

CHAPTER 202 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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**Chapter 202**  
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**ARTICLE 1**  
**Definitions; Penalties and Fines**

**§ 202-1. Definitions**

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.

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

"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.

"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.

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

"Official Curb Marking" - That portion of a curbing, the painting of which has been authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

"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

"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.

"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 is in uniform and has his badge of office displayed over his left breast and upon his outer garment.

"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.

"Railroad Crossing" – Any intersection of ways with a railroad right-of-way.

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“Roadway” – 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.

“Street or Highway” – The entire width between property lines of every way open to the use of the public for purposes of travel.

“Traffic Control Area” – Any area along any way, other than an intersecting way, at which drivers are to be controlled by traffic control signals.

“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.

### **§ 202-2. Violations And Penalties.**

A. Any person who violates any parking provision of these Traffic Rules and Orders shall be subject to the penalties provided by Chapter 90, Section 20A of the General Laws and any other violation shall be punishable as may be provided by law.

B. Except as otherwise provided by statute or by any commission, department or other body authorized by law to impose penalties for violations of rules, regulations and orders governing the use and operation of vehicles, any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20.00 and not more than \$50.00 for each subsequent offence of a like nature committed during any period of one year unless otherwise herein provided.

### **§ 202-3. 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 violation.

### **§ 202-4. Interpretation.**

These rules 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 rule or any part of a rule is made dependent upon another rule or part thereof.

### **§ 202-5. Repealer; severability**

A. 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 Selectmen of Adams 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 repealed.

B. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of these rules and regulations is for any reason unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of these rules and regulations. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Adams hereby declare that they would have passed these rules and regulations and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof,

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irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

**§ 202-6. Parking Fines.**

A. The following fines shall apply:

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|-----|---|--------|
| 1.  | Parking within an intersection                  | \$10.  |
| 2.  | Parking so as to obstruct traffic               | \$25.  |
| 3.  | Parking so as to obstruct driveway              | \$10.  |
| 4.  | Parking on a crosswalk                          | \$10.  |
| 5.  | All night parking                               | \$25.  |
| 6.  | Obstructing emergency vehicle driveway          | \$25.  |
| 7.  | Parking within 5' of a fire hydrant             | \$10.  |
| 8.  | Parking on sidewalk                             | \$ 5.  |
| 9.  | Parking within a tow-away area                  | \$25.  |
| 10. | Double Parking                                  | \$ 5.  |
| 11. | Parking within 20" of an intersection           | \$ 10  |
| 12. | Parking within a prohibited area                | \$10.  |
| 13. | Parking in a wrong direction                    | \$ 5.  |
| 14. | Parking in a taxi stand                         | \$ 5.  |
| 15. | Parking not leaving 12' of unobstructed<br>lane | \$10.  |
| 16. | Parking over 12" from curb                      | \$ 5.  |
| 17. | Parking outside a designated area               | \$ 5.  |
| 18. | Parking meter violation                         | \$ 5.  |
| 19. | Parking meter violation (Feeding)               | \$ 5.  |
| 20. | Parking overtime in restricted area             | \$ 5.  |
| 21. | Parking improperly in Municipal lot             | \$ 5.  |
| 22. | Handicap Plates Only                            | \$100. |

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23. Any other parking violation \$ 5.
- B. Fines for second and subsequent offenses within a calendar year shall be as follows:
- (1) If the original fine for first offense is \$25:
- (a) Second offense: \$30.
  - (b) Third and subsequent offenses: \$35.
- (2) If the original fine for first offense is \$10:
- (a) Second offense: \$15.
  - (b) Third and subsequent offenses: \$20.
- (3) If the original fine for first offense is \$5:
- (a) Second offense: \$10.
  - (b) Third and subsequent offenses: \$15.

(New Fines Adopted May 19, 2004)

**ARTICLE II**  
**Authority And Duties Of Police**

**§ 202-7. 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 or Fire Departments may direct traffic, as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of these rules and orders.

**§ 202-8. Temporary Closing of Streets.**

The Chief of Police is hereby authorized by the Board of Selectmen to close temporarily, any street or high-way 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.

**§ 202-9. Police May Prohibit Parking Temporarily.**

The Chief of Police is hereby authorized by the Board of Selectmen 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.

**§ 202-10. Exemptions.**

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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.

### **§ 202-11. Annual Accident Report.**

A. The Chief of Police shall make an annual report concerning the accident situation in the Town, accompanied by his recommendations.

B. The Chief of Police shall include in his report to the Board of Selectmen

(1) The number of operators reported to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

(2) He shall report other pertinent data on safety activities accompanied by his recommendations.

### **§ 202-12. Police To Keep A Driver File.**

A. The police shall keep a record of all operators involved in accidents within his municipality.

B. The Chief of Police shall report to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles such operators as are found to be constant violators of these regulations.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Obedience to Traffic Signs, Signals, Markings And Zones**

#### **§ 202-13. Traffic Signs And Signals.**

A. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and as to those signs and signals required hereunder it shall be its 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 Manual of Uniform Control Devices (MUTCD).

B. Sections 202-8 and 202-9 and 202-41 and 202-43 relating to parking and § 202-65 concerning 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. Section 1, Art. V, 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 (75) feet to drivers approaching such an exit.

#### **§ 202-14. Display Of Unauthorized Signs, Signals And Markings Prohibited.**



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It shall be unlawful for any person 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.

### **§ 202-15. 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 fifty (50) dollars for each and every offence.

### **§ 202-16. 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** **Operation Of Vehicles.**

### **§ 202-17. 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.

### **§ 202-18. 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.

### **§ 202-19. Passing Vehicles Proceeding In Same Direction.**

The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass a vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless there is a 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.

### **§ 202-20. Driver To Give Way To Overtaking Vehicle.**

The driver of a vehicle when about to be over-taken 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.

### **§ 202-21. Obstructing Traffic or Pedestrians.**

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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.

### **§ 202-22. 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.

### **§ 202-23. Slow Vehicles.**

Upon roadways less than twenty-seven (27) feet wide and upon which vehicular traffic is permitted to operate in both directions the driver of any slow moving vehicle when traveling outside of a business or residential district shall not follow another slow moving vehicle within two hundred (200) feet, but this shall not be construed to prevent such slow moving vehicle from overtaking and passing another slow moving vehicle. This section shall not apply to funerals or other lawful processions.

### **§ 202-24. 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 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.

### **§ 202-25. 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.

### **§ 202-26. Driving On Sidewalks Prohibited.**

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

### **§ 202-27. Operation At Intersections With Islands.**

At any junction or crossing of ways where the roadway grades have been separated and where the roads are connected by ramps, and at any intersection of ways in which there are channeling islands, drivers of vehicles shall proceed only as indicated by signs, signals or markings.

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## **ARTICLE V**

### **Pedestrian Control Regulations**

### **§ 202-28. Pedestrians Crossing Ways Or Roadways.**

Pedestrians shall obey the directions of police officers directing traffic and whenever there is an officer directing traffic, a traffic control signal or a marked crosswalk within three hundred (300) feet of a pedestrian, no such pedestrian shall cross a way or roadway except within the limits of a marked crosswalk and as hereinafter provided in these regulations. For the purpose of these regulations, a marked crosswalk shall only be construed to be that area of a roadway reserved for pedestrian crossing located between two solid white reflectorized 12 inch pavement markings in rural areas or markings not less than six inches wide in urban areas, said markings or lines being no less than six feet apart.

### **§ 202-29. Pedestrian Actuation Of Traffic Signals.**

At a traffic control signal location where pedestrian indications are provided but which are shown only upon actuation by means of a pedestrian push button, no pedestrian shall cross a roadway unless or until the pedestrian control signal push button has been actuated and then cross only on the proper pedestrian signal indication. At traffic control signal locations where no pedestrian indication is provided, pedestrians shall cross only on the green indication. If necessary, the green indication shall be actuated by the pedestrian by means of a push button.

### **§ 202-30. Yielding Right-of-way to Funerals, Processions and emergency vehicles.**

At a traffic control signal location, pedestrians shall yield the right of way to vehicles of a funeral or other procession or authorized emergency vehicle while in performance of emergency duties regardless of the signal indication given, and they shall not attempt to cross the roadway until such vehicles or procession has passed at which time pedestrians shall then cross the roadway only as provided in these regulations.

### **§ 202-31. Pedestrian Control Signal Color Legends.**

Traffic control signal color indications and legends shall have the commands ascribed to them in this section and no other meanings, and every pedestrian shall comply therewith, except when otherwise directed by an officer.

A. Red and Yellow or the Word "Walk". Whenever the red and yellow lenses are illuminated together or the single word "Walk" is illuminated, pedestrians facing such indication may proceed across the roadway and in the direction of such signal only.

B Red Alone or "Don't Walk". Whenever the words "Don't Walk" or any indication other than red and yellow shown together are illuminated in a traffic control signal where pedestrian indications are provided, pedestrians approaching or facing such indication shall wait on the sidewalk, edge of roadway or in the pedestrian refuge area of a traffic island and shall not enter upon or cross a roadway until the proper indication is illuminated in the traffic control signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing on the walk indication shall proceed or return to the nearest sidewalk or safety island on the yellow indication, the red indication or when the words "Don't Walk" are illuminated by rapid intermittent flashes.

C Green Alone. At traffic control signal locations where no pedestrian indication is given or provided, pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked crosswalk in the direction of the green indication.

D Yellow Alone, Red Alone or Flashing "Don't Walk" Pedestrians approaching or facing a yellow, red or flashing "Don't Walk" illuminated indication shall not start to cross a roadway.

E. Flashing Red, Yellow or Green. At any traffic control signal location where a flashing red, flashing yellow or flashing green indication is being given facing a crosswalk, pedestrians shall actuate, where provided, the pedestrian signal indication and cross the roadway only on the red-yellow or "Walk" indication when such indication is in operation. If no pedestrian signal is provided, pedestrians shall cross within crosswalks with due care.

**§ 202-32. Vehicle Operation At Crosswalks.**

A. When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle, which for the purposes of this Article shall include bicycles, shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be so to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian approaches from the opposite half of the roadway to within 5 feet of that half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling.

B. No operator of a vehicle shall pass any other vehicle which has been stopped at a marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross a way, nor shall any operator enter a marked crosswalk until there is sufficient space on the other side of the crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he is operating notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

**§ 202-33. Pedestrian Crossings And Use Of Roadways.**

A. No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a sidewalk or safety island and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield the right of way.

B. Pedestrians shall at all times attempt to cross a roadway using the right half of crosswalks.

C. Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway whenever the sidewalk is open to pedestrian use.

D. Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the left side of the roadway on its unfinished shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.

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E. Persons alighting from the roadway side of any vehicle parked at the curb or edge of roadway shall proceed immediately to the sidewalk or edge of roadway adjacent to vehicle, and shall cross the roadway only as authorized by these regulations.

F. It shall be unlawful for any person to actuate a pedestrian control signal or to enter a marked crosswalk unless a crossing of the roadway is intended.

### **§ 202-34. Crossing At Non-Signalized Locations; Use of Tunnels and Overpasses.**

Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway. At a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overpass has been provided pedestrians shall cross the roadway only by the proper use of the tunnel or overpass.

### **§ 202-35. Operators To Exercise Due Care.**

The provisions of these regulations shall in no way abrogate the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, Sections 14 and 14A, which provide: "Precautions for Safety of Other Travelers" and for the "Protection of Blind Persons Crossing Ways". Furthermore, notwithstanding the provisions of these regulations every operator of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon the roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary and shall exercise proper precautions which may become necessary for safe operation.

### **§ 202-36. Pedestrians Soliciting Rides Or Business.**

No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment or business from the operator or occupant of any vehicle without the written permission of the board or officer having control of such roadway or highway.

### **§ 202-37. Officers To Enforce Pedestrian Regulations.**

These pedestrian control regulations shall be enforced by all officers of the Town of Adams.

### **§ 202-38. Exemptions.**

The provisions of these rules and regulations governing the use of ways by pedestrians shall not apply to pedestrians actually engaged in work upon a roadway closed to travel or under construction or repair, to municipal, state, federal, public service corporation employees while in the performance of their duties, to officers engaged in the performance of their public duties or to pedestrians acting in an emergency when such emergency necessitates departure from any part of these rules and regulations.

### **§ 202-39. Violations and Penalties.**

Any person who violates the provisions of this Article shall be punished as provided in MGL C. 90, § 8A.

## **ARTICLE VI** **Parking**

### **§ 202-40. Parking prohibited in certain locations.**

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No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places, and vehicles found parked in violation 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 permitted.

A. Within an intersection.

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 twelve (12) feet wide for passing traffic.

G. Upon any street or highway within five (5) feet of either side 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, excepting where street markings designate otherwise.

J. Upon any street, highway, traveled way, or public parking lot during a storm emergency declared by the Director of Public Works, which impedes the flow of traffic, the removal of water, snow, ice, debris, or other objects, or emergency work.

**§ 202-41. Parking Prohibited On Certain Streets**

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

<b>NAME OF STREET</b>	<b>SIDE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<u>APREMONT STREET</u> Amended June 2, 2004	North	From Old Columbia Street east 70’.
<u>CENTER STREET</u> Amended Sept.1, 1999	Northerly	From 20’ east of crosswalk at Liberty Street to 75’ north of Myrtle Street. (Total Distance 525’)
<u>CENTER STREET</u> Amended September 1, 1999	Southerly	From Center Street Bridge east 155’ to Commercial Street and from Commercial Street east to Liberty Street 250’
<u>COLUMBIA STREET</u> Amended September 1, 1999(Adopted July 24, 1957 Approved August 13, 1957)	Easterly	From Hoosac Street to Lime Street Connector. (Total Distance, 6900’)

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(Adopted May 31, 1967 Approved June 21, 1967)		
<u>COLUMBIA STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Westerly	From Lime Street Connector to 165' south of Friend Street (Total Distance 2485')
<u>COLUMBIA STREET</u> Amended January 21, 1998	Westerly	From Valley Street south to the crosswalk in front of four (4) Columbia Street. (Total Distance 100')
<u>COLUMBIA STREET</u> Amended December 12, 2005	West	For a distance of 20 feet south of the driveway to #64 and #66 Columbia Street.
<u>COLUMBIA TERRACE</u> , Amended Sept. 1, 1999 & 10/27/99	Easterly	for a length of thirty-five (35) feet that would begin one hundred thirty feet north of Harding Avenue
<u>COMMERCIAL STREET</u> , Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Easterly	south from the intersection of Commercial Street with Center Street to 90' south of Liberty Street. (Total Distance 1030')
<u>COMMERCIAL STREET</u> (Adopted June 14, 1967 Approved July 12, 1967) Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Easterly	From forty-two (#42) Commercial Street south, to Leonard Street.
<u>COMMERCIAL STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Westerly	From Center Street, south for a distance of 175'
<u>COMMERCIAL STREET</u> (Adopted June 14, 1967 Approved July 12, 1967) Amended September 1, 1999	Westerly	From Commercial Street bridge 215' south of Elm Street. (Total Distance 600')
<u>COMMERCIAL STREET</u> Amended September 1, 1999	Westerly	155' north of Pearl Street, south to Leonard Street
<u>COMMERCIAL STREET</u> Amended May 22, 2002: August 21, 1996	North	From 20 feet on both sides of the south parking lot and 20 feet on both sides of the north parking lot of the Millhouses (#75 Commercial Street).
<u>COMMERCIAL STREET</u> Amended August 25, 2004	North	From the south end of the northerly driveway to 30 feet past the south driveway toward the 1 <sup>ST</sup> Baptist Church (1 Commercial Place)
<u>DEAN STREET</u> Adopted Sept. 7, 1955 Approved Sept.13, 1955) Amended September 1, 1999	Westerly	From Spring Street south to Dean Street bridge. (Total Distance 140')
<u>DEPOT STREET</u> Amended May 28, 1997	Easterly	North 20' from the corner of Pleasant Street
<u>DEPOT STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Easterly	From seventeen (#17) Depot Street, north to Hoosac Street. (Total Distance 585'
<u>FIRST STREET</u> Amended December 15, 1993	Easterly	From North Street to Randall Street

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<u>FOREST PARK AVENUE</u> Adopted - July 24, 1957 - Approved Aug. 13, 1957	Westerly	From Maple Street to West Street
<u>FREDERICK LANE</u> Amended August 11, 1993		Two (2) "No Parking Here to Corner" easterly and westerly signs, 36' from the intersection, (Turnaround at end
<u>FRIEND STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Easterly	From Notch Road, north to eighty two (#82) Friend Street. (Total Distance 3845')
<u>FRIEND STREET</u> Amended October 1, 1997	Easterly	From seventy (#70) Friend Street (320' north of Burt Street) north for a distance of 65'
<u>FRIEND STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Easterly	From fourteen (#14) Friend Street north to Columbia Street. (Total Distance 275'
<u>FRIEND STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Westerly	From Columbia Street south to Notch Road
<u>GAVIN AVENUE</u> Amended September 8, 2004	West	For 25 feet south of the northerly driveway of Waterman Construction.
<u>GRANT STREET</u> Amended October 20, 1993	Northerly	From Lincoln Street to Cross Street (April- November
<u>GROVE STREET</u> Amended December 17, 2003	East	From Leonard Street south to the Grove Street bridge
<u>HOOSAC STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Southerly	for a distance of one hundred ten (110) feet west from its intersection with Summer Street
<u>HOOSAC STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Southerly	From Winter Street west, for a distance of 190'
<u>HOOSAC STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Southerly	From railroad tracks to Depot Street. (Total Distance 325')
<u>HOOSAC STREET</u>	Northerly	for a distance of thirty-five (35) feet west from its intersection with Summer Street
<u>HOOSAC STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Northerly	From the easterly end of the bridge over the Hoosac River, west to Columbia Street
<u>HOWLAND AVENUE</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Easterly	From Lime Street to the North Adams line
<u>HOWLAND AVENUE</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Westerly	From the North Adams line to Columbia Street
<u>JORDAN STREET</u> Amended Nov. 15, 2000	South	No parking on south side of the street
<u>LIBERTY STREET</u> Amended October 20, 1993: February 21, 1996	East and West	From Commercial Street to the south gate, including the turnaround
<u>LIBERTY STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Westerly	From Center Street to the north gate. (Total Distance 320')
<u>LIBERTY STREET</u> Amended April 22, 2005	East	From its intersection with Commercial Street to the gates of C.T. Plunkett School.



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<u>LIME STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Northerly	From North Summer Street to Howland Avenue
<u>LIME STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Southerly	From Howland Avenue to North Summer Street
<u>LINCOLN STREET</u> Amended October 20, 1993	Easterly	From Valley Street to the south driveway of Beaver Bard Park (April-November). (Total Distance 275'
<u>LINCOLN STREET</u> Amended October 20, 1993	Easterly	in front of North Gate to Beaver Bard Park
<u>LINCOLN STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Easterly	the north driveway of Beaver Bard Park, north to Friend Street. (Total Distance 280'
<u>LINCOLN STREET</u> Amended October 20, 1993	Westerly	From 5' south of the fire hydrant to Friend Street. (Total Distance 80')
<u>MEADOW LANE</u> Adopted October 7, 1970 Approved October 23, 1970	South	Going uphill
<u>MELROSE STREET</u> Amended December 12, 2005	South	Library side of Melrose Street from Maple Street west for 215 feet.
<u>MYRTLE STREET</u> (Adopted - April 8, 1970 – Approved April 22, 1970) Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Both sides	From the intersection of Center Street to the Big Y Super Market driveway, on the easterly side of Myrtle Street; from the Pleasant Street bridge to the northerly/westerly side of Myrtle Street to Center Street.
<u>MYRTLE STREET</u> Amended July 2, 2003: Sept. 1, 1999: Adopted Sept. 7, 1955: Approved Sept. 13, 1955:	East/south	From Dean Street bridge south 207 feet toward Big Y.
<u>MYRTLE STREET</u> Amended July 2, 2003: Sept. 1, 1999	West/north	From Dean Street bridge south 345 feet toward Video Studio driveway.
<u>NORTH SUMMER STREET</u> Amended August 23, 2000	East	No parking on bridge
<u>OLD COLUMBIA STREET</u> Amended December 13, 2005	West	From Brown Street north to #376 Old Columbia Street.
<u>PARK STREET</u> Amended October 10, 2001	East	From East Maple to the exit of the Adams Cooperative Bank driveway – 125 feet
<u>PARK STREET</u> Amended October 24, 2001	East	In front of the Adams Cooperative Bank.
<u>PINE STREET</u> (Adopted - July 20, 1951 Approved - Aug. 7, 1951)	Westerly	Entire length
<u>PLEASANT STREET</u> Amended Sept. 1, 1999	Both sides	For the entire length, except in front of the Barrett House
<u>SPARROW STREET</u> Amended July 18, 1994	Southerly	From the east fence line of Reid Field, easterly to North Summer Street. (Total Distance 200')
<u>SPRING STREET</u> Amended September 1, 1999	Southerly and Northerly	From its intersection with Summer Street to Gavin Avenue
<u>SPRING STREET</u>	Southerly	For a distance of forty (40) feet east from its

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Amended Sept. 1, 1999	and Northerly	intersection with Pleasant Street
<u>VALLEY STREET</u> Amended July 1, 1992	Northerly	From the Adams Memorial Middle School parking lot, to Lincoln Street. (Total Distance 355'
<u>WEBER STREET</u> Amended June 29, 1994	Southerly	From Summer Street to Winter Street

**§ 202-42. Parking Time Limited.**

A. No person shall park a vehicle for longer than two hours at any time between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 6:00 P. M. of any day except Sundays and public holidays in the following described streets or parts thereof:

Center Street	East side	Easterly side in front of South Adams Savings Bank, from the Center Street Bridge, south for 60'
Columbia Street	Both sides	From Park St. to Hoosac St.
East Maple Street	Both sides	From Park Street to Depot Street.
Park Street	Both sides	
School Street	Southerly side	From Park Street to Depot Street
Summer Street	Both sides	From Spring Street to Hoosac St

B. No person shall park a vehicle for a period of longer than fifteen (15) minutes on the following streets, or parts of streets.

<b>NAME OF STREET</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Columbia Street Amended September 1, 1999	Three parking spaces on the east side in front of five (#5) Columbia Street (Val's Variety
Commercial Street Amended October 16, 1996	Two parking spaces on the west side in front of thirty-one (#31) Commercial Street (New Adams Market)
East Hoosac Street Amended June 7, 1995	Two parking spaces by the Convenient Store

C. To allow one hour parking on the west side of Columbia Street at the numbers, 46, 48, and 50. (Adopted June 14, 1967 - Approved July 12, 1967)

D. No driver of any vehicle shall park such vehicle in any street or in any parking lot controlled by the Town for a period of time longer than two hours between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. of any day. (Amended Annual Town Meeting - June 21, 2005 Article 27)

**§ 202-43. Angle Parking.**

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

B. Upon the following street 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.

**§ 202-44. Service Zones.**

No person shall park a vehicle upon any streets 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 and unloading does not exceed a period of time longer than one half (1/2) hour.

**§ 202-45 Parking in Handicapped Parking Spaces**

The owner and/or operator of a vehicle which does not bear the distinctive number plates or placard authorized by MGL c.90, § 2, a vehicle transporting handicapped persons and does not display the special parking identification plate authorized by said section two of chapter ninety, or a vehicle which does not bear the official identification of a handicapped person issued by any other state, or any Canadian Province, who parks said vehicle or leaves said vehicle unattended in a public or private, on-street or off-street parking space, designated by a sign stating: "Handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized Vehicles May be Removed at Owner's Expense" or in such a manner as to obstruct a curb ramp designated for use by handicapped persons as a means of egress to a street or public way shall suffer a fine of \$100.00 for each occurrence within a calendar year.

**202-46 Regulation of Town Parking Lots**

A. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to designate spaces in the several parking lots controlled by the Town for the following several categories of use:

- (1) Parking spaces reserved for the exclusive use of designated Town officers;
- (2) Parking spaces reserved for the exclusive use of public officers and employees;
- (3) Parking spaces reserved for the exclusive use of town, state and federal vehicles on official business;
- (4) Parking spaces reserved for the exclusive use of persons possessing and displaying a valid handicapped parking permit;
- (5) Parking spaces reserved for the exclusive use of persons who shall have purchased and who display on the parked vehicle a valid parking permit issued by the Town of Adams for the lot in which said vehicle is parked;
- (6) Parking spaces subject to metered parking; and
- (7) Parking spaces available for free unrestricted public parking.

B. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to establish time restrictions on the parking in Town parking lots where not in conflict with these by-laws, including but not limited to providing when metered parking or permit parking shall be in effect and when such lots shall be open for public use or closed to the public.

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C. The Board of Selectmen may designate areas of said parking lots or parking garages as no-parking, no-standing or safety zones and may designate pedestrian crossing areas and provide for the erection therein of such traffic control devices and regulations as may be appropriate to facilitate ingress and egress to and from said parking lots and promote the public safety and convenience.

D. The Board of Selectmen shall, in the exercise of the authority delegated to them herein, consider the following factors:

- (1) The demand for parking spaces in the area in which the parking lot or garage is located;
- (2) The peak time of such demand;
- (3) The needs of the business community;
- (4) The needs of Town residents;
- (5) The needs of Town government and its departments; and
- (6) The standards for the provision of handicapped-accessible parking contained in state and federal law and regulations.

E. Signs. Signs shall be erected by the Police Department or Department of Public Works specifically designating said parking spaces and indicated that the use of said parking spaces is limited to a particular class of vehicle or individual or that there is no parking or standing allowed in such spaces.

F. Prohibition. No person shall park in any parking spaces designated under the provisions of this section unless he or his vehicle shall be within the class to which the parking in said space has been limited.

G. Towing. Vehicles parked in violation of this section shall be towed away by the Police Department of the Town of Adams or its authorized representatives at the owner's expense.

H. The Board of Selectmen shall establish fees for parking permits.

I. The Treasurer Collector is authorized, upon receipt of the fee hereinafter provided, to issue parking permits for the parking of vehicles in town-owned or town-operated parking lots or parking garages. Each permit shall indicate which parking lot it has been issued for and at the time period for which the permit is issued, and it shall not be valid in any other parking lot or at any other time period. The permit must be displayed on the vehicle for which it is issued in the manner provided by the Board of Selectmen.

(Amended June 21, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Article 28)

### **ARTICLE VII** **Parking Meters**

#### **§ 202-47. Definitions.**

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

Person - Includes any individual, firm, copartnership, association or corporation.

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Parking Meter - Any device, not inconsistent with the provisions of this regulation, and placed or erected on any public way within the Town of Adams for the regulation of parking. Each parking meter installed shall indicate by proper legend the legal parking time established by this by-law 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.

Parking Meter Zone - Includes any street or portion thereof upon which parking meters are installed and in operation and upon which parking of vehicles is permitted for a limited time subject to compliance with the further provisions of this regulation.

Parking Meter Space - 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 adjacent to or adjoining each parking meter.

**§ 202-48. Time Limit; Hours; Days.**  
**Adopted 6-10-1959 approved 7-7-1959; amended 7-12-1960, approved 10-4-1960;**  
**3-15-1961, approved 6-27-1961; 9-1-1999]**

No person shall park a vehicle for a period of time longer than 15 minutes in a designated 15 minute zone; one hour in a designated one hour zone and two hours in a designated two hour zone, between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) and six o'clock (6:00) P.M. on any streets hereinafter designated in this section. This restriction shall not apply on Sundays or during the hours of legal holidays during which business establishments are required by law to remain closed. In accordance with the foregoing, parking meter zones are hereby established in the following streets or parts of streets:

COLUMBIA STREET	East	<u>15 Min</u>	Three parking spaces on the east side of Columbia Street in front of Val's Variety Store
CENTER STREET	east	<u>2 hours</u>	In front of the South Adams Savings Bank
COLUMBIA STREET	East	<u>2 hours</u>	From Park Street, northerly to Hoosac Street
COLUMBIA STREET	Westerly	<u>2 hours</u>	From Hoosac Street to Park Street.
EAST MAPLE STREET	northerly	<u>2 hours</u>	From Park Street, easterly to Depot Street
EAST MAPLE STREET	southerly	<u>2 hours</u>	From Park Street, easterly to Depot Street
PARK STREET	easterly	<u>2 hours</u>	From Center Street to Columbia Street
PARK STREET	westerly	<u>2 hours</u>	From Park Street, easterly to Center Street
SCHOOL STREET	southerly	<u>2 hours</u>	From Park Street, easterly to Depot Street
SUMMER STREET	easterly	<u>2 hours</u>	From Smith Street, northerly to East Hoosac
SUMMER STREET	westerly	<u>2 hours</u>	From Hoosac Street, southerly to Spring Street

**§ 202-49. Contract for Installation of Meters.**

The Board of Selectmen is hereby empowered, with the approval of the Town Meeting Members, to contract, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 40 as amended by Chapter 442 of the

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Acts of 1947(MGL C. 40, § 22A), for the acquisition and installation of parking meters provided for by these rules and orders, and to maintain said meters in good workable condition.

### **§ 202-50. Installation, Placement and Operation of Meters.**

The Department of Public Works Director is hereby authorized and directed to install parking meters within the areas described in these traffic rules and orders or cause the same to be so installed. The meters shall be placed at intervals of not less than 20 feet apart and not less than 12 inches from the face of the curb or the rear face of the sidewalk 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 as indicated by instructions on said meters and for such period of time as is or shall be indicated by display of a signal. Said signal shall remain in evidence until expiration of the parking period designated by an automatic signal or some other mechanical operation shall indicate expiration of said parking period.

### **§ 202-51. Indication of Parking Meter Spaces.**

The Department of Public Works Director 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 regulations and to indicate the same by white markings upon the surface of the highway.

### **§ 202-52. Deposit of Coins in Meter Required.**

Whenever any vehicle shall be parked adjacent to a parking meter, the owner or operator of said vehicle shall park within the space designated by street marking lines and, upon entering such space shall immediately deposit in said meter the required coin of the United States for the maximum legal parking period both as indicated or shown on the meter and if so required set the mechanism in motion.

### **§ 202-53. Fees.**

- A. The fee for the maximum parking time in a 15 minute zone shall be one cent, as shown on the meters.
- B. The fee for one hour parking shall be twenty-five (25) cents; the fee for 24 minutes shall be ten (10) cents and the fee for 12 minutes shall be five (5) cents, as shown on the meters.

### **§ 202-54. Maximum Parking Time.**

The maximum parking time shall be 2 hours.

### **§ 202-55. Parking**

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.

### **§ 202-56. Parking Within Lines Required.**

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.

**§ 202-57. Destruction of Meters and Use of Slugs Prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to 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.

**§ 202-58. Use of Metered Spaces by Commercial Vehicles; Payment Required.**

Operators of commercial vehicles may park in a metered space without depositing a coin for a period not to exceed 30 minutes for 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 chapter.

**§ 202-59. Collection and Use of Money Collected from Meters.**

The Chief of Police or designee 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 Town Treasurer in a separate account to be known as the Town of Adams Parking Meter Account.

All fees received by said Treasurer of the Town of Adams from the operation and use of parking meters shall be used only as authorized by MGL C.40, § 22A.

**§ 202-60. Enforcement.**

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

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Traffic Control Signals**

**§ 202-61. 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 other-wise directed by an officer or by a lawful traffic regulating sign (other than a "stop" sign) signal or device. In no case shall a driver enter or proceed through an intersection without due regard to the safety of other persons within the inter-section 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. 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.

C. 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

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green arrow is illuminated, at the same time, drivers may enter the intersection to make the movement permitted by such arrow.

D. **RIGHT, LEFT AND VERTICAL GREEN ARROWS:** When a right green arrow is illuminated, drivers facing said signal may turn right. When a left green arrow is illuminated, drivers 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.

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:** When a red lens is illuminated in a traffic control signal by rapid intermittent flashes, and its use has been specifically authorized by the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, drivers shall stop before entering the nearer line of crosswalk of the street intersection, or at a stop line when marked, and the right to proceed shall then be governed by provisions of Chapter 89, Section 8 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.).

G. **FLASHING YELLOW (CAUTION SIGNAL):** When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution.

H. **FLASHING GREEN:** A flashing green lens shall indicate a pedestrian crosswalk, fire station location, or intersection, subject to use at unscheduled intervals. Drivers may proceed only with caution and shall be prepared to comply with a change in the signal to a red or yellow or red and yellow indication.

### **§ 202-62 Intersections With Traffic Controls.**

At the following intersections, traffic control signals have been installed in accordance with the conditions of the permit issued by the State Department of Public Works.

<b>Intersection</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Operation</b>
Center, Commercial and Myrtle Streets	Pretimed pedestrian with railroad preemption	As per Permit No. B-542(a) and (b) issued 8-13-1970

## **ARTICLE IX** **Stop and Yield Intersections.**

### **§ 202-63. Isolated Stop Signs.**

A. Every driver of a vehicle, railway car 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 approval of the Adams Board of Selectmen or the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (if the intersection is at a state highway), and such approval being in effect shall before proceeding through the intersection, bring such vehicle, railway car 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



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line of the street intersection. In the case of a line of 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 inter-section. This section shall not apply when the traffic is otherwise directed by an officer or by a lawful traffic regulating sign, signal or device.

B. In accordance with the above, the following streets are hereby designated as stop streets at the intersections and in the directions indicated:

<b>STREET STOPPED</b>	<b>DIRECTION OF TRAVEL</b>	<b>AT INTERESCTION OF</b>	<b>PERMIT NO.</b>
Apremont Street Adopted 8-8-1993	East	Howland Avenue	---
Bellevue Avenue	North	Glenn Street	B-82, issued 9-5-1967
Brown Street Adopted 8-8-1993	East	Howland Avenue	---
Butler Street Adopted 8-8-1993	East	Howland Avenue	---
Cherry Street	West	Summer Street	I-391, issued 11-7-1978
Clifford Lane	West	Summer Street	I-391, issued 11-7-1978
Conrad Street	West	Summer Street	I-391, issued 11-7-1978
Crandall Street	North	Center Street	
Cross Street	North	Friend Street	I-483, issued 6-25-1980
Depot Street	North	Hoosac Street	2419, issued 9-23-1941
East Hoosac Street	Both	East Road	E-1-004-0699, issued 6-10-1986
East Hoosac Street	West	North Summer Street	6293, issued 8-30-1955
East Street	East	East Road	E-1-004-0699, issued 6-10-1986
East Street Adopted 2-15-06	West	Orchard Street	
East Walnut Street	West	Notch Road	I-481, issued 6-25-1980
East Walnut Street	East	Friend Street	I-482, issued 6-25-1980
Francis Avenue Adopted 12-17-2003	North and South	Manners Avenue	
Friend Street Adopted 8-8-1993	East	Columbia Street	---
Hoosac Street	East	Summer Street	6292, issued 8-30-1955
Liberty Street	East	Center Street	5199, issued 2-17-1953
Lime Street	East	East Road	E-I-004-0699, issued 6-10-1986
Lime Street Connector	West	Howland Avenue	---

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Adopted 8-8-1993			
Lime Street Extension Adopted 8-8-1993	East	Lime Street	---
Melrose Street Adopted 1-17-1990	Both	Forest Park Avenue	
Myrtle Street Adopted 2-14-1990	East	Spring Street	
Myrtle Street Adopted 2-14-1990	West	Pleasant Street	
Newark Street Adopted 8-8-1993	East	Howland Avenue	
North Summer Street	North	Lime Street	I-276, issued 6-30-1975
Orcutt Street Adopted 8-8-1993	East	Howland Avenue	---
Print Works Drive Adopted 8-8-1993	North	Lime Street	---
Randall Street	West	Summer Street	I-388, issued 11-7-1978
Renfrew Street Adopted 8-8-1993	West	Columbia Street	---
Richmond Street	West	Summer Street	I-392, issued 11-7-1978
River Street	East	Commercial Street	5198, issued 2-17-1953
Siara Street	West	Summer Street	I-395, issued 11-7-1978
Smith Street	Northwest	Summer Street	7652, issued 10-14-1958
Smith	West	Summer Street	I-389, issued 11-7-1978
Sparrow Street 11-1-2000	West	Crotteau Street	---
Spring Street	Southeast	Summer Street	7653, issued 10-14-1958
Summer Street	South	Center Street	---
Temple Street	Both	Elm Street	6254, issued 7-19-1955
Valley Street	East	Columbia Street	I-485, issued 6-25-1980
Victory Street	West	Summer Street	I-394, issued 11-7-1978
Water Street	West	Greylock Avenue	I-484, issued 6-25-1980
Winter Street	East	Summer Street	I-390, 11-7-1978
Zylonite Station Street Adopted 8-8-1993	West	Howland Avenue	---

**§ 202-64. Obedience To Yield Signs.**

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A. Every driver of a vehicle or other conveyance approaching an intersection of ways, where there exists facing him an official sign bearing the word "yield", said sign having been erected in accordance with the the approval of the Adams Board of Selectmen or the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (if the intersection is at a state highway),, and such approval being in effect, shall surrender to oncoming traffic his right to enter the intersection until such time as he has brought his vehicle or other conveyance to a complete stop at a point between the said "Yield" sign and the nearer line of the street intersection, provided, however, that this requirement to stop before entering the intersection shall not apply when a driver approaching a "Yield" sign can enter the intersection in safety without causing interference to approaching traffic.

B. In accordance with the above, the following are hereby designated as yield intersections:

<b>Intersection</b>	<b>Permit No.</b>	<b>Date</b>
Center, Commercial and Myrtle Streets Facing: Southbound drivers on Center Street at Commercial Street	B-191	4-24-1973
Burlingame Hill at Walling Road		
Forest Park Avenue at Harmony Street		

**ARTICLE X**  
**Speed Limits.**

**§ 202-65. Speed Limits Established on Certain Streets.**

The following speed limits are established at which motor vehicles may be operated in the areas described:

**Center Street – Orchard Street (Route 116) Northbound [Speed regulation No 781, approved 2-7-1973]**

Beginning at the end of the state highway thence northerly 0.28 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at the junction of Commercial Street (Route 8)

**East Road Northbound [Adopted 7-25-1990 by Speed Regulation No. 7485, approved 9-6-1990]**

Beginning at Bucklin Road Thence northerly on East Road

0.56 miles at 35 miles per hour

0.20 “ “ 30 “ “ “

0.39 “ “ 35 “ “ “

0.21 “ “ 30 “ “ “

0.79 “ “ 35 “ “ “

0.20 “ “ 25 “ “ “

1.22 “ “ 35 “ “ “

ending at the Adams-North Adams Town Line; the total distance being 3.57 miles.

**East Road Southbound [Adopted 7-25-1990 by Speed Regulation No. 7485, approved 9-6-1990]**

Beginning at the Adams-North Adams Town Line Thence southerly on East Road

1.22 miles at 35 miles per hour

0.20 " " 25 " " "

0.79 " " 35 " " "

0.21 " " 30 " " "

0.39 " " 35 " " "

0.20 " " 30 " " "

0.56 " " 35 " " "

ending at Bucklin Road; the total distance being 3.57 miles.

**North Summer Street Northbound [Adopted 7-25-1990 by Speed Regulation No. 7485, approved 9-6-1991]**

Beginning at Hoosac Street Thence northerly on North Summer Street

0.10 miles at 25 miles per hour

0.84 " " 35 " " "

0.10 " " 25 " " "

ending at Lime Street; the total distance being 1.04 miles.

**North Summer Street Southbound [Adopted 7-25-1990 by Speed Regulation No. 7485, approved 9-6-1990]**

Beginning at Lime Street Thence southerly on North Summer Street

0.10 miles at 25 miles per hour

0.84 " " 35 " " "

0.10 " " 25 " " "

ending at Hoosac Street; the total distance being 1.04 miles.

**Orchard Street – Center Street (Route 116) Northbound [Adopted by Speed regulation No 781, approved 2-7-1973]**

Beginning at the junction of Commercial Street (Route 8) thence southerly 0.28 miles at 25 miles per hour

ending at the beginning of the state highway

**Route 8 Northbound [Adopted 3-11-1970 by Speed Reg. No. 502, approved 4-6-1970; amended 7-7-1999 by Speed Reg. No. 502-A, approved 8-27-1999]**

Beginning at end of State Highway, thence northerly on Route 8

0.44 miles at 40 miles per hour

0.90 " at 30 miles per hour

0.07 " at 20 miles per hour

0.37 " at 25 miles per hour

0.90 " at 35 miles per hour

1.39 " at 40 miles per hour

ending at the North Adams Town line, the total distance being 4.07 miles.

**Route 8 Southbound [Adopted 3-11-1970 by Speed Reg. No. 502, approved 4-6-1970; amended 7-7-1999 by Speed Reg. No. 502-A, approved 8-27-1999]**

Beginning at the North Adams Town Line, Thence southerly on Route 8,  
1.39 miles at 40 miles per hour  
0.90 " at 35 miles per hour  
0.37 " at 25 miles per hour  
0.07 " at 20 miles per hour  
0.90 " at 30 miles per hour  
0.44 " at 40 miles per hour  
ending at the beginning of state highway, the total distance being  
4.07 miles.

**Friend Street Northbound [Approved 3-4-1982 by Speed Reg. No. 7102]**

Beginning at West Road, Thence northerly on Friend Street  
0.77 miles at 30 miles per hour  
0.30 " at 25 miles per hour  
ending at Columbia Street, the total distance being 1.07 miles.

**Friend Street Southbound [Approved 3-4-1982 by Speed Reg. No. 7102]**

Beginning at Columbia Street, Thence southerly on Friend Street  
0.30 miles at 25 miles per hour  
0.77 " at 30 miles per hour  
ending at West Road, the total distance being 1.07 miles.

**West Road Northbound [Approved 3-4-1982 by Speed Reg. No. 7102]**

Beginning at the Cheshire Town Line, Thence northerly on West Road  
0.10 miles at 30 miles per hour  
2.37 " at 35 miles per hour  
ending at Friend Street, the total distance being 2.47 miles.

**West Road Southbound [Approved 3-4-1982 by Speed Reg. No. 7102]**

Beginning at Friend Street, Thence southerly on West Road  
2.37 miles at 35 miles per hour  
0.10 " at 30 miles per hour  
ending at the Cheshire Town Line, the total distance being 2.47 miles.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Other Traffic Regulations.**

**§ 202-66. One-Way Streets. [Adopted 5-31-1967, approved 6-21-1967]**

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

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<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Direction</b>	<b>Limits</b>
HOOSAC STREET	Westerly	From Depot Street to shall keep to the right of Douglas Square when entering Columbia Street from Hoosac Street.
RIVER STREET	Westerly	Going westerly on River Street to Prospect Street and continuing to Commercial St.
SCHOOL STREET	Easterly	Entire Length
WEBER STREET	Westerly	Entire length from Summer Street to Winter Street.

**§ 202-67. Limitations On Turning Around. [Adopted 5-27-59, approved 6-16-1959]**

A. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction unless such movement can be made in safety and without backing or otherwise interfering with other traffic on the following streets:

Commercial, Center, Park, Columbia and Summer Streets, and Howland Avenue.

B. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to turn such vehicle, so as to proceed in the opposite direction, within the limits of Caron Square.

**§ 202-68. Turning Movements.**

[Adopted 8-8-1993, approved 9-28-1993 (Permit No. E-B-004-3973)]

Turning movements are established at the following locations as indicated below:

<b>NAME OF STREET</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TURN</b>
Lime Street Connector	Westbound to Route 8 (Howland Avenue)	Left lane must turn
Lime Street Connector	Westbound to Route 8 (Howland Avenue)	Right lane must turn
Route 8 (Howland Avenue)	Northbound to Specialty Minerals, Inc., Driveway # 1	Left lane must turn
Route 8 (Howland Avenue)	Northbound to Specialty Minerals, Inc., Driveway # 2	Left lane must turn
Route 8 (Howland Avenue)	Southbound to Route 8 (Lime Street Connector)	Left lane must turn

**ARTICLE XII**  
**Traffic Commission**

**§ 202-69. Traffic Commission.**

A. The Traffic Commission shall advise the Board of Selectmen on all matters of traffic safety, to include but not be limited to on-street parking, traffic flow, and traffic patterns.

B. Membership shall consist of one person from each of the following Town departments/boards and two citizens: Department of Public Works, Police Department and Planning Board. Members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and serve for a one-year term.