

Chapter 238. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Article VII. Stopping, Standing and Parking

§ 238-64. Parking vehicle for sale prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle upon a street for the purpose of displaying it for sale. *Editor's Note: See Ch. 177, Parking, Art. II, Motor Vehicles for Sale on Commercial Property.*

§ 238-65. Stopping, standing and parking restrictions.

[Amended 4-26-2004 by Ch. No. 1483]

- A. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, in any of the following places:
- (1) On a sidewalk.
 - (2) In front of a public or private driveway.
 - (3) Within an intersection.
 - (4) On a crosswalk.
 - (5) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
 - (6) Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of the roadway.
 - (7) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb, or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the traffic authority indicates a different length by signs or markings.
 - (8) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.
 - (9) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of the entrance (when properly sign-posted).
 - (10) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.
 - (11) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.

- (12) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel.
- (13) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping or parking.
- (14) At any curb cut or ramp for persons with disabilities.
- (15) Within 15 feet of a corner at an intersection.
- (16) At the edge of the road or curb facing the flow of traffic, left wheels to curb.
- (17) More than 12 inches from a curb in a parallel parked position.
- (18) Alongside any yellow curbing.
- (19) Within a loading zone.
- (20) Upon the paved or main travel part of the highway within the lane of travel.
- (21) In a bus or taxi stand.

- B. Every person or owner who commits a violation of the provisions of this section, entitled "Stopping, standing and parking restrictions," shall be fined \$15 to be paid to the Westerly Municipal Court Clerk no later than 30 days after the receipt of the parking citation.
- C. There shall be a late fee of \$25 charged to any person failing to pay the fine for a parking violation under this section within 30 days.
- D. The Chief of Police may, upon request, grant permission to park vehicles in designated tow or no-parking zones for limited times with conditions as he/she determines. **[Added 5-23-2011 by Ch. No. 1750]**

§ 238-66. Parking prohibited or restricted in designated areas.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to park the same at any time where parking is prohibited, or during any time when parking is restricted, or for any one consecutive period of time longer than specified, on any of the following streets or parts thereof.

- A. No parking (to be designated by signage): **[Amended 9-9-2002 by Ch. No. 1421; 2-24-2003 by Ch. No. 1434; 1-12-2004 by Ch. No. 1474; 7-12-2004 by Ch. No. 1497; 4-25-2005 by Ch. No. 1532; 9-25-2006 by Ch. No. 1583; 3-9-2009 by Ch. No. 1667; 8-17-2009 by Ch. No. 1682; 5-23-2011 by Ch. No. 1750]**

Alba Inn Road, the entire length, both sides, approximately 468 feet from its intersecting point with High Street.

Bay Street, between the intersecting point of Bay Street and Larkin Road and a point 50 feet north from such intersecting point, easterly and westerly sides.

Bay Street, west side, between the exit and entrance to the Watch Hill Fire District parking lot 45 feet.

Beach Street, entire length, both sides.

Beacon Street, entire length, easterly side, except three areas delineated by timber cribbing and located at:

- (1) Between a point 130.2 feet south of the center line of John Street and a point 177.5 feet south of the center line of John Street.
- (2) Between a point 211.5 feet south of the center line of John Street and a point 234.7 feet south of the center line of John Street.
- (3) Between a point 273.3 feet south of the center line of John Street and a point 290.5 feet south of the center line of John Street.

Bellevue Avenue, between the intersections of Park Avenue and Ward Avenue, east side, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and prohibited at all times on the west side. Resident parking and high school visitor parking exceptions as follows:

- (1) Parking for residents of Bellevue Avenue shall be permitted along the east side of Bellevue Avenue from the intersection of Park Avenue and Ward Avenue by permit only.
- (2) Each household along Bellevue Avenue shall be issued five parking permits for their use and the use of visitors to their residences.
- (3) The permits shall be placed in the windshield of the vehicle when parked in front of the residence. Permits shall be available at the Police Department.
- (4) The Director of Public Works shall cause the designated area on Bellevue Avenue to be posted as a parking zone for “residents only - permit required” and high school visitors with permits from the Westerly High School.
- (5) Any vehicle parked on the east side of Bellevue Avenue without a parking permit as herein provided shall be towed at the owner’s expense.

Bowling Lane, entire length, northerly side.

Bowling Lane, southerly side, from Main Street and continuing in a westerly direction to a point 346 feet west of Main Street.

Bowling Lane, southerly side, from a point 567 feet west of Main Street and continuing in a westerly direction to a point 1,444 feet west of Main Street.

Bowling Lane, southerly side, from a point 1,597 feet west of Main Street and continuing in a westerly direction to a point 1,684 feet west of Main Street.

Bowling Lane, southerly side, from a point 1,803 feet west of Main Street and continuing in a westerly direction to a point 2,447 feet west of Main Street.

Bowling Lane, southerly side, from a point 2,568 feet west of Main Street and continuing in a westerly direction to a point 2,766 feet west of Main Street.

Bowling Lane, southerly side, from a point 2,970 feet west of Main Street and continuing in a westerly direction to the western terminus of Bowling Lane.

Canal Street, beginning at the intersection of Railroad Avenue to end, westerly side.

Canal Street, east side opposite 44 Canal Street 143 feet in a northerly direction, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Chester Avenue, between School Street and Granite Street, westerly side.

Chestnut Street, between Granite Street and School Street, westerly side.

Crestview Drive:

- (1) The outer perimeter beginning at NG Pole 10 and continuing in a northerly direction to NG Pole 18.
- (2) The inner perimeter directly opposite NG Pole 10 and continuing in a northerly direction to NG Pole 18.

Cross Street, along the north curb, east for 100 feet from the apex of the Elm Street corner.

Cross Street, between the intersections of Elm Street and Main Street, both sides.

Cross Street, south side, beginning at Granite Street and continuing in a westerly direction for 100 feet.

Cross Street Extension, north side beginning at the east side of the driveway for Babcock Village and continuing in an easterly direction for 20 feet.

Cross Street Extension, north side beginning at the west side of the driveway for Babcock Village and continuing in a westerly direction for 30 feet.

Dayton Street, westerly side, entire length.

Dixon Street, north side, entire length.

Dixon Street, south side, beginning at the intersection of High Street, continuing west for a distance of 20 feet.

Dixon Street, south side, beginning at the intersection of Railroad Avenue, continuing east for a distance of 50 feet.

Emerald Street, east side from its intersection with Wells Street in a northerly direction for a distance of 25 feet.

Fairview Avenue, beginning at the intersection with Westminster Street, thence in a westerly direction, 150 feet, north side.

Franklin Street, entire length, both sides.

Granite Street, entire length, both sides.

High Street, north side, beginning at intersection of Canal Street, continuing east for a distance of 50 feet.

High Street, north side, beginning at intersection of Grove Avenue, continuing west for a distance of 500 feet.

High Street, south side, beginning at intersection of Grove Avenue, continuing west to NECO Pole #37.

High Street, west side, between Grove Avenue and Dixon Street.

High Street, east side, between Narragansett Avenue and Oak Street.

High Street, both sides, entire length north of Oak Street.

High Street, south side, from Grove Avenue, westerly direction, 25 feet.

High Street, southerly side, from a point beginning at NECO Pole #34 and proceeding in a westerly direction for a distance of 264± feet to an end at the crosswalk.

High Street, where it intersects with Oak Street (southeast corner).

Highland Avenue, easterly side, between the northerly and southerly boundary lines of the Babcock Hall, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school year, excepting legal holidays and school vacations.

Highland Avenue, between the intersections of Park Avenue and Granite Street, west side, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Resident parking exceptions as follows:

- (1) Parking for residents of Highland Avenue shall be permitted along the west side of Highland Avenue from the intersections of Park Avenue and Granite Street by permit only.
- (2) Each household along Highland Avenue shall be issued five parking permits for their use and the use of visitors to their residences.
- (3) The permits shall be placed in the windshield of the vehicle when parked in front of the residence. Permits shall be available at the Police Department.
- (4) The Director of Public Works shall cause the designated area on Highland Avenue to be posted as a parking zone for “residents only - permit required.”
- (5) Any vehicle parked on the west side of Highland Avenue without a parking permit as herein provided shall be towed at the owner’s expense.

Industrial Drive, west side, from its intersection with Canal Street, northerly 100 feet.

James Street, beginning at a point 342 feet west of the intersection with Pauline Street, thence in a westerly direction a distance of 50 feet, both sides.

Jay Street, entire length, easterly side.

John Street, north and south sides, from its intersection with Elm Street and continuing in an easterly direction for 175 feet.

Lewis Lane, entire length, northerly side.

Main Street, between Union Street and Beach Street, easterly side.

Main Street, entire length, westerly side.

Mountain Avenue, entire length, northerly side.

Narragansett Avenue, southerly side, from Tower Street continuing in an easterly direction to

a point 489 feet east of Tower Street.

Narragansett Avenue, northerly side, from a point 272 feet east of Tower Street at NECO Pole #7 continuing easterly to a point 388 feet east of Tower Street to NECO Pole #6.

Narragansett Avenue, south side, from Tower Street, easterly 30 feet.

Newton Avenue, entire length, westerly side.

Oak Street, north side from a point beginning at the extended east curbline of Marion Street and proceeding in an easterly direction for a distance of 25 feet.

Oak Street, north side from a point beginning at the west edge of the driveway for 86 Oak Street and proceeding in a westerly direction for a distance of 10 feet.

Oak Street, the north side, from a point perpendicular to the extended east curbline of Tower Street to a point 150 feet east, i.e., the frontage of the properties located at 88 and 90 Oak Street.

Oak Street, south side, from its intersection with High Street and continuing in an easterly direction for 50 feet.

Oak Street, south side, from the east corner of its intersection with Haswell Street and continuing in an easterly direction for 20 feet.

Oak Street, south side, from the west corner of its intersection with Haswell Street and continuing in a westerly direction for 15 feet.

Oak Street, south side, from Spruce Street easterly for 20 feet.

Oak Street, south side, from Spruce Street westerly for 20 feet.

Oak Street, southerly side, from a point beginning at NECO Pole 1670 and proceeding in a westerly direction for a distance of 24 feet to its termination point.

Park Avenue, north side, from the northeast corner of its intersection with Ward Avenue to the northwest corner of its intersection with Top Street.

Park Avenue, south side, from the southeast corner of its intersection with Bellevue Avenue to Top Street.

Park Avenue, south side from Ward Avenue easterly for 20 feet.

Pearl Street, east side, entire length.

Pearl Street, west side, from Service Street to a point 225 feet north of Service Street.

Pierce Street, between Pleasant Street and High Street, westerly and northerly sides.

Pleasant Street, between Pierce Street and Canal Street, both sides.

Pleasant Street, northerly side, from High Street to a point 157 feet west of the extended west curbline of West Street.

Pleasant Street, northerly side, beginning at the extended east curblin of Marriott Avenue and continuing in a westerly direction for a distance of 395 feet.

Pleasant Street, southerly side, beginning at High Street and continuing in a westerly direction for a distance of 303 feet.

Pleasant Street, southerly side, beginning at the east curblin of West Street and continuing in an easterly direction for a distance of 111 feet.

Pleasant Street, southerly side, between West Street and Canal Street.

Pond Street, east side, from corner of Pierce Street northerly for 40 feet.

Pond Street, westerly side, entire length.

Railroad Avenue, south side, area in front of the Elk's Club from west driveway easterly direction for 100 feet.

Rocket Street, beginning at a point at the intersection of Granite Street and Rocket Street in a southerly direction 90 feet, both sides (along a stone wall at 51 Granite Street).

School Street, south side, from Chester Avenue, west to Main Street, entire length.

School Street, north side, from the westernmost curb cut for the bus alley exiting St. Pius School, west to Main Street, entire length.

Sherwood Drive, beginning at Post Road thence in a southerly direction 300 feet, west side.

Schilke Drive, entire length, both sides.

Spring Street, westerly side, between School Street and Cross Street.

Spruce Street, east side, area in front of the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home between driveways for 50 feet.

State Street, north side, from the west corner of the driveway for the State Street School and continuing in a westerly direction for 15 feet.

State Street, north side, from its intersection with Westminster Street and continuing in an easterly direction for 25 feet.

Tow zones described in § **238-67**.

Tower Street, both sides, entire length.

Turano Avenue, easterly side, entire length.

Union Street, west side, beginning at NECO Pole No. 3 thence in a northerly direction for 44 feet five inches.

Ward Avenue, east side, from Bellevue Avenue northerly for 25 feet and hydrant.

Ward Avenue, east side, handicap access walkway 15 feet at Westerly High School by auditorium sidewalk.

Westminster Street, east side, from State Street northerly 25 feet.

Westminster Street, east side, from Wells Street 20 feet.

Winnapaug Road, entire length, both sides.

Woody Hill Road, both sides, beginning at the intersection with Old Post Road (Route 1) thence proceeding in a northerly direction for 300 feet.

B. Pickup zones.

- (1) Pickup zones are areas of restricted parking for the purpose of providing for the continual turnover of parking spaces in an area where a large number of motorists require parking for a short period of time, generally between five and 15 minutes.
 - (a) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to park the same in excess of the specified time limit during the hours of operation of the business(es) for which the pickup zone has been designated.
 - (b) Requests for pickup zones shall be made, in writing, to the office of the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police will investigate such requests and report his/her findings to the Town Council.
 - (c) The need for existing pickup zones will be reviewed by the Chief of Police at least once per year. Whenever it is determined that an existing pickup zone is no longer required or serving its intended purpose, the Chief of Police will request that the Town Council eliminate such pickup zones by amending this section. **[Amended 10-24-2005 by Ch. No. 1558; 5-23-2011 by Ch. No. 1750]**

[1] Fifteen minutes: **[Amended 8-20-2012 by Ch. No. 1777]**

Atlantic Avenue, south side, beginning at NECO Pole No. 131 and proceeding in a westerly direction for a distance of 28 feet.

Bay Street, west side, at a point at the northeast corner of Plat 179, Lot 2 (aka 9 Bay Street), and continuing in a southerly direction for a distance of 30 feet.

High Street, east side, between driveways of the United States Post Office.

High Street, west side, beginning at a point 127 feet south of the midline of Railroad Avenue and continuing south for a distance of 43 feet.

Narragansett Avenue, north side, from Tower Street, continuing east to NECO Pole No. 7, when school is in session.

Oak Street, between NECO Pole No. 15 and NECO Pole No. 17.

Railroad Avenue, south side, beginning at the western property line of 53 Railroad Avenue, continuing east to the easternmost property line of 53 Railroad Avenue.

Railroad Avenue, east side, beginning at the southern property line of 27 Railroad Avenue, continuing north for a distance of 25 feet.

Railroad Avenue, south side, beginning at the western property line of 47 Railroad Avenue, continuing east to the easternmost property line of 47 Railroad Avenue.

School Street, north side, at a point beginning at NECO Pole No. 18 and continuing west for a distance of 200 feet.

Union Street, south side, at a point beginning at the crosswalk in front of 5 Union Street and continuing west for a distance of 50 feet.

C. Provided that parking is permitted: **[Amended 4-26-2004 by Ch. No. 1484; 8-6-2007 by Ch. No. 1613]**

(1) Two hours: High Street, Broad Street, Main Street, Union Street, Railroad Avenue south side only and north side from its intersection with Canal Street to the easterly entrance to the train station (the rest of the north side unlimited), Canal Street, Bay Street in Watch Hill, where designated by the Director of Public Safety. **[Amended 6-2-2008 by Ch. No. 1642]**

(2) Three hours: Larkin Road in Watch Hill (northerly side, resident permit required), where designated by the Director of Public Safety.

D. Three hours for Westerly residents only: **[Amended 4-26-2004 by Ch. No. 1484; 2-14-2011 by Ch. No. 1740]**

(1) Location. Larkin Road, northerly side, from a point 50 feet easterly of Larkin Road and Bay Street to a point 30 feet westerly of the intersection of Larkin Road and Lighthouse Road.

(2) Any resident of the Town, upon presenting satisfactory proof thereof, may obtain a parking permit, valid from the Saturday before Memorial Day to October 15 during the calendar year in which it is issued, which shall be available in the Town Clerk's office. The Director of Public Works shall cause the designated areas to be posted as "three-hour parking zones - resident permit required." Any vehicle parked on such areas without a parking permit as herein provided shall be towed at the owner's expense and shall be fined \$75.

(3) For the purposes of this section, a "resident" shall mean a person who claims Westerly as his or her permanent residence or a nonresident taxpayer whose primary residence is in another state, but who owns real property in the Town of Westerly and is listed on the current town tax roll.

(4) For the purposes of determining residency, satisfactory proof thereof may include:

(a) Valid vehicle registration with a Westerly address.

(b) Valid driver's license with a Westerly address.

(c) Westerly real estate taxpayer verification.

(d) Current voter registration.

(e) Military identification along with copy of lease or rent receipt.

(5) Exemption. This section shall not apply to those residents or nonresident taxpayers who have purchased a Westerly Town Beach season parking permit. Said beach permit shall operate as a permit for resident parking on Larkin Road, and no other resident parking permit shall be required.

E. Loading zone: areas of restricted parking, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for the purpose of loading and unloading commercial and/or industrial freight, in

addition to those truck zones/freight loading zones previously established: **[Amended 2-24-2003 by Ch. No. 1434; 12-12-2003 by Ch. No. 1461; 9-26-2005 by Ch. No. 1554; 5-23-2011 by Ch. No. 1750]**

Broad Street, north side, beginning at the midpoint of the Broad Street Bridge, continuing east for a distance of 30 feet.

Canal Street, west side, between NECO Pole No. 40 and NECO Pole No. 41.

Canal Street, east side, beginning at crosswalk in front of 15 Canal Street, continuing south for a distance of 50 feet.

High Street, west side, beginning at the northernmost property line of 26 High Street, continuing south for a distance of 50 feet.

Union Street, west side, beginning at the intersection with Broad Street, continuing south for a distance of 60 feet. *Editor's Note: Former Subsection F, Intersections, added 8-12-2003 by Ch. No. 1461, which subsection immediately followed, was repealed 5-23-2011 by Ch. No. 1750.*

F. Parking for official Town business. **[Amended 8-20-2012 by Ch. No. 1777]**

- (1) Police substation. Pierce Street, east side, beginning at the northern property line of 68 Pierce Street, continuing south for a distance of 22 feet.

§ 238-67. Tow zones described.

A. The following highways and public lands located in the Town are designated as lands on which the parking of motor vehicles of any description is prohibited, and as tow zones:

- (1) Misquamicut area: entire length of Atlantic Avenue including adjacent public land not specifically designated as a parking area by any public authority; the entire length of Bayberry Road, Benson Avenue, Boxwood Avenue, Breach Drive, Crandall Avenue, Dogwood Avenue, Elmwood Avenue, First Street, Fisherman's Avenue, Kimball Avenue, Lawton Avenue, Linwood Avenue, Maplewood Avenue, Montauk Avenue, Rabbit Run, Rip Tide Drive, St. Clair Way, Second Street and Uzzi Avenue; Winnapaug Road from Atlantic Avenue to Shore Road. **[Amended 5-23-2011 by Ch. No. 1750]**
- (2) Weekapaug area: entire length of Weekapaug Road and Wawaloam Drive and Sand Trail except designated scenic overlook; Fenway Road between Knowles Avenue and Wawaloam Drive; entire length of Knowles Avenue; Winona Avenue from Passpataug Avenue to Fenway Road.
- (3) Watch Hill area: Aquidneck Avenue; entire length of Avondale Road; Bluff Avenue, including public right-of-way to beach, sometimes referred to as "Shinkle Drive;" Browning Road; Everett Avenue, including public right-of-way running to beach; Foster Cove Road; Glen Way; southerly side of Larkin Road; entire length of Manatuck Avenue, including public right-of-way running to beach, excluding designated parking area for motorized bicycles and motor scooters with a motor rated not more than 4.9 horsepower and not greater than 50 cubic centimeters, which is capable of a maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per hour; Masschaug Road; Neowam Avenue; Niantic Avenue, including public right-of-way running to beach; Ninigret Avenue; Noank Avenue; entire length of Ocean View Highway; Overlook Drive; Pawcatuck Avenue; Plimpton Road; Waters Edge Road; Wauwinnet Avenue; Westerly Road; and West Ridge Road.

[Amended 9-27-2010 by Ch. No. 1731; 5-23-2011 by Ch. No. 1750]

(4) Westerly area: Elm Street from Broad Street to end of the no-parking zone, on the easterly and westerly sides; Pierce Street, easterly side, 30 feet, in a northerly direction from the intersection with Pleasant Street. **[Amended 5-23-2011 by Ch. No. 1750]**

(5) Bradford area: Quarry Road, entire length, both sides.

(6) Shelter Harbor area: Wagner Road, from the intersection with Rossini Road south to a point 100 feet north of the Shelter Harbor Fire District dock, both sides. **[Added 11-12-2002 by Ch. No. Ch. 1428]**

B. This section shall not apply to vehicles parked for religious services. **[Amended 5-23-2011 by Ch. No. 1750]**

§ 238-68. Posting notice.

The Director of Public Safety shall cause the designated areas in § 238-67 to be posted as tow zones.

§ 238-69. Towing of certain vehicles authorized.

Any of the following conditions, if shown they exist in relation to a motor vehicle located on streets or highways within the Town, shall constitute a violation of this section, and shall subject the vehicle to being removed by tow-away method at the expense of the owner or person in charge of the same, at the order of any police officer of the Town, and the owner or person in charge shall pay a penalty in the amount of \$50 in addition to the tow-away charge and any storage thereon.

A. Inoperable motor vehicles, which shall mean remaining inoperative for a period of 72 consecutive hours.

B. Immobile motor vehicles, which shall mean remaining immobile for a period of 72 consecutive hours.

C. Vehicles parked during periods of snow removal operation by the Town with snow removal equipment, when such vehicles substantially inhibit the operation of snow removal vehicles in removing snow or ice from roads or highways within the Town.

§ 238-70. Towing by authorized vehicle only; storage location record.

All motor vehicles ordered removed by tow-away shall be removed by a duly licensed tow vehicle, and record of storage location of same shall be filed at the office of the Chief of Police.

§ 238-71. Presumption of violation from registration.

The certified registration of any motor vehicle shall be prima facie evidence that the registered owner of same created the violation.

§ 238-72. Proof of penalty payment required for release of vehicle.

No authorized tow-away vehicle operator shall release any vehicle removed for violation hereunder unless receipt from the office of Chief of Police of payment of the penalty is shown by the owner or person in charge of any vehicles for removal.

§ 238-73. Overtime parking fines; late fee.

[Amended 4-26-2004 by Ch. No. 1485]

- A. Every person who commits a violation of the provisions of § **238-66**, entitled “Parking prohibited or restricted in designated areas,” shall be fined \$15 to be paid to the Westerly Municipal Court Clerk no later than 30 days after receipt of a parking citation; provided, however, Bay Street or Larkin Road overtime parking shall be subject to a fine of \$75 to be effective seasonally from the Saturday before Memorial Day until October 15 of each year. Any vehicle parked overtime on Bay Street or Larkin Road in excess of the time allowed shall be subject, additionally, to towing at the owner’s expense and an additional \$25 per hour for each hour beyond three hours. **[Amended 5-23-2011 by Ch. No. 1750]**
- B. There shall be a late fee of \$25 charged to any person failing to pay the fine for a parking violation under this section within 30 days. For those who pay the fine by mail to the Municipal Court, the postmark will be used to determine the date that the fine was paid.

§ 238-74. Parking during snowstorm emergency.

[Amended 4-25-2005 by Ch. No. 1533; 4-7-2008 by Ch. No. 1632]

A. Definitions.

- (1) The words “motor vehicle” or “vehicle” shall mean any vehicle propelled or drawn by any nonmuscular power.
- (2) The words “parked vehicle” shall mean a motor vehicle in a stationary position within the limits of a public highway.
- (3) The word “street” shall mean any public highway, road or street in the Town of Westerly.
- (4) The word “snowstorm” shall mean such time as two inches of snow have fallen and thereafter until the completion of snowplowing operations.

B. No person shall stop, stand or park, or allow to remain parked, a motor vehicle upon any highway during a snowstorm emergency or when a snowstorm occurs.

C. The Town Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to declare a snowstorm emergency.

D. Any vehicle found parked in violation of this section may be removed or conveyed by or under the direction of a member of the Police Department by means of towing the same, or otherwise, to a private or public garage or lot in the Town of Westerly. Such removal shall be at the risk of the owner. Before the owner or person in charge of such vehicle shall be permitted to remove the same from the custody of the garage or lot where it was towed, such owner or person shall furnish evidence of identity and ownership or right to possession and shall pay towing and storage charges reasonably incurred in such removal.

E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to emergency vehicles while on an emergency call, public service vehicles, or physician and ambulances on emergency calls.

F. Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any section of this § **238-74** shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$75 in addition to the expenses of towing and storage. **[Amended 2-23-2009 by Ch. No. 1666]**

§ 238-75. Parking of trailers prohibited; tow zone.

A. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to park or permit to be parked a trailer including but not limited to a jet ski, personal watercraft or boat trailer of any kind, nature or description, whether attached or unattached to a vehicle to be parked on either side of the following streets for the entire length of these streets:

Name of Street

Charlene Drive

Clam Shell Drive

Clifford Drive

Cove Road

Egret Lane

Governor Avenue

Oxford Street

Ricci Road

Salt Pond Way

Seagull Road

Snowberry Lane

Terrace Avenue

Veal Street

B. Any vehicle with an attached trailer as herein described or an unattached trailer parked in the above-referenced areas shall be subject to towing at the operator's or owner's expense, and the operator of said vehicles or the owners of said unattached trailers shall be subject to a fine of \$75 per violation. **[Amended 5-23-2011 by Ch. No. 1750]**