

Title 10

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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10.04.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to enhance the safe and efficient movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and to insure the most effective utilization of the limited parking space available within the town. (Ord. 945 § 1, 1994)

10.04.020 Adoption by reference.

The "Washington Model Traffic Ordinance," Chapter 308-330 WAC, is adopted by reference as the traffic ordinance of the town of Friday Harbor as if set forth in full. (Ord. 945 § 2, 1994)

10.04.030 Effect of repetition.

Whenever a section of this chapter refers to a specific section of the MTO, the intent is to give emphasis to or expand upon the RCW regulations. (Ord. 945 § 3, 1994)

10.04.040 Traffic engineer.

The mayor or his designee shall exercise the powers, duties, and authority stipulated for the traffic engineer by WAC 308-330-265, and this chapter. (Ord. 945 § 4, 1994)

10.04.050 Prohibited stopping, standing or parking areas.

A. Pursuant to RCW 46.61.570(a), stopping, standing or parking is specifically prohibited in the following areas:

1. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street (double parking);
2. On a sidewalk or street planting strip;
3. Within an intersection;
4. On a crosswalk;
5. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

B. Standing or parking a vehicle, whether occupied or not, is prohibited, except briefly for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers, in any area designated by yellow-painted curb markings or official "no parking" signs.

C. Pursuant to WAC 308-330-436, no person shall park any vehicle upon any town street or within any town street right-of-way for the purpose of:

1. Displaying advertising;
2. Displaying such vehicle for sale;
3. Selling merchandise from such vehicle, except when authorized.

D. No person shall park any vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

E. Parking of any vehicle on any town street for the purpose of camping or sleeping therein is prohibited.

F. Parking is prohibited at all times in the following areas:

1. The east side of Argyle Avenue from the intersection of Spring Street to the town limits;
2. The northwest side of Reed Street from Second Street to Blair Avenue;
3. The southwest side of Front Street from Spring Street to the intersection with Court Street extended;
4. The southeast side of East Street from First Street/Harrison Street intersection to Front Street (specifically, that area which lies along the curb divider which separates the travelled portion of East Street from the ferry holding area);

5. Both sides of Warbass Way from the town limits westerly 380 feet;

6. The east side of Sunshine Alley, from its intersection with First Street to its intersection with Nichols Street;

7. The east side of "A" Street from Web Street to Nichols Street;

8. The first 60 feet on the northwest side of East Street from Front Street;

9. Any other area specifically designated by the traffic engineer and identified by official "no parking" signs or curb markings.

G. Any vehicle parked in violation of subsections A, B or E of this section shall be deemed to constitute an obstruction to traffic and/or to jeopardize public safety and the vehicle may be removed to a place of safety pursuant to RCW 46.61.565. The cost of removal and storage of vehicles under this section shall be a lien upon the vehicle until paid, unless the removal is determined to be invalid. (Ord. 945 § 5, 1994)

10.04.060 Parking angles.

A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, every vehicle stopped or parked upon town streets shall be stopped or parked within 12 inches of and parallel to the curb or shoulder as required by RCW 46.61.575.

B. "Angle parking" is defined as parking a vehicle at the edge of a street, headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement, with the right-hand wheels at an angle of approximately 45 degrees to the curb or street edge. Angle parking is required, except as may be otherwise indicated by official traffic-control signs or devices, in the following areas:

1. Both sides of Spring Street from the waterfront at Front Street to the intersection with Argyle Avenue;

2. Both sides of First Street from Court Street to the intersection with East Street;

3. Both sides of First Street from Court Street to its northwesterly end;

4. Both sides of Court Street from First Street to Second Street;

5. Both sides of West Street and First Street to Second Street.

C. "Head-in parking" is defined as parking a vehicle with its front against the curb or street edge so that the vehicle is oriented at approximately a 90-degree angle to the curb or street edge. Head-in parking is required on both sides of West Street from First Street to the bluff, except as may be otherwise indicated by official traffic-control signs or devices. Head-in parking is allowed on both sides of Front Street from its northwesterly end to the intersection with Court Street extended.

D. "Back-in parking" is defined as parking a vehicle with its rear against the curb or street edge so that the vehicle is oriented at approximately a 90-degree angle to the curb or street edge. Back-in parking is allowed on both sides of Front Street from its northwesterly end to the intersection with Court Street extended.

E. Pursuant to RCW 46.90.430, upon those streets which have been marked for angle parking, head-in parking, back-in parking, or parallel parking, no person shall park in such a way as to occupy parts of more than one parking space, or park a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the street indicated by such markings.

F. Parking any vehicle which exceeds an overall length of 22 feet is prohibited in any area designated for angle parking, head-in parking, or back-in parking. (Ord. 1304 § 2, 2006; Ord. 945 § 6, 1994)

10.04.070 Time limited parking.

Within the areas identified in this section, parking shall be limited to the duration and times specified in this chapter, except as may be otherwise designated and indicated by traffic-control signs or devices.

A. A 30-minute limit shall be in effect between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., each day except Sundays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, in the following areas:

1. Northwest side of East Street from Front Street to First Street;

2. Both sides of Front Street from East Street to Spring Street except for areas specifically designated as loading zones and disabled parking.

B. A two-hour limit shall be in effect between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., each day except Sundays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, in the following areas:

1. Both sides of Spring Street from Front Street to the intersection with Argyle Avenue;
2. Both sides of First Street from East Street to Court Street;
3. Southwest side of Second Street from Spring Street to Blair Avenue;
4. Northeast side of Second Street from Spring Street to Culver Avenue;
5. Both sides of West Street from Second Street to the bluff;
6. Both sides of A Street from Harrison Street to Nichols Street;
7. Both sides of Nichols Street from Argyle Avenue to A Street;
8. West side of Argyle Avenue from Spring Street to Caines Street;
9. Both sides of Court Street from First Street to Second Street;
10. South side of Nichols Street from A Street to B Street;
11. West side of B Street from Nichols Street to Harrison Avenue;
12. That portion of the property owned by the Port of Friday Harbor that is located northeast of the northeast right-of-way edge of Front Street between Court Street extended and the northwesterly terminus of Front Street; except, however, for those two spaces specifically designated otherwise under FHMC 10.04.080;
13. Southwest side of Front Street between Court Street extended and the northwesterly terminus of Front Street; except, however, two spaces which may be specifically designated otherwise under FHMC 10.04.080;
14. Northwest side of First Street from Court Street northwesterly 140 feet;
15. West side of Blair Avenue from Park Street south 390 feet;
16. East side of Blair Avenue from Park Street south 138 feet;
17. North side of Guard Street from Culver Avenue to Tucker Avenue.

C. A four-hour limit shall be in effect between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day except Sundays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, in the following areas:

1. Both sides of Market Street from Mullis Street to Nash Street;
2. Both sides of Mullis Street from Spring Street to the intersection with Market Street unless otherwise restricted;
3. Both sides of Mullis Street from the Market Street intersection south 500 feet;
4. Both sides of Nash Street from Caines Street to Market Street unless otherwise restricted.

D. An eight-hour limit shall be in effect between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., each day except Sundays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, in the following areas:

1. The northwest side of First Street from Court Street to the northwest end except for the first 140 feet from Court Street;
2. The southwest side of First Street from Court Street to the northwest end;
3. Both sides of Web Street from Argyle Avenue to A Street;
4. Both sides of Culver Avenue from Guard Street to Jensen Alley.

E. A 72-hour parking limit shall be in effect upon streets within the town at all times. Any vehicle parked in excess of 72 hours shall be deemed to be abandoned and may be removed and impounded pursuant to RCW 46.55.085. The last owner of record shall be responsible for any costs incurred in removing, storing, and disposing of such vehicle.

F. The traffic engineer is authorized to designate disabled parking areas, loading zones, taxi zones, and bus stops when he determines that such action will promote the purposes of this chapter. (Ord. 1334 § 2, 2007; Ord. 1304 § 3, 2006)

10.04.080 Restricted parking.

Parking shall be restricted, as indicated, in the following areas:

- A. Any space designated as disabled parking;
- B. Any space designated as emergency vehicle parking;

- C. Any space designated as loading zone;
- D. Any space designated as taxi zone;
- E. Any space designated as bus stop;
- F. Any space designated as U.S. Customs parking;

G. In the area located northwest of the northwest right-of-way edge of Front Street, between Court Street extended and the northwest terminus of Front Street, there shall be two spaces designated for use only by business tenants of the Port of Friday Harbor; and

H. On any required fire apparatus access road unless the vehicle is in the process of being loaded or unloaded and the driver thereof is in actual attendance of said vehicle. (Ord. 1346 § 2, 2007; Ord. 1304 § 4, 2006; Ord. 1284 § 3, 2005)

10.04.085 Restricted public parking lots.

A. Restricted Public Parking Lots. Except for vehicles owned by San Juan County, no vehicles shall remain parked for more than 72 hours in any of the following county-owned public parking lots located within the town:

1. The County Courthouse parking lot, located on the north side of Second Street, between Court Street and Culver Avenue; and
2. The County Annex Building parking lot, located on the south side of Rhone Street; and
3. The County Public Works Yard parking lot, located at 1000 Guard Street; and
4. The County Public Works Building parking lot, located at 915 Spring Street.

B. Impoundment Authorized. Any vehicle parked in violation of subsection A of this section shall be deemed an “unauthorized vehicle,” as defined in RCW 46.55.010(13), and may be impounded under the authority of RCW 46.55.070. The last owner of record shall be responsible for any costs incurred in removing, storing and disposing of such vehicle. (Ord. 1238 §§ 1, 2, 2003)

10.04.090 Speed restrictions.

Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 46.61.415, the maximum speed limit shall be 20 miles per hour along the following streets, or portions thereof:

A. Warbass Way, from the corporate limits of the town to its intersection with Harrison Street; and

B. Harrison Street, from its intersection with Warbass Way and “B” Street to the corporate limits of the town; and

C. Spruce Street, from its intersection with Argyle Avenue to its intersection with Rose Lane; and

D. Hemlock Court in its entirety; and

E. Green Way in its entirety; and

F. Alder Court in its entirety; and

G. Rose Lane, from its intersection with Argyle Avenue to its intersection with Spruce Street; and

H. Perry Place in its entirety; and

I. Lampard Road, from its intersection with Spring Street to the corporate limits of the town; and

J. Hillcrest Place in its entirety; and

K. Mason Court in its entirety; and

L. Kelsando Circle in its entirety; and

M. Jensen Alley in its entirety; and

N. Nash Street, from its intersection with Spruce Street to its intersection with Market Street. (Ord. 1367 § 2, 2008)

10.04.100 U-turn restrictions.

Pursuant to RCW 46.90.424, it is unlawful for a person operating a vehicle to make a U-turn at any point other than an intersection or street end, or where prohibited from doing so by the posting of official signs. A turn into a designated angle parking space on the opposite side of a street shall be deemed a U-turn for purposes of this section. (Ord. 945 § 10, 1994)

10.04.110 Special permits.

A. In addition to the special permits authorized by RCW 46.90.265(10), the traffic engineer is authorized to issue, after consultation with the police department, special permits allowing deviation, for a limited time, from the requirements of this chapter. Such permits shall be issued only after written request setting forth the necessity for the deviation, and after a finding that such action will not create an undue hazard. Such permits are limited to the following purposes:

1. Allowing service vehicles to reserve parking space adjacent to a temporary work site;

2. Facilitating the loading, unloading, or movement of buildings or other oversize loads;

3. Facilitating authorized construction work on street rights-of-way or adjacent property.

B. The traffic engineer, after consultation with the police department, shall issue permits for parades and processions pursuant to RCW 46.90.469.

C. Permits issued under this section shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the traffic engineer may prescribe. Failure to comply with such terms and conditions constitutes a violation of this chapter.

D. The traffic engineer is authorized to establish fees for the issuance of any permits under this section. Fees shall be set in amounts which will recover any costs of administration and enforcement. (Ord. 945 § 11, 1994)

10.04.120 One-way streets.

The following streets are designated as one-way streets with the traffic flow in the directions indicated:

A. Warbass Way from the town limits to the intersection with Harrison Street; traffic flow is westerly;

B. Sunshine Alley from First Street to Nichols Avenue; traffic flow is southerly;

C. East Street from the Harrison Street/First Street intersection to Front Street; traffic flow is northeasterly;

D. Front Street from East Street to Spring Street; traffic flow is northwesterly;

E. Harrison Street from the town limits westerly 230 feet to the top of the hill; traffic flow is easterly;

F. Hillcrest Place from Jennifer Place northerly 415 feet to the concrete survey monument at the northeast corner of Lot 22; traffic flow is northerly; and

G. Nash Street from Spruce Street to Market Street; traffic flow is northerly. (Ord. 1367 § 3, 2008; Ord. 945 § 12, 1994)

10.04.130 Authority of sheriff's department to remove and impound vehicles.

During such time as the county sheriff's department provides police department services to the town under an interlocal agreement, the sheriff's department is authorized and directed to perform, in accordance with the applicable statute, whatever vehicle removal, impoundment, and disposal actions may be required under this chapter. Except with respect to vehicles removed from parking lots owned by San Juan County, the town shall pay any direct costs resulting from such activities. (Ord. 1238 § 3, 2003; Ord. 945 § 13, 1994)

10.04.140 Combined public/private parking space.

Any parking area in which a parked vehicle does, or may, occupy both a portion of the public right-of-way and a portion of private property shall be subject to regulation under this chapter. (Ord. 945 § 14, 1994)

10.04.150 Violation – Penalty.

Any violation of this chapter shall be punishable in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 308-330 WAC, Parking Infractions, for which penalties are not provided for in Chapter 308-330 WAC, shall be as set forth in the town bail schedule, but shall not exceed such limits, if any, as may be established by state law or rule of the Washington State Supreme Court. In addition to such penalties as are provided for in this section, there shall be imposed a penalty of \$25.00 for failure to respond to any notice of traffic infraction relating to parking, including parking infractions defined by local ordinances of the town of Friday Harbor. (Ord. 945 § 15, 1994)

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ARTERIAL STREETS DESIGNATED

(Repealed by Ord. 1079)