

Traffic Regulations Ordinance

Ordinance 15-6

A 15 – General Parking Regulations.

A. No vehicle shall be permitted to remain parked on any roadway in the Town of Columbia in the following manner:

1. Within ten (10) feet of any fire hydrant.
2. Upon the traveled portion of any roadway except in the direction that traffic is headed.
3. With the right-hand wheels further than twelve (12) inches from the curb of edge of the roadway.
4. With twenty-five (25) feet of any intersection or marked crosswalk.
5. Within twenty-five (25) feet of any stop sign.
6. Parallel and adjacent to a vehicle already parked in a particular area.
7. In such a manner as to obstruct or interfere with the ingress or regress from a private driveway or alleyway, except with the permission of the owner of such private driveway or alleyway.
8. In such a manner as to obstruct the flow of traffic.
9. No vehicle shall be permitted to remain stationary upon the traveled portion of any roadway at any curve or turn at the top of any grade where a clear view of such vehicle may not be had from a distance of at least one hundred and fifty (150") feet in either direction.
10. In violation of any sign posted by the Traffic Authority (Board of Selectmen) of the Town of Columbia or the Traffic Commission of the State of Connecticut which prohibits, limits or regulates the parking of vehicles within the Town of Columbia.
11. In an area designated as reserved for handicapped persons in accordance with Section 14-253a of the Connecticut General Statutes, unless such vehicle is granted an exception in accordance with said section.

A 15B – Fire/Safety Lanes. (in accordance with Section 29-293 of CGS)

Definition: A fire/safety lane is a designated passageway of sufficient size and location to permit the unobstructed free passage of fire and other emergency equipment from a public highway to all necessary areas or portions of any private or public property. A safety lane may be designated to assure access to any public or private premises having a capacity of twenty-five (25) or more persons, or in any parking lot having a capacity of fifteen (15) or more motor vehicles, or any water hole or hydrant maintained for fire protection purposes.

Section 1. Establishment: The fire Marshal shall have the authority to designate such fire/safety lanes as are reasonably required for the protection of persons and property, and to give effect to this ordinance. The Fire Marshal shall establish such fire safety lanes by written

order, which shall be delivered in person or by certified mail to the record owner or agent of the owner of any private land, or to the responsible authority in the case of public promises. A copy of such order shall also be filed with the Town Clerk, First Selectmen, Fire Chief, Resident State Trooper and an official record kept in the office of the fire marshal.

Section 2: Appeal of Order: Any person(s) or public agencies aggrieved by such order may file a written notice of appeal with the Board of Selectmen within fifteen (15) days after the date of such order. The notice of appeal shall state the reasons of the grievance. The Selectmen shall conduct a hearing on such appeal within thirty (30) days, and may affirm, modify or rescind such order.

Section 3. Signs and Markings: Within fifteen (15) days of the establishment of a safety lane, the owner of the property (or responsible public agency) shall cause to be erected and installed adequate signs, markings or other devices to delineate such fire/safety lane, and shall thereafter maintain such delineation, so as to give reasonable notice to the public of the existence of the fire/safety lane. The signs, markings or other devices to be erected, installed and maintained by the property owner shall be approved by the Fire Marshal or his/her designee. If the owner of the property fails to so delineate the fire/safety lane, the Town shall cause the same to be erected and the cost of same shall be billed and collected as a municipal fee or assessment, the same manner as municipal tax.

Section 4. Maintenance: Fire/Safety lanes established pursuant to this ordinance shall be kept free of ice and snow by the owner of the property.

Section 5. Enforcement: No person shall park or permit to stand a motor vehicle in a fire/safety lane established in accordance with this ordinance, except when the operator remains in the vehicle and is in the actual process of picking up or discharging passengers.

Section 6. Access Roads. In any parking lot for fifteen (15) or more vehicles, all aisles, access roads and other passageways which are not marked for parking shall automatically be designated as fire/safety lanes, without the necessity of designation or marking pursuant to Section 1 and 3 of this ordinance.

A 15C – Parking and Snow Removal. No vehicle shall be parked on any roadway under the jurisdiction of the Town of Columbia or in any area designated as a municipal parking area between the hours of midnight and 6 am. From November 1 through April 15 in any year. Exception: persons employed by the Town.

No snow, ice or debris shall be placed on any roadway under the jurisdiction of the Town of Columbia or any municipal parking area.

A 15D – Penalties for Offenses: 1. A written schedule of fees for violations of the regulations contained herein shall be maintained at the State Trooper's office. 2. Any person who violates

any Provision of these regulations shall be subject to a fine as set by the Traffic Authority (Board of Selectmen).

A 15E – Fees for Violations. The following violations are subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) and also subject to vehicle towing at the owner’s expense:

- (a) Double parking
- (b) Parking on the wrong side of the road
- (c) Parking more than twelve (12) inches from the curb
- (d) Parking within twenty-five (25) feet of an intersection
- (e) Parking within twenty-five (25) feet of a stop sign
- (f) Obstructing a driveway
- (g) Parking in a crosswalk
- (h) Parking in a designated no parking area
- (i) Parking in a restricted/reserved space

The following violations are subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) and also subject to vehicle towing at the owner’s expense:

- (a) Parking in a fire/safety lane
- (b) Parking within ten feet of a fire hydrant
- (c) Traffic hazard

The following violation is subject to a penalty of one hundred fiftydollars (\$150) and also subject to vehicle towing at the owner’s expense:

- (a) Parking in a designated Handicapped zone.

The following violation is subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100):

- (a) Placement of snow, ice or debris on any roadway under the jurisdiction of the Town of Columbia or any municipal parking area.

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*Repealed Ordinance 15-2, an Ordinance to Regulate Parking of Motor Vehicles during Winter Storms. Also repealed Ordinance 15-3, An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of safety Lanes in the Town of Columbia and providing penalties for the violation thereof.