

Sec. 11-16. - Stopping, standing and parking prohibited in certain places.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places and/or manners:

- (1) Class A.
 - a. Within any area designated as handicapped parking without the proper permit or sticker displayed and visible on the vehicle.
 - b. Within any area designated as handicapped parking through the misuse or misappropriation of a lawfully obtained handicapped parking sticker or permit.
- (2) Class B.
 - a. Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.
 - b. Within, on, in, or so as to obstruct or interfere with a designated fire zone.
 - c. Within twenty-five (25) feet of a crosswalk.
 - d. Within twenty-five (25) feet of an intersection or corner.
 - e. Within twenty-five (25) feet of a stop sign or traffic signal.
 - f. Within twenty-five (25) feet of corner.
 - g. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.
- (3) Class C.
 - a. At any place where signs prohibit stopping, standing or parking.
 - b. On a sidewalk.
 - c. In front of a public or private driveway or such a manner as to obstruct a private driveway.
 - d. Within an intersection.
 - e. On or in a crosswalk.
 - f. Within the limits of a bus stop or taxi stand.
 - g. Alongside or parallel with another vehicle such that the offending vehicle is double-parked.
 - h. On the wrong side of the street or facing traffic.
 - i. In such a fashion as to occupy two (2) parking spaces.
 - j. At any place beyond the time limits allowed, as may be posted by appropriate signage **or as listed on the proper permit issued to the vehicle.**
 - k. At any place where a town resident or town resident visitor permit is required and without the proper permit or sticker **in electronic form or** displayed and visible on the vehicle.
 - l. At any place where a permit is required and without the proper permit or sticker **in electronic form or** displayed and visible on the vehicle.
- (4) Class D.
 - a. In any area designated as "no parking" by proclamation, signed by the mayor.
 - b. In violation of orders to remove a vehicle during a declared snow emergency.
- (5) Class E.
 - a. Upon any street or highway longer than is reasonable so as to obstruct or interfere with the general use by the public of all parts of such a street.
 - b. Wherever there is an established curb bordering the travel way of any street or highway, on any portion of property owned or controlled by the city between such curbing and walk area or designated tree border.

(Ord. No. 963, 2-5-15; Ord. No. 970, 7-9-15; [Amendment of 7-8-20](#).)

Sec. 11-17. - Penalties for parking violations.

- (a) Fines shall be levied as follows against the owners of motor vehicles found in violation of parking regulations:
- (1) For a violation of a penalty specified in Class A of section 11-16 herein, the penalty shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per offense.
 - (2) For a violation of a penalty specified in Class B of section 11-16 herein, the penalty shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per offense.
 - (3) For a violation of a penalty specified in Class C of section 11-16 herein, the penalty shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per offense.
 - (4) For a violation of a penalty specified in Class D of section 11-16 herein, the penalty shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per offense.
 - (5) For a violation of a penalty specified in Class E of section 11-16 herein, the penalty shall be eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) per offense.
- (b) Payments; late penalty.
- (1) All payments shall be made within ten (10) business days ~~online via the~~ the police department's website, or to the police department. Payments may be made online, in person, or by mail. The mailing address is East Haven Police Department Records Division, 471 North High Street, East Haven, CT. Payments may be made in person ~~only Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) between during~~ the hours ~~between~~ of ~~8:30~~ 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the East Haven Police Department Records Division.
 - (2) In the event the penalties set forth herein are not paid within ten (10) business days following the date of violation, said penalty shall double.
 - (3) Acceptance of the payment of the fine set forth herein by the town shall constitute waiver of the right to further prosecution for each such violation. Nothing in this section shall prevent the town from prosecuting and levying fines up to the maximum provided by Connecticut General Statutes for violation of traffic regulations or pursuing civil remedies whenever the requirements of this section are not fully complied with.
- (c) *Towing*. In addition to the monetary penalties contained herein, a police officer, in his or her discretion, may effectuate the towing of any vehicle found in violation of section 11-16 herein above if:
- (1) The officer determines that the offending vehicle is a substantial public safety hazard;
 - (2) If the officer determines that the offending vehicle is in violation of subsections 1(a), 1(b), 2(a), 2(b), 2(g), 4(a), or 4(b) or,
 - (3) As it relates to the permit parking requirements of sub-section 3(j), 3 (k) and/or 3(l),
 - (a) The officer determines that the offending vehicle is a substantial public safety hazard or
 - (b) If the officer determines that the offending vehicle is parked in an area where a permit is required without the required permit and provided that any and all such areas shall have been designated areas by the board of police commissioners and plainly posted as such by the appropriate signs therein placed ~~or as listed on the proper permit issued to the vehicle~~. The owner of the offending vehicle shall be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the vehicle's removal.

(Ord. No. 963, 2-5-15; [Amendment of 7-8-20](#).)

Sec. 11-18. - Procedure for contesting parking violations.

- (a) Any person wishing to contest any violation of section 11-16 or any fine levied pursuant to section 11-17 ~~may request and shall~~ file an application for contestment ~~online via the police department's website,~~

within ten (10) business days of the time indicated on the notice of violation. In the event that a contesting party does not have internet or computer access to contest a parking violation online; then the contesting party shall submit an application for contestment via a written appeal form that may be obtained at the East Haven Police Department. The contestment form shall be submitted to the East Haven Police Department Records Division during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), within ten (10) business days of the time indicated on the notice of violation. At the time of filing the application of contestment, all evidence that the contesting party has to support their contestment shall be submitted at that time.

- (b) Upon receipt of an application of contestment, the application will be assigned to a hearing officer ~~and scheduled for a contestment hearing before a contestment hearing officer~~ within sixty (60) days of receipt by the East Haven Police Department.
- (c) Members of the board of police commissioners shall serve as contestment hearing officers and the apportionment of hearings and frequency of service by commissioners as hearing officers shall be set and determined by resolution of the commission. At all times, the commission shall cause to be published, on the department website, a list of all commission members presently serving as contestment hearing officers.
- (d) All contestments shall be held via the online service portal available on the police department's website, unless an in-person contestment request is granted. Requests for in-person contestments shall be made in writing by the contesting party at the time they submit their contestment. Decisions regarding in-person requests shall be evaluated and decided upon within the sole discretion of the hearing officer. If an in-person hearing request is granted, it will be scheduled no earlier than 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays), and held at the East Haven Police Department, unless otherwise determined by the hearing officer. The police department may, in its discretion, present evidence. At the conclusion of a contestment review, the contestment hearing officer shall weigh the evidence presented and render a decision in writing or via the online service portal. The decision of the contestment hearing officer shall be final. A copy of the final decision shall be transmitted electronically or mailed to the contesting party and shall serve as a record of the proceedings of the same.

~~Contestment hearings shall be scheduled no earlier than 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and held at the East Haven Police Department. At a contestment hearing, the contesting party may present any evidence in support of his or her application. The police department may, in its discretion, present evidence as well. At the conclusion of a contestment hearing, the contestment hearing officer shall weigh the evidence presented and render a decision, in writing, on a form prescribed by the commission on the application for contestment. The decision of the contestment hearing officer shall be final. A copy of the final decision shall be mailed to the contesting party and shall serve as a record of the proceedings of the same.~~

- (e) The filing of an application of contestment shall toll the payment and penalty timelines provided for in section 11-17(b) until a final decision is rendered regarding an application of contestment. In the event that an application for contestment is denied, the contesting party shall have ten (10) business days from the date of denial to remit any penalties due. In the event the penalties are not paid within ten (10) business days following the date of final decision, said penalty shall double. ~~In the event that the fines are not paid, the Town may submit the unpaid fines to a collection agency.~~
- (f) Any written appeal of any violation of section 11-16 or of any fine levied pursuant to section 11-17 submitted prior to the enactment of this section shall retroactively be addressed pursuant to the provisions of this section as if it had been in place at the time said written appeal was submitted.

(Ord. No. 970, 7-9-15)