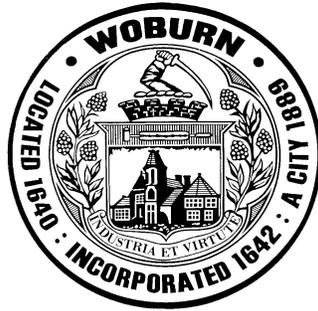


# CITY OF WOBURN



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# Title 1

## DEFINITIONS

### **SECTION 1-1 Definitions**

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

### **SECTION 1-2 Bus Stops**

An area in the roadway set aside for the boarding of or alighting from and the parking of buses.

### **SECTION 1-3 Crosswalks**

That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection of curb lines and property lines at intersections, or at any portion of a roadway clearly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines on the road surface or by other marking or signs.

### **SECTION 1-4 Curb Marking, Official**

That portion of a curbing, the painting of which has been authorized by the Superintendent of Public Works, and which has the written approval of the Department of Public Works.

### **SECTION 1-5 Emergency Vehicles**

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 in relation to the police or fire department.

### **SECTION 1-6 Funerals**

Any procession of mourners properly identified as such accompanying the remains of a human body.

### **SECTION 1-7 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 1 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.

### **SECTION 1-8 Lane**

A longitudinal division of a roadway of sufficient width intended to accommodate the passage of a single line of vehicles.

**SECTION 1-9 Officers**

Any officer of the Woburn Police Department or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for the violation of traffic regulations.

**SECTION 1-10 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.

**SECTION 1-11 Parking Meter**

The words "parking meter" shall mean any mechanical device, not inconsistent with the provisions of this regulation, and placed or erected on any public way or municipal off-street parking area within the City of Woburn for the regulation of parking. Each parking meter installed shall indicate by proper legend the legal parking time established by this regulation and when operated shall at all times indicate the balance of legal parking time permitted and at the expiration of such period shall indicate illegal or overtime parking.

**SECTION 1-12 Parking Meter Space**

The words "parking meter space" shall mean any space within a parking meter zone, adjacent to a parking meter which is duly designated for the parking of a single vehicle by lines painted on the surface of the street or municipal off-street parking area adjacent to or adjoining each parking meter.

**SECTION 1-13 Parking Meter Zone**

The words "parking meter zone" shall mean and include any street or portion thereof or municipal off-street parking area upon which parking of vehicles is permitted for a limited time subject to compliance with the further provisions of this regulation.

**SECTION 1-14 Pedestrian**

Any person afoot or riding on a conveyance moving by human muscular power, except bicycles or tricycles, as defined in Chapter 90, Section 1 of the General Laws.

**SECTION 1-15 People**

The word "person" shall mean and include any individual, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

**SECTION 1-16 Railroad Crossing**

Any intersection of ways with a railroad right-of-way.

**SECTION 1-17 Roadways**

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.

**SECTION 1-18 Rotary-Traffic**

The counter-clockwise operation of a vehicle around an object or structure.

**SECTION 1-19 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 Department.

**SECTION 1-20 Service Zone**

An area in the roadway set aside for the accommodation of commercial and transient vehicular traffic.

**SECTION 1-21 Street or Highway**

The entire width between property lines of every way open to the use of the public for purposes of travel.

**SECTION 1-22 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 Traffic Commission and which has the written approval of the Department.

**SECTION 1-23 Taxicab Stands**

An area in the roadway in which certain taxicabs are authorized and required to park while waiting to be engaged.

**SECTION 1-24 Traffic**

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

**SECTION 1-25 Traffic Commission**

The Woburn Traffic Commission as established by Chapter 103 of the Acts of 2005 of the Massachusetts General Court and any special acts in amendment thereof.

**SECTION 1-26 Traffic Control Area**

Any area along any way, other than an intersecting way, at which drivers are to be controlled by traffic control signals.

**SECTION 1-27 Traffic Control Signal**

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

**SECTION 1-28 Traffic Islands**

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

**SECTION 1-29 Traffic Signals, Official**

All signals, conforming to the standards as prescribed by the Department not inconsistent with these rules and orders, placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of directing or warning traffic.

**SECTION 1-30 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 Department and placed or erected by authority of public body or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning, or regulating traffic.

**SECTION 1-31 U-Turn**

The turning of a vehicle by means of a continuous turn whereby the direction of such vehicle is reversed.

**SECTION 1-32 Vehicles**

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 for operation from stationary overhead wires.

**SECTION 1-33 Vehicles, Commercial**

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

**SECTION 1-34 Vehicle, Heavy Commercial**

Any commercial vehicle of over two and one-half (2½) ton carrying capacity.

## **Title 2**

### **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 regulations. 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 Regulations provided that in the event of a fire or other emergency, to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police or Fire Department may direct traffic as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations.

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

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

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

The Chief of Police 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. Vehicles parked in places where parking is prohibited temporarily may be moved by or under the direction of an officer.

#### **SECTION 2-4 Exemptions**

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

## **Title 3**

### **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 Traffic Commission and in the case of taxicab stands, the Chief of Police with the approval of the Traffic Commission shall designate who may use them as such.

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

Any person who willfully defaces, damages, moves, obstructs or interferes with any official traffic signs, signals or marking shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20.00) 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.

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

- a. The Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized, and as to those signs and signals required hereunder it shall be his duty, to place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained all official traffic signs, signals, markings and safety zones. All signs, signals, markings and safety zones shall conform to the standards as prescribed by the Department.
- b. Sections 2-2 and 2-3 of Article II and Sections 5-2, 5-3, 5-6 and 5-8 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 Devices**

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.

The Chief of Police 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 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 thirty (30) days.

## **Title 4**

### **ZONE OF QUIET**

The Chief of Police may temporarily establish a zone of quiet upon any street where a person is seriously ill. Said temporary zone of quiet shall embrace all territory within a radius of two hundred (200) feet of the building occupied by the sick person. Said temporary zones of quiet shall be designated by the Chief of Police by causing to be placed at a conspicuous place in the street a sign or marker bearing the words ZONE OF QUIET.

## **Title 5**

### **STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING**

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

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 Woburn in violation of any of the Traffic Rules, Orders or Regulations adopted by the Traffic Commission 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.

- a. Within an intersection except within those intersections where the installation of parking meters has been specifically approved by the Department.
- b. Upon any sidewalk.
- c. Upon any crosswalk.
- d. Upon the roadway in a rural or sparsely settled district.
- e. 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 which 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.
- f. Upon any roadway where the parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed lane at least ten (10) feet wide for passing traffic.
- g. Upon any street or highway within ten (10) feet of fire hydrant.
- h. In front of any private road or driveway.
- i. Upon any street or highway within twenty (20) feet of an intersecting way, except alleys.
- j. 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.
- k. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.
- l. 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.
- m. On a bridge and the approach thereto.
- n. Directly across the street from a driveway if the street is substandard in width for a vehicle exiting a driveway to safely and adequately exit the driveway and proceed unobstructed onto said street.
- o. Upon the streets or highways or parts thereof set forth in Schedule 1.
- p. Outside of or across an official line or mark designating a parking space, or between such lines in a maneuvering area. (added 4/22/2016)

- q. The parking spaces indicated in the parking plan prepared by the City Engineer entitled "City of Woburn, Massachusetts – Chapter 90 Roadway Improvements 2015 – Contract 4-16-IFB-008 – Main Street Repaving Project" Sheets 1 through 6 dated July 2015 and prepared by the Woburn City Engineering Department shall be the lawful parking spaces as designated on the said Plan annexed to the 2016 Woburn Traffic Code as Schedule 9.

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

No person shall park a vehicle upon any street in any service zone for a period of time longer than thirty minutes and except while actually engaged in loading or unloading.

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

- a. The Traffic 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.
- b. Diagonal parking is permitted upon certain sections of a number of streets as designated in Schedule 1. 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 All Night Parking Prohibitions**

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other than one acting in an emergency, to park said vehicle on the even side of the street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day each year during the period beginning at 12:00 midnight November 15 and ending at 12:00 midnight the following March 31.

#### **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 in Schedule 1. 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 1.

#### **SECTION 5-7.1 Parking Meter Locations and Regulations**

Parking is restricted or limited as to time, space, streets are municipal off-street parking areas on the streets and municipal off-street parking areas designated in Schedule 1. This restriction shall not apply on Sundays or on legal holidays. In accordance with the foregoing parking meter zones are hereby established in the streets, parts of streets or municipal off-street parking area listed in Schedule 1.

#### **SECTION 5-7.2 Purchasing Agent Authorized to Acquire Parking Meters**

The Purchasing Agent is hereby empowered, with the approval of the Traffic Commission to contract, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, for the acquisition and installation of parking meters provided for by this regulation and to maintain said meters in good workable condition.

**SECTION 5-7.3 Installation of Parking Meters**

The Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to install parking meters within the areas described in this regulation or cause the same to be so installed. The meters shall be placed at intervals of not less than twenty (20) feet apart except that beginning and ending spaces may be eighteen (18) feet and except where angle parking is permitted, and not less than twelve (12) inches nor more than twenty-four (24) inches from the face of the curb adjacent to individual meter spaces. Meters shall be so constructed as to display a signal showing legal parking upon the deposit therein of the proper coin or coins of the United States or upon credit card or debit card payment as indicated by instructions on said meters and for such period of time as is or shall be indicated by meter legend. Said signal shall remain in evidence until expiration of the parking period designated at which time a dropping of a signal automatically or some other mechanical operation shall indicate expiration of said parking period.

**SECTION 5-7.4 Establishment of Parking Meter Zones**

The Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to establish Parking meter spaces in such parking meter zones as are herein specified, or as may be hereafter fixed by amendment and to indicate the same by white markings upon the surface of the highway.

**SECTION 5-7.5 Parking Meter Fees**

Whenever any vehicle shall be parked adjacent to a parking meter, the owner or operator of said vehicle shall parking within the space designated by pavement marking lines and, upon entering such space, shall immediately deposit in said meter the required coin of the United States or upon credit card or debit card payment for a maximum legal parking period or proportionate period thereof, both as indicated or shown on the meter and if so required set the mechanism in motion. The fee for the maximum parking time in on-street parking meter zones and in municipal off-street parking areas shall be twenty-five (25) cents per hour.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited in a parking meter any coin for the purpose of permitting the vehicle of which he is in charge to remain in a parking space beyond the maximum period of time allowed in a particular zone.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle within a parking meter space unless such vehicle is wholly within the painted lines adjacent to such meter.

It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to open, tamper with, break, injure or destroy any parking meter or to deposit or cause to be deposited in such meter any slugs, device or metallic substance or any other substitute for the coins required.

**SECTION 5-7.6 Loading and Unloading in a Parking Meter Zone**

Operators of commercial vehicles may park in a metered space without depositing a coin for a period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes for the purposes of loading or unloading. Parking in excess of this time limit without depositing the proper coin shall be deemed a violation of the provisions of this regulation.

**SECTION 5-7.7 Collection of Meters Fees**

The Chief of Police is hereby designated as the person authorized to collect monies deposited in parking meters or to cause the same to be so collected. Such monies shall be deposited forthwith with the Treasurer in a separate account to be known as the Woburn Parking Meter Account.

**SECTION 5-7.8 Use of Parking Meter Fees**

All fees received by said Treasurer from the operation and use of parking meters shall be used as authorized by Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

**SECTION 5-7.9 Enforcement of Parking Meter Regulations**

It shall be the duty of police officers to enforce the provisions of this section.

**SECTION 5-7.10 Penalties for Parking Meter Violations**

Any person who violates any parking provisions of this regulation shall be subject to the penalties provided by Chapter 90, Section 20A $\frac{1}{2}$  of the General Laws and any other violation shall be punishable as may be provided by law.

**SECTION 5-7.11 Official Vehicles Exempt from Parking Meter Fees**

No driver, while operating any vehicle owned and bearing indication of ownership by the City of Woburn, State or Federal governments, shall be required to deposit any fee in a parking meter as provided in this section.

**SECTION 5-8 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 5-9 Bus Stops**

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

**SECTION 5-10 Taxicab Stands**

- a. No person shall park a vehicle other than a taxicab upon any street within a business district in any taxicab stand.
- b. 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 5-11 Bus Parking in Residential Zones Prohibited**

- a. No person, firm, or corporation shall park or leave standing on any street or portion thereof in an area zoned for residential use (defined as any area zoned "R-1, R-2, R-3, or R-4" by the Zoning Ordinance and accompanying Zoning Map of the City of Woburn), any school bus having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of two and one-half tons (2 ½) tons or more. The prohibition hereby imposed shall not apply to the parking or standing of such vehicle for the purpose of making pick-ups or drop-offs of students.
- b. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of Section 5-11(a) above shall be fined the amount set forth in Section 9-1 herein for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

**SECTION 5-12 Trailer or Semi-Trailer Parking Prohibitions**

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

**SECTION 5-13 All Night Commercial Vehicle Parking Prohibitions**

No person shall stand or park any commercial vehicle or trailer having a capacity of one ton or over, and no person shall allow, permit or suffer any commercial vehicle or trailer registered in his name having a capacity of one ton or over to stand or park for more than one hour between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. of any day, or at any time on Sunday, on any street, way, highway, road or parkway under the control of the city, where parking or standing a vehicle is not otherwise prohibited, provided that this regulation shall not apply during the actual loading or unloading of materials.

**SECTION 5-14 Obstruction of snow removal from streets prohibited**

- a. No person shall allow any motor vehicle or any other vehicle of any description to remain in any street or way, so that it obstructs snow removal or street clearing, from the first day of November of each succeeding year to the first day of May of the following year.
- b. During a snow emergency declared by proper authority, no person shall allow any motor vehicle or any other vehicle of any description to remain in any street or way.

**SECTION 5-15 Improper Display of Handicapped Parking Placard**

A handicapped parking placard shall be properly displayed in a vehicle so as to be readily visible through the windshield of the vehicle and in compliance with M.G.L. Ch. 90, §2. (added 8/31/2016)

## **Title 6**

### **ONE-WAY STREETS**

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

The streets or portions thereof designated in Schedule 2 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 2.

#### **SECTION 6-2 Rotary Traffic**

Within the area established as a rotary, vehicular traffic shall move only in a rotary counter-clockwise direction except when otherwise directed by an officer.

## **Title 7**

### **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 safe operation of any vehicle ahead.

##### **SECTION 7-2 Driver to Give Way to Overtaking Vehicle**

One 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**

- a. No person shall drive in such a manner as to obstruct unnecessarily the normal movement of traffic on any street or highway. Officers are hereby authorized to require any driver who fails to comply with this section to drive to the side of the roadway and wait until such traffic as has been delayed has passed.
- b. No driver shall enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk and on the right half of the roadway to operate 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 street car 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 or law.

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

Prohibited and mandatory turning movements are designated in Schedule 2.

### **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 7-18(b) of these regulations. Traffic control signals under the jurisdiction of the City of Woburn are designated in Schedule 6.

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. Vehicular traffic facing a CIRCULAR GREEN signal indication is permitted to proceed straight through or turn right or left or make a U-Turn unless such movement is modified by lane use signs, lane markings, roadway design, separate turn signal indications or other traffic control devices. Vehicular traffic turning right or left or making a U-Turn 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. Vehicular traffic facing a GREEN ARROW signal indication displayed alone or in combination with another signal indication, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such other movements as is permitted by other indications displayed 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. Vehicular traffic facing a steady CIRCULAR YELLOW OR YELLOW ARROW signal is 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. Vehicular traffic facing a steady CIRCULAR RED 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 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.
  - c. Vehicular traffic facing a steady RED ARROW indication may not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by such arrow, and unless entering the intersection to make such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same time, 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 make the movement indicated by such arrow is shown.
4. Flashing signal indication shall have the following meanings:
  - a. FLASHING RED (stop signal) - When a red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, driver 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 has 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:
    - a. (a) Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk, and
    - b. (b) 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 the streets as designated in Schedule 2.

**SECTION 7-11 Stop Signs, Yield Signs, Through Ways For Stop Signs**

The streets listed in Schedule 3 of these regulations are hereby declared to constitute stop streets or flashing red signal intersections as the case may be.

**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 town, 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**

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

- b. 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.
- c. At an intersection where a lawful Stop sign exists, the driver of 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**

1. The use and operation of heavy commercial vehicles having a carrying capacity of more than 2½ tons, are hereby restricted on the streets or parts thereof designated in Schedule 4 and in the manner outlined and during the period of time set forth.
2. Exemptions - Part 1 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 Regulation of Speed**

In accordance with General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 17, 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 pursuant to a special speed regulation designated in Schedule 5, it shall be prima facie evidence of a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper as aforesaid (1) if a motor vehicle is operated on a divided highway outside a thickly settled or business district at a rate of speed exceeding fifty miles per hour for a distance of a quarter of a mile, or (2) 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 a quarter of a mile, or (3) inside a thickly settled or business district at a rate of speed exceeding thirty miles per hour for a distance of one-eighth of a mile, or (4) within a school zone established as provided in General Laws, Chapter 85, Section 2 and designated in Schedule 8 at a rate of speed exceeding twenty miles per hour.

As defined in General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 1, "thickly settled or business district", shall mean the territory contiguous to any way which is built up with structures devoted to business, or the territory contiguous to any way where the dwelling houses are situated at such distances as will average less than two hundred feet between them for a distance of a quarter of a mile or over.

**SECTION 7-22 Parades and Processions**

No funeral, procession or parade containing two hundred (200) or more persons or fifty (50) or more vehicles, excepting the forces of the United States Army, Navy, Marines or Air Force, the military forces of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the forces of the police and fire departments shall occupy, march or proceed along any way except in accordance with a permit issued by the Chief of Police and such of regulations as are set forth herein which may apply.

## **Title 8**

### **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.

# Title 9 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 20A 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 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 herein, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each offense.

Fines for the following offenses shall be as follows:

Meter violations .....	\$ 10.00
Parking in taxi stand .....	\$ 10.00
Parking in bus stop .....	\$ 10.00
Parking in a service zone .....	\$ 15.00
Parking over time allowed .....	\$ 15.00
Parking on roadway in rural area .....	\$ 15.00
Parking over one foot from curb .....	\$ 15.00
Parking within 20 feet of intersection .....	\$ 15.00
Parking in front of private driveway on road .....	\$ 15.00
Parking with less than 10 feet unobstructed lane .....	\$ 15.00
Parking within intersection .....	\$ 15.00
Parking trailer or semi-trailer on street .....	\$ 15.00
All night parking of commercial vehicles .....	\$ 15.00
Parking outside parking space line or in maneuvering area .....	\$ 15.00
Overnight parking .....	\$ 20.00
Parking in restricted area .....	\$ 20.00
Parking with vehicle facing wrong direction .....	\$ 20.00
Double parking .....	\$ 20.00
Parking within 10 feet from hydrant .....	\$ 20.00
Parking within 15 feet from fire station .....	\$ 20.00
Parking in a tow zone .....	\$ 20.00
Parking in a fire lane .....	\$ 25.00
Parking upon a sidewalk .....	\$ 25.00
Parking upon a crosswalk .....	\$ 25.00
Improper display of handicapped parking placard .....	\$ 25.00

Parked vehicle Interfering with snow removal .....	\$ 50.00
Parked in roadway for 72 hours (abandonment) .....	\$ 50.00
Bus parking in residential zone .....	\$100.00
Handicapped zone without a placard .....	\$300.00

(amended 4/22/2016; amended 8/31/2016)

**SECTION 9-2 Repeal**

These regulations 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 regulation or any part of a regulation is made dependent upon another regulation 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 and necessary to the enforcement of these regulations shall be deemed to have been lawfully erected or installed hereunder provided the same are erected or installed with the permission and approval of the Department, if required, 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, ordinances and regulations made by the Woburn Traffic Commission or Woburn City Council 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, orders, ordinances or regulations hereby repealed, nor shall said repeal be effective unless and until these 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 regulations and orders is for any reason unconstitutional, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of these regulations and orders. The Traffic 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 of more sections, subsection, sentence, clauses or phrases be 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.

## **Title 10**

### **Schedules and Appendices**

The following schedules and appendices are part of the Traffic Regulations of the City of Woburn and incorporated herein by reference:

Schedule 1 - Parking Restrictions

Schedule 2 – Turning and Movement Restrictions

Schedule 3 – Stop Signs

Schedule 4 – No Heavy Trucking

Schedule 5 – Special Speed Limits

Schedule 6 – Traffic Control Ordinances

Schedule 7 – Tow Zones

Schedule 8 – School Zones

Schedule 9 – Downtown Parking Plan