

Chapter 12

TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 12-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Authorized emergency vehicle shall mean vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designed or authorized by the chief of police.

***Cross references**—Fire prevention and protection, Ch. 6; health, sanitation, nuisances, Ch. 7; littering prohibited, § 7-28; transportation of certain materials restricted, § 7-49; operating automobile in a manner which causes mud, oil or water to be thrown onto a pedestrian prohibited, § 7-88(o); streets, sidewalks and other public places, Ch. 10; placing ice or snow onto public way prohibited, removal required, § 10-1; names and numbers of streets and highways, § 10-36 et seq.; subdivision, Ch. 11; vehicles for hire, Ch. 14; zoning, Ch. 15; off-street parking requirements in specific zoning districts, § 15-441; off-street loading space requirements in zoning areas, § 15-442; sign regulations, § 15-501 et seq.; certain special signs permitted, § 15-507.

State law references—Operation of vehicles, 23 V.S.A. 1001 et seq.; parking, 23 V.S.A. 1005; regulations in municipalities, 23 V.S.A. 1008.

Bicycle shall mean and include any vehicle consisting of an arrangement or combination of two (2) wheels with one (1) following the other, supported by a frame and propelled by muscular power by the feet acting upon pedals.

Commercial vehicle shall mean every vehicle designed, maintained, or used primarily for the transportation of property.

Controlled-access highway shall mean every highway, street or roadway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting property or lands and other persons have no legal right of access to or from the same, except at such points only and in such manner as may be determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over such highway, street or roadway.

Crosswalk shall mean:

- (1) That part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs, or in the absence of curbs from the edges of the traversable roadway.
- (2) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

Curb loading zone shall mean a space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials.

Driver shall mean every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

Freight curb loading zone shall mean a space adjacent to a curb for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of freight.

Intersection shall mean:

- (1) The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of the two (2) highways which join one another at or approximately at right angles

or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict;

- (2) Where a highway includes two (2) roadways thirty (30) feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate intersection. In the event such intersecting highway also includes two (2) roadways thirty (30) feet or more apart, then every crossing of two (2) roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection.

Laned roadway shall mean a roadway which is divided into two (2) or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

Motorcycle shall mean every motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a tractor.

Motor vehicle shall mean every vehicle which is self-propelled.

Official time standard shall mean eastern standard time or daylight-saving time as may be in current use in this town.

Official traffic-control devices shall mean all signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with this chapter placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

Parked shall mean the standing of a vehicle whether occupied or not otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading.

Passenger curb loading zone shall mean a place adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers.

Pedestrian shall mean any person on foot.

Police officer shall mean every officer of the municipal police department or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

Private road or driveway shall mean every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and