

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the power delegated by the Minister of Transportation and Works under section 189 of the Highway Traffic Act, and pursuant to the authority conferred by section 414 (2) (oo) of the Municipalities Act, 1999, the Town of St. George's hereby enacts the following Regulations which were adopted at a Public Council Meeting held on the 4th day of April A.D. 2019.



MAYOR

1. TITLE

These Regulations shall be known and cited as "*The Town of St. George's Traffic Regulations.*"

2. DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations, the following words, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "bus" means a motor vehicle designed or used for the transportation of passengers with a seating capacity of 10 or more in addition to the driver, but excluding those motor vehicles when used for personal transportation by the owner or with the owner's permission;
- (b) "commercial motor vehicle" means a vehicle designated to carry goods and includes a bus, a school bus, a truck, a truck tractor and other motor vehicles designed for commercial use but does not include camper type vehicles designed or adopted exclusively for recreational purposes;
- (c) "council" means the council or board of trustees established to control and manage a municipality;
- (d) "crosswalk" means
 - (i) a part of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by signs or by lines or other marking on the surface, or
 - (ii) the part of a roadway at an intersection that is included within the connection of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on the opposite sides of a highway, measured from the curbs, or in the absence of curbs, from the edge of the roadway;
- (e) "driveway" means a clearly defined private road, way, path or passage or a similar opening or space which is wide enough, but not wider than is necessary, for the passage of a motor vehicle, which the owner, occupier or user of property has vehicular access from a roadway to a point within the property;
- (f) "emergency vehicle" means
 - (i) a motor vehicle driven by a peace officer or by a member of the police branch of the Crown's Armed Forces where there is an emergency justifying a rate of speed in excess of a maximum rate of speed provided for in these regulations and includes a vehicle so operated by a chief of a volunteer fire department;
 - (ii) a motor vehicle carrying firefighting equipment in responding to an alarm of fire; and
 - (iii) an ambulance responding to a call or transporting a patient where there is an emergency justifying a rate of speed in excess of a maximum rate of speed provided for in these Regulations;
- (g) "highway" means a place or way, including a structure forming part of the place or way, designed and intended for, or used by, the public for passage of traffic or

the parking of vehicles and includes all the space between the boundary lines of the place or way;

- (h) "intersection" means the area enclosed within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines or, where there are no curb lines, the lateral boundary lines of 2 or more highways that join one another at an angle, whether or not 1 highway crosses the other;
- (i) "motor vehicle" means a vehicle propelled, driven or controlled otherwise than by muscular power, other than a trailer or a vehicle running upon fixed rails;
- (j) "municipal enforcement officer" means for the purpose of these Regulations a peace officer with the powers as outlined in the Municipalities Act, M-24, RSN 1999 and amendments and as outlined in the Highway Traffic Act, RSN 1990 Chapter H-3 and amendments 2 (xx);
- (k) "operator" means a person driving a motor vehicle on a highway or who has the care or control of the motor vehicle on a highway whether in motion or not.
- (l) "owner" means
 - (i) The person who holds the legal title to a vehicle;
 - (ii) In the case of a vehicle that is registered, the person in whose name it is registered;
 - (iii) in the case of a vehicle that is the subject of a mortgage, the mortgagor if the mortgagor is entitled to possession of the vehicle;
 - (iv) in the case of a vehicle that is the subject of a hire-purchase agreement, the person in possession of the vehicle under the agreement; or
 - (v) in the case of a vehicle that is the subject of a conditional sale contract, the buyer under the conditional sale contract if the buyer is entitled to possession of the vehicle;
- (m) "park" means to permit a vehicle, whether occupied or not, to stand otherwise than temporarily for the immediate purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading goods or taking up or setting down passengers or in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or the directions of a traffic officer;
- (n) "pedestrian" means a person on foot, a handicapped person in a wheelchair, or a child in a carriage or a sleigh;
- (o) "regulations" means The Town of St. George's Traffic Regulations made under the authority of the Highway Traffic Act and amendments and the Municipalities Act and amendments;
- (p) "roadway" means a portion of a highway that is improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic, but does not include the shoulder unless the shoulder is paved, and where a highway includes 2 or more separate roadways, the term "roadway" refers to any 1 roadway separately and not to all of the roadways collectively;
- (q) "school bus" means a motor vehicle
 - (i) designed or used to carry 7 or more passengers, in addition to the driver;
 - (ii) owned, operated by or contracted to a school board or an agent of a school board; and
 - (iii) used to transport children to or from school or to and from places other than school for the purpose of school related activities;
- (s) "sidewalk" means that portion of a highway between the curb lines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines set apart for the use of pedestrians and, includes a part of a highway set apart or marked as being for the exclusive use of pedestrians and is considered to include an area of a highway lying between the curb lines or the lateral lines of a roadway and that portion of a highway set apart for the use of pedestrians;

- (s) "snow clearing period" means the period between the first day of December in each year and the last day of April in the year following, and any other period when unusual snow and/or ice conditions prevail;
- (t) "stop" means
 - (i) when required, the complete cessation of movement, and
 - (ii) when prohibited, any stopping or standing of a vehicle whether occupied or not except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a traffic officer or traffic-control device or signal;
- (u) "town" means the Town of St. George's;
- (v) "traffic" includes vehicles, pedestrians and animals while using a highway for the purpose of travel;
- (w) "traffic officer" means a peace officer, or any person appointed by Council to enforce these Regulations, including a Municipal Enforcement Officer;
- (x) "traffic sign" includes all traffic control signals, warning sign-posts, direction-posts, signs, lines, marks or other devices for the guidance or persons using highways;
- (y) "vehicle" means a device in, upon or by which a person or thing may be transported or drawn upon a highway, but does not include devices used exclusively upon fixed rails.

3. COUNCIL AUTHORITY

- (a) The Council may cause or permit traffic lights or signs to be placed on or near any highway within the limits of the Town.
- (b) Traffic lights or signs erected or authorized under subsection (1) of these Regulations may be signs for any of the following purposes;
 - (i) To regulate the movement of traffic;
 - (ii) To indicate the route to be followed by traffic;
 - (iii) To restrict or prohibit the use of any part of any highway, other than a main highway designed as such by the Minister of Transportation and Works, within the limits of the Town;
 - (iv) To indicate maximum speed limits in any area or on any part of any highway within the limits of the Town, so that vehicles driven in excess of such speed shall be taken to have failed to conform to the indication given by the sign;
 - (v) To restrict or prohibit the parking of vehicles in any area or on any part of any highway within the limits of the Town;
 - (vi) To restrict or prohibit temporarily the use of any highway, other than a main highway designated as such by the Minister of Transportation and Works, or any part of any highway within the limits of the Town, whenever, owing to the likelihood of danger to the public or serious damage to the highway, it appears to the Council to be necessary; and to limit the loads of vehicles owing to the condition of the highway if the Council deems it necessary, provided that the traffic lights or signs shall not apply to any person granted a permit in writing by the Council to use the highway in case of an emergency;
 - (vii) To warn users of the highway of the need for special caution;
 - (viii) To convey information to users of the highway within the limits of the Town;
 - (ix) To set out proper pedestrian crossing on any highway within the limits of the town; and
 - (x) To restrict or reserve specific parking spaces for the sole use of disabled person.

- (c) Any person who fails to comply with the directions, restrictions, prohibitions, or warnings given by traffic lights or signs erected in accordance with these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

4. SPEED LIMITS

- (a) No person shall drive a vehicle on the highway or in any other place within the limits of the Town at a greater speed than:
 - (i) 30 kilometers per hour when passing a school building or the grounds thereof between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon on the days when school is in session, or
 - (ii) 40 kilometers per hour in all other areas, except as posted by or under the authority of the Town or the Department of Transportation and Works for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

5. PARKING OFFENCES

- (a) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on a highway so that the vehicle or any part of it is:
 - (i) On a sidewalk or an area generally used by or intended for use by pedestrians;
 - (ii) In front of a public or private driveway or in front of an authorized loading door designated as such;
 - (iii) Within 6 meters of an intersection;
 - (iv) Within 1 meter from any fire hydrant;
 - (v) Within a crosswalk;
 - (vi) Within 6 meters of the approach side of a crosswalk;
 - (vii) Within 10 meters upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control sign or signal located at any side of a roadway;
 - (viii) Within 6 meters either side of the entrance to or exit from a hotel, church, school, public meeting place, theatre, dance hall or playground;
 - (ix) Within a distance of 20 meters from a bus stop erected under these Regulations, except where otherwise provided by a sign erected under these Regulations;
 - (x) Within 7 meters of a driveway entrance to a fire station;
 - (xi) Alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking obstructs traffic;
 - (xii) In a place in contravention of a traffic control device that gives notice that stopping, standing or parking is there prohibited or restricted;
 - (xiii) Parked on the left side of the highway in the direction it is heading, excepting where such parking is designated by proper signs erected by Council;
 - (xiv) Within 150 meters of any site where a fire is in progress unless permission has been obtained from a police constable, excepting a fire engine, ambulance, clergy car, police car, medical doctor's car or nurse's car;
 - (xv) Parked in such a manner as to interfere with, hinder or obstruct the normal flow of traffic;
 - (xvi) Parked on highway property between the curb or edge or the roadway and the boundary line of the highway;
 - (xvii) On any property classified as an easement or upon which Council grants a permit;

- (xviii) For the purpose of displaying the vehicle for sale;
 - (xix) For the purpose of washing, greasing or repairing the vehicle, except for such repairs as have been necessitated by an emergency;
 - (xx) Parked in an area designated as a parking space for disabled persons only.
- (b) No person shall double park any motor vehicle on any highway within the limits of the Town.
 - (c) No person shall park or stop any vehicle on any roadway unless on the right hand side of the roadway having regard to the direction in which the vehicle was proceeding with the right front and rear wheels parallel to and not more than thirty (30) centimeters from the curb where there is a raised curb, or where there is no curb or a rolled curb, with the right front and rear wheels parallel to and as near the right hand limit of the roadway as is practical without stopping or parking over a sidewalk or footpath or over any part of the road where grass is grown or which is not intended for the use of vehicles.
 - (d) No person shall stand, stop or park or drive a vehicle upon any highway or public area within the Town in contravention to any signs that may be posted by Council.
 - (e) No person other than the holder of a permit or a person accompanying a permit holder shall park a motor vehicle in a Designated Mobility Impaired Parking Space. A valid permit, issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, shall be displayed in a conspicuous manner in the windshield of the vehicle occupying a designated mobility impaired parking space.

For the purpose of this Section, "***Designated Mobility Impaired Parking Space***" means a parking space set aside for use by persons who are mobility impaired, and so designated by a sign bearing the international wheelchair logo as depicted in the Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada Manual published by the Transportation Association of Canada or a blue painted space which may bear the international wheelchair logo.

6. COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OFFENCES

- (a) The Council is hereby authorized to determine and designate these streets in the Town, which shall be used by commercial motor vehicles.
- (b) These Regulations shall not prohibit:
 - (i) The operation of commercial motor vehicles upon any street where necessary to the conduct of business at a destination point, provided that streets upon which such traffic is permitted are used until reaching the intersection nearest the destination point;
 - (ii) The operation of an emergency vehicle upon any street in the Town;
 - (iii) The operation of commercial motor vehicle owned or operated by the Town, Public Utilities or any contractor engaged in the repair, delivery of materials, maintenance or construction of streets, street improvements, or street utilities within the Town of St. George's; or
 - (iv) The operation of commercial motor vehicles upon any officially established detour in the Town of St. George's.
- (c) No person shall park any commercial motor vehicle in any residential zone in the Town of St. George's, unless a permit for the parking has been issued by the Council.
- (d) An application for a permit to park any commercial motor vehicle in any residential zone shall be made to the Council in such form as prescribed by the Council and every applicant for a permit shall furnish with the application such information as Council may require.
- (e) The Council shall attach to the permit such conditions as it deems fit for the parking of any commercial motor vehicle in a residential zone and may permit parking for such limited time as it deems fit.
- (f) The driver of a commercial vehicle loading or unloading freight within the Town shall, if possible, place such vehicle off the highway into some private parking

space; where no alternative loading or unloading point exists, place such vehicles as near as possible to the curb or side of the highway and load or unload as quickly as possible, but in no case shall a driver place a commercial vehicle in such a position as to excessively hinder or obstruct the normal flow of traffic either vehicular or pedestrian.

7. SNOW CLEARING

- (a) No person shall park any unattended motor vehicle on any highway or municipal parking area in such a way as to interfere with, hinder or obstruct snow clearing operations.
- (b) During the period from the first day of December in each year to the last day of April in the succeeding year, both days inclusive, no person shall park an unattended vehicle(s), regardless of weather conditions, upon any highway within the Town of St. George's:
 - (i) between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. during the Snow Clearing Period regardless of weather conditions; or
 - (ii) during a snowstorm; or
 - (iii) during the 24 hours immediately following a snow storm; or
 - (iv) during such other period as may be declared by Council to enable clean-up after a severe storm or snowfall.
- (c) Any motor vehicle parked contrary to Regulation 6 (a) or (b) may be towed away by Council or their representatives, at the owner's risk and expense, to a place selected by the Council or person so authorized.

8. OFFENCE

Notwithstanding the Summary Proceedings Act, any person who violates any of the provisions of these Regulations, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine or not more than the maximum and not less than the minimum amount as prescribed for the offence in Schedule "A" to these Regulations and appearing in that Schedule opposite the number or letter or both of the Regulations, subsection or paragraph.

9. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS REGULATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

All Previous Town of St. George's Traffic Regulations are repealed.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER ACTS AND REGULATIONS

Nothing in these Regulations serves to exempt any person from obtaining any license, permission, permit, authority or approval required by any other regulation of the Town or any statute or regulation of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and in such cases where more than one regulation or statute applies the more restrictive regulation or statute shall apply.

11. EFFECTIVE DATE

These Regulations shall come into force on 5th day of August, 2019.

In witness whereof the Seal of the Town of St. George's has been affixed hereto and these regulations have been signed by the Mayor and the Town Manager/Clerk on behalf of Council on this 17th day of July, 2019.



Mayor



Town Manager/Clerk

SCHEDULE A**Town of St. George's****Schedule of Fines**

section	subsection		offence	fine
5	(a)	(i)	Parking on sidewalk	\$50.00
		(ii)	Parking in front of public or private driveway	\$50.00
		(iii)	Parking within 6 metres of intersection	\$50.00
		(iv)	Parking within 1 metre of fire hydrant	\$50.00
		(v)	Parking within a crosswalk	\$100.00
		(vi)	Parking within 6 metres of a crosswalk	\$50.00
		(vii)	Parking within 10 metres of a traffic control device	\$50.00
		(viii)	Parking within 6 metres of an entrance or exit to hotel, church, school, public meeting place, theatre, dance hall or playground	\$50.00
		(ix)	Parking within 20 metres of a bus stop	\$50.00
		(x)	Parking within 7 metres of a fire station	\$50.00
		(xi)	Parking opposite or beside a street excavation	\$50.00
		(xii)	Parking contrary to signs	\$100.00
		(xiii)	Parking on left side of highway	\$50.00
		(xiv)	Parking within 150 metres of the site of a fire	\$50.00
		(xv)	Parking as to obstruct traffic	\$50.00
		(xvi)	Parking on highway property outside curb	\$50.00
		(xvii)	Parking on property classified as easement	\$50.00
		(xviii)	Parking on highway to display vehicle for sale	\$50.00
		(xix)	Parking on highway for repairs	\$50.00
		(xx)	Parking in area for disabled persons	\$100.00
	(b)		Double Parking	\$50.00
	(c)		Parking away from the curb	\$50.00
	(d)		Stop stand or park in area prohibited by signs	\$30.00
5	(e)		Parking in Designated Mobility Impaired Parking Space	\$100.00
6	(c)		Commercial motor vehicles parking in residential zones without a permit	\$100.00
7	(a)		Parking so as to obstruct snow clearing	\$50.00
	(b)		Parking on a highway or municipal parking area between 12 midnight and 8:00 am	\$50.00