

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 CONSTRUCTION OF DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND PHRASES

- (a) The following words and phrases when used in these regulations shall for the purpose of these regulations have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this article, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.
- (b) Whenever any words and phrases used herein are not defined herein but are defined in the State laws regulating the operation of vehicles, any such definition therein shall be deemed to apply to such words and phrases used herein.

Section 1.2 DEFINITIONS

ALLEY OR ALLEYWAY

A private road serving as a secondary means of access to two or more pieces of property, but not as a primary means of access to any property.

AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE

Vehicles of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Police, Fire and Emergency Management departments, and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the Traffic Director.

BICYCLE

Every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having no more than two tandem wheels either of which is 8" or more in diameter.

BIKE PATH

A route for the exclusive use of bicycles separated by grade or other physical barrier from other vehicles.

BIKE LANE

A lane on a street restricted to bicycles and so designated by means of pavement coloring, lines or other appropriate markings.

BIKE ROUTE

A roadway shared by both bicycles and other forms of transportation, may be designated by means of signs and/or pavement markings.

BICYCLE PARKING FACILITY

Any facility for the temporary storage of bicycles which allows the frame and one or both wheels to be locked so as to minimize the risk of theft and vandalism.

BUS

Every vehicle designed for carrying more than 9 passengers and used primarily for the transportation of persons either for compensation, as a service, or as an adjunct to a school program.

BUS STOP

An area in the roadway adjacent to the curb or edge of roadway, set aside for the boarding of or alighting from buses.

BUS STAND

An area in the roadway adjacent to the curb or edge of roadway, set aside for the parking or layover of buses.

BUSINESS DISTRICT, CENTRAL SQUARE

The Central Square Business District for the purposes of these regulations shall be defined as that part of the City of Cambridge comprised of and including the following streets or parts thereof:

Bishop Allen Drive - Main Street to Inman Street
Bigelow Street - Massachusetts Avenue to the north curb line of City Hall drive
Brookline Street - Green Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Central Square
Columbia Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Main Street
Douglas Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue
Essex Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue
Franklin Street - Pearl Street to Pleasant Street
Green Street - Sidney Street to Sellers Street
Inman Street - north curb line of Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue
Magazine Street - Franklin Street to Green Street
Main Street - Massachusetts Avenue to east curb line of Cherry Street
Massachusetts Avenue - west curb line of Sellers Street to the east curb line of Sidney Street
Norfolk Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue
Pearl Street - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Pleasant Street - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Prospect Street - Bishop Allen Drive to Massachusetts Avenue
River Street - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Sellers Street - Green Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Sidney Street - Green Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Temple Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Bishop Allen Drive
Western Avenue - Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue

BUSINESS DISTRICT, HARVARD SQUARE

The Harvard Square Business District for the purposes of these regulations shall be defined as that part of the City of Cambridge comprised of and including the following streets or parts thereof:

Appian Way - Brattle Street to Garden Street
Bow Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Mount Auburn Street
Brattle Square
Brattle Street - Appian Way to Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge Street - Broadway to Massachusetts Avenue
Church Street - Brattle Street to Massachusetts Avenue

DeWolfe Street - Bow Street to Memorial Drive
Dunster Street - Massachusetts Avenue to South Street
Eliot Street - John F. Kennedy Street to Mount Auburn Street
Farwell Place - Brattle Street to end of street
Garden Street - west curb line of Appian Way to Massachusetts Avenue
Harvard Street - Quincy Street to Massachusetts Avenue
Holyoke Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Mill Street
John F. Kennedy Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Memorial Drive
Linden Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Bow Street
Massachusetts Avenue - north curb line of Cambridge Street to the east curb line of Quincy Street
Mount Auburn Street - west curb line of Story Street to DeWolfe Street
Palmer Street - Church Street to Brattle Street
Peabody Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Cambridge Street
Plympton Street - Massachusetts Avenue to Memorial Drive
Quincy Street - Broadway to Harvard Street
South Street - John F. Kennedy Street to Dunster Street
Story Street - Mount Auburn Street to Brattle Street

CHANNELIZING ISLAND

A traffic island located to guide traffic streams along certain definite paths and to prevent the promiscuous movement of vehicles in what would otherwise be a widely extended roadway area.

COIN

Currency approved by the United States Government, manufactured by the Federal Reserve, which is accepted as legal tender for all public and private debts. This includes paper currency and electronic currency (ie. credit card) which has been approved by the Traffic Director, for specially designed parking meters or electronic parking modules.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

Any vehicle registered for commercial purposes and designed and used primarily for the transportation of goods, wares, services or merchandise.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE, HEAVY

Any commercial vehicle of two and one half (2-1/2) tons gross vehicle weight or over.

CROSSOVER

An opening in a channelizing island that connects both sides of a divided highway.

CROSSWALK

That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or continuation of curb lines and property lines at intersections, or at any portion of the roadway clearly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines on the road surface or by other markings or signs.

CURB LOADING ZONE

A space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of materials and/or persons.

DIVIDED HIGHWAY

A highway with separated roadways for traffic in opposite directions.

DRIVEWAY

A private road serving as a means of a vehicular access to a parcel of land abutting a highway or street.

ELECTRONIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE

A motorized self-balancing device that transports an individual standing on a platform between two wheels and including an upright handle.

EMERGENCY ARTERY

Any major street or highway designated by the Traffic Director as part of the arterial system of streets or highways for the city.

INLINE SKATES

Any shoe with an attachment of four or more wheels aligned in a linear fashion.

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 G.L.c. 90§1, including divided ways.

LANED ROADWAY

A roadway which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

MOTORIZED SCOOTER

A vehicle consisting of any two wheeled device that has handlebars or other steering device, designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, which is powered by a motor and not defined as a “motor vehicle” or “motorized bicycle” under Chapter 90, except that an electronic personal assistive mobility device or other mobility device for a person with disabilities shall not be considered a motorized scooter under this section.

MOTOR VEHICLE

All motorized conveyances or vehicle that are subject to G.L. c.90 except as may otherwise herein be defined.

OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

All signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with these rules and regulations, and which conform to the standards prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or by the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Traffic Control Devices and/or The Institute of Transportation Engineers Reference Manuals.”

and which are placed or erected by authority of the Traffic Director for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning, or regulating traffic.

PARKING

The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in obedience to an officer or traffic signs or signals, or while making emergency repairs or, if disabled, while arrangements are being made to move such vehicle.

PARKING CONTROL OFFICERS

Officers of the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, authorized to enforce all parking rules and regulations.

PARKING METER

Any electrical or mechanical device, not inconsistent with the provisions of these regulations, and placed or erected on any public way or public parking lot within the city for the regulation of parking. Each parking meter installed shall indicate by proper legend the legal parking time established by this regulation, and when operated shall at all times indicate the balance of legal parking time permitted, and at the expiration of such period shall indicate illegal or overtime parking.

PARKING METER SPACE

Any space within a parking meter zone, adjacent to a parking meter which is duly designated for the parking of a single vehicle, by markings on the surface of the street adjacent to, or adjoining each parking meter.

PARKING METER ZONE

Any street or portion thereof or parking lot upon which parking meters are installed and in operation and upon which parking of vehicles is permitted for a limited time subject to compliance with the further provisions of these regulations.

PEDESTRIAN

Any person afoot or riding on a conveyance moved by human power, except bicycles, inline skates, scooters and skateboards.

PERSON

Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

POLICE OFFICER OR OFFICERS

Every officer of the municipal police department or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrest for violations of traffic regulations.

PRIVATE ROAD

Every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicle travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.

PRIVATE WAY

A private road furnishing the primary means of access to two or more parcels of land.

RAILROAD CROSSING

Any intersection of ways with a railroad right of way.

ROADWAY

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

ROTARY TRAFFIC

The counter clockwise operation of vehicles or a vehicle around an object, structure, or island in the roadway.

SAFETY ZONE

The area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked with pavement markings or indicated by adequate signs, as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

SCOOTER

A vehicle consisting of a long foot board between two small end wheels, aligned in a linear fashion, controlled by an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel, which is powered by a human.

SIDEWALK

That portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for use of pedestrians.

SKATEBOARD

A non-motorized vehicle consisting of a long foot board between two sets of wheels, with steering controlled by weight distribution.

STAND OR STANDING

Means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

STOP

When required means complete cessation from movement.

STOP OR STOPPING

When prohibited means any halting even momentarily of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal.

STREET OR HIGHWAY

The entire width between boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

TAXICAB STAND

An area in the roadway in which certain taxicabs are required to park while waiting to be engaged.

TRAFFIC

Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, street cars, and other conveyances either singularly or together while using any highway for purposes of travel.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AREA

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

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL

Any device using colored lights, which conforms to the standards as prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or by the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and/or The Institute of Transportation Engineers Reference Manuals." whether manually, electrically, or mechanically operated, by which traffic may be alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

TRAFFIC DIRECTOR

The Director of the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation of the City of Cambridge.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

The traffic division of the Police Department of the City of Cambridge.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

The Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation of the City of Cambridge.

TRAFFIC ISLAND

Any area or space set aside, within a roadway, which is not intended for use by vehicular traffic.

U-TURN

The turning of a vehicle whereby the direction of such vehicle is reversed.

VEHICLE

Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, including bicycles and any attachments thereto 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.