

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Proposed Amendment to New Shoreham General Ordinances**  
**Chapter 18 Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article I In General & Article III Stopping,**  
**Standing and Parking**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**  
**Town Hall, 16 Old Town Road**  
**Block Island, RI 02807**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The New Shoreham Town Council will consider amendments to the General Ordinance Chapter 18 Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article I In General & Article III Stopping, Standing and Parking. **Language proposed to be deleted is shown in ~~strikeout~~ ~~strikeout~~. New proposed language is UNDERLINED.** The proposed language may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the hearing.

**Chapter 18 TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES**  
**ARTICLE I In General**

**§ 18-1. Speed limits. [Rev. Ords. 1989, § 18-1]**

Water Street and Dodge Street from Fountain Square to Bridge Gate shall be designated as a closely built up section with a speed limit of 20 miles per hour. On the highway known as Ocean Avenue the speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour as provided in the state law. The speed limit on Water Street shall be 25 miles per hour.

**§ 18-3. Enforcement. [Rev. Ords. 1989, § 18-3]**

- (a) It shall be the duty of the police officers and reserve police officers of the town, acting in accordance with instructions issued by the chief of police, to report:
  - (1) When a vehicle is operated or parked in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.
  - (2) The state registration number of each vehicle, and the operator's name and license number if known.
  - (3) The offense charged by such officer or reserve police officer as a violation of any provision relating to traffic.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided herein, each such police officer shall attach to such vehicle or deliver to the operator thereof, if present, notice to the owner or operator thereof that such vehicle has been operated or parked in violation of a provision of an ordinance relating to traffic and instructing such owner or operator to report at the office of the chief of police in respect to such violation and further notifying such person to appear on a day and hour stated in such notice to answer such charge before the warden's court of the town.
- (c) Such owner or operator may dispose of such charge without personal appearance in court within seven days from notification thereof by paying to the police department, in person or by mail, and if by mail, postmarked within seven days from notification, such fines as the town council may establish as fines for violation of traffic ordinances, which are on file in the town clerk's office. The

police department, acting under the direction of the chief of police, is hereby designated for the purpose of collecting such fines.

- (d) Every such notice shall indicate the offense charged and shall also contain such information as will enable the person charged to take advantage of the provisions for payment of the fine at the police station by disposition of such charge as aforesaid within seven days from notification or by mail, postmarked within seven days from notification. If the offender refuses or neglects to dispose of such charges within seven days, he shall be brought before the warden's court for such disposition of such case as the court may decide to be proper. He shall be subject to the full penalties provided for violation of the provisions of such ordinances and will be liable for the costs of the court in the amount which is on file in the town clerk's office for each violation.

State law reference — Payment by mail G.L. 1956, § 45-6.1-1; Time and manner of payment G.L. 1956, § 45-6.1-4.

### ARTICLE III Stopping, Standing and Parking

#### **§ 18-42. Prohibited in certain areas. [Rev. Ords. 1989, § 18-42]**

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any of the following places, except to avoid conflict with other traffic:

- (1) Within an intersection.
- (2) On a crosswalk.
- (3) Within 20 feet of an intersection or street corner.
- (4) Within 30 feet of a street flashing light or traffic control sign situated at the roadside.
- (5) Within eight feet of a fire hydrant.
- (6) So as to block a traveled lane or private driveway.
- (7) On a sidewalk or footpath.
- (8) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
- (9) At any place where traffic signs prohibit parking or standing.
- (10) On parts of streets where parking or standing is prohibited or during prohibited hours.
- (11) With left wheels immediately adjacent to the curb or roadside.
- (12) An unauthorized vehicle in a special use parking zone.
- (13) Leaving unattended a vehicle which is in a hazardous condition.
- (14) Within twenty feet (20') of a crosswalk at an intersection.

#### **§ 18-44. Prohibited parking areas between May 15 and October 15. [Rev. Ords. 1989, § 18-44]**

The parking of vehicles is prohibited and/or restricted in the areas listed below between May 15 and October 15 each year.

Chapel Street. ~~From Water Street to the back of the Harborside Hotel on both sides and in front of Chapel Cottage form Transue property to Weldon's Way.~~  
On both sides of Chapel Street, from Water Street to Old Town Road.

Corn Neck Road. Along the barrier fences at Scotch Beach both east and west sides and approximately 100 feet north of the Old Foster driveway. On the east

side of Corn Neck Road from Bridge Gate to Beach Avenue. On the west side of Corn Neck Road from three hundred (300) feet south and two hundred (200) feet north of Scotch Beach. On the east side of Corn Neck Road, from fifty (50) feet north and fifty (50) feet south of Scotch Beach.

~~Dodge Street. From Surf corner to the end of the Surf Hotel property with a fifteen-foot section marked for the hotel car at the end of the Surf Hotel building and from Rose Hardware to Bridgegate Square on the north side. On both sides of Dodge Street, from Water Street to Bridgegate Square.~~

High Street. Fountain Square to Dodge Driveway north side and east side opposite Bloek Island School property. On the south side of High Street, from Fountain Square in a southwesterly direction for three hundred and thirty-eight (338) feet. Parking shall only be permitted from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the east side of High Street from Payne Road, two hundred and twenty-five (225) feet north.

~~Mohegan Trail. From Vaill driveway for 100 yards east on the south side of Mohegan Trail and from the Vaill driveway 100 yards east on the north side of Mohegan Trail.~~

Spring Street. Fountain Square to entry to sewer plant, both sides.

~~Water Street. From Fountain Square to Surf corner north side and on the far eastern end, the width of the eastern section of the town dock plus an additional 10 feet to the west along the southern section of the town dock. On the east side of Water Street, from Fountain Square to the intersection of Water Street and Dodge Street. On the west side of Water Street, in front of The National Hotel, a distance of forty (40) feet to be used only by taxis.~~

Weldon's Way. From High Street to the end of Empire Theater property both sides.

#### **§ 18-45. Signs. [Rev. Ords. 1989, § 18-45]**

- (a) The town council shall erect and maintain signs, which shall clearly set forth what restrictions, if any, are applicable to parking in a particular area ~~and what penalty is imposed for violation of the parking restrictions in the area.~~
- (b) No provision of this article for which signs are required shall be enforced against any alleged violator if at the time and place the sign required is not in proper position and legible and may be seen by an ordinary person.

Posted: May 22, 2023

Hearing: June 21, 2023

Adopted:

Posted:

Attest: Millicent McGinnes Hight, MMC  
Town Clerk