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An Ordinance to amend the City of Amesbury Traffic and Parking Regulations ARTICLE V- STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING, SECTION 5-1 - General Prohibitions to prohibit parking on a curb.

Summary: This ordinance will update the traffic and Parking Regulations adopted in Bill No. 2015-077 and subsequently amended in Bill No. 2015-081, Bill No. 2019-074, Bill No. 2022-059, Bill No. 2022-181, Bill No. 2023-100, and Bill No. 2023-101 and will amend the Amesbury Municipal Code to prohibit parking on a curb. Currently, the City of Amesbury Traffic and Parking Regulations ARTICLE V- STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING, SECTION 5-1 - General Prohibitions states “Upon a roadway where parking is permitted unless both wheels on the right side of the vehicle are within twelve (12) inches from the curb or edge of the roadway, except upon those streets that are designated as one-way streets” and “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 from the curb.” This ordinance would add clarifying language to support not parking on a curb or edge of roadway and better define prohibited parking by stating, “Upon a roadway where parking is permitted unless both wheels on the right side of the vehicle are within twelve (12) inches from the curb or edge of the roadway, but not on said curb or edge of 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 from the curb, but not on said curb.”

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. That the City of Amesbury amend the City of Amesbury Traffic and Parking Regulations ARTICLE V- STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING, SECTION 5-1 - General Prohibitions to prohibit parking on a curb.
2. That ARTICLE V- STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING, SECTION 5-1 - General Prohibitions is amended to read as follows.

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 from the curb or edge of the roadway, but not on said curb or edge of 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 from the curb, but not on said 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.
3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.