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UP TO AND INCLUDING BY-LAW 13-2023

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

BY-LAW NO. #70-2006

**A BY-LAW TO REGULATE TRAFFIC AND PARKING
ON HIGHWAYS UNDER THE JURISDICTION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH AND
TO REPEAL BY-LAW NO. 45-2002**

WHEREAS Section 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, C.25, gives the Township of Woolwich the power to pass by-laws respecting its highways, including parking and traffic on highways;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Woolwich enacts as follows:

PART I - SHORT TITLE

This By-law may be cited as the Township of Woolwich Traffic and Parking By-law.
The Schedules for this by-law are also hereby amended to reflect changes to this by-law.

PART II - DEFINITIONS

The definitions contained within the *Highway Traffic Act* shall apply in the interpretation of this By-law except where they are inconsistent, in which case the definition under this By-law shall apply.

For purposes of this By-law

1. Authorized Sign means any traffic control device or traffic control signal placed or erected on a highway under the authority of this by-law for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.
2. Boulevard means that part of the highway situated between the curb line and the property line of the lot abutting the highway, including a driveway, but does not include a sidewalk or shoulder.
3. Bus Stop means that portion of a highway designated by an authorized sign for the use of buses, as a space for loading and unloading passengers.
4. Commercial Parking Permit means a permit that, when properly affixed, will permit a vehicle to park at any on-street metered parking or loading zone within the local municipality specified on the permit;
5. Commissioner means the Commissioner of Transportation and Environmental Services for the Region or any successor position, or his or her designate;
6. Cul-De-Sac means a highway terminating in a turn-around.

7. Curb Lines:
 - a) where a curb has been constructed, means the line of curb, and
 - b) where no curb has been constructed, means the edge of the roadway.
8. Disabled person parking space means a parking space designated under this By-law for the exclusive use of a vehicle displaying a disabled person parking permit;
9. Drive means to drive, move or operate a vehicle;
10. Driveway means that part of a highway that provides vehicular access to and from the roadway and an adjacent property.
11. Heavy Truck means a vehicle or combination of vehicles having a weight when unloaded of 4.6 metric tonnes or more, but does not include a passenger vehicle, an ambulance, a transit bus on its assigned route or a vehicle of the police or fire departments.
12. Highway means a highway or part of a highway under the jurisdiction of the Township of Woolwich;
13. Highway Traffic Act means the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8 as amended;
14. Local Municipality means the Township of Woolwich.
15. Median means that part of a highway that divides a roadway or separates two roadways within a highway, including any channelizing islands and the central islands of any roundabouts;
16. Motor-assisted vehicle includes a motor-assisted bicycle, roller blade, skateboard, coaster, toy vehicle, mini-bike, go-cart, scooter or any other motor-assisted transportation device that weighs not more than 55 kilograms and that does not have sufficient power to enable the transportation device to attain a speed greater than 50 kilometres per hour on level ground within a distance of 2 kilometres from a standing start, but does not include a wheelchair;
17. Motorized snow vehicle means a self-propelled vehicle designed to be driven primarily on snow;
18. Multi-use trail means that a part of the highway with surface improved with asphalt, concrete or gravel for the use of pedestrians or non-motorized vehicles;
19. Municipal Law Enforcement Officer means a by-law enforcement officer appointed by the Region or a local municipality;
20. One-way street means a highway upon which vehicular traffic is limited to movement in one direction;
21. Parking Meter means a device that shall indicate thereon the interval of time during which a vehicle may be parked, and that shall have a receptacle for receiving payment; and that shall indicate when said interval of time shall have elapsed;
22. Parking Space means that part of the roadway that is designated by the Township of Woolwich for the purpose of parking one vehicle;

23. Pedestrian means any person afoot, any person in a wheelchair, any child in a wheeled carriage, and any person riding a non-motorized bicycle with wheels less than 50 centimetres in diameter.
24. Permit properly affixed means a permit that is clearly visible facing outward through the windshield;
25. Region means the Regional Municipality of Waterloo;
26. Reparking means parking the same vehicle within 5 hours of initial parking within a "no reparking" area designated by the Region or a local municipality.
27. Reserved lane means a lane within a highway reserved under this By-law exclusively for use by bicycles, horse-drawn vehicles, buses or other specific classes or types of vehicles.
28. Reserved Parking Permit means a permit that, when properly affixed, will permit any vehicle to park in any parking space beyond the time limit designated under this By-law at the prevailing rate;
29. Roundabout means a form of intersection that accommodates traffic flow in a circular direction around a central island;
30. School crossing means:
 - a) any portion of a highway at or near an intersection described in Schedule 4, distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface of the roadway, or
 - b) any portion of a highway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by school crossing signs and lines or other markings on the surface of the roadway.
31. School-purpose vehicle means a vehicle that a school board has contracted to transport one or more students, including but not limited to a school bus.
32. Shoulder means that portion of the highway lying adjacent to the roadway which is improved with granular or paved surface and is not intended for the passage of motor vehicles or pedestrians; **(Amended by By-law 6-2007)**
33. Sidewalk means that part of a highway with a surface improved with asphalt, concrete or gravel for the use of pedestrians.
- 33.1 Snow Event means a period of time when winter weather is forecast that would require snow removal, snow plowing or salting operations. **(Amended by By-law 05-2020)**
34. Traffic Control Device means a sign, marking or other device on a highway for the purpose of controlling, guiding or directing traffic.
35. Traffic Control Signal means any device, manually, electrically or mechanically operated for the regulation of traffic.

36. Transit Bus means a bus operated by Grand River Transit, an inter-city transit operator, or a charter transit operator but does not include a school-purpose vehicle; and
37. Unlicensed vehicle means a motor vehicle that does not have a number plate displayed or does not have a current validation of a vehicle permit affixed to the number plate, in the manner prescribed in the Highway Traffic Act.

PART III - ENFORCEMENT AND AUTHORITY

1. ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION

A police officer may enforce all provisions of this By-law. A municipal law enforcement officer may enforce the parking and stopping provisions of this by-law. The local municipality in which the highway is located may prosecute the parking and stopping provisions of this By-law. **(Amended by By-law 6-2007)**

2. AUTHORITY

- a) The Director of Engineering and Planning Services for the Township of Woolwich or designate is authorized to place, erect and maintain such traffic control devices and traffic control signals that are required to give effect to the provisions of this by-law and/or that are authorized by the Schedules to this by-law.
- b) The Director of Engineering and Planning Services for the Township of Woolwich or designate is authorized, notwithstanding the other provisions of this By-law, to place, erect, maintain, move and remove such traffic control devices and traffic control signals as required for reasons of emergency or safety or for an activity for which the Region or a local municipality has granted a permit.
- c) No person shall place, maintain, or display upon any highway, any sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles any traffic control device or traffic control signal without the prior approval of the Director of Engineering and Planning Services for the Township of Woolwich or designate.
- d) The Director of Engineering and Planning is authorized to issue a permit for use of a highway by a vehicle or combination of vehicles in excess of the dimension and weight limits set out in the Highway Traffic Act.

PART IV - GENERAL

1. OPERATION OF VEHICLES

- a) Driving On Other Than A Roadway, Sidewalk or Multi-use Trail
- i) No person shall drive a motor vehicle, a motor assisted vehicle on any sidewalk or multi-use trail except on a driveway.

ii) No person shall drive a bicycle having a wheel or wheels more than 50 centimetres in diameter or ride a skateboard on any boulevard or sidewalk except on a driveway.

iii) No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle within a city or settlement area limits or on any roadway except to cross on any sidewalk or multi-use trail or on any boulevard beside a sidewalk or multi-use trail. **(Added by By-law 6-2007)**

b) Closed Roads

No person shall drive a vehicle, except an emergency vehicle or a vehicle authorized by the Director of Engineering and Planning Services for the Township of Woolwich or designate or by a police officer on any highway that is roped, barricaded, or marked by an authorized sign prohibiting its use.

c) Newly Painted Lines

No person shall drive, or attempt to drive on or over, or tamper with, or walk on any newly painted line or series of lines, on any roadway, when the presence of such is indicated by markers, electric lanterns or otherwise.

d) Blocking Intersection

No driver of a vehicle approaching, at an intersection, a traffic control signal showing a circular green or a green arrow shall enter the intersection unless traffic in front of him or her is moving in a manner that would reasonably lead him or her to believe that he or she can clear the intersection before the signal indication changes to a circular red indication. **(Amended by By-law 6-2007)**

This prohibition, however, does not apply to the driver of a vehicle who enters an intersection for the purpose of turning to the right or left onto an intersecting roadway and signals his or her intention to make the turn prior to entering the intersection.

e) Roundabouts

No person shall drive, move or operate any vehicle or animal-drawn vehicle other than in a counterclockwise direction on any roundabout named or described in Schedule 25 to this by-law. **(Amended by By-laws 6-2007 and 63-2016)**

2. PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

a) Games or Sports

Unless allowed under a permit by the Region or a local municipality, no person shall play or take part in any game or sport upon a highway.

b) Transportation Devices

Unless allowed under a permit granted by the Region or a local municipality, no person upon roller skates, roller blades, or a skateboard or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle or similar transportation devices shall go upon a roadway except for the purpose of crossing the roadway and when so crossing such person shall have the rights and be subject to the obligations of a pedestrian. **(Amended by By-law 6-2007)**

c) Riding Abreast

No person shall ride a bicycle on any roadway or shoulder abreast of another bicycle except in the course of passing such other bicycle.

d) Parking a Bicycle

- (i) Unless otherwise permitted in this By-law, no person shall park a bicycle on any roadway or shoulder.
- (ii) No person shall park a bicycle on any highway except in an upright position.

3. ANIMALSa) Riding on a Boulevard, Sidewalk or Multi-Use Trail

No person shall ride, drive, lead or back any animal that is not a household pet on any boulevard, sidewalk or multi-use trail except on a driveway.

b) Attendance While In Motion

No person shall drive an animal-drawn vehicle on a highway unless he or she remains upon the vehicle while it is in motion or walks beside the animal drawing it.

4. DEPOSITING SNOW ON ROADWAYS

- a) No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway or shoulder. **(Amended by By-law 05-2020)**

PART V - PARKING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS1. Owner Liable

Where a vehicle has been parked or stopped in contravention of this By-law, the owner of the vehicle is guilty of an offence and is liable to the fine prescribed for the offence unless, at the time of the offence, the vehicle was in the possession of some person other than the owner without the owner's consent. **(Amended by By-law 6-2007)**

2. METHOD OF PARKING OR STOPPING

a) General

Unless otherwise prohibited or permitted in this by-law, no person shall park or stop a vehicle on any roadway except on the right side of the roadway having reference to the direction in which the vehicle has been travelling, parallel to and not exceeding a distance of 0.15 metres from the curb line.

b) Parking On One-Way Streets

Unless otherwise permitted in this By-law, where parking is permitted on either side or both sides of a one-way street, no person shall park or stop a vehicle except parallel to and not exceeding a distance of 0.15 metres from the curb line and so that the front end of the vehicle is facing the direction in which the vehicle is permitted to proceed.

c) Angle Parking

Where angle parking is permitted, no person shall park or stop a vehicle except at the angle with the roadway indicated by markings and/or signs and so that the front end of the vehicle is angled toward the direction in which the vehicle is permitted to proceed.

d) Boulevard

Where boulevard parking is permitted, no person shall park a vehicle on the abutting roadway or shoulder or any part thereof.

e) Parking Spaces

No person shall park a vehicle in such a manner as to encroach on a contiguous parking space unless the vehicle cannot be accommodated in one parking space.

3. PARKING PROHIBITED

a) General

Unless otherwise permitted in this By-law, no person shall park a vehicle on any highway:

- (i) On or overhanging any curb;
- (ii) On or overhanging any boulevard, sidewalk or multi-use trail;
- (iii) within an intersection, including a roundabout;
- (iv) within 3 metres of a point on the curb line nearest a fire hydrant;
- (v) within 15 metres of the nearest rail of a level railway crossing;

- (vi) Within 9 metres of an intersecting roadway;
- (vii) within 15 metres of an intersection controlled by traffic control signals or a roundabout;
- (viii) In front of or within 1.5 metres of the entrance to a driveway or so as to prevent ingress to or egress from such driveway;
- (ix) In such a manner as to obstruct an entrance on the highway to or from a private road or lane;
- (x) in such a manner as to obstruct a crosswalk;
- (xi) in such a manner as to obstruct traffic;
- (xii) in a position or place that prevents or is likely to prevent the removal of any vehicle already parked on the highway;
- (xiii) for a longer period of time than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, subject to the provisions of Section 3(a)(xiv);
- (xiv) Between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. from December 1st to March 31st **(amended by By-law 84-2016)**;
- (xv) for the purpose of repairing, washing, or maintenance of a vehicle, except when such use of the highway is unavoidable through emergency;
- (xvi) for the purpose of soliciting, vending, buying or selling goods and/or services, unless otherwise permitted by by-law;
- (xvii) Within 15 metres on either side of a bus stop.
- (xviii) within a reserved lane during the hours and days that the reserved lane is in effect;
- (xix) if such vehicle is a transit bus, except at a bus stop or at a location where the transit bus is waiting for charter or emergency passengers;
- (xx) if such vehicle is a school bus, except within a school bus loading zone;
- (xxi) if such vehicle is a heavy truck;
- (xxii) if such vehicle is a trailer more than 10 metres in length; **(Amended by By-law 6-2007)**
- (xxiii) if such vehicle is an unlicensed vehicle; or
- (xxiv) if such vehicle is leaking gasoline, engine oil or any other vehicular fluid. **(Amended by By-law 6-2007)**

b) Emergency Prohibition of Parking

Despite Parts V and VI of this by-law and anything in Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this By-law, when an authorized sign is on display no person shall park on any highway during any emergency. For this purpose "emergency" includes, but is not limited to:

- (i) a fire, flood or other natural disaster;
- (ii) work under a permit granted by the Region or a local municipality; or
- (iii) any circumstances in which Section 134 of the Highway Traffic Act applies.

4. NO PARKING

- a) Where signs establishing a "no parking" area are on display no person shall park a vehicle within such zone.
- b) Without limiting the generality of the provisions of Part V, Section 4 a) of this By-law, an authorized sign may be erected prohibiting the parking of a vehicle on a highway:
 - (i) named or described in Schedule '1' of this By-law, on the side or sides of the highway set out in therein, during the times and/or days set out therein;
 - (ii) that is public lane;
 - (iii) In a cul-de-sac along the turn around;
 - (iv) within 15 metres of the termination of a dead end highway;
 - (v) In front of an emergency entrance to or exit from a hospital, theatre, auditorium or other building in which persons may be expected to congregate in large numbers;
 - (vi) Within 30 metres on either side of a bus stop;
 - (vii) On that side of any highway where the same abuts on the property of any public park, or public playground;
 - (viii) Not applicable to the Township of Woolwich;
 - (ix) Within 15 metres on either side of an access to a "Community Trail" as established by the Municipality;
 - (x) Within 8 metres of any fire hall access on the side of the highway on which the fire hall is located and/or within 30 metres of such fire hall access on the opposite side of the highway;

- (xi) Within 15 metres of an intersection; or
- (xii) Within 30 metres of an intersection controlled by traffic control signals or a roundabout;

5. LIMITED PARKING

When an authorized sign is on display, no person shall:

- a) park a vehicle on any highway named or described in Schedule '2' to this By-law, except on the side or sides of highways set out therein, for the length of time set out therein; or
- b) repark a vehicle on a highway named or described in Schedule '2' of this By-law as "no reparking".

6. ANGLE PARKING

When an authorized sign is on display, no person shall park a vehicle on any named or described in Schedule '3' to this By-law, on the side or sides of highway set out therein, except in accordance with Part V, Section 2. c) of this By-law.

7. STOPPING PROHIBITED

Unless otherwise permitted in this By-law, no person shall stop a vehicle on a highway:

- a) Within a School Bus Loading Zone;
- b) On or adjacent to a median;
- c) On, under or within 30 metres of a bridge, elevated structure, tunnel or underpass; or
- d) within a roundabout.

8. NO STOPPING

- a) Where an authorized sign establishing a "no stopping zone" is on display, no person shall stop a vehicle within such zone, other than a transit bus at a bus stop or a school-purpose vehicle within a school bus loading zone.
- b) Without limiting the generality of the provision of Part V Section 8 a) of this By-law, an authorized sign may be erected prohibiting the stopping of a vehicle:
 - (i) On any highway named or described in Schedule '4' to this By-law, on the side or sides of highways set out therein, during the times and/or days set out therein;

- (ii) On any highway within 30 metres of a school crosswalk designated by the Township of Woolwich;
- (iii) On that side of any highway where the same abuts on school property except a school purpose vehicle while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers;
- (iv) On the opposite side of any highway adjacent to school property, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Monday through Friday inclusive; or
- (v) On any highway within 15 metres of a pedestrian crossover;

9. LOADING ZONES

When an authorized sign is on display, no person shall stop a vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle on any of the highways or parts of highways named or described in Schedule '5' of this by-law, on the side or sides of the highway set out therein, during the time and/or days set out therein, except that the driver of a passenger vehicle may temporarily stop in a loading zone for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers and/or merchandise, provided that such stopping does not interfere with any commercial motor vehicle entering or exiting such loading zone.

10. TAXICAB STANDS

When an authorized sign is on display, no person shall stop a vehicle other than a taxicab on any highway named or described in Schedule '6' to this By-law, on the side or sides of highways set out in the said schedule, except that the driver of a passenger vehicle may temporarily stop in a taxicab stand for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers and/or merchandise provided that such stopping does not interfere with any taxicab entering or exiting such taxicab stand.

11. DISABLED PERSON PARKING SPACES

When authorized signs have been erected and are on display, no person shall park or stop a vehicle in a disabled person parking space on any highway named or described in Schedule '7' to this By-law, on the side or sides of highways set out therein, other than a vehicle upon which is properly affixed a valid disabled person parking permit and is at the time being used to transport a disabled person.

12. SNOW EVENT

- a) No person shall park or stop a vehicle on any highway during a snow event as identified through a Township media advisory and posting on the Township's website. **(Amended by By-law 05-2020)**
- b) A snow event shall commence at either 5 pm or 12 am and extend for a minimum of 24 hours unless cancelled through a posting on the Township's website. **(Amended by By-law 05-2020)**

13. WINTER PARKING

- a) No person shall park a vehicle on any highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow or ice.
(Amended by By-law 05-2020)

PART VI - PARKING METERS AND PARKING PERMITS1. PARKING METER ZONES

When an authorized sign is on display on any highway named or described in Schedule '8' to this By-law, the side or sides of the highway set out therein are designated as parking meter zones.

Within a parking meter zone, no person shall:

- a) park a vehicle between the hours and during the days set out in Schedule "8" of this By-law, except when such days are statutory Holidays, unless the person pays the required fee in the parking meter provided for the parking space occupied;
- b) allow a vehicle to remain parked for a period longer than that for which payment has been made, provided however, that this shall not prevent the driver of a vehicle from using the unexpired time remaining in the meter or meters from its previous use without further payment;
- c) allow a vehicle to remain parked for a period longer than the maximum length of time for which continuous parking is permitted as set out in Schedule "8" of this By-law;
- d) deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device or other substitute for the required fee; or
- e) park a vehicle in such a manner that it is not wholly within a parking space unless the vehicle is of such length as to prevent it being within one space, in which case the person parking same shall make the necessary payment in the parking meter provided for each parking space occupied.

2. Funeral Services

Churches and funeral homes within a parking meter zone at which funeral services are being held are hereby given authority to place signs on parking meters or otherwise in a manner approved by the Commissioner indicating that parking, except for those attending such service, is temporarily prohibited in the parking spaces so marked for a period of one hour in advance of the scheduled time of such service, and during such service, and any person disobeying the instructions of said signs shall be considered as violating the provisions of this part of the By-law. It shall not be necessary for the owner or driver of a vehicle validly parked in connection with such service in the parking spaces so marked to make any payment for parking during the aforesaid period.

3. Commercial/Essential Parking Permit

- a) The Commissioner may issue a commercial/essential parking permit to the owner of any motor vehicle.
- b) Any motor vehicle for which a commercial/essential parking permit has been issued and properly affixed may be parked at any on-street parking or loading zone within the local municipality specified on the permit without further payment for any period of time not exceeding the time limit designated under this By-law.

4. Reserved Parking Permit

- a) The Commissioner may issue a reserved parking permit to the owner of any motor vehicle.
- b) Any motor vehicle for which a reserved parking permit has been issued and properly affixed may be parked at any parking space within the local municipality specified on the permit beyond the time limit designated under this By-law, provided that such vehicle is engaged in loading or unloading or carrying out repairs to public utilities or other essential public services.

PART VII - TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

- 1. The installation of traffic control signals is hereby authorized at the locations set out in Schedule '9' to this by-law.

PART VIII - PEDESTRIAN CROSSOVERS

1. Level 1 Pedestrian Crossovers

When an authorized sign establishing "Level 1 pedestrian crossover" is on display on any highway named or described in Schedule '10' of this By-law, any location set out therein is designated as a Level 1 pedestrian crossover.

2. Level 2 Pedestrian Crossovers

When an authorized sign establishing "Level 2 pedestrian crossover" is on display on any highway named or described in Schedule '10' of this By-law, any location set out therein is designated as a Level 2 pedestrian crossover.

Any approach/exit of a roundabout is a level II Pedestrian Crossover when an authorized sign is on display.

PART IX - THROUGH HIGHWAYS

Any highway named or described in Schedule '11' of this By-law is designated as a "through highway" except at an intersection thereon where there is a traffic control signal, an all-way stop or a roundabout. For any highway designated as a "through highway", a stop sign or a yield sign shall be erected facing approaching traffic on any

roadway intersecting the "through highway".

PART X - INTERSECTION STOP SIGNS

Stop signs shall be erected at the intersections named or described in Schedule '12' of this By-law, facing the traffic travelling in the direction specified therein.

PART XI - INTERSECTION YIELD SIGNS

Yield signs shall be erected:

- a) at the intersections named or described in Schedule '13' of this By-law, facing the traffic travelling in the direction specified therein; and
- b) at roundabouts facing the traffic entering on all approaches.

PART XII - VEHICLE MOVEMENTS

1. U-TURNS

When an authorized sign is on display, no person shall operate a vehicle in such a manner as to make a U-Turn on any highway named or described in Schedule '14' of this By-law.

2. PROHIBITED MOVEMENT(S)

When an authorized sign is on display, no person operating a vehicle on any highway named or described in Schedule '15' of this By-law, proceeding in the direction or emerging from a property set out therein shall make the movement(s) set out therein, during the times and/or days set out therein.

3. LANE DESIGNATION

When an authorized sign is on display, a person operating a vehicle on any highway or named or described in Schedule '16' of this by-law, proceeding in the direction set out therein, at the location set out therein, shall make any movement other than the movement(s) set out therein.

PART XIII - ONE-WAY STREETS

1. When an authorized sign is on display, any highway named or described in Schedule '17' of this By-law is designated as a one-way highway in the direction of travel stated therein.

PART XIV - RATES OF SPEED (km/h)

1. HIGHWAYS

When an authorized sign is on display, the maximum permissible rate of speed on any highway named or described in Schedule '18' of this By-law shall be that rate of speed set out therein.

2. BRIDGES

When an authorized sign is on display, the maximum permissible rate of speed on any bridge named or described in Schedule '19' of this By-law shall be that rate of speed set out therein.

PART XV - CENTRE LANE: DUAL LEFT TURNS

1. When an authorized sign is on display, no person shall operate a vehicle on the centre land of any highway named or described in Schedule '20' of this By-law, except for the purpose of turning left.

PART XVI – LOADS

1. Reduced loads on Highways

When an authorized sign is on display, no person shall drive a vehicle or combination of vehicles if the gross weight is in excess of the weight posted on the highway.

2. Reduced loads on Bridges

When an authorized sign is on display, no person shall drive a vehicle or combination of vehicles if the gross weight is in excess of the weight posted for a bridge on a highway.

3. Oversize Loads

No person shall drive a vehicle or combination of vehicles on a highway that is in excess of the dimensions and weight set out in the *Highway Traffic Act* without first having obtained a permit from the Commissioner.

PART XVII - HEAVY TRUCK PROHIBITIONS

1. HIGHWAYS

When an authorized sign is on display, no person shall drive a heavy truck on highway named or described in Schedule '21' of this By-law, during the times and/or days set out therein.

2. BONA FIDE DESTINATIONS

Part XVII Section 1 of this By-law shall not apply to the driver of a heavy truck making a bona fide delivery to, or a collection from a premise or premises which cannot be reached by any route other than a highway where heavy trucks are prohibited within this By-law, provided that when making such a delivery or collection the same highway is travelled only as far as is unavoidable in getting to and from such premise or premises.

3. This part does not apply to over-dimensional vehicles as the term “over-dimensional farm vehicle” is defined in the *Highway Traffic Act*. **(as amended by By-law 56-2020)**

PART XVIII - SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONES

1. When an authorized sign is on display, the driver of a school-purpose vehicle must not stop on any highway named or described in Schedule '22' of this By-law other than on the side or sides of highway set out therein.

PART XVIII.1 – SCHOOL ZONES

1. The Portions of highways located at the schools as set out in Schedule 29 of this By-law, together with 150 metres along the highways in either direction beyond the limits of the land used for the purposes of the school, are designated as school zones. **(as amended by By-law 08-2022)**

PART XIX - COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONES

1. When an authorized sign is on display, any highway named or described in Schedule 23 of this By-law is designated as Community Safety Zones as set out therein.

PART XX - RESERVED LANES

When an authorized sign is on display, no person shall drive a vehicle on the reserved lanes named or described in Schedule 24 of this By-law, during the times and/or days set out therein, unless the person is driving a vehicle of a specific class or type set out therein.

PART XXI - ROUNDABOUTS

No person shall drive, move or operate any vehicle or animal-drawn vehicle other than in a counterclockwise direction on any roundabout named or described in Schedule 25 to this by-law. **(Added by By-law 63-2016)**

PART XXII - PENALTIES

1. PENALTIES

- a) Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33, as amended. The fine for each offence for highways under the jurisdiction of the Township of Woolwich is found in Schedule 28 of this By-law.
- b) Notwithstanding Part XXI 1 a) of this By-law, any person violating any of the provisions of PARTS VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, Section 1 of PART XVII, PARTS XVIII, XIX and PART XX is guilty of an offence and shall be subject to the penalty provided for such violation in the Highway Traffic Act.

2. EARLY VOLUNTARY PAYMENT OF PENALTIES

Not applicable to the Township of Woolwich.

3. EXEMPTIONS

Part IV (Section 1 only), PARTS V, VI, XII, XIII, XV, XVI and XVII (Sections 1 and 2) of this By-law shall not, if compliance therewith would be impractical, apply to an emergency vehicle and/or a vehicle engaged in works undertaken for or on behalf of the Region, local municipalities or public utilities.

4. AUTHORITY TO MOVE VEHICLES

In addition to any other penalties provided for in this By-law, a police officer or a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer may cause a vehicle to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place and all costs and charges for the removal, care and storage of the vehicle, if any, are a lien upon the vehicle, which may be enforced in the manner provided by the Repair and Storage Liens Act, R.S.O. 1990, R.25, as amended. **(By-law #66-2009)**

PART XXIII - BY-LAWS REPEALED

By-law Number 13-95, as amended, dated the 28th day of March, 1995, is hereby repealed as of the effective date set out in Part XXIII below.

PART XXIV - VALIDITY

Should any part, section or provision of this By-law be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the By-law as a whole or in part thereof, other than the part which was declared to be invalid.

This By-law shall come into force and effect upon final approval of the Set Fine Schedule by the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Original By-law 70-2006 was adopted by the Council of the Township of Woolwich on October 10, 2006.

**Signed versions of the original and amending
Traffic and Parking By-laws are available
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