

**CHAPTER 155
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GENERAL REFERENCES

- Dogs - See Ch. 90
- Hackney carriages - See Ch. 108
- Job and express wagons - See Ch. 116
- Memorials - See Ch.125.
- Peace and good order - See Ch. 135.
- Sewers - See Ch. 149
- Vehicles and traffic - See Ch. 205.
- Subdivision regulations - See Ch. 230

S155-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

VEHICLE - Includes every description of carriage or other artificial contrivance used or capable of being used as a means of transportation, except as otherwise

provided herein or by law.

S155-2. Compliance with police orders required.

No person having charge of a vehicle in any street shall neglect or refuse to stop the same or to place the same when stopped, as directed by a police officer.

S155-3. Obstructions prohibited.

No person having under his care of control any vehicle shall permit the same or the animal or animals attached thereto, if any, to stand on or across any public highway, street, public beach or sidewalk in such manner as to obstruct the same for an unnecessary length of time. No person shall stop with any vehicle in any public streets or near another vehicle if it obstructs public travel and no person shall stop with any vehicle upon or across any crossing in any street or highway in the town.

S155-4. Tying animals to street trees.

No person shall tie a horse or any other animal to any shade tree bordering on the public highway or owned by the town.

S155-5. Driving through funeral procession.

No person, except drivers of ambulances, patrol wagons or members of the Fire Department responding to an alarm or a physician responding to an emergency call, shall ride a horse or drive a vehicle through a funeral procession.

S155-6. Manner of making left turns.

A person driving or controlling a vehicle, in turning to the left into another street, shall pass to the right of and beyond the center of the intersecting street before turning.

S155-7. Encroachments prohibited.

No person shall erect, set up or maintain any fence, portico, platform or door stop extending into or on any sidewalk, street or highway.

S155-8. Signs

No person shall establish or maintain over any sidewalk, street or highway any sign, sign board or advertising device without a permit from the Selectmen; and no person shall affix such sign or device to any tree, tree guard, post, board or other object within the limits of such sidewalk, street or highway owned by the town without obtaining a permit therefor from said Selectmen, which permit may be revoked at any time.

S155-9. Awnings.

No person shall establish or maintain any shade or awning over any part of a sidewalk or highway unless the same be secured and safely supported and unless the lowest part thereof be not less than seven (7) feet above said sidewalk, street or highway.

S155-10. Deposits on streets; violations and penalties.

- A. No person other than a town agent shall place or cause to be placed on any public sidewalk, street, highway or beach or upon any of the common lands of the town any manure, gravel, dirt, ashes, lumber, wood, buildings, carriages, boxes, barrels, stones, coal or any rubbish or other things.
2. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.) for each offense.

S155-11. Permits required for tearing up street or sidewalk; violations and penalties.

- A. No person shall break or dig up any sidewalk, street or highway or place thereon any staging or other temporary structure or move any building in or along the same without a written permit from the Board of Selectmen. Any permit issued hereunder shall be in force for such time only as the Board may specify and shall be subject to such conditions as it may prescribe, and in every case shall be upon condition that during the whole or every night from sunset to sunrise lighted lanterns and proper barriers shall be so placed as to secure travelers from danger.
- B. A person having such a permit shall restore the sidewalk, street or highway to its original condition or to a condition satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen. Said Selectmen shall have the right to revoke said permit at any time and may require a bond, either before the work is commenced or during its progress to ensure its proper performance.
3. Any person violating this section shall be liable for a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.) For each offense. **(Added 10-1-85 STM, Art. 14)**

S155-12. Water running across curbs or sidewalks.

No person shall knowingly suffer or permit any water or other liquid substance to run or be discharged from any building owned by him or under his control on to or across any curbing or finished sidewalk, except that any person may wash, with water from hose or pipe, windows or other parts of the building on private property without danger to public safety.

S155-13. Coasting and sledding.

No person shall coast by sled, skateboard or other similar device upon or across any sidewalk, street or highway, except at such times or such places as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

S155-14. Poles.

All petitions from persons or corporations for permission to erect poles in the public ways shall state therein an accurate description of the location prayed for and be accompanied by proper plans defining the same, together with the location of all buildings adjacent to the highway, all poles then standing on the way with the ownership thereof, and all shade trees and hydrants, all within a space of three hundred (300) feet of the location desired in either direction of said way.

S155-15. Flora obstructing use of street or sidewalk.

No person shall permit a tree, branch thereof, hedge, bush or shrubbery growing on his land to extend over or overhang any street, sidewalk or highway so as to interfere with the free and full use of such street, sidewalk or highway.

S155-16. Construction of private streets or sidewalks.

No person shall build or construct a private sidewalk or a public or private way without a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen.

S155-17. Street and sidewalk lines and grades.

The Selectmen may supply any property owner of the Town of Hull or the officer or agent of any such property owner, with the lines and grades for sidewalks, and street upon the first laying out, acceptance or relocation of the same. After such time, however, there shall be charged for such data a fee to be fixed and regulated by the Selectmen and said fee so called shall be turned over to the Town Treasurer.

S155-18. Slippery substances.

No person shall throw or place upon any sidewalk or street crossing any banana skin or orange skin or other slippery substance.

S155-19. Snowplowing; impoundment.

To authorize the Superintendent of Streets or other officer having charge of ways, for the purpose of removing or plowing snow or removing ice from any way, to remove or cause to be removed to some convenient place, including in such term a public

garage any vehicle interfering with such work, only after due notice given at the residence at which the vehicle is parked, and for imposing liability for the cost of such removal, not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.) And of the storage of such vehicle, if any, resulting therefrom, upon the owner of such vehicle.

S155-20. Parking restrictions.

- A. No person shall park or otherwise leave a vehicle unattended on the street in front of a dwelling house in the residential area of the town, except by the occupants thereof or their guests, provided that notice of said prohibition is given by the use of official regulation traffic signs erected by authority of the police Department.
2. No person shall park or otherwise leave a vehicle unattended within the limits of a private way so as to impede or obstruct the means of access for fire apparatus to any part of a tenement house as defined by MGL C. 145, s 2.

S155-21. Flashing lights discontinued, unauthorized traffic signs, signals, marking or devices.

1. The Traffic Commissioners after a public hearing, may order the discontinuance of flashing lights on any billboard, sign or other advertising device, which in its opinion is so situated as to hinder the proper operation of a motor vehicle by distracting the operator's attention. Whoever fails to comply with said order shall be punished by a fine of fifty (\$50) dollars for each day the order is not complied with. The provisions of this section shall not be construed so as to prohibit the display of time, weather or other such information. Noting in this section shall be construed to limit the powers granted to the Outdoor Advertising Board of the town under the provisions of section 29 of Chapter 93 of the Massachusetts General Laws.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or maintain or to display upon or in view of any street any unofficial traffic sign, signal, marking or device of which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic sign, signal, marking or device which attempts to direct the movement of traffic or which hides from view any official sign, signal, marking or device of which interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic sign, signal, marking or device. The Police Department is hereby empowered to remove every such prohibited sign, signal, marking or device and may cause it to be removed without notice.

3. Sub-sections A and B of this new section of Chapter 155 may also be enforced by non-criminal disposition or by civil action, without limiting any other method of enforcement.

S155-22. Designated parking spaces - disabled veterans - handicapped persons

1. Any person or body that has lawful control of a public or private way or of improved or enclosed property used as off-street parking areas for businesses, shopping malls, theaters, auditoriums, sporting or recreational facilities, cultural centers, residential dwellings, or for any other place where the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees shall reserve parking spaces in said off-street parking areas for any vehicle owned and operated by a disabled veteran or handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinguishing license plate authorized by said section two of said chapter ninety or for any vehicle transporting a handicapped person and displaying the special identification plate authorized by section two of chapter ninety or for any vehicle bearing the official identification of a handicapped person issued by any other state or any Canadian Province, (sic) according to the following formula:

If the number of parking spaces in any such area is more than fifteen but not more than twenty-five, one parking space; more than twenty-five but not more than forty, five percent of such spaces but not less than two; more than forty but not more than one hundred, four percent of such spaces but not less than three; more than one hundred but not more than two hundred, three percent of such spaces but not less than four; more than two hundred but not more than five hundred, two percent of such spaces but not less than six; more than five hundred but not more than one thousand one and one-half percent of such spaces but not less than ten, more than one thousand but not more than two thousand, one percent of such spaces but not less than fifteen; more than two thousand but not more than five thousand, three-fourths of one percent of such spaces but not less than twenty; and more than five thousand, one-half of one percent of such spaces but not less than thirty.

2. Parking spaces designated as reserved under the provisions of paragraph A shall be identified by the use of above grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words - handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized Vehicles May be Removed at Owner's Expense; shall be as near as

possible to a building entrance or walkway shall be adjacent to curb ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a handicapped person; and shall be twelve feet wide or two eight-foot wide areas with four feet of cross hatch between them.

3. Any person or body violating the provisions of this article shall be liable to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars for each offense.

S155-23. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no other penalty is provided shall be liable to a maximum fine of twenty dollars (\$20.).