for up to thirty (30) days. Provided there is a reasonable justification of the closing of such street. Vehicles parked in places where parking is prohibited temporarily may be moved by or under the direction of an officer.

### **SECTION 2-4 - Road Details**

The Chief of Police shall make the final determination for private duty detail officers in the event of any construction, repair or maintenance in, upon, or adjacent to any street or highway.

### **SECTION 2-5 - Exemptions**

The provisions of these rules and orders 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 drivers of emergency vehicles while operating in an emergency and in performance of public duties when the nature of the work of any of these necessitates a departure from any part of these rules and orders. These exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

## **ARTICLE III - TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS, MARKINGS AND ZONES**

### **SECTION 3-1 - Bus Stops, Taxicab Stands and Service Zones, Location of**

The location of all bus stops, taxicab stands and service zones shall be specified by the Municipal Council and in the case of taxicab stands, the Chief of Police with the approval of the Municipal Council, shall designate who may use them as such.

### **SECTION 3-2 - Interference with Signs, Signals and Markings Prohibited**

Any person who willfully defaces, injures, moves, obstructs or interferes with any official traffic signs, signals or marking shall be liable to a penalty of two-hundred (\$200.00) for each and every offense.

### **SECTION 3-3 - Obedience to Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings**

No driver of any vehicle or of any street car shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic control signal, sign, marking, marker or legend unless otherwise directed by a police officer or shall be liable to a penalty of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for each and every offense.

### **SECTION 3-4 - Traffic Signs and Signals**

- a. The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized, and as to those signs and signals required hereunder it shall be his duty, to install, remove and maintain all official traffic signs, signals, markings and safety zones. All signs, signals, markings and safety zones shall conform to the standards as prescribed by the MHD.
- b. Sections 2-2 and 2-3 of Article II and Section 5-2 and 5-3 and 5-6 to 5-10 inclusive of Article V relating to parking and Sections 7-7 and 7-10 of Article VII concerning turning movements and Section 7-20 of Article VII pertaining to exclusion shall be effective only during such time as 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. Sections relating to one-way streets shall be effective only during such time as a sufficient number of official signs are erected and maintained at the entrance and each of the exits for each one-way street, so that at least one sign will be clearly visible for a distance of at least seventy-five (75) feet to drivers approaching such an exit.

#### **SECTION 3-5 - Signals, Signals and Markings Prohibited, Display of Unauthorized**

No person or corporation shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any street any unofficial device, sign, signal, curb marking or street marking which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic device, sign, signal, curb marking or street marking or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic or which hides from view any official sign, signal, marking or device and shall be liable to a penalty of one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each and every offense. The Chief of Police or his designee is hereby empowered to remove every such prohibited sign, signal, marking or device or cause it to be removed without notice.

#### **SECTION 3-6 - Experimental Regulation**

For the purpose of trial the Traffic & Transportation Commission may make temporary rules regulating traffic, or test under actual conditions traffic signs, markings, or other devices. No such experimental rules relating to traffic shall remain in effect for a period longer than 30 days.

### **ARTICLE IV - ZONES OF QUIET**

All of the territory within two-hundred (200) feet of the premises of each medical facility or other equally appropriate facility designated by the Traffic & Transportation Commission in this city, is hereby created and established as a Zone of Quiet. The Chief of Police or his designee is hereby authorized to erect and maintain in a conspicuous manner within this area such signs and markings as are necessary to designate it as a Zone of Quiet.

The Traffic & Transportation Commission may temporarily establish a Zone of Quiet upon any street where a person is seriously ill, if requested of at least two registered physicians certifying to its necessity. Said temporary zone of quiet shall embrace all territory within a radius of two-hundred (200) feet of the building occupied by the person named in the request of said physicians. Said temporary zones of quiet shall be designated by the police by placing at a conspicuous place in the street a sign or marker bearing the words "Zone of Quiet".

- No person operating a motor vehicle within any designated and signed zone of quiet shall sound the horn or other warning device of said vehicle except in an emergency.
- No person shall play a radio or other audio device so as to be heard outside of the vehicle when the windows are open.
- No person shall make a harsh or objectionable noise within the "Zone of Quiet."

### **ARTICLE V - STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING**

#### **SECTION 5-1 - General Prohibitions**

No person shall stand or park and no person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand or park in any street, way, highway, road or parkway under the control of the City of Amesbury in violation of any of the Traffic Rules or Orders adopted by the Municipal Council and in particular in any of the following places except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic sign or signal.

- Within an intersection.
- Upon any sidewalk.
- Upon any crosswalk.
- Upon the roadway in a rural or sparsely settled district.
- Upon a roadway where parking is permitted unless both wheels on the right side of the vehicle are within twelve (12) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway, except upon those streets that are designated as one-way streets. On such one-way streets, vehicles shall be parked in the direction in which said vehicle

is moving and with both wheels within twelve (12) inches of the curb.

- This shall not apply to streets or parts of streets where angle parking is required by these regulations.
- Upon any roadway where the parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed lane at least twelve (12) feet wide for passing traffic.
- Upon any street or highway within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.
- In front of or within 5 feet of the lateral edges of a private road or driveway.
- Upon any street or highway within twenty (20) feet of an intersecting way, except alleys.
- Within fifteen (15) feet of the wall of a fire station or directly across the street from such fire station provided signs are erected acquainting the driver of such restriction.
- Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic, including pedestrian turnouts in the Central Business District.
- Within twenty-five (25) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing when there are no gates at such crossing, or otherwise within five (5) feet from the gate.
- On a bridge or boat ramp and the approach thereto.

#### **SECTION 5-2 - Service and Loading Zones**

Service and Loading Zones shall not infringe/obstruct the normal lane or lanes of travel.

No person shall park a vehicle upon any street in any loading zone for a period of time longer than 30 minutes and except while actually engaged in loading or unloading, and no person shall engage in loading or unloading within the Central Business District (CBD) as defined in the City of Amesbury Zoning By-Law during any restricted hours established by the Municipal Council and incorporated by reference in this document.

No person shall park a vehicle in any service zone within the Central Business District (CBD) as defined in the City of Amesbury Zoning By-Law except while actually engaged in providing a repair service. Service vehicle must be clearly marked as a service vehicle and the location where service is being provided must be clearly identifiable from outside of the vehicle.

Violation of any part of this section shall be liable to a penalty of one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each and every offense.

#### **SECTION 5-3 - Diagonal Parking**

The Traffic & Transportation Commission shall determine the street upon which diagonal parking will be permitted and shall cause said streets to be designated by signs and the surfaces thereof to be marked as directed by the Chief of Police.

Where such diagonal parking is permitted, vehicles shall be parked with one wheel within twelve (12) inches of the curb and at the angle to the curb indicated by official marks and signs. The vehicle shall be parked so that all four wheels thereof shall be placed wholly within the area indicated for parking, and headed to the curb.

#### **SECTION 5-4 - Parking Vehicle for Sale Prohibited**

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

#### **SECTION 5-5 - No All Night Parking**

Winter Parking Ban - No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name, other than one acting in an emergency, to be parked on any street for a period of time longer than one (1) hour between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. any day between December 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Central District Parking Ban - No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name, other than one acting in an emergency, to be parked on any street within the Central Business District (CBD) as defined in the City of Amesbury Zoning By-Law between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. any day of the year.

#### **SECTION 5-6 - Parking Location and Prohibitions**

Parking is prohibited, restricted or limited as to time, space and streets in accordance with a schedule of streets designated as Schedule No. I, hereto appended to which reference is made, and which Schedule No. I is specifically incorporated in this section. No operator shall park a vehicle in the designated prohibited locations or in the restricted locations for a period longer than is designated in Schedule No. I, except as otherwise provided in this Schedule, or where there is a time limit as to parking.

### **SECTION 5-7 - Pedestrian Mall Designation**

No person shall operate, push, tow or park a motor vehicle, motorized bicycle or other non-powered recreational device including skateboards, roller skates and similar devices within a designated pedestrian mall area. Recreational sport such as ball playing and similar activity shall also be prohibited.

- All public property and property controlled by easement in the Millyard Park as bounded by Main Street, High Street, Pond Street and City of Amesbury municipal lot, shall be a designated pedestrian mall area.
- Within the mall area there shall be an emergency access lane from Main Street to a distance three-hundred and eighty-six (386) feet into the Millyard. Any vehicle parked or stopped on the access lane shall be ticketed and towed under the direction of a police officer.
- Within the mall area there shall be a service zone from High Street to a distance of one-hundred and sixty-five (165) feet into the mall area. The express purpose of this zone is for delivery and pick up service to the Millyard businesses and there shall be no parking in this area. Maximum time for service delivery shall be within the limits as defined in Section 5-2.
- Prohibited at Safety Zones. No person shall park a vehicle within twenty (20) feet of either end of a safety zone, which is located within thirty (30) feet of the curb or edge of the roadway.

### **SECTION 5-8 - Bus Stops**

- No person shall stop or park a vehicle other than a bus in a bus stop. (Schedule II)
- No person shall park a bus upon any street within a business district at any place other than a bus stop when a nearby bus stop is available for use.

### **SECTION 5-9 - Taxicab Stands**

- No person shall park a vehicle other than a taxicab upon any street within a business district in any taxicab stand. (Schedule II)
- 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.

### **SECTION 5-10 - Historic Site, Museum District Parking**

The Traffic & Transportation Commission may, upon request of any bona fide museum or upon request of the Amesbury Historical Commission, designate no more than two (2) parking spaces on any public way adjacent to a museum or historic site for use by visitors to the museum or historic site.

The museum/historic site parking spaces shall be restricted to museum or historic site visitors' use during the months of May through October and during the hours of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The parking space(s) shall be so designated by a traffic sign approved by the Traffic Commission and purchased and installed at the expense of the requestor.

### **SECTION 5-11 - Wedding/Funeral Parking**

Every house of worship in the City of Amesbury may request that the Traffic Commission designate up to four (4) parking spaces on any adjacent way to the house of worship for wedding / funeral parking.

These spaces shall be so designated by a traffic sign approved by the Traffic Commission and purchased and installed at the expense of the house of worship. The house of worship may use temporary signage to designate said space(s), provided said temporary signage is approved by the Traffic & Transportation Commission.

The house of worship shall notify the police department at least 24 hours in advance of a wedding or funeral that the spaces will be needed for said wedding or funeral, and shall also place notification on any vehicles then occupying the spaces. The notification shall clearly designate the date and time for which said spaces shall be reserved for wedding or funeral parking.

## **ARTICLE VI - ONE-WAY STREETS**

### **SECTION 6-1 - One Way Streets**

The streets or portions thereof designated in Schedule III hereto appended and specifically incorporated in this section are declared to be one-way streets and all vehicular traffic shall move on those streets or portions thereof in the direction designated in said Schedule III.

**SECTION 6-2 - Rotary Traffic**

Within the area set forth below vehicular traffic shall move only in a rotary counter-clockwise direction except when otherwise directed by an officer.

- a. Market Square
- b. Friend Street and School Street intersection

**ARTICLE VII - OPERATION OF VEHICLES  
(MGL CHAPTER 89 GOVERNS)**

**SECTION 7-1- Overtake Only When There is a 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 safety operation of any vehicle ahead.

**SECTION 7-2 - 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 on suitable and visible signal being given by the driver of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

**SECTION 7-3 - 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.
- No driver shall enter an intersection or 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 7-4 - 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 condition of the street or highway.

**SECTION 7-5 - Clinging to Moving Vehicles**

It shall be unlawful for any person traveling upon a bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, sled, roller skates, or any toy vehicle to cling to, or attach himself or his vehicle to any moving vehicle or streetcar upon any roadway.

**SECTION 7-6 Care in Starting, Stopping, Turning or Backing**

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 such movement cannot be made in safety or if it interferes unduly with the normal movement of other traffic, said driver shall wait for a more favorable opportunity to make such movement.

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 statute law.

**SECTION 7-7 - Prohibited and Mandatory Turning Movements**

No person shall operate a vehicle contrary to any mandatory posted turning sign, signal or marker.

**SECTION 7-8 - Emerging From Alley or Private Driveway**

The operator of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway or a garage shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving on to a sidewalk or on to the sidewalk area extending across alleyway or driveway.

**SECTION 7-9 - 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 or except as provided in Section 7-18b of these rules.

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. Drivers facing a steady CIRCULAR RED or steady RED ARROW signal, and NO TURN ON RED sign shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but 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 provided in (b) below.
- b. When no sign is in place prohibiting a right turn or a left turn from a one way street to another one-way street, drivers facing a steady CIRCULAR RED or steady RED ARROW signal may cautiously enter the intersection to make the right turn or left turn from a one-way street to another one-way street, after stopping as provided in (a) above. Such drivers shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

**4) Flashing signal indication 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 intersection, or if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the drivers have a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting 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 pass such signal only with caution.

- c. FLASHING YELLOW ARROW. Vehicular traffic, on an approach to an intersection facing a FLASHING YELLOW ARROW signal indication, displayed alone or in combination with another signal indication, is permitted to cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or other such movement as is permitted by other signal indications displayed at the same time. Such vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left or making a U-turn, shall yield the right-of-way to:

- i. Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk, and
- ii. Other vehicles lawfully within the intersection.

In addition, vehicular traffic turning left or making a U-turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such turning vehicle is moving across or within the intersection.

#### **SECTION 7-10 - U-Turns Prohibited**

No operator shall back or turn a vehicle so as to proceed in the direction opposite to that in which said vehicle is headed or traveling on any street designated as prohibiting such in Schedule I.

#### **SECTION 7-11 - Stop Signs, Yield Signs**

- STOP SIGNS - In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General Laws the following streets are designated as stop streets at the intersection and in the direction indicated in Schedule IV.

In accordance with the foregoing, the streets listed in Schedule IV and V of these rules and orders are hereby declared to constitute stop, yield or flashing red signal intersections as the case may be, and said Schedules IV and V are hereby specifically incorporated in this section.

- YIELD SIGNS - In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General Laws the following streets are designated as yield streets at the intersections and in the direction indicated in Schedule V.

#### **SECTION 7-12 - Keep to the Right of Roadway Division**

Upon such roadways as are divided by a parkway, grass plot, reservation, viaduct, subway or by any structure or area, drivers shall keep to the right of such a division except when otherwise directed by an officer, signs, signals, or markings.

#### **SECTION 7-13 - Operation of Under- or Overpasses at Intersection with Islands**

At any junction or crossing of ways 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 7-14 - Driving on Road Surfaces Under Construction or Repair**

No operator shall enter upon a 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 of the street or highway is not to be used or when so advised by an officer, watchman, member of a street or highway crew or employees of the city, either audibly or by signals.

#### **SECTION 7-15 - No Driving on Sidewalks**

The driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon any sidewalk except at a permanent or temporary driveway.

#### **SECTION 7-16 - No Driving Through Safety Zones**

It shall be unlawful for the driver of a vehicle, except on signal from a police officer, to drive the same over or through a safety zone.

#### **SECTION 7-17 - Funerals to be Properly Identified**

A funeral composed entirely or partly of a procession of vehicles, shall be identified as such by means of black pennants bearing a purple symbol attached to both the first and last vehicles or other suitable means.

**SECTION 7-18 - Right and Duties of Drivers in Funerals or Other Processions**

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

At an intersection where a traffic control 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 and/or yellow indication.

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 7-19 - Unlawful Riding**

It shall be unlawful for any reason to ride on any portion of a vehicle not designated or intended for the use of passengers when the vehicle is in motion. This provision shall not apply to any employee engaged in the necessary discharge of a duty or within truck bodies in space intended for merchandise.

**SECTION 7-20 - Operation of Heavy Commercial Vehicles**

The use and operation of heavy commercial vehicles having a carrying capacity of more than 2-1/2 tons, are hereby restricted on the following named streets or parts thereof, and in the manner outlined and during the period of time set forth.

- o Highland Street from Hillside Avenue to Friend Street
- o Portsmouth Road/Goss Avenue from Elm Street to Monroe Street
- o Main Street and Evans Place from Powow Bridge to Deer Island Bridge
- o Rocky Hill Road from Macy Street to Main Street

EXEMPTIONS - Part I of this Section shall not apply to 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 or public service corporation owned vehicles.

**SECTION 7-21 - Speed**

No person operating a motor vehicle on any way shall run it at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to traffic and the use of the way and the safety of the public. Unless a way is otherwise posted in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 18, it shall be prima facie evidence of a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper as aforesaid (1) on any other way outside a thickly settled or business district at a rate of speed exceeding forty miles per hour for a distance of one-quarter of a mile, or (2) inside a thickly settled or business district at a rate of speed exceeding thirty (30) miles per hour for a distance of one-eighth of a mile, or (3) within a school zone established by the city as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 85, Section 2, at a rate of speed exceeding twenty (20) miles per hour. If a speed limit has been duly established upon any way, operation of a motor vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of such a limit shall be prima facie evidence that such speed is greater than reasonable and proper.

**ARTICLE VIII - ACCIDENT REPORTS**

**SECTION 8-1 Drivers Must Report Accidents**

Every person operating a motor vehicle which is in any manner involved in an accident in which any person is killed or injured or, in which there is damage in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to any one vehicle or other property, shall report such accident within five (5) days to the Registrar and to the Police Department in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 26, of the General Laws.

**ARTICLE IX - PENALTIES AND REPEALS**

**SECTION 9-1 - Penalties**

Any person violating any provisions of any rule, regulation or order regulating the parking of motor vehicles made by anybody authorized to make the same shall be dealt with as provided in General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 20A1/2 or any Acts in Amendment thereof, or in addition thereto, and any person violating any of the rules and regulations applicable to State Highways made by the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth

of Massachusetts, under authority of General Laws, Chapter 85, Section 2, and Acts in Amendment thereof, and in addition thereto, shall be subject to the penalty provided in said rules and regulations.

Any person convicted of a violation of any other rule, regulation or order made hereunder, except as otherwise provided, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.

#### **SECTION 9-2 - Repeal**

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

All official signs, lights, markings, signal systems or devices erected or installed under prior rules or regulations and necessary to the enforcement of these regulations shall be deemed to have been lawfully erected or installed hereunder provided the same were erected or installed with the permission and approval of the MHD and insofar as the same are necessary as aforesaid for the enforcement of these regulations they shall be deemed continuing hereunder but in *all* other respects all prior rules, orders and regulations made by the Traffic & Transportation Commission of the City of Amesbury for the regulation of vehicles are hereby expressly repealed. This repeal, however, shall not affect any punishment or penalty imposed or any complaint or prosecution pending at the time of the passage hereof for any offense committed under said prior rules, order or regulations hereby repealed, nor shall said repeal be effective unless and until these rules and regulations have been approved and published as required by law.

#### **SECTION 9-3 - Effect of Regulations**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of these rules and order is for any reason unconstitutional such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of these rules and orders. The City of Amesbury Traffic & Transportation Commission hereby declares that it would have passed these regulations and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsection, sentence, clauses, or phrases is declared unconstitutional.

#### **SECTION 9-4 - 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 regulations and the identity of the driver cannot be determined, the owner or the person in whose name such a vehicle is registered shall be held prima facie responsible for such violations.

## **ARTICLE X - PEDESTRIAN CONTROL REGULATIONS**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 18A of the General Laws and in accordance with the Pedestrian Control Standards of the MHD, the City of Amesbury Traffic & Transportation Commission enacts the following regulations to govern the use of ways by pedestrians.

#### **SECTION 10-1 - Pedestrian Crossing Ways or Roadways**

Pedestrians shall obey the direction of police officers directing traffic and whenever there is an officer directing traffic, a traffic control signal or a marked crosswalk within three-hundred (300) feet of a pedestrian, no such pedestrian shall cross a way or roadway except within the limits of a marked crosswalk and as herein after 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 solid white 12-inch pavement markings in rural areas or markings not less than six inches wide in urban areas, said markings or lines being no less than six (6) feet apart.

#### **SECTION 10-2 - Pedestrian Actuation**

At a traffic 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 push button 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 green indication. If necessary, the green indication shall be actuated by the pedestrian by means of a push button.

At a traffic 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 10-3 - Pedestrian Obedience to Traffic Control Signals**

Traffic control signal color indications and legends shall have the commands ascribed to them in this section and no other meanings, and every pedestrian shall comply therewith, except when otherwise directed by an officer.

- a. A STEADY WALKING PERSON or the word "Walk" - Whenever the WALKING PERSON or the red 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 steady UPRAISED HAND or "Don't Walk" - Whenever the steady UPRAISED HAND words and the similar "Don't Walk" or indication are illuminated in a traffic control signal where pedestrian indications are provided, pedestrians approaching or facing such indication shall wait on the sidewalk, edge of 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 UPRAISED HAND or phrase "Don't 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 UPRAISED HAND or "Don't Walk" - Pedestrians approaching or facing a yellow, red, or flashing UPRAISED HAND or "Don't 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 WALKING PERSON or "Walk" indication when such indication is in operation. If no pedestrian signal is provided, pedestrians shall cross within crosswalks with due care.

### **SECTION 10-4 - Pedestrian Crossings and Use of Roadways**

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.

Pedestrians shall at all times attempt to cross a roadway using the right half of crosswalks.

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.

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.

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.

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 10-5 - 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 10-6 - Operators to Exercise Due Care**

The revisions of these regulations shall in no way abrogate the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 14 and 14A of the General Laws 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 10-7 - 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 10-8 - Skateboard, Inline Skaters, Roller-skating Regulations**

No skateboards, in-line skates or roller-skates will be allowed to be used on the sidewalks or other pathways/stairways intended for pedestrian use in the areas of the central business district defined as follows:

- Main Street from Sparhawk Street to Market Street
- School Street
- Friend Street from School Street to Main Street
- Elm Street from Market Square to R Street
- Market Street from Boardman Street to and including Market Square
- The Millyard, all municipal parking areas, and all city property not designated for this purpose.
- Heritage Vale and Powow Villa housing developments. Specifically Nayson's Court, Summer Street and all Amesbury Housing Authority Streets and paths adjacent to Powow Villa Units and all Public School Property.

All in-line skaters and skate boarders will observe the laws of the road as they pertain to motorists/pedestrians in the state and city.

A curfew for the use of said devices shall be set at 10:00 PM on weekdays and 11:00 PM on weekends on all public ways.

**SECTION 10-9 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 10-10 - Penalties**

Any person who violates the provisions of this Article, which deal with the proper use of ways by pedestrians, shall be punished as provided in Chapter 90, Section 18A of the General Laws.

**SECTION 10-11 Effect of Regulation**

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 Municipal Council of the City of Amesbury 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.

# ARTICLE XI TOW-AWAY ZONE REGULATIONS

## SECTION 11-1 - In General

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 22D of the General Laws, The City of Amesbury Traffic & Transportation Commission hereby enacts the following regulations authorizing the 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 Amesbury. Vehicles specifically exempt by Chapter 40, Section 22D shall not, however, be subject to such removal.

## SECTION 11-2 - 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 such other Officer(s) of the rank of Sergeant or higher as he may from time to time designate.

## SECTION 11-3 - Fees

The Municipal 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:

- Removal or towing fee not to exceed that which is provided in or as authorized by Statute.
- Storage Fees. Not to exceed that which is provided in or as authorized by Statute Law.

## SECTION 11-4 - 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 11-5 - 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 in any of the following places. 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 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 Section shall also be subject to the penalties provided in Chapter 90, Section 20A1/2 of the General Laws.

- a. Upon any way in such a manner as to impede the removal or plowing of snow or ice, except vehicles parked in accordance with approved regulations governing All Night Parking.
- b. Upon any sidewalk
- c. Upon any crosswalk
- d. Upon any way within twenty (20) feet of an intersecting way except alleys
- e. Upon a way within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant
- f. On a roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of the way
- g. In front of a public or private driveway, or loading zone
- h. 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 traffic
- i. Within a handicapped parking space without proper validation

## SECTION 11-6 - Parking Prohibitions, Towing Zone

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 Section shall also be subject to the penalties provided in Chapter 90, Section 20A1/2 of the General Laws.

- a. In any bus stop
- b. Within Millyard Park as defined in Article 5, Section 7 through 7.3 inclusive.
- c. Upon or blocking access to any public boat ramp.
- d. Upon city property where motor vehicles are excluded.
- e. In any city parking lot in violation of restrictions established in Schedule 1.

**SECTION 11-7 - Official Traffic Signs**

The provisions of Section 6 shall be effective only during such time as a sufficient number of 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 11-8 - 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:

- a. The registration of the vehicle
- b. The location from which it was towed and time and date of tow order.
- c. The location to which it was moved.
- d. Name of towing contractor.
- e. Name and rank of officer who authorized towing.

**ARTICLE XII - AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**SECTION 12-1 – Organization**

The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Municipal Council and shall be constituted as follows:

- one (1) member representing the Municipal Council
- one (1) member representing the Amesbury Police Dept.
- three (3) members from the general public

The members of the Traffic Commission shall serve three-year terms arranged as defined by Amesbury Home Rule Charter, section 9-5(a).

**SECTION 12-2 - Provide Guidelines**

It shall be the responsibility of the Amesbury Traffic & Transportation Commission to adopt regulations for the safe and efficient movement of traffic of all types and configurations throughout the City of Amesbury. The Traffic & Transportation Commission shall regularly update and publish the Code of Traffic Regulations for said City.

**SECTION 12-3 Traffic and Transportation Alterations**

The authority to order traffic and transportation alterations of all forms consistent with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 and the Amesbury Traffic and Parking Code as well as any other duties prescribed to it by the Municipal Council, Bylaws and Ordinances of the City of Amesbury, by administrative order from the office of Mayor of the City of Amesbury, or by regulation by any other authority having competent jurisdiction.

The power to review all plans for the improvement to any and all roadways and highways in the City of Amesbury prior to final design and shall make written recommendations to the appropriate authorities. Said recommendations shall be binding and shall be incorporated into the final designs and implemented.

**SECTION 12-4 - Periodic Review and Update**

The periodic review and update of the Traffic and Parking element of the Master Plan of the City of Amesbury and make recommendations and/or revisions. Said revisions shall identify obsolete or inadequate roadways, record all alterations, define necessary improvements and additions to the roadways to facilitate local and regional traffic demands. The Commission shall also assess the impact of traffic flow volumes, patterns, and levels of service resulting from new project development.

**SECTION 12-5 - Signs**

The Commission shall be responsible for the approval of all signage relating to traffic controls within the City including but not limited to regulatory signs, informational signs, directional and cautionary signs.

**SECTION 12-6 - Appeals**

Decisions by the Commission may be appealed to the Municipal Council within thirty (30) days of the rendering

of said decision upon which the Municipal Council shall have the Authority to rescind, amend, or uphold the actions of the Traffic Commission.

## **ARTICLE XIII - PENALTIES AND FINES SCHEDULE**

Whoever violates any provision of these regulations may be penalized by indictment or on complaint brought in the district court. Except as may be otherwise provided by law and as the district court may see fit to impose, the maximum penalty for each violation or offense, shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Whoever violates any provision of these regulations, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may be penalized by a noncriminal disposition as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D and Chapter 1, Article 1 Construction and Penalties of the City Code of Ordinances. For purpose of noncriminal disposition the penalty for a violation for which a specific penalty has not otherwise been provided shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Without intending to limit the generality of the foregoing, it is the intention of this provision that the following regulations are to be included within the scope of this subsection. That the specific penalty listed here shall apply in such cases and that police officers, who in all cases shall be considered enforcing persons for the purposes of this provision, and each day on which any violation exists shall be deemed to be separate offense:

### \$200

- Interference, removal or defacing of traffic signs

### \$100

- Illegally Parking in a handicap space
- Blocking wheel chair ramp
- Parking in a fire lane
- Parking within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant
- Illegal parking in a service or loading zone

### \$50

- Parking within twenty (20) feet of intersection
- Parking on a crosswalk or sidewalk
- Parking on street during a winter parking ban
- Driving on sidewalks
- Obedience to signs

### \$25

- Parking in a no parking zone
- Double parking
- Parking in a bus stop or taxi stand
- Parking in front of a driveway
- Parking over posted limit
- Parking in a restricted are

Any person convicted of a violation of Article 10-8 shall be punishable by a fine of \$25.00 and/or community service for each offense. Any violators of this ordinance who is unable to properly identify themselves to a police officer at the time of the offense may have their skateboard, rollerblades or roller skates confiscated by the police until such time as the party is able to provide proper identification to police.

**SCHEDULE I PARKING**  
**PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES**

LOCATION	STREET SIDE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
Allens Court	West	Friend Street	End	
Aubin Street	East	Main Street	Valley Street	
Aubin Street	West	Main Street	200' South	
Birchmeadow Road	South	Kimball Road	Merrimac Line	
Boardman Street	South	Market Street	R Street	
Cleveland Street	North	Main Street	60' East of Main Street	
Collins Avenue	North	Madison Street	130' West of Madison Street	Appt. 8/13/98
Congress Street	North	Elm Street	Green Street	
Elm Street	North	50' East of Rowells Court	188' East of Rowells Court	
Elm Street	South	Water Street	111' East of Water Street	
Elm Street	South	Washington Street	67' East of Chestnut Street	
Elm Street	South	Railroad Avenue	Rich's Court	
Elm Street	North	86' West of Congress Street	310' West of Congress Street	
Elm Street	North	Clark Street	Opposite Rich's Court	
Friend Street	North	Main Street	40' West of Main Street	
Friend Street	South	Main Street	40' North of Main Street	
Friend Street	North	Allens Court	Davis Court	
Friend Street	South	School Street		
Friend Street	South	Greenleaf Street	300' East of Greenleaf Street	
Friend Street	North	Whitehall Road	250' West of Whitehall Road	
Friend Street	North	Whitehall Road	110' West Opp. Station 194 & 40	
Green Street	West	Albion Street	Congress Street	
Green Street	East	Congress Street	Albion Street	Appt. 3/11/98
Greenleaf Street	East	Sparhawk Street	100' North of Sparhawk Street	
Greenleaf Street	East	Hillside Avenue	110' North of Hillside Avenue	Right Turn Leg
Market Square	West	Market Street	Millyard Entrance	
High Street	South	Market Square	Powow Street	
High Street	South	Pond Street	Whitehall Road	
High Street	North	Market Square	Powow Street	
Huntington Square	All Sides	Josiah Bartlett #22	Entire Park	Library Park
Lake Street	South		Powow Street	
Lake Attitash Road	North	Kimball Road	Merrimac Line	
Main Street	East	Kendricks Court	100' North of Macy Street	
Main Street	West	Kendricks Court	80' North of Macy Street	
Main Street	North	Powow River Bridge	Cleveland Street	

**SCHEDULE I PARKING**  
**PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES**  
**(Continued)**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>STREET SIDE</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Main Street	South	Merrimac Essex Bridge	676' East of Powow River Bridge	
Main Street	West	Sparhawk Street	180' South of Sparhawk Street	
Main Street	East	Station #74 and #30	Station #71 and #35	
Main Street	West	Friend Street	40' North of Friend Street	
Main Street	East	Friend Street	50' South of Friend Street	
Main Street	West	#182	Carpenter Street	
Main Street	East	Mill Street	100' South	Appr. 8/13/98
Market Street	East	Market Square	Clark Street	
Market Street	West	Market Square	55' North of Market Square	
Merrimac Street	South	Main Street	Beacon Street	
Merrimac Street	North	Main Street	Beacon Street 20' West of T.P. Driveway	
Mill Street	North	Main Street	20' East of M.E. Gate	
Monroe Street	East	Elm Street	80' North of Elm Street	
Monroe Street	West	Elm Street	90' North of Elm Street	
Morrill Place	South	Main Street	Goddard Avenue	
Oak Street	East	Elm Street	Railroad Bridge	
Oakland Street	South	Oak Street	74' North of Marston Street	
Pleasant Street	North	School Street	Picard Street	
Pleasant Street	South	School Street	Picard Street	
Pleasant Valley	North	Beacon Street	90' West of Goodwin's Creek	Appr. 7/14/98
Pleasant Valley	North	170' West of Goodwin's Creek	1000' West of Goodwin's Creek	Appr. 7/14/98
Pond Street	East	High Street	Friend Street	
School Street	West	Sparhawk Street	60' North of Sparhawk Street	Appr. 8/13/98
School Street	West	Pleasant Street	87' North of Pleasant Street	
School Street	East	Main Street	160' North of Main Street	Appr. 8/13/98
Sparhawk Street	North	Larnards Court	260' West of Larnards Court	
Spring Street	North	Elm Street	Green Street	
Trues Court	North	Congress Street	Huntington Avenue	Appr. 3/11/97 School Hours
Water Street	East	Elm Street	County Bridge	
Whitehall Road	West	Friend Street	100' North of Friend Street	
Whitehall Road	East	Friend Street	140' North of Friend Street	

**SCHEDULE I PARKING**  
**(2 HOUR PARKING)**

LOCATION	STREET SIDE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
Elm Street	North	Rowells Court	50' East of Rowells Court	
Elm Street	North	188' East of Rowells Court	248' East	
Elm Street	South	111' East of Water Street	Railroad Avenue	
Friend Street	North	Main Street	Pond Street	
Friend Street	South	Main Street	20' East of CITY Hall and Police Driveway	
Main Street	East	Mill Street	Sparhawk Street	
Main Street	West	Friend Street	School Street	
Main Street	West	32' North of Friend Street	188' North of Friend Street	
Main Street	East	Mill Street	190' North of Mill Street	
Market Square	East	Millyard Turnout	123' North of Elm Street	
Market Square	North	Market Street	Rowells Court	
Market Street	West	55' North of High Street	569' North of North Street	
School Street	East	Friend Street	87' North of Pleasant Street	
School Street	West	Pleasant Street	140' North of Sparhawk Street	
Water Street	West	Elm Street	276' South of Elm Street	

No person shall park a vehicle for a period of time longer than two hours between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM on any of the streets or parts thereof, designated in this section. On Fridays, Saturdays and days preceding legal holidays, the time period shall be 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM. This restriction shall not apply on Sundays or during the hours of legal holidays during which business establishments are required by law to be closed.

**SCHEDULE I PARKING (PERMIT PARKING)**

LOCATION	STREET SIDE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
Municipal Lot Friend Street	South	North Entrance	South Entrance	(ALL DAY PARKING) Resident Permit 2:00 AM-5:00 AM
Municipal Lot Friend Street	North	North Entrance	Northern Section	Resident Permit 2:00 AM-5:00 AM
Municipal Lot Friend Street	All	Friend Street	Main Street	Resident Permit 2:00 AM-5:00 AM
Municipal Garage Water Street	All	Water Street	Ring Street	(ALL DAY PARKING) Permit Only – 60 Reserved Slots
Municipal Lot Municipal Complex	All	Friend Street	School Street	Employee Permit Only 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM Monday-Friday

Municipal Complex: 11 Customer spaces - 1/2 hour parking  
 No CITY employees to park in these spaces  
 10 Reserved Spaces: CITY Manager, Building Inspector, Health Inspector, Veterans Agent, Police Chief,  
 Deputy Fire Chief, Council on Aging Van, Judge, Superintendent of Schools and Deborah Wilkins

**SCHEDULE I PARKING (15-MINUTE PARKING SPACES)**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>STREET SIDE</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Market Street	West	1 Market Street	1 Market Street	(2-15 min space)
School Street	West	6 School Street	6 School Street	(1-15 min space)

**SCHEDULE II PARKING - HANDICAPPED PARKING, BUS STOPS, TAXI STANDS**

LOCATION	STREET SIDE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
Collins Avenue	North	Madison Street	Collins Street Park	2 spaces Apr. 8/13/98 Handicapped
	North			
Municipal Lot Friend Street	North			
Municipal Lot Friend Street	South			2 spaces
Municipal Lot Friend Street	West			1 space
Municipal Lot Main Street	South			
Municipal Lot	South	Friend Street	Tennis Court Lot	1 space
CITY Park	South	Park Building	Friend Street	1 space
Main Street	West	164' North of	188' North of	1 space
Municipal Lot CITY Hall	East			1 space
Municipal Garage Water Street				
Library	North	Rear Lot	At Handicapped Ramp	2 spaces
Friend Street	North	#37 Friend Street	#37 Friend Street	Bus Stop - 2 spaces

All Handicapped Parking requires proper plate designation or placard in vehicle.

All spaces to be marked and posted.

**NOTE:** There are no designated taxi stands at the time of recodification August 1987.

**SCHEDULE III – ONE-WAY STREETS**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>STREET SIDE</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Friend Street	West	Main Street	Pond Street	Appr. 8/13/97
Lafayette Street	South	Lafayette Street	Lafayette Street	Traffic to right side of island (both directions)
Lafayette Street Extension	North	Lafayette Street	Lafayette Street	Same as above
Macy Terrace	North/West	Macy Street	Westminster Street	Public Housing Road
Main Street	East	Nason Court	Friend Street	Appr. 8/13/97
Westminster Street	South	Macy Terrace	Macy Street	

**SCHEDULE IV – STOP SIGNS**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DIRECTION</b>	<b>AT INTERSECTION WITH</b>
Albion Street	Westbound	Green Street Appr. 11/12/97
Arlington Street	Eastbound	Market Street
Belmont Street	Eastbound	Market Street
Boardman Street	Westbound	Market Street
Cedar Street	Westbound	Market Street
Chestnut Street Ext.	Westbound	County Road Appr. 1/4/88
Clark Street	Westbound	Market Street
Clarks Road	Southbound	Main Street Appr. 5/27/97
Clinton Street	Eastbound	Congress Street
Clinton Street	Westbound	Market Street
Clinton Street Ext.	Eastbound	Market Street
Clinton Street Ext.	Westbound	So. Hampton Road
Fern Avenue	Westbound	Market Street
Fern Avenue	Westbound	So. Hampton Road
Fern Avenue	Eastbound	Market Street
Friend Street	Eastbound	Main Street
Green Street	Southbound	Congress Street
High Street	Westbound	Whitehall Road
High Street	Eastbound	Market Square
Highland Street	Eastbound	Hillside Avenue
Highland Street	Westbound	Friend Street
Highland Street	Westbound	Hillside Avenue
Industrial Way	Northbound	Monroe Street Appr. 11/12/97
John Street	Westbound	Market Street
Kimball Road	Eastbound	Lake Attitash Road
Kimball Road	Westbound	Lake Attitash Road and Tuxbury Square
Main Street	Westbound	Friend Street Appr. 8/12/97
Market Street	Westbound	Market Square

**SCHEDULE IV – STOP SIGNS**  
**(Continued)**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DIRECTION</b>	<b>AT INTERSECTION WITH</b>
Merrimac Street	Northbound	Main Street
Old Friend Street (Tuxbury Square)	Northbound	Lions Mouth Road
Oakland Street	Northbound	Chestnut Street Ext. Appr. 1/4/88
Picard Street	Northbound	Friend Street
Pond Street	Northbound	High Street
Portsmouth Road	Northbound	Monroe Street
Powow Street	Northbound	Chester Street
Powow Street	Southbound	Chester Street
Pleasant Street	Eastern End	School Street Appr. 10/28/97
Prospect Street	Eastbound	Market Street
Rocky Hill Road	Southbound	Main Street Appr. 5/27/97
Whitehall Road	Southbound	Friend Street
Winter Street	Southbound	High Street

**SCHEDULE V - YIELD SIGNS**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DIRECTION</b>	<b>AT INTERSECTION WITH</b>
So. Hampton Road	Southbound	Market Street