

# Hamden Police Department General Orders

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**Section:** Traffic Law Enforcement

**Rescinds:**

**Title:** Parking Enforcement

**Approved By:**

**Approval Date:**

## PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the uniform enforcement of parking regulations for the Hamden Police Department.

## POLICY

Street parking in the Town of Hamden is restricted in various areas to ensure fair access to parking and expedite the flow of vehicular traffic. All existing parking regulations should be enforced with reasonableness and impartiality in all areas of the town.

## Procedures

### A. General Violations.

1. Violations indicated on the Town of Hamden Parking Violation Record (parking tags) and set down by Town Ordinance Section 70.34 will be enforced, when applicable, with reasonableness and impartiality in all areas of the town.

### B. Overtime Parking Violations.

1. Violations of overtime parking will be enforced in town owned parking lots or on Town or State maintained highways posted with "Time Restriction" parking signs.

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### C. Handicapped Parking Violations.

1. Will be enforced at all appropriated, posted spaces with "State-Approved Permit Required" signs.

### D. Fire Lane Violations.

1. Fire lane violations, established by the Fire Marshall and the Traffic Authority, will be enforced in all posted areas.
2. A current list is maintained by the Traffic Engineer's Office.

### E. Issuing Parking Tags.

1. Upon completing the necessary information, the parking summons will be distributed as follows:
  - a. The hard copy will be left with the vehicle.
  - b. The stub will be submitted to the supervisor at the end of the officers tour.

### F. Exemption.

1. Vehicles exempted under C.G.S. 14-290(b) shall not be subject to being ticketed.

### G. Objections.

1. Officers will not rescind tickets under normal circumstances.
2. All persons disputing tickets should be directed to H.Q.
3. The Chief of Police, or his designee, may void a parking ticket in the following circumstances:
  - a. The ticket is improper in that it is incomplete or contains obvious errors, or for any other legitimate reason as determined by the Chief of Police or his designee.

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- b. Ticket was issued to the legally blind, handicapped or veteran pursuant to C.G.S. 14-253a, 14-253 and 14-290.
  - c. Ticket(s) issued to official police, fire and any vehicle exempt by statutes.
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- 4. All persons objecting must put down in writing requesting a formal hearing before the Parking Violation Officer as directed under Town Ordinance 70.37. This form will be forwarded to the Traffic Division Supervisor.
  - 5. The receipt of the objection will automatically delay the 15-day payment period requirement.
  - 6. The objection form will then be forwarded by the Traffic Division Supervisor to the Town Attorney's Office for final action.