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SPONSORED BY: Kassandra Gove **BILL No. 2025-113**  
**Kassandra Gove, Mayor**

**An Ordinance** to update and amend the City of Amesbury Traffic and Parking Regulations SCHEDULE I PARKING (PERMIT PARKING) to be renamed as SCHEDULE 1 PARKING (PERMIT/RESTRICTED PARKING), update the current schedule to reflect the updated permitted and restricted status of each municipal lot, and update ARTICLE XIII- PENALTIES AND FINES SCHEDULE to include fees for parking permit violations for residential and commercial vehicles.

**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, Bill No. 2023-101, Bill No. 2024-140, Bill No. 2024-141, Bill No. 2024-142, Bill No. 2024-143, Bill No. 2024-148, Bill No. 2025-090 and Bill No. 2025-091 and will amend the Amesbury Municipal Code to revise the SCHEDULE I PARKING (PERMIT PARKING) to be renamed SCHEDULE I PARKING (PERMIT/RESTRICTED PARKING), update the schedule to reflect the permitted and restricted status of each municipal lot, and update ARTICLE XIII- PENALTIES AND FINES SCHEDULE to include fees for parking permit violations for residential and commercial vehicles.

**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 SCHEDULE I PARKING (PERMIT PARKING) be renamed SCHEDULE I PARKING (PERMIT/RESTRICTED PARKING) and to also update the schedule to reflect the permitted and restricted status of each municipal lot as outlined in Article 1 (DEFINITIONS).
2. The SCHEDULE I PARKING (PERMIT/RESTRICTED PARKING) is amended as follows and will replace the existing schedule.

**SCHEDULE I PARKING (PERMIT/RESTRICTED PARKING)**

MUNICIPAL LOT	PARCEL	FROM	TO	REMARKS
Upper Mill Yard	ALL PARCELS	2:00 AM	5:00 AM	Resident or Commercial Permit Required*

City Hall	ALL PARCELS	2:00 AM	5:00 AM	Resident or Commercial Permit Required*
Lower Mill Yard	ALL PARCELS	2:00 AM	5:00 AM	Resident or Commercial Permit Required*
Friend Street Parking Lot	ALL PARCELS	2:00 AM	5:00 AM	Resident or Commercial Permit Required*
School Street	ALL PARCELS	2:00 AM	5:00 AM	Resident or Commercial Permit Required*
Upper Mill Yard	Parcel 53-268	Declaration of Snow Emergency	End of Snow Emergency	Resident or Commercial Permit Required*
Lower Mill Yard	Parcel 53-135	Declaration of Snow Emergency	End of Snow Emergency	Resident or Commercial Permit Required*
Lake Gardner	Parcel 39-2	Declaration of Snow Emergency	End of Snow Emergency	Resident or Commercial Permit Required*
Washington Landing	Parcel 88-2	Memorial Day	Labor Day	Resident or Commercial Permit Required*
Secured Police	Parcel 52-195a, 52-196	ALL TIMES	ALL TIMES	AUTHORIZED PARKING ONLY**

\* Commercial vehicle parking to be designated by the Clerk on an annual basis.

\*\* This lot shall include parking for two police business spots.

3. ARTICLE XIII- PENALTIES AND FINES SCHEDULE is amended as follows and will replace the existing schedule.

**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 wheelchair ramp
- Parking in a fire lane
- Parking within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant
- Illegal parking in a service or loading zone
- Violation of parking permit for commercial vehicles\*

\* Each day shall constitute a new offence, and subsequent violations shall be \$200 per offense.

### **\$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
- Violation of parking permit for residential vehicles \*

\* Each day shall constitute a new offence, and subsequent violations shall be \$100 per offense.

### **\$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.

4. In accordance with the City Charter, this Ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of 15 days after the date of adoption.