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**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ACTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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Add the following Parking Restrictions:

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Massachusetts Avenue, south side, from a point two hundred sixty (260) feet east of Kinsley Road, easterly a distance of two hundred forty (240) feet.

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Agawam Road, both sides, from the intersection with Elm Street for a distance of approximately 140 feet.

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The driver of a vehicle, excluding bicycles outside of business districts, shall not drive upon any sidewalk except at a permanent or temporary driveway.

Add the following prohibited and mandatory turning maneuvers

Left Lane Must Turn Left

Hayward Road, eastbound, at Main Street

School Street, westbound, at Main Street

Main Street, southbound, at School Street

Main Street, southbound, High Street

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Lincoln Drive at Newtown Road

Jefferson Drive at Hayward Road

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For Yield Signs

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AD#13221084

Acton Beacon 12/25, 1/1/15

**TOWN OF ACTON
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

Date: January 7, 2015

To: Steve Ledoux, Town Manager
From: Engineering Department
Subject: Amendments to the Existing Traffic Rules and Orders

In response to several requests, we have put together the following amendments to the Traffic Rules and Orders:

Article V (Parking)

Section 5-1 - General Prohibitions

The Transportation Advisory Committee noted there is no reference to the section of the Town's General Bylaw that pertains to accessible parking spaces. We've formulated an amendment to include a link to Chapter L of the General Bylaw so that it is clearly identified in the Traffic Rules and Orders with the other parking restrictions and prohibitions.

Section 5-6 – Parking Locations and Prohibitions

School Street

Existing Conditions

During the Board of Selectmen meeting in September, a resident raised a concern about parking in front of the South Acton Congregational Church. We contacted the Church and spoke about the issues. Apparently, vehicles are parked in front of the church on School Street all day. The Church is interested in pursuing some weekday programs and hoped there might be a way to mitigate the lack of available parking during the weekdays. Upon our inspection, we noted a couple parking restriction signs between the municipal parking lot at 13 School Street and the church. The sign state there is no parking at this location between 7AM and 6PM, except Sundays and Holidays. This parking restriction has not been adopted by the Board of Selectmen. There is also a section of School Street between this area and River Street that currently does not have a parking restriction or prohibition.

Proposal (southerly side of School Street)

We are proposing a parking prohibition on School Street from Main Street for about 120 feet easterly toward River Street. We are also proposing to institute a 4-hour parking restriction on School Street from the Civil Defense Building to River Street. In order to achieve a reasonable width for on street parking, the Town would re-stripe the centerline between River Street and the access for the municipal parking lot at 13 School Street. The new pavement marking would maintain the travel lanes at 11 feet wide. The existing lane markings by Main Street would remain unchanged.



Massachusetts Ave (Route 111)

Existing Conditions

There is an existing 2-hour parking restriction on Mass Ave at the following locations:

Massachusetts Avenue, both sides, between the railroad tracks and the intersection of Spruce Street and Kinsley Road.

Massachusetts Avenue, northerly side, from Spruce Street, easterly for a distance of five hundred feet (500 ft).

Proposal (southerly side of Mass Ave)

When the Town adopted the 2-hour parking restriction in front of the WAVE Project we discussed the timed restriction with the Recreation Director to ensure this would be sufficient for the playground users at Gardner Field. It was our intention, at that time, to add the same 2-hour restriction on the southerly side of Mass Ave when these spaces were constructed by the developer. This proposal is to add the 2-hour parking restriction for the recently constructed on-street parking along the southerly side of Mass Ave at Gardner Field. We have included a parking prohibition for the area between the new on-street parking spaces and Kinsley Road. This area is marked as no parking, but we have no record of an approval by the Board of Selectmen.



Taylor Road

Existing Conditions

Taylor Road has an existing parking prohibition from Route 2 to Coughlin Street. During some recent discussions with the abutters to the Arboretum parking expansion project, the neighbors raised some concerns about the existing and proposed parking situation on Taylor Road. The Natural Resource Director is working with them on this project.

Proposal

This section of Taylor Road is somewhat narrow and we are proposing to extend the parking prohibition from Coughlin Street to Main Street.



Agawam Road

Existing Conditions

Agawam Road is posted for no parking within 20 feet of the intersection as designated in the general prohibitions listed in Section 5-1 of the Traffic Rules and Orders. During the school year, drivers will park their vehicles along the side of the road starting at this sign and extending at least to the driveway for 48 Agawam Road. In speaking with the abutter, they have witnessed several incidents related to kids walking to/from school and drivers going around these parked vehicles.

Proposal

We are proposing to extend the parking prohibition on Agawam Road from Elm Street Road a distance of about 140 feet on both sides.

Elm Street

Existing Conditions

Elm Street is posted for no parking on northerly side of Elm Street from Agawam Road heading northwesterly for about 1200 feet. There is also a parking prohibition on the southerly side of Elm Street starting across from Jesse Drive (about 300 feet from Agawam Road) and heading northwesterly for 900 feet. These prohibitions extend on Elm Street to the tennis courts.

Proposal

We are proposing to extend the parking prohibition on the northerly side of Elm Street from the intersection with Agawam Road and heading southeasterly toward Arlington Street for a distance of about 250 feet. This prohibition is intended to prevent vehicles from parking along Elm Street and obstructing the sight line for the intersection.



Article VII (Operation of Vehicles)

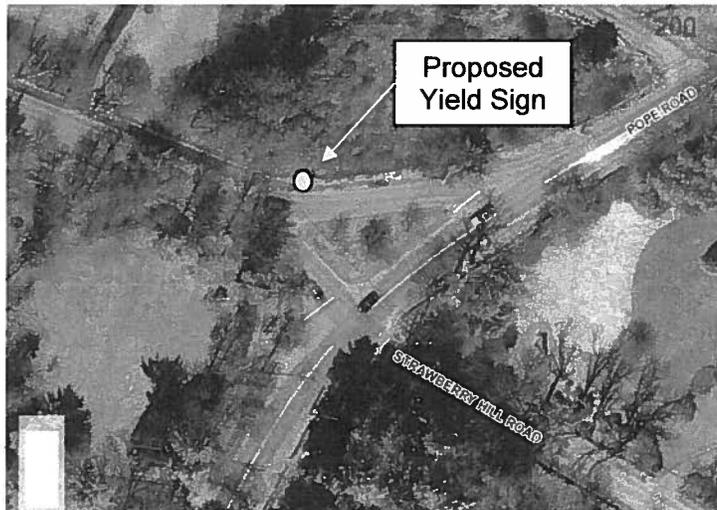
Section 7-7 – Prohibited and Mandatory Turning Maneuvers

The Transportation Advisory Committee noted the mandatory turning lanes for Hayward Road at Main Street were not listed in the Traffic Rules and Orders. Upon further review, we are also adding the turning lanes in/around the South Acton Traffic Signal.

Section 7-11 – Stop Signs, Yield Signs, Through Ways

Yield Signs

We are proposing to add a new section in the Traffic Rules and Orders for Yield Signs. We did not note any approvals by the Board for yield signs at Town-controlled intersections. In addition to adding this section, we are proposing to approve the existing Yield Signs on Hammond Street at Newtown Road and Concord Road at Concord Road in front of the Acton Center Fire Station. We are also proposing to install a new Yield Sign on Strawberry Hill Road. The Safety Officer recommended the Yield Sign on Strawberry Hill Road at the following location to address an ongoing safety issue.



This request coincides with a study performed in 2004 by VHB. The consultant was hired to evaluate the intersection for a multi-way stop. A multi-way stop was not warranted, but they recommended some improvements to improve the overall safety at this location. One of their suggestions was to install this yield sign as requested by the Police.

Stop Signs

We are proposing a new stop sign for Lincoln Drive at Jackson Drive. We received several requests this past summer to evaluate this intersection for a stop sign. We are worked with the homeowner to address an issue with their overgrown landscaping overhanging the road

shoulder and the existing sidewalk. The homeowner has pruned some of their bushes and the tree this past fall.

We are also proposing stop signs on Lincoln Drive at Newtown Road and Jefferson Drive at Hayward Road.

Section 7-15 – No Driving on Sidewalks

Bicycles

At the last meeting in September, a resident inquired about the prohibition of bicycles on sidewalks. Upon further research, this restriction was not approved by the Town prior to the September 22nd Traffic Rules and Order policy. The most current definition for a “Vehicle” includes bicycles. Our prior policies did not include this description in the definition. As a result, Section 7-15 (No Driving on Sidewalks) prohibits bicycles, by definition of a vehicle, from driving on a sidewalk. MGL allows bicycles on sidewalks, outside of business districts, through local ordinances. The proposed amendment will correct this section to reflect the Town’s prior practice.

Section 7-22 – Special Regulations

The Transportation Advisory Committee questioned the restriction for driving on Charter Road during school hours. This restriction was adopted in 1968 when Charter Road was a public way. Charter Road was discontinued as a public way from Mass Ave to the High School Auditorium in the early 70’s. Now that Charter Road is predominantly under the jurisdiction of the Regional Schools, we are proposing to remove this restriction from the Traffic Rules and Orders.



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Board of Selectmen

Amendment to the Existing Traffic Rules and Orders

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- o) Within a parking space designated as reserved for vehicles owned or operated by disabled or handicapped persons unless in compliance with Chapter L in the General Bylaws of the Town of Acton.

Date of Passage: _____

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CHAPTER L

HANDICAPPED PARKING BYLAW

L1

No vehicle, except a vehicle bearing the license plates or Placards authorized by General Laws c. 90, s. 2, or other jurisdictions or bearing an Acton temporary handicapped permit, shall be parked, left standing, or left unattended within a parking space designated as reserved for vehicles owned and operated by disabled or handicapped persons; and no vehicle shall obstruct a curb ramp designated for use by disabled or handicapped persons.

L2

The penalty for violation of this bylaw shall be established by order or regulations of the Board of Selectmen acting pursuant to this Bylaw and shall, per violation, be not less than \$100.00 and not more than the maximum penalty for such a violation as is authorized by State law as now in force or hereafter amended. In addition, any vehicle parked in violation of this bylaw shall be subject to removal in accordance with General Laws c. 40, s. 22D.



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Agawam Road, both sides, from the intersection with Elm Street for a distance of approximately 140 feet.

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Elm Street, north side, southeasterly from the intersection with Agawam Road a distance of approximately 250 feet.

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Street Name	Direction	Location	Comments
HAYWARD ROAD	eastbound	Main Street	Left Lane Must Turn Left
HAYWARD ROAD	eastbound	Main Street	Right Lane Must Turn Right
SCHOOL STREET	westbound	Main Street	Left Lane Must Turn Left
MAIN STREET	southbound	School Street	Left Lane Must Turn Left
MAIN STREET	southbound	High Street	Left Lane Must Turn Left

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Schedule V

Yield Signs

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Strawberry Hill Road	Westbound	Strawberry Hill Road
Hammond Street	Westbound	Newtown Road
Concord Road	Southbound	Concord Road

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Name	Direction	Location
Lincoln Drive	Southbound	Jackson Drive
Lincoln Drive	Northbound	Newtown Road
Jefferson Drive	Southbound	Hayward Road

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

Voted: That the Traffic Rules and Orders adopted by the Board of Selectmen under date of September 22, 2014, are hereby amended by adding to Article 7 (Operation of Motor Vehicles), Section 7-15 (No Driving on Sidewalks) the following description:

The driver of a vehicle, excluding bicycles outside of business districts, shall not drive upon any sidewalk except at a permanent or temporary driveway.

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**PART I** ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT**TITLE XIV** PUBLIC WAYS AND WORKS**CHAPTER 85** REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS RELATIVE TO WAYS AND BRIDGES

Section 11B Bicycles; operation and equipment; regulations; federal product safety standards, effect; races; violations; penalties

Section 11B. Every person operating a bicycle upon a way, as defined in section one of chapter ninety, shall have the right to use all public ways in the commonwealth except limited access or express state highways where signs specifically prohibiting bicycles have been posted, and shall be subject to the traffic laws and regulations of the commonwealth and the special regulations contained in this section, except that: (1) the bicycle operator may keep to the right when passing a motor vehicle which is moving in the travel lane of the way, (2) the bicycle operator shall signal by either hand his intention to stop or turn; provided, however, that signals need not be made continuously and shall not be made when the use of both hands is necessary for the safe operation of the bicycle, and (3) bicycles may be ridden on sidewalks outside business districts when necessary in the interest of safety, unless otherwise directed by local ordinance. A person operating a bicycle on the sidewalk shall yield the right of way to pedestrians and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.

Operators of bicycles shall be subject to the following regulations:

(1) Bicyclists riding together shall not ride more than 2 abreast but, on a roadway with more than 1 lane in the direction of travel, bicyclists shall ride within a single lane. Nothing in this clause shall relieve a bicyclist of the duty to facilitate overtaking as required by section 2 of chapter 89.

(2)(i) The operator shall ride only upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle; a passenger shall ride only upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle or to a trailer towed by the bicycle.

(ii) The operator shall not transport another person between the ages of one to four years, or weighing forty pounds or less, on a bicycle, except in a "baby seat", so-called, attached to the bicycle, in which such other person shall be able to sit upright; provided, however, that such seat is equipped with a harness to hold such other person securely in the seat and that protection is provided against the feet or hands of such person hitting the spokes of the wheel of the bicycle; or upon or astride a seat of a tandem bicycle equipped so that the other person

can comfortably reach the handlebars and pedals. The operator shall not transport any person under the age of one year on said bicycle.

(iii) Any person 16 years of age or younger operating a bicycle or being carried as a passenger on a bicycle on a public way, bicycle path or on any other public right-of-way shall wear a helmet. Said helmet shall fit the person's head, shall be secured to the person's head by straps while the bicycle is being operated, and shall meet the standards for helmets established by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission. These requirements shall not apply to a passenger if the passenger is in an enclosed trailer or other device which adequately holds the passenger in place and protects the passenger's head from impact in an accident.

(iv) A violation of clause (ii) or (iii) shall not be used as evidence of contributory negligence in any civil action.

(3) The operator shall give an audible warning whenever necessary to insure safe operation of the bicycle; provided, however, the use of a siren or whistle is prohibited.

(4) The operator shall park his bicycle upon a way or a sidewalk in such a manner as not to obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(5) The operator shall not permit the bicycle to be drawn by any other moving vehicle. The operator shall not tow any other vehicle or person, except that bicycle trailers properly attached to the bicycle which allow for firm control and braking may be used.

(6) The operator shall not carry any package, bundle or article except in or on a basket, rack, trailer or other device designed for such purposes. The operator shall keep at least one hand upon the handlebars at all times.

(7) Every bicycle operated upon a way shall be equipped with a braking system to enable the operator to bring the bicycle traveling at a speed of fifteen miles per hour to a smooth, safe stop within thirty feet on a dry, clean, hard, level surface.

(8) During the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, the operator shall display to the front of his bicycle a lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet, and to the rear of said bicycle either a lamp emitting a red light, or a red reflector visible for not less than six hundred feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A generator powered lamp which emits light only when the bicycle is moving shall meet the requirements of this clause.

(9) During the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, the operator shall display on each pedal of his bicycle a reflector, or around each of his ankles reflective material visible from the front and rear for a distance of six hundred feet, and reflectors or reflective material, either on said bicycle or on the person of the operator, visible on each side for a distance of six hundred feet, when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps of a motor vehicle. This clause shall not prohibit a bicycle or its operator to be equipped with lights or reflectors in addition to those required by clauses (8) and (9).

(10) No bicycle shall be operated upon a way with handlebars so raised that the operator's hands are above his shoulders while gripping them. Any alteration to extend the fork of a bicycle from the original design and construction of the bicycle manufacturer is prohibited.

(11) The operator of a bicycle shall report any accident involving either personal injury or property damage in excess of one hundred dollars, or both, to the police department in the city or town in which the accident occurred.

Any federal product safety standards relating to bicycles which are more stringent than the requirements of clauses (7) through (10), inclusive, shall supersede said requirements.

Competitive bicycle races may be held on public ways, provided that such races are sponsored by or in cooperation with recognized bicycle organizations and, provided further, that the sponsoring organization shall have obtained the approval of the appropriate police department or departments. Special regulations regarding the movement of bicycles during such races, or in training for races, including, but not limited to, permission to ride abreast, may be established by agreement between the police department and the sponsoring organization.

Violations of any provision of this section except violations of subclause (iii) of clause (2) shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars. The parent or guardian of any person under age eighteen shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such person to violate any of the provisions of this section. A bicycle operated by a person under the age of eighteen in violation of this section may be impounded by the police department, or in a town which has no police department, by the selectmen, for a period not to exceed fifteen days. A violation of any provision of this section by a minor under the age of eighteen shall not affect any civil right or liability nor shall such violation be considered a criminal offense.



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