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**Subject:** *Elm Street Parking*

**Date:** *August 8, 2001*

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of action taken by the Board of Selectmen at their regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, August 7, 2001. Please be advised that the Board has voted unanimously to amend Article 5, Section 2 of the Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town of Cohasset, dated December 15, 1998. Specifically, the Board voted to allow parking on the north side of Elm Street (Police Station Side) between Stevens Lane and Highland Avenue extension, as depicted on the enclosed plan.

Taking this action will provide 3-4 additional parking spaces for the village. I would ask that you enforce this decision accordingly. For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the revised Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town. Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions or concerns with regards to this matter.

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cc: Board of Selectmen *w/o* enclosures  
Town Clerk with Revised Traffic Rules and Orders

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TOWN OF COHASSET

TRAFFIC RULES AND ORDERS

DECEMBER 15, 1998  
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Issued by the Board of Selectmen under authority of Chapter 40, Section 22 of the General Laws of Massachusetts and Town BY-LAWS and other Enabling Acts.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cohasset hereby enacts the following Rules and Orders regulating traffic upon the streets and highways of the Town of Cohasset.

ARTICLE I  
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.

"Street or Highway." \_\_\_\_\_ The entire widths between property lines of every way open to the use of the public for purposes of travel.

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

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

"Vehicles." Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, including bicycles when the provisions of these rules are applicable to them. Except other devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks and devices that derive their power for operation from stationary overhead wires.

"Emergency Vehicle." Vehicles of the Fire Department (Fire Patrol), ambulances and emergency vehicles, police vehicles and vehicles of federal, state and municipal departments or public service corporations when the latter are responding to an emergency in relation to the police or fire department.

"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, traffic signs or signals, or while making emergency repairs or, if disabled, while arrangements are being made to move such vehicle.

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

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

"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.

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

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

"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.

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

"Official Traffic Signs." All signs, markings and devices, other than signals, not inconsistent with these rules and orders, which conform to the standards prescribed by the Highway Department 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.

"Official Traffic Signals." All signals, conforming to the standards as prescribed by the Highway Department 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 guiding, directing, warning, or regulating traffic.

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

**"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/she has his/her badge of office displayed over his/her left breast and upon his/her outer garment.

**"Intersection,"** The area embraced within the extensions of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines, of intersecting ways as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, including divided ways. The rules and regulations herein contained governing and restricting the movement of vehicles on state highways at and near intersecting ways shall apply at any place along any way at which drivers are to be controlled by traffic control signals, whether or not such place is an intersection as herein defined.

**"Commercial Vehicles."** Any vehicle used in the transportation of goods, wares merchandise for commercial purposes.

**"Heavy Commercial Vehicle,"** Any commercial vehicle two and one-half tons capacity or over.

## **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 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 the officer or the officer may have them moved.

**SECTION 4.            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. This exemption 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.**

The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and it shall be its duty, to place and maintain or cause to be placed or maintained all official traffic signs, signals, markings and safety zones. These shall conform to the standards as prescribed by the Highway Department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Sections 2 and 3 of Article II and Sections 2 and 6 inclusive of Article V relating to parking and Section 10 of Article VI concerning turning shall be effective only during such time as a sufficient number of official signs are erected and maintained. Each block will designate the provisions of such section and located so as to be easily visible to approaching drivers.

Sections relating to one-way streets shall be effective only during such time as a sufficient number of official signs are erected and maintained. One at each of the exits for each one-way street. At least one sign will be clearly visible for a distance of at least seventy-five (75) feet to drivers approaching such an exit.

**SECTION 2.** Display of Unauthorized Signs, Signals, and Markings Prohibited.

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 or marking. These signs, signals or markings purport to be or are an imitation of or resembles an official traffic sign, signal or marking, which attempt 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 or marking or cause it to be removed, without notice.

**SECTION 3.** Disobedience to Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings Prohibited.

No driver shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic control signal, sign, marking, marker or legend unless otherwise directed by a police officer, except as herein otherwise provided in these regulations.

**SECTION 4.** 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 of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for each and every offense.

**SECTION 5.** Location of Bus Stops and Taxicab Stands.

The Board of Selectmen shall specify the location of all bus stops and taxicab stands and in the case of taxicab stands the Board of Selectmen shall designate who may use them as such.

**SECTION 6.** Board of Selectmen Authorized to Designate Crosswalks.

The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to establish and to designate and shall cause to be maintained, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections, where, in their opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway and at such other places, as they may deem necessary.

**ARTICLE IV Coasters,  
Zones of Quiet**

**OBSOLETE**

**ARTICLE V  
Stopping, Standing and Parking**

**SECTION 1.           General Prohibitions.**

No person shall allow, permit, or suffer any vehicles registered in his/her name to stand or park in any street, way, highway, road, or parkway in violation of the Rules and Orders adopted by the Board of Selectmen. 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 signs or signals, there shall be no standing or parking of any vehicle:

- Within an intersection.
- Upon any sidewalk.
- Upon any crosswalk.
- 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.
- Upon any roadway where the parking of a vehicle will not leave clear and unobstructed lane at least ten (10) feet wide for passing traffic.
- Upon any street or highway within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.
- In front of any private road or driveway.
- Upon any street or highway within twenty (20) feet of any intersecting way, except alleys.
- Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.

**SECTION 2.            Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets.**

Upon the following streets or highways or parts thereof parking is hereby prohibited except as may be otherwise permitted by this Article.

- Margin street, northerly side, from Margin Court to 49 Margin St.
- Sohier Street. Southerly side, from 24 Sohier Street to North Main Street
- Border Street, westerly side, from intersection of Elm and/or Summer Streets to the Mill River Bridge at the Gulf River.
- Mill River Bridge both sides.
- Elm Street, southerly side from South Main Street to Ship Cove Lane.
- Brook Street, both sides, its entire length, also the area at the side door of the store on the Northerly side will have a thirty minute (30) loading zone. Trucks unloading will be required to park parallel to the street.
- South Main Street, easterly side, from Elm Street to Depot Court.
- Jerusalem Road, both sides, from corner of Atlantic Avenue/Jerusalem Road to 10ft. north of hydrant on east side of road and to pole #144 on west side of Jerusalem Road.
- Forest Avenue, both sides from Jerusalem Road to North Main Street except between poles #27 and 28 South Side only.
- Stockbridge Street, easterly side.
- Atlantic Avenue, both sides from Jerusalem Road to Margin Street.
- Margin Street, northerly side from Atlantic Avenue to the end of said street.
- Stockbridge Street, northeasterly from west side of Margin Street to pole #8.
- Sandy Beach Parking Lot area adjacent to Atlantic Avenue. This parking lot to be reserved for citizen-resident taxpayers and subscribers or guests of the Sandy Beach Association and only when car is identified by permit issued by the Town of Cohasset.
- Nichols Road, both sides, from Jerusalem Road to Atlantic Avenue.
- Margin Street, southeast side from Boat Ramp to Howard Gleason Road.
- Both sides of Cove Street from Margin Street to Elm Street.
- Summer Street, southerly side, from Black Horse Lane to Border Street.



-Robert E. Jason Road, either side North Main Street to Highland Avenue, except Sunday on the southerly side.

-Beechwood Street, both sides, from the westerly side of Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A) to a point opposite #211 Beechwood Street.

J: Elm Street, both sides, from Brook Street to Stevens Lane (parking will be allowed on Elm Street on the north side from Stevens Lane to the Highland Avenue Extension) revised: 08/07/2001

-Elm Street, south side from Brook Street to Stevens Lane (*parking will be allowed on Elm Street on the north side from Stevens Lane to the Highland Avenue Extension*) **revised: 08/07/2001**

-Forest Avenue extension, both sides, adjacent to Wadleigh Park.

-Spring Street, both sides from South Main Street, opposite the Paul Pratt Memorial Library to #14 Spring Street.

-Parker Avenue, easterly side, to boat ramp, from May 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

-Elm Street, northerly side from #72 Elm Street to the junction of Highland Avenue Extension.

-Cedar Street, both sides from North Main Street to the entrance to the Department of Public Works Garage entrance.

-Ripley Road, both sides, at #89 and at #69 Ripley Road.

-South Main Street, west side from #170 to the South Main Street driveway of the premises at #1 Summer Street.

-Lamberts Lane between Pole #26 and the Golf Club Road also known as Gate #3.

-Lamberts Lane between Pole #29 and Pole #30. "No Parking Either Side."

-From 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM the area between Lawrence Wharf and The Old Salt House Pier be marked off into five parking spaces and that the space directly in front of the ramp and the adjacent end space be designated as a loading Zone with no other parking allowed.

-Government Island Pier to be designated as a loading zone, with no other parking allowed.

-Beechwood Street, both sides, from pole #101 opposite 561 Beechwood Street to the westerly terminus of Beechwood Street between the hours of 9:30 P.M. and 6:00 AM.

-Bancroft Way southerly side.

-Either side of crosswalk in front of the Carriage House of the Unitarian Church on both sides of North Main Street as marked by No Parking Signs.

-Commencing at the beginning of the cul-de-sac on the southerly side of Doane Street; thence proceeding in a counterclockwise direction around the circle to the driveway of #150 Doane Street between the hours of 9:30 P.M. and 6:00 AM.

-William B. Long, Jr. Road from North Main Street to Highland Avenue, except Sunday on the southerly side of road.

-Highland Avenue on the West Side between poles #1 and #9.

-Doane Street westerly side Church Street to the intersection of Beechwood Street.

-Doane Street easterly side from Church Street to Bates Lane.

-Church Street easterly side between its intersection with Doane Street and the Northerly end of Pratt Park.

-Beechwood Street northerly side from driveway of cemetery to intersection of Doane Street.

**SECTION 3.            Bus Stops.**

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

**SECTION 4.            Taxicab Stands.**

No person shall park a vehicle other than a taxicab upon any street within the business district in any taxicab stand for a period of time longer than fifteen (15) minutes. Unless 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. No person shall park a taxicab upon any street within the business district at any place other than the taxicab stand or stands designated for the use of his/her taxicab or taxicabs, except while actually engaged or while waiting for an opportunity to use a taxicab stand designated for his/her use.

**SECTION 5.            Angle Parking.**

The Board of Selectmen shall determine upon what streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark and sign such streets or cause the same to be marked and signed. Upon the following streets or parts thereof, which have been marked and 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 and signs. The vehicle shall be parked wholly within the painted lines provided.

-South Main Street *easterly* side from Brook Street to Elm Street for a period of time not exceeding two (2) hours.

-South Main Street westerly side from Depot Court to the cross walk that crosses South Main Street to Elm Street for a period of time not to exceed two (2) hours.

-Elm Street westerly side from Summer Street to the intersection of Cove Street and Elm Street.

**SECTION 6.            Parking Time Limited in Designated Places.**

No person shall park a vehicle longer than a period of two (2) hours on the following described streets or parts thereof, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 6 P.M.

-Elm Street, *easterly* side from Brook Street to South Main Street, and westerly side from Brook Street to Ships Cove Lane.

-Depot Court, both sides.

-Ripley Road, both sides, from the southerly end of Smith Place to North Main Street.

-South Main Street, westerly side, from Depot Court, to #91 South Main Street and *easterly* side from Elm Street to Pole #118.

No person shall park a vehicle longer than a period of thirty (30) minutes on the following described streets or parts thereof, at any hour of the day:

-Elm Street westerly side from northern side of park to Board Street.

No person shall park a vehicle longer than a period of one (1) hour on the following described streets or parts thereof as designated, at any hour of the day:

-Parker Avenue, westerly side, from May 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

SECTION 7. 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 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. of any day, beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> and ending April 1<sup>st</sup>.

ARTICLE VI  
Operation of Vehicles

SECTION 1. Overtake Only When There is Space Ahead.

The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass a vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless there is sufficient clear space ahead on the right side of the roadway to permit the overtaking to be completed without impeding the safe operation of any vehicle ahead.

SECTION 2. 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. The driver shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

SECTION 3. Obstructing Traffic.

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 right side of the roadway and wait until such traffic that has been delayed has passed.

Notwithstanding any traffic control signal indicating to proceed. 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/she is operating, without obstructing the pass age of other vehicles or pedestrians.

**SECTION 4. Care in Starting, Stopping, Turning or Backing.**

The driver of any vehicle before starting, stopping, turning from a direct line or backing shall first see that such movement can be made in safety. If such movement cannot be made in safety or if it interferes unduly with the normal movement of other traffic, said driver shall wait for a more favorable opportunity to make such movement.

**SECTION 5. Emerging from Alley, Private Driveway or Garage.**

The operator of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway or garage shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across alleyway or driveway.

**SECTION 6. Obedience to Isolated Stop Signs.**

Every driver of a vehicle, or other conveyance, approaching an intersection of ways where there exists facing him/her an official sign, bearing the word "STOP", authorized by this section as listed below, 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, if a point is not marked then at a place between the said "STOP" sign and the nearer line of the street 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 9 (b) of this article.

- Jerusalem Road drivers at North Main Street (both exits).
- Nichols Road drivers at Jerusalem Road.
- Sohier Street drivers at North Main Street.
- Beach Street drivers at Highland Avenue.
- Cushing Road drivers north and southbound at Pleasant Street and Pleasant Street drivers eastbound and westbound at Cushing Road. To be known as a 4-way Stop.
- Summer Street drivers at South Main Street and Spring Street drivers at South Main Street opposite Summer Street.
- King Street drivers at North Main Street, Forest Avenue drivers at North Main and North Main north and south at King Street and Forest Avenue. To be known as a 4-way Stop.

- Beechwood drivers East and West at Doane Street and Doane Street drivers North and South at Beechwood Street. To be known as a 4-way Stop.
- Doane Street drivers at intersection on Church Street.
- Church Street drivers at intersection of Doane and Church Street.
- Howard Gleason Road drivers at Atlantic Avenue.
- Cedar Street drivers at North Main Street.
- Jerusalem Road drivers East and West at Forest Avenue and Forest Avenue Extension.
- Beechwood Street drivers at Norman Todd Road both ends of Beechwood where it intersects with Norman Todd Road.
- Clay Spring Road drivers at Pond Street.
- Elm Street drivers in front of #77 Elm Street at Sydney Park, where traffic turns left and in a northerly direction onto Elm Street. -
- Cove Road drivers at Margin Street.
- Cove Road drivers at Elm Street.
- Beechwood Street drivers at South Main Street.
- Brook Street drivers at Elm Street.
- Brook Street drivers at South Main Street.
- Red Gate Lane drivers at North Main Street.
- Spring Street drivers at South Main Street (across from Library).
- Nichols Road drivers at Atlantic Avenue.
- Beach Street drives at Atlantic Avenue.
- Hillside Drive drivers at Beechwood Street.
- Mill Lane drivers at Beechwood Street.
- Bancroft Road drivers at Pond Street.
- Holly Lane drivers at Pond Street.
- Woodland Drive drivers at Pond Street.
- Spring Street drivers at Cushing Road.
- Swim Center drivers at Sohier Street.
- Otis Avenue drivers at Boarder Street.
- King Street drivers at Pond Street (north and south) and Pond Street at King Street. To be known as an all way stop.

**SECTION 7.            Driving on Road Surfaces Under Construction or Repair.**

No operator shall enter upon the road surface of any street or highway or sections thereof: (a) when by reason of construction, surface treatment, maintenance or the like or because of some unprotected hazard, such road surface is closed to travel; or, (b) when 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, (c) 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 8.**           **Funerals to be Properly Identified.**

A funeral composed entirely or partly of a procession of vehicles shall be identified as such by means of illuminated head lights, or being escorted by a marked Police cruiser.

**SECTION 9.**           **Rights and Duties of Drivers in Funerals or Other Processions.**

It shall be the duty of each driver in a funeral or other procession to keep as near the right edge of the roadway as it is feasible and to follow the vehicles ahead as closely as is practicable and safe. At an intersection where a lawful stop sign exists the driver of the first vehicle in a funeral or other procession shall be the only one required to stop before proceeding through an intersection.

**SECTION 10.**       **U-turns.**

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 or without backing or otherwise interfering with other traffic.

**SECTION 11.**       **Vehicles Operation at Crosswalks.**

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 to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk. This is when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway that 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 which the vehicle is traveling in.

No operator of a vehicle shall pass any other vehicle that has been stopped at a marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross. 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/she is operating notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

**SECTION 12.            Operation of Heavy Commercial Vehicles.**

The use and operation of heavy commercial vehicles are hereby restricted on those streets or parts of streets described in this Section, in the manner outlined, and during the period of time set forth:

-Pond Street from Route 3A (commercial vehicles of 10,000# gross weight or more).

Exemptions to this Section shall apply: (a) to heavy commercial vehicles going to or coming from places upon said streets for the purpose of making delivery of goods, materials or merchandise to or from abutting land or buildings or adjoining streets or ways; (b) those to which access cannot otherwise be gained; (c) or to vehicles used in connection with the construction, maintenance and repair of said streets or public utilities therein; or to Federal, State, Municipal or Public Utility owned vehicles.

This Section shall be effective only during such times that Official Traffic Signs are displayed setting forth its provisions.

**SECTION 13.            Left Hand Turns**

No vehicle shall make a left hand turn into angle parking areas along South Main Street or Elm Street.

**ARTICLE VI-A  
Pedestrian Control Regulations**

**SECTION 1.            Pedestrians Crossing Ways or Roadways.**

Pedestrians shall obey the directions of police officers directing traffic. Whenever there is an officer directing traffic, or a traffic control signal within three hundred (300) feet of a pedestrian, no such pedestrian shall cross a way or roadway except within the limits of the marked crosswalk at the signalized location 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, If located between two solid white reflected 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.



**SECTION 2. Pedestrians Actuation.**

At a traffic control signal location where pedestrian indications are provided, which are shown only upon actuation by means of a pedestrian push button, no pedestrian shall cross the 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 push button. 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. This is 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.

**SECTION 3. Pedestrians Obedience to Traffic Control Signals.**

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 there, except when otherwise directed by an officer.

-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. -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. He/she shall not enter upon or cross a roadway until the proper indication is illuminated in the traffic control signal. Any pedestrian who has partially completed his/her 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.

-Green Alone. At traffic control signal locations where no pedestrians 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.

-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.

**SECTION 4. Pedestrian Crossings and Use of Roadways.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to actuate a pedestrian control signal unless a Crossing of the roadway is intended.

**SECTION 5. Operators to Exercise Due Care.**

The provisions of these regulations shall in no way abrogate the provisions of Chapter 90, Sections 14 and 14A of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) 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.

**SECTION 6. Officers to Enforce Pedestrian Regulations.**

All officers of the Town of Cohasset shall enforce these pedestrian control regulations.

**SECTION 7. 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; a roadway closed to travel or under construction or repair; Municipal, state, federal or public services corporation employees while in the performance of their duties; 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.

**SECTION 8. Penalties.**

Any person who violates the provisions of this Article, which deal with the proper use of ways by pedestrians shall be punished as provided in Chapter 90, Section 18A of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.).

**SECTION 9. Effect of Regulations.**

All existing rules and regulations governing the operation of vehicles or the use of ways by pedestrians that are inconsistent herewith are hereby expressly repealed. This repeal shall not, however, affect any punishment or penalty imposed or any complaint or prosecution pending at the time of passage hereof for any offense committed under any of the said rules and regulations hereby repealed. 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 Cohasset hereby declare that they would have passed these rules and regulations and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections, subsections, sentence, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

**ARTICLE VII One-  
way streets**

**(This section left blank intentionally)**

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Responsibility, Penalties and Repeals**

**SECTION 1.**           **Penalties.**

Any person violating any provision of any rule, regulation or order regulating the parking of motor vehicles made by persons authorized to make same shall be dealt with according to Chapter 176 of the Legislative Acts of 1935, amendment of Section 20a of Chapter 90 of the General Laws. Any person violating any of the rules and regulations applicable to State Highways made by the Highway Department, 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 rule, regulation or order made hereunder, except as otherwise provided, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty (\$20.00) dollars for each offense.

**SECTION 2.**           **Effect of Regulations.**

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 of any rule or part of a rule if made dependent upon another rule or part thereof.

**SECTION 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 violations.

***NOTE: These are the Traffic Rules and Orders first written July of 1946. Revised December 15<sup>th</sup> 1998 and August -ph 2001. Included are all amendments of the traffic rules and orders and all the changes filed with the Town Clerk's Office over the years.***