

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
ARTICLE III
Stopping, Standing and Parking

§ 185-18. Parking regulations.

The Town Manager shall prescribe all parking regulations, subject to approval of the Council.

§ 185-19. Parking in conformity with signs; yellow curb markings.

No motor vehicle or other vehicle shall be parked on any of the streets or alleys of the Town at any time except in strict conformity with the signs or markings controlling such parking. Yellow curb marking means "no parking allowed."

§ 185-20. Use of rear entrance required for making deliveries to business establishment.

A. No person shall stop or park any motor vehicle or other vehicle in any street for the purpose of making deliveries to or from any business establishment when such establishment has a rear entrance for that purpose.

B. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined \$50. Any vehicle violating the provisions of this section will be towed away at the expense of the owner thereof.

§ 185-21. Parking in fire lanes and areas for Town trash containers prohibited; penalty. [Amended 2-28-2006; 10-14-2014]

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle within any area on public or privately owned property which is designated to be a fire lane or an area reserved for Town trash containers or to block access to a Town trash container.

B. Designation of a fire lane shall be made in at least one of the following manners:

(1) Installation of fire lane signs; or

(2) Marking of the pavement constituting such fire lane with block lettering reading "NO PARKING – FIRE LANE."

C. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined \$50. Any vehicle violating the provisions of this section will be towed away at the expense of the owner thereof.

§ 185-22. Removal and disposition of unattended, abandoned or immobile vehicles.

A. Whenever any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer or part thereof is left unattended on a public highway or other public property and constitutes a traffic hazard; is illegally parked; is left unattended for more than 10 days either on public property or on private property without the permission of the property owner, lessee or occupant; or is immobilized on a public roadway by weather conditions or other

emergency situation; any such motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer or part thereof may be removed for safekeeping by or under the direction of a police officer to a storage area, provided that no such vehicle or part thereof shall be so removed from privately owned premises without the written request of the owner, lessee or occupant thereof. The person at whose request such motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer or part thereof is removed from privately owned property shall indemnify the Town against any loss or expense incurred by reason of the removal, storage or sale thereof.

- B. It shall be presumed that a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, or part thereof, is abandoned if:
 - 1) It lacks either:
 - a) A current license plate; or
 - b) A current county, city or Town license plate or sticker; or
 - c) A valid state inspection certificate or sticker; and
 - 2) It has been in a specific location for four days without being moved.
- C. Each removal of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer or part thereof under this section shall be reported immediately to the Town office, and notice thereof given to the owner of the motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer as promptly as possible. The owner of such motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer or part thereof, before obtaining possession thereof, shall pay to the persons entitled thereto all reasonable costs incidental to the removal, storage and locating of the owner of the motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer. Should such owner fail or refuse to pay the cost or should the identity or whereabouts of such owner be unknown and unascertainable after a diligent search has been made, and after notice to him at his last known address and to the holder of any lien of record in the office of the State Department of Motor Vehicles against the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer or part thereof, the vehicle shall be treated as an abandoned vehicle under the provisions of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-1200 et seq.

§ 185-23. Reserved parking for the disabled. [Amended 9-9-1996; 1-13-2014]

- A. It shall be unlawful for a vehicle not displaying disabled parking license plates, an organizational removable windshield placard, a permanent removable windshield placard, or a temporary removable windshield placard issued under § 46.2-731 of the Code of Virginia or DV disabled parking license plates issued under § 46.2-739B of the Code of Virginia to be parked in a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities that limit or impair their ability to walk or for a person who is not limited or impaired in his ability to walk to park a vehicle in a parking space so designated except when transporting a person with such disability in the vehicle.
- B. Any person violating this section shall be fined \$100.
- C. A summons or parking ticket for the offense may be issued by law enforcement officer or other uniformed personnel employed by the county to enforce parking

regulations within the Town without the necessity of a warrant being obtained by the owner of the private parking lot.

§ 185-24. Presumption where vehicle illegally parked. [Added 1-13-2014]

In any prosecution charging a violation of any parking regulation contained in this article, proof that the vehicle described in the complaint, summons or warrant was parked in violation of such regulation, together with proof that the defendant was at the time of such parking the registered owner of the vehicle, as required by Chapter 3 of Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia, shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that such registered owner of the vehicle was the person who parked the vehicle at a place where, and for the time during which, such violation occurred.