



ON STREET PARKING REGULATION GUIDELINES

The Harwich Board of Selectmen by virtue of power given to it by Section 22 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts is authorized to make rules and orders for the regulation of carriages and vehicles used in the Town of Harwich. It is the preference of the Board of Selectmen to make note of one or more of these guidelines when considering rules and orders for on street parking restrictions on public ways.

On street parking restrictions may be considered when vehicles are parked on;

- Any high volume roadway where the parked vehicle would reduce any travel lane width to less than ten feet.
- A low volume, low speed (30 MPH or less) roadway when multiple parked vehicles would reduce the roadway to a single shared travel lane with a width of at least ten (10) feet for an unobstructed view in excess of two hundred (200) feet. Additional consideration may be given for roadways with a single shared travel lane of less than two hundred (200) feet when the view is obstructed due to the road grade, road curvature or other obstructions. In addition to the ten (10) foot travel lane, the roadside clearance of any obstacles to the passage of vehicles shall be no less than two (2) feet.
- Near any intersecting roadway with inadequate sight distance due to a preexisting condition (road grade or curvature, structures, vegetation, etc.) or the presence of a parked vehicle.
- Main and secondary town arteries used by bicyclists. Additional consideration may be given to local roadways in residential areas with higher traffic volumes or other factors detrimental to the safety of bicyclists.

The recommended width of an on-street parking space is;

- residential = 6 to 8 feet
- commercial = 7 to 8 feet

On street parking restrictions may be considered when the off street parking requirements are not satisfied. Limits may include;

- Time limits in commercial and retail zones.
- permit parking in residential zones

On street parking restrictions may be considered for specific types of uses;

- persons with disabilities -bus stops -public safety vehicles -loading zones

The use of parking space markings or parking signs may be considered when they may increase compliance of general parking prohibitions as established in the Harwich Traffic Rules and Orders, Parking – General Prohibitions; i.e. Upon any street or highway within (2) feet of an intersecting way, except alleys.

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