

# Town of Hingham

## Traffic Rules and Orders

*Adopted by the Board of Selectmen May 31, 1939*



The following Rules and Orders regulating traffic upon the streets and highways of the Town of Hingham are hereby enacted by the Selectmen, of the Town of Hingham, acting under the authority conferred by Section 22, Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

## **ARTICLE I**

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

[a] "Street or Highway." The entire width between property lines of every way open to the use of the public for purposes of travel.

[b] "Roadway." That portion of a street or highway' between the regularly established curb line of that part, exclusive of shoulders, improved and intended to be used for vehicular traffic.

[c] "Lane." A longitudinal division of a roadway into a strip of sufficient width to accommodate the passage of a single line of vehicles.

[d] "Vehicle." Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

[e] "Emergency Vehicle." Vehicles of the Fire Department [Fire Patrol], 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 departments.

[f] "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.

[g] "Pedestrian." Any person afoot or riding on a conveyance moved by human power, except bicycles or tricycles.

[h] "Sidewalk." That portion of a street or highway set aside for pedestrian travel.

[i] "Crosswalk." 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 markings or signs.

[j] "Railroad Crossing." Any intersection of ways with a railroad right-of-way.

[k] "Traffic Control Area." Any area along any way, other than an intersecting way, at which drivers are to be controlled by traffic control signals.

[l] "Traffic Island." Any area or space set aside, within a roadway, which is not intended for use by vehicular traffic.

[m] "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 of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

[n] "Traffic", Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles or other conveyances either single or together while using any street or highway for the purpose of travel.

[o] "Official Traffic Signs." 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 of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning, or regulating traffic.

[p] "Official Traffic Signals." All signals, conforming to the standards as prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 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.

[q] "Traffic Control Signal." Any device using colored lights which conforms to the standards as prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic may be alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

[r] "Officer." For the purpose of this ordinance an officer shall be construed to mean any officer, any investigator, examiner or inspector of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, any constable or special officer, provided he has his badge of office displayed over his left breast and upon his outer garment.

[s] "Bus Stop." An area in the roadway set aside for the boarding of or alighting from and the parking of busses.

[t] "Taxicab Stands." An area in the roadway in which certain taxicabs are required to park while waiting to be engaged.

[u] "Service Zone." An area in the roadway set aside for the accommodation of commercial and transient vehicular traffic.

[v] "Funeral." Any procession of mourners, properly identified as such accompanying the remains of a human body.

[w] "Official Curb Marking." That portion of a curbing, the painting of which has been authorized by the Board of Selectmen and which has the written approval of the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

[x] "Official Street Marking." 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 Board of Selectmen and which has written approval of the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

[y] "Intersection." The space at the crossing of ways common to both of them, or the space in a way between the extended lines of the curbs or the exterior lines, if there are no curbs of another way which meets but does not cross it.

[z] "U-Turn." The turning of a vehicle by means of a continuous left turn whereby the direction of such vehicle is reversed.

## **ARTICLE II**

### Authority and Duties of Police.

#### *Section 1.*

##### **Officers to Direct Traffic.**

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 signals 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 or members of the Fire Department may direct traffic, as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of these rules and orders.

#### *Section 2.*

##### **Police May Close Streets 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 provided there is reasonable justification for the closing of such street.

*Section 3.*

**Police May Prohibit Parking 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 provided there is reasonable justification for such prohibition. Vehicles parked in places where parking is prohibited temporarily may be moved by or under the direction of an officer.

*Section 4.*

**Obedience to Officers.**

No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of an officer as defined in Article I, relating to the direction, control or regulation of traffic. Any person acting in conformity with any such order or direction shall be relieved from the observance of any provision of these rules with which it conflicts.

*Section 5.*

**Exemptions.**

The provisions of these rules and orders shall not apply to operators 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 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 1.*

**Traffic Signs and Signals.**

[a] The Chief of Police 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 or 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 of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

[b] Sections 2 and 3 of Article 11, Sections 2 to 8 inclusive of Article V relating to parking, and Section 11 of Article VIII relating to turning, shall be effective only during such time as a sufficient number of 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 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 feet {75} to drivers approaching such an exit.

*Section 2.*

**Display of unauthorized Signs, Signals and Markings, Prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to place or maintain or to display upon or in view of any street any unofficial sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic sign, signal, marking or device or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic or which hides from view any official sign or signal. 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.*

**Interference with Signs, Signals and Markings Prohibited.**

Any person who willfully defaces, injures, moves, obstructs or interferes with any official traffic sign, signal or marking shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty [20] dollars for each and every offence.

*Section 4.*

**Location of Bus Stops, Taxi-cab Stands and Service- Zones.**

The location of all bus stops, taxicab stands and service zones shall be specified by the Board of Selectmen and in the case of taxicab stands the Board of Selectmen shall designate who may use them as such.

*Section 5.*

**Obedience to Traffic Signs and Signals.**

No driver of any vehicle shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic control signal, sign, marking, marker or legend, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

## **ARTICLE IV.**

Coasters, Zones of Quiet

*Section 1.*

**Streets Reserved for Coasting.**

[a] On those days when conditions are suitable for coasting, vehicular traffic is hereby prohibited from using streets or parts of street designated by the Selectmen, during such time as official signs are erected indicating that such streets or parts of streets are reserved for coasting.

[b] The foregoing provision shall not apply to drivers of vehicles having business within such reserved areas or to drivers of vehicles whose residences are within such reserved areas.

*Section 2.*

**Zones of Quiet.**

[a] All of the territory within two hundred feet of the premises of each hospital in this town is hereby created and established as a Zone of Quiet. The Chief of Police 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.

[b] 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 placing at a conspicuous place in the street a sign or marker bearing the words "Sickness Zone Quiet".

[c] 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.

**ARTICLE V.**

**Parking, Standing, Stopping**

*Section 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 Town of Hingham in violation of any of the Traffic Rules or Orders adopted by the Board of Selectmen, 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. Vehicles found violating any of the provisions of this Section may be moved by or under the direction of an officer and at the expense of the owner to a place where parking is allowed.

[a] Within an intersection.

[b] Upon any sidewalk.

[c] Upon any crosswalk.

[d] Upon the roadway in 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 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 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 fifteen [15] feet of a fire hydrant.

[h] Upon or in front of any private road or driveway.

[i] Upon any street or highway within twenty [20] feet of an intersecting way, except alleys.

### *Section 2.*

#### **Prohibited on Certain Streets.**

Upon the following streets or highways or parts thereof parking is hereby prohibited:

[a] At any time Lincoln Street: Northeasterly side, from the northwesterly line of the property numbered thirteen to the northwesterly line of the property numbered thirty-three.

Lincoln Street: Southwesterly side, from the southeasterly line of the property numbered twenty to the northwesterly line of the property numbered thirty-four.

Downer Avenue: Southeasterly side, from the southwesterly line of property numbered one hundred and eighty-one to the northeasterly line of the property numbered one hundred and ninety-three.

Downer Avenue: Southeasterly side, from the southwesterly line of the property numbered two hundred and eleven to a point one hundred feet southwesterly therefrom.

Downer Avenue: Northwesterly side, from the southwesterly line of the property numbered one hundred and ninety-two to Marion Street.

Main Street: Northeasterly side, from South Street to steps in front of Derby Lower School.

South Street: Southeasterly side, from Main Street to North Street.

North Street: Northwesterly side, from Fearing Road to the northeasterly line of property numbered ninety-nine.

North Street: Northwesterly side, from the northeasterly line of the property numbered eighty-five to Cottage Street.

North Street: Northerly side, from front entrance to St. Paul's Rectory to Lincoln Street.

Central Street: Easterly side, from South Street to Elm Street.

East Street: Northerly side, from the westerly line of the property numbered three hundred and eighty-six to the easterly line of the Property numbered four hundred and twelve.

Parker Driveway: Either side, entire length.

Marion Street: Northerly side, from Downer Avenue to westerly line of property numbered five.

North Street: Southeasterly side, from property numbered one hundred and two to South Street.

Elm Street: Southeasterly side, from Main Street to Central Street.

[b] Weekdays--8 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Main Street: Southwesterly side, front of property numbered forty-seven to fifty-five inclusive.

**\*amendment June 22, 1993** upon the following streets or highways or parts thereof parking is hereby prohibited: Union Street, westerly side from Pleasant Street, in a Southerly direction, for a distance of one thousand seven hundred and forty feet.

**\*amendment August 19, 2008** parking on any public property not designated as a parking space under areas controlled and subject to the Town of Hingham Traffic Rules and Orders is prohibited.

**\*amendment January 22, 2009** upon the following streets or highways or parts thereof parking is hereby prohibited. Gardner Street: on both sides of the street from the intersection of Whiting Street in a northerly direction for a distance of four hundred forty six feet.

### *Section 3.*

#### **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 4.*

**Bus Stops.**

[a] No person shall 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.*

**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 except while engaged, or while waiting for an opportunity to use a taxicab stand designated for his use.

*Section 6.*

**Service Zones.**

No person shall park a vehicle upon any street in any service zone for a period of time longer than fifteen [15] minutes except while actually engaged in loading or unloading, provided that such loading or unloading does not exceed a period of time longer than one half [1/2] hour.

*Section 7.*

**Time Limited in Designated Places.**

No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the period designated between the hours of 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. of any day except Sundays and public holidays in the following described streets or parts thereof, said parking to be parallel with curb or edge of roadway, with right wheels not more than twelve [12] inches therefrom.

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Broad Bridge:                   | Either side—not over thirty minutes.  |
| Thaxter’s Bridge:               | Either side—not over thirty minutes.  |
| Main Street:                    | Southwesterly side, from property numbered fifty-seven to Elm Street—not over three hours.  |
| Main Street:<br>Lower<br>Parish | Northeasterly side, from the steps in front of Derby School to the southeasterly driveway of the First Church—not over three hours. |
| South Street:                   | Northwesterly side, from Main Street to North Street—not over thirty minutes.   |
| South Street:                   | Northwesterly side, from Broad Bridge to a point one hundred feet southwest of Thaxter’s Bridge—not over thirty minutes.            |

- South Street: Southeasterly side, from northeasterly line of property numbered fifty-eight to Central Street—not over thirty minutes.
- South Street: Southeasterly side, Central Street to Lafayette Avenue—not over one hour.
- Fearing Road: Southwesterly side, North Street to northwesterly line of property numbered sixteen—not over three hours.
- North Street: Southeasterly side, from southwesterly line of property numbered one hundred and sixteen to northeasterly line of property numbered one hundred and two—not over thirty minutes.
- North Street: Southeasterly side, from South Street to Mill Street—not over three hours.
- North Street: Southwesterly side, from Thaxter’s Bridge to northwesterly line of property numbered one hundred and eighty-four—not over one hour.
- North Street: Northwesterly side, from northeasterly line of property numbers eighty-five—not over one hour.
- Elm Street: Northwesterly side, Main Street to Central Street—not over three hours.
- Central Street: Westerly side, from South Street to Elm Street—not over three hours.
- North Street: Northerly side, from Fearing Road to the front walk into the St. Paul’s Rectory—not over one hour.
- North Street: Northerly side, from the junction of Lincoln Street a distance of one hundred and fifty feet westerly therefrom—not over three hours.
- Lincoln Street: Southwesterly side from the junction of North Street a distance of two hundred and sixty-five feet northwesterly therefrom—not over three hours.
- Lincoln Street: Northeasterly side from New North Church to northwesterly line of property numbered thirteen—not over three hours.

**\*amendment April 22, 2008** Merchants Parking Lot- Parking will be limited to three hours with an exemption by parking sticker for merchants/employees of businesses on geographic location but not including the North side of North Street.

**\*amendment August, 5 2008.** Adjacent lot to town boat ramp recreational parking two hour commercial limit (subject to \$25.00 fine)

*All angle parking—see Section 8.*

*Section 8.*

**Angle Parking.**

[a] The Board of Selectmen shall determine upon what streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark or sign such streets or cause the same to be marked or signed.

[b] Upon the following streets or parts of streets which have been marked or signed for angle parking, vehicles shall be parked with one wheel within twelve [12] inches of the curb and at the angle to the curb indicated by such marks or official signs. The vehicle shall be parked so that all four wheels of the vehicle shall be placed wholly within the painted lines provided.

Main Street:	Southwesterly side, South Street to southeasterly line of property numbered thirty-nine—not over thirty minutes.
South Street:	Southeasterly side, Main Street to southwesterly line of property numbered fifty-six—not over thirty minutes.
North Street:	Southeasterly side, Broad Bridge to northeasterly line of property number one hundred and eighteen—not over thirty minutes.

*Section 9.*

**Parking Vehicles for Sale Prohibited.**

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

*Section 10.*

**No All Night Parking.**

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other than one acting in an emergency, to park said vehicle on any street for a period of time longer than one [1] hour between the hours of 1A.M. and 6A.M. of any day.

*Section 11.*

Any vehicle found parked in violation of any of the provisions of this article may be moved by or under the direction of an officer and at the expense of the owner to a place where parking is allowed.

**ARTICLE VI.**  
**Advertising Signs.**

*Section 1.*

**Using Vehicle for Sole Purpose of Displaying Advertising Prohibited.**

No person shall operate or park a vehicle on any street or highway for the sole purpose of displaying advertising signs.

## **ARTICLE VII.** **One-Way Streets.**

### *Section 1.*

#### **One-way Streets.**

Upon the following streets or parts of streets vehicular traffic shall move only in the direction indicated below:

Parker Driveway: from Malcolm Street to Howe Street

**\*amendment April 20, 2010** upon the following streets or parts of streets vehicular traffic shall move only in the direction indicated below:

Fort Hill Street: New Bridge Street traffic island at Fort Hill Street, the south lane is restricted to one-way travel, in the northeast direction off Fort Hill Street onto New Bridge Street.

## **ARTICLE VIII.** **Operation of Vehicles.**

### *Section 1.*

#### **Drive within Marked Lanes.**

When any roadway has been divided into lanes, a driver of a vehicle shall drive so as to be entirely within a single lane and shall not move from the lane in which he is driving until he has first ascertained if such movement can be made with safety.

### *Section 2.*

#### **Use Right Lane.**

Upon all roadways the driver of a vehicle shall drive in the lane nearest the right side of the roadway when said lane is available for travel except when overtaking another vehicle or when preparing for a left turn.

### *Section 3.*

#### **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 passing to be completed without impeding the safe operation of any vehicle ahead.

### *Section 4.*

#### **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 audible 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 5.*

**Obstructing Traffic.**

[a] 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.

[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 accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

*Section 6.*

**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.*

**Clinging to Moving Vehicles.**

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

*Section 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 highway extending across alleyway or driveway.

*Section 9.*

**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 with safety. If the operation of another vehicle should be affected, by a stopping or turning movement, the driver of such vehicle shall be given a plainly visible signal, as required by the following section.

*Section 10.*

**Stopping and Turning Signals.**

[a] Any signal herein required shall be given sufficient time in advance of the movement indicated to give ample warning to any person who may be affected by said movement, and shall be given either by means of the hand and arm in the manner specified, or by a suitable mechanical or electrical device, except that when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent the hand and arm signal from being made or from being visible both to the front and rear, the signal shall be given by a suitable device.

[b] Hand and arm signals, as required herein, shall be made as follows:

1. An intention to stop shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle.
2. An intention to turn to the left shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle, and by pointing to the left with the index finger.
3. An intention to turn to the right shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle and by moving the hand in a circle.

*Section 11.*

**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 following streets or parts thereof:

Broad Bridge and Main Street: Between North Street and Water Street.

South Street: Between Lafayette Avenue and North Street.

North Street: Between Lincoln Street and Cottage Street.

Thaxter's Bridge: Between North Street and South Street.

*Section 12.*

**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 meaning, and every driver of a vehicle 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 18 [b] of this Article. 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.

[a] GREEN: While the green lens is illuminated, drivers facing the signal may proceed through the intersection, but shall yield the right of way to pedestrians and vehicles lawfully within a crosswalk or the intersection at the time such signal was exhibited. Drivers of vehicles making a right or left

turn shall yield the right of way to pedestrians crossing with the flow of traffic.

[b] RIGHT, LEFT AND VERTICAL GREEN ARROWS: When a right green arrow is illuminated, driver's facing said signal may turn right. When a left green arrow is illuminated, driver's facing said signal may turn left. When a vertical green arrow is illuminated, drivers facing said signal may go straight ahead. When a green arrow is exhibited together with a red or yellow lens, drivers may enter the intersection to make the movement permitted by the arrow, but shall yield the right of way to vehicles and pedestrians proceeding from another direction on a green indication.

[c] YELLOW: While the yellow lens is illuminated, waiting drivers shall not proceed and any driver approaching the intersection or a marked stop line, shall stop at such point unless so close to the intersection that a stop cannot be made in safety, provided, however, that if a green arrow is illuminated at the same time, drivers may enter the intersection to make the movement permitted by such arrow.

[d] RED: While the red lens is illuminated, drivers facing the signal shall stop outside of the intersection, or at such point as may be clearly marked by a sign or line, provided, however, that if a green arrow is illuminated at the same time, drivers may enter the intersection to make the movement permitted by such arrow.

[e] RED AND YELLOW: While the red and yellow lenses are illuminated together, drivers shall not enter the intersection and during such time the intersection shall be reserved for the exclusive use of pedestrians.

[f] FLASHING RED: A flashing red lens shall indicate those intersections at which a driver is required by law to stop before entering.

[g] FLASHING YELLOW: A flashing yellow lens shall indicate the presence of a hazard and drivers may proceed only with caution.

[h] FLASHING GREEN: A flashing green lens shall indicate an intersection or pedestrian crosswalk in use or subject to use by entering or crossing traffic. Drivers may proceed only with caution and shall be prepared to comply with a change in the signal to a red or red and yellow indication.

### *Section 13*

#### **Obedience to Isolated Stop Signs.**

Every driver of a vehicle or other conveyance, approaching an intersection of ways where there exists facing him an official sign, bearing the word "stop"

and authorized by this section, said sign having apart from this regulation, the written approval of the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and such approval being in effect, shall before proceeding through the intersection, bring such vehicle or other conveyance to a complete stop at such point as may be clearly marked by a sign or line, or if a point is not so marked, then at a place between the said "stop" sign and the nearer line of the street intersection. In the case of a line or two or more vehicles approaching such "stop" sign, the drivers of the second and third vehicles in line in any group shall not be required to stop more than once before proceeding through the intersection. This section shall not apply when the traffic is otherwise directed by an officer or by a lawful traffic regulating sign, signal or device, except as provided in Section 18 [c].

In accordance with the forgoing the erection and maintenance of an official "stop" sign or signs are authorized so as to face:

South bound drivers on Fearing Road at North Street.

North bound drivers on Gould's Bridge at North Street.

East bound drivers on High Street at Main Street.

West bound drivers on Free Street at Main Street.

South bound drivers on Thaxter Street at North Street.

East bound drivers on Cedar Street at Main Street.

East bound drivers on Friend Street at Main Street.

East bound drivers on Elm Street at Central Street.

North bound drivers on Hersey Street at South Street.

North bound drivers on Middle Street at Short Street.

East bound drivers on South Street at Central Street.

West bound drivers on South Street at Central Street.

East bound drivers on Canterbury Street at Hull Street.

#### *Section 14*

##### **Operation at Intersections with Islands.**

At any intersection of ways in which there are traffic island, drivers of vehicles shall proceed only as indicated by official signs, signals or markings.

#### *Section 15*

##### **Driving on Road Surfaces Under Construction or Repair.**

No operator shall enter upon the road surface of any street or highway or section thereof, when, by reasons of construction, surface treatment, maintenance or the like, or because of some unprotected hazard, such road surface is closed to travel, and one or more signs, lights or signals have been erected to indicate that all or part of the 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 employee of the town, either audibly or by signals.

*Section 16*

**No driving on Sidewalks.**

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

*Section 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 pennants bearing a purple cross attached to both the first and the last vehicles.

*Section 18*

**Rights and Duties of Drivers in Funeral 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 is 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 or red and yellow indication.

[c] At an intersection where a lawful stop sign exists, the driver of a first vehicle in a funeral or other procession shall be the only one required to stop before proceeding through the intersection.

*Section 19*

**Dropping or Leaking Loads.**

No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street or highway nor shall any owner of any vehicle knowingly permit such vehicle to be driven or moved on any street or highway unless such vehicle is so constructed or so loaded as to prevent its contents from spilling, dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom. Vehicles loaded with any material which may be blown about by the wind shall be suitably covered to prevent the contents from being blown upon the street or highways.

*Section 20*

**Pedestrians Soliciting Rides.**

No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the operator of any private vehicle.

*Section 21.*

**Left Turn Prohibited**

No driver going Westerly at the intersection of Water Street and Summer Street shall make a left turn at Summer Street.

**\*amendment April 22, 2010 Keep Right:** New Bridge Street, drivers traveling westbound on New Bridge Street must keep to the right of the island.

**Do Not Enter:** New Bridge Street, westbound at Fort Hill Street **Yield:** Fort Hill Street at the intersection of New Bridge Street in the northeast direction.

*Section 22.*

**Exclusion of Heavy Vehicles.**

Heavy commercial vehicles are excluded on Abington Street from the Rockland town line to the Weymouth town line.

## **ARTICLE IX.**

### **Accident Reports, Responsibility, Penalties and Repeals.**

*Section 1.*

**Drivers Must Report Accidents.**

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury or death of any person or property damage to an apparent total extent of twenty five [\$25] dollars or more shall within twenty-four hours make a full and complete report in writing of such accident to the police headquarters in this town. A driver who has been incapacitated as a result of such accident and to such extent as to make reporting impossible or unfavorable to his recovery, shall not be required to report such accident until he has recovered sufficiently to be able to do so. The report shall be made on a form furnished by the police department, copies of which shall be available at the police station. Compliance with this section, however, shall not relieve such driver from the additional responsibility of reporting to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles any accident in which a person killed or injured.

*Section 2.*

**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 orders and the identity of the driver cannot be determined, the owner or the person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held prima facie responsible for such violations.

*Section 3.*

**Penalties.**

Any person violating any provision 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 Chapter 176 of the Legislative Acts of 1935, amending Section 20A of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, 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 Chapter 85, Section 2 of the General Laws, 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 \$20 [twenty dollars] for each offence.

*Section 4.*

**Repeal.**

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

The provisions of these rules so far as they are the same in effect as those of any existing rules, orders or regulations heretofore made by the Selectman of Hingham relative to or in connection with official signs, lights, markings, signal systems or devices shall be construed as a continuation thereof, but all other existing rules, orders and regulations so made 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 an offense committed under any of the said rules, orders or regulations hereby by repealed.

*Section 5.*

**Effect of Regulations.**

If any section, sub-section, sentence clause or phrase of these rules and orders is for any reason unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of these rules and orders. The Board of Selectmen hereby declares that it would have passed these 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.

Hingham, May 31, 1939

William L. Foster, George A. Cole, George Fletcher Wason  
Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hingham.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Department of Public Works—State House, Boston Permit No. 1236 July 5, 1939

**Traffic Regulation Permit**

Under authority of Chapter 85, Sec 2 of Gen. Laws, Ter. Ed., the Department of Public Works hereby approves the ordinance, by-law rule or regulation made by the Selectmen of Hingham on May 31, 1939, with such exceptions, if any, as are noted herein. [No exceptions]

Department of Public Works

By Wm. F. Callahan, Commissioner.

Frank L. Kane

Paul c. Ryan, Associate Commissioners.