

**HARBOR TRAFFIC CODE**  
**(Annotated Version)**  
**Amended and Restated 2/9/2021**

**RESOLUTION**

Pursuant to the authority granted by Ordinance 40-69 and Ordinance 205-99 of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, the San Francisco Port Commission hereby enacts the following regulations to constitute the Harbor Traffic Code ("Code"):

**Article 1. Definitions and General Provisions**

**1.1. Harbor Traffic Code.** These regulations shall be known as the Harbor Traffic Code and when reference herein is made to "this Code" it shall mean the regulations enacted as a Harbor Traffic Code.

**1.2. Meaning of Words and Phrases Generally.** Whenever in this Code terms, words, or phrases are used which are not defined by the provisions of this Code, but are defined in the San Francisco Transportation Code or in the Vehicle Code of the State of California, the definition and meaning shall be applied as set forth and contained in the provisions of the said San Francisco Transportation Code or of the said Vehicle Code of the State of California.

**1.3. Area Covered by this Code.** The provisions of this Code shall be in force upon all lands and waters, including any street, wharf, bulkhead wharf, pier, quay, storage area, waterway, or navigable waters, within the control and jurisdiction of the Commission, as defined in the Burton Act, Statutes of 1968, Chapter 1333. (Amended by Resolution No. 96-112, 11/12/96)

**1.4. Specific Definitions.** Whenever in this Code the following terms are used, they shall have the meaning respectively ascribed to them in this section, unless otherwise apparent from the context:

(a) **Limited Parking Areas.** Areas where parking limitations have been established and appropriate signs erected or other appropriate markings made governing periods of time, location or manner of parking.

(b) **Restricted Parking Area.** Areas marked "Restricted Parking Area" wherein parking is prohibited except as provided by, and in conformity to, permits issued by the Commission.

(c) **Commission.** Whenever the term "Commission" is used in this Code it shall refer to the San Francisco Port Commission.

**1.5. Emergency Vehicles Exempt from Certain Rules.** The provisions of this Code regulating the movement, parking and standing of vehicles while the driver of any such vehicle is engaged in the necessary performance of emergency duties, shall not apply to ambulances, vehicles of the Commercial Fire Dispatch, A.D.T. Co. (American District Telegraph Company), American Burglar Alarm Company, Department of Electricity, Fire Department, Fire Marshal, Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Underwriters' Fire Patrol, United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, or of a public utility.

**1.6. Government Vehicles Regulated.** The provisions of this Code shall apply to the operator of any vehicle owned by or used in the service of any city, state, or federal government agency, except as hereinabove provided in Section 1.5. It shall be unlawful for any said operator to violate any of the provisions of this Code.

## Article 2. Authority of the Police

**2.1. Authority of the Police.** The Commission shall authorize City police officers and/or employees of the Commission to regulate traffic and to carry out the provisions of this Code.

**2.2. Obedience to Police.** It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a police officer or uniformed employee authorized by the Commission to enforce the provisions of this Code.

**2.3. Stopping of Vehicles by Direction.** Nothing in this Code shall be construed to prevent stopping of vehicles when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, traffic control signal device or sign or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or employee authorized by the Commission to carry out the provisions of this Code.

**2.4. Unauthorized Direction of Traffic.** It shall be unlawful for any person to direct or attempt to direct traffic unless authorized to do so by the Commission.

**2.5. Selling from Vehicle or Animal.** Except at times and places as specified by license issued by the Commission, it shall be unlawful for any person to park or stop any vehicle or animal or other conveyance on any street, sidewalk, wharf, bulkhead wharf, pier, quay, or storage area within the Port area of the Commission from which said food or other merchandise is being sold or offered for sale from a vehicle or animal. Licenses permitting such sale shall be food or merchandise. (Added to Harbor Traffic Code, 12/13/72)

## Article 3. Obedience to Signs and Stopping or Parking

**3.1. Refusal to Move Vehicles.** It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any vehicle standing along or upon the area covered by this Code, to fail, refuse or neglect to remove such vehicle when requested to do so by any police officer or employee authorized by the Commission to carry out the provisions of this Code.

**3.2. Parking Limited Areas.** On any day except Sunday and except as provided in Section 3.14, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to stop the same or park from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a longer period of time than herein designated on any of the following areas:

(a) Two Hours. All areas along the Embarcadero, other than those areas covered by Section 3.3, where a two-hour parking limit is designated.

**3.3. Parking Limited Areas, Including Sunday, 7:00 a.m., to 7:00 pm.** On any day, including Sunday and Holidays, except as provided in Section 3.14, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to stop the same or park at metered spaces from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a longer period of time than herein designated on any of the following areas:

- (a) Two Hours.
- (i) Along Powell Street between The Embarcadero and Beach Street.
  - (ii) On Beach Street between Powell Street and The Embarcadero.
  - (iii) On west side of Grant Avenue between Beach Street and North Point Street.
  - (iv) On North Point Street between Grant Avenue and The Embarcadero.
  - (v) On Kearny Street between The Embarcadero and Bay Street.
  - (vi) On north side of Bay Street between Kearny Street and The Embarcadero.

- Street. (vii) On Francisco Street between Kearny Street and Montgomery
- Street. (viii) On Montgomery Street between Francisco Street and Chestnut
- Montgomery Street. (ix) On north side of Chestnut Street between Sansome Street and
- Chestnut Street. (x) On east side of Sansome Street between Lombard Street and
- Embarcadero. (xi) On Lombard Street between Sansome Street and The
- Street. (xii) On Battery Street between Greenwich Street and Lombard
- (xiii) On Front Street between Vallejo Street and The Embarcadero.
- (xiv) On Vallejo Street between Front Street and Davis Street.
- (xv) On Davis Street between Broadway Street and Vallejo Street.
- Embarcadero. (xvi) On Broadway Street between Davis Street and The

(b) Two Hours and Special Restrictions During Ballpark Events. Along Terry Francois Boulevard from Third Street and extending to Pier 48, including 8 designated spaces on the Pier 48 wharf adjacent to Barry Bonds Junior Giants Field, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to stop or park the same for more than two hours and it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to stop or park the same between three hours before and three hours after any ballpark events at SBC Ballpark, as designated by appropriate signage maintained by the Port or designated agency along the boulevard.

(Amended by Resolution No. 77-18, 12/14/77; Amended by Resolution No. 79-1, 01/10/79; Amended by Resolution No. 04-13, 02/10/04; and Amended by Resolution No. 13-21)

**3.4. *Parking Meter Zone Including Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday except as described as below:***

- (a) No Time Limits:
  - (i) Along Terry Francois Boulevard from Mission Rock Street and extending to Illinois Street Mission Bay Commons South both sides of street.
  - (ii) Along the west side of Terry Francois Boulevard, 270 feet south of Mission Bay Boulevard South.
  - (iii) Along the east side of Terry Francois Boulevard, between Mission Bay Boulevard South and Warriors Way.
  - (iv) Along Mission Rock Street from Third Street and extending to Terry Francois Boulevard, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to stop the same or park between three hours before and three hours after any ballpark events, as designated by appropriate signage maintained by the Port or designated agency along the boulevard in the designated areas.
  - (v) Along China Basin Street, from 250 feet east of Third Street and extending to Illinois Street.
  - (vi) Along Mission Bay Commons North, from 250 feet east of Third Street and extending to Illinois Street.

(vii) Mission Bay Commons South, from 250 feet east of Third Street and extending to Illinois Street.

(b) General Metered Parking, 8 AM-10 PM, Monday through Sunday. As used in this Code, “event days” shall mean.

(i) Tow away, no stopping, 5 pm-12 midnight Monday through Friday, 3pm-12midnight Saturday and Sunday on event days: 16th Street, south side, from Illinois Street to Terry Francois Boulevard.

(ii) Tow away, no stopping, 6 pm-12 midnight Monday through Friday, 4pm-12midnight Saturday and Sunday on event days: Illinois Street, west side, from 16th Street to Mariposa.

(iii) Tow away, no stopping, 6 PM-12 midnight Monday through Friday, 4 PM-12 midnight Saturday and Sunday on event days. Illinois Street, east side, from 16th Street to Mariposa.

(iv) Tow away, passenger loading only, 6 pm-12 midnight Monday through Friday, 4pm-12 midnight Saturday and Sunday on event days: Terry Francois Boulevard, west side, south of 16th Street 500 feet.

(v) Tow away, passenger loading only, 6 pm-12 midnight Monday through Friday, 4pm-12 midnight Saturday and Sunday on event days: Terry Francois Boulevard, east side, south of 16th Street 500 feet.

(vi) Establish - tow away, taxi zone only, 6 pm-12 midnight Monday through Friday, 4pm-12midnight Saturday and Sunday on event days: Terry Francois Boulevard, east side, north of 16th Street for 200 feet.

(vii) Tow away, passenger loading only, 6 pm-12midnight Monday through Friday, 4pm-12midnight Saturday and Sunday on event days: Terry Francois Boulevard, east side, south of Warrior Way to 16th Street.

(viii) Tow away, passenger loading only, 6:30 PM to 12 midnight Monday through Friday, 4 PM-12 midnight Saturday and Sunday on event days: Terry Francois Boulevard, west side, 138 feet north of Warrior Way to 133 feet northerly.

(ix) Tow away, shuttle and paratransit loading only, all times: Terry Francois Boulevard, west side, from 16th Street to 80 feet northerly.

(c) Tow away, passenger loading only:

(i) Warrior Way, south side between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard.

(ii) 16th Street, north side between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard:

(d) Tow away, passenger loading only, all times; tow away, taxi zone 6 pm-12 midnight Monday through Friday, 4pm-12midnight Saturday and Sunday on event days: Terry Francois Boulevard, west side, from Warrior Way to 120 feet southerly.

(e) Tow away, passenger loading only, all times: Terry Francois Boulevard, west side, from 120 feet south of Warrior Way to 450 feet southerly.

(f) General Metered Parking, 8 AM-10 PM, Monday through Sunday:

(i) Terry Francois Boulevard, west side, starting 500 feet south of 16th Street to Mariposa Street.

(ii) Terry Francois Boulevard, east side, starting 500 feet south of 16th Street to Mariposa Street.

- 175 feet easterly (140 feet). (iii) 20th Street, north side, starting 35 feet east of Illinois Street to
- 460 feet easterly (425 feet). (iv) 20th Street, south side, starting 35 feet east of Illinois Street to
- 146 feet easterly (120 feet). (v) 20th Street, north side, starting 26 feet east of Georgia Street to
- 175 feet easterly (140 feet). (vi) 20th Street, south side, starting 35 feet east of Illinois Street to
- to 225 feet easterly (25 feet). (vii) 20th Street, south side, starting 200 feet east of Michigan Street
- 145 feet easterly (130 feet). (viii) 20th Street, south side, starting 15 feet east of Georgia Street to
- 192 feet easterly (154 feet). (ix) 20th Street, south side, starting 38 feet east of Louisiana Street to
- to 263 feet easterly (162 feet). (x) 21st Street, south side, starting 101 feet east of Louisiana Street
- to 253 feet easterly (243 feet). (xi) 22nd Street, north side, starting 10 feet east of Louisiana Street
- to 228 feet easterly (185 feet). (xii) 22nd Street, north side, starting 43 feet east of Maryland Street
- 477 feet easterly (424 feet). (xiii) 22nd Street, south side, starting 53 feet east of Illinois Street to
- to 240 feet easterly (190 feet). (xiv) 22nd Street, south side, starting 50 feet east of Maryland Street
- 386 feet easterly (356 feet). (xv) Louisiana Street, east side, starting 30 feet south of 21st Street to
- to 218 feet easterly (180 feet). (xvi) Maryland Street, west side, starting 38 feet south of 20th Street
- to 280 feet easterly (250 feet). (xvii) Maryland Street, west side, starting 30 feet south of 21st Street
- 225 feet easterly (180 feet). (xviii) Maryland Street, east side, starting 45 feet south of 20th Street to
- 479 feet easterly (452 feet). (xix) Maryland Street, east side, starting 27 feet south of 21st Street to

(Amended by Resolution No. 04-13, 02/10/04; Amended by Resolution No. 19-17, 05/14/19; and Amended by Resolution No 21-06, 02/9/21)

**3.5. *Parking Limited, Including Sunday, 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM:*** On any day, including Sunday and Holidays, except as provided in Section 3.14, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to stop or park the same at spaces controlled by meters or designated by signs from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. in any of the following areas:

- (a) No Parking.
  - (i) Along Terry Francois Boulevard from Mission Rock Street and extending to Illinois Street.

(ii) Along Mission Rock Street from Third Street and extending to Terry Francois Boulevard.

(Amended by Resolution No. 04-13, 02/10/04)

**3.6. *Parking Prohibited.*** Except as provided in Section 3.8(g) and Section 3.14, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to stop the same or park for a longer period of time than is necessary for the actual loading or unloading and delivering of passengers or freight or packages upon the following areas:

- (a) On all wharfs, bulkhead wharfs, piers, quays or storage areas unless otherwise designated.
- (b) On all areas designated as loading zones.
- (c) On the north side of Cesar Chavez Street between the Pier 80 gate and the intersection at Michigan Street.

(Amended by Resolution No. 99-41, 06/08/99; and Amended by Resolution No. 13-21)

**3.7. *Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning.*** No person shall park any vehicle or other conveyance on the streets designated for street cleaning on the days and between the hours hereinafter specified. Each side of said streets shall be posted with signs giving notice of the days, and hours, of the parking prohibition. Any person violating the provisions of this Section 3.7 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction for violation hereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$3.00 nor more than \$50.00 for each such offense.

(Section 3.7 Added to Harbor Traffic Code, 07/24/74)

**3.8. *Parking Regulations Specified.*** It shall be unlawful for any operator of a motorized or non-motorized vehicle to disobey any official sign pertaining to parking regulations either established by the Port Commission in accordance with the provisions of this Code, or of the Vehicle Code of the State of California. The regulation of parking shall be determined by the following curb marking legend or in areas that have no curbs by appropriate Port signs:

- (a) Red shall indicate no stopping, standing or parking, day or night, whether the vehicle is attended or unattended.
- (b) Red and White strip shall indicate no stopping, standing or parking, day or night, whether the vehicle is attended or unattended unless the operator of the vehicle has first obtained a license or permit from the Port to stop, stand, and/or park adjacent to the designated curb; provided, however, that stopping, standing and/or parking at such designated curbs by operators with Port permit shall be done in strict compliance with all applicable terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in said permit.
- (c) Except as provided in Section 3.4 and 3.8(g), Yellow shall indicate stopping only for the purpose of loading or unloading freight, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. every day, and in any such event the stopping shall be limited to a maximum period of 30 minutes;
- (d) White shall indicate stopping only for loading or unloading of passengers, day or night, and in any such event the stopping shall be limited to a maximum period of five (5) minutes; provided, however, that in no event shall white zones be used, except for taxicab operators, to originate or solicit business for commercial tour operations or any other commercial operation.
- (e) Green shall indicate parking areas for passenger vehicles, which parking shall be limited to a maximum period of time stenciled onto the curb area.
- (f) White Parking Lines painted at an angle to the curb shall indicate angle parking and all parking of vehicles in any area so designated shall be at an angle to the curb indicated by such markings and within such designated spaces.

(g) Yellow/Commercial loading zones on Jefferson Street between Powell and Hyde Streets shall indicate (i) stopping only for the purpose of commercial loading or unloading between the hours of 12 a.m. and 11 a.m. every day and in any such event the stopping shall be limited to a maximum period of 30 minutes and passenger loading and unloading is prohibited during such times, and (ii) stopping only for the purpose of passenger loading and unloading between the hours of 12 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Added by Resolution No. 76-2, 02/25/76; Amended by Resolution No. 93-155, 12/08/93; Amended by Resolution No. 94-104, 07/26/94; and Amended by Resolution 13-21)

**3.9. *Reserved Parking Spaces; Parking Prohibited in Zones Marked for Restricted Parking.***

No person shall park any vehicle or other conveyance in spaces designated as a reserve parking space in the Port area without a parking permit issued by the Port Real Estate and Development Department. Vehicles illegally parked in said reserved parking spaces will be cited for illegal parking pursuant to this provision and any such vehicle parked or left in a reserve parking space shall be removed from said reserve space pursuant to Section 3.10 of this Code. Vehicles shall not be parked in parking areas which are designated "restricted parking area" unless there is attached to such vehicles a permit as provided in Section 3.14 of this Code, which permit shall be plainly visible upon inspection from the exterior of the vehicle, and such restricted parking areas shall be clearly marked and designated "restricted parking area."

**3.10. *Vehicle May be Towed Away.*** As a condition to the privilege of parking upon Port Property, it is hereby expressly provided that all of the regulations of this Code with reference to parking must be complied with, and in the event that any peace officer or officer or employee authorized by the Commission finds any vehicle unattended and standing or parked in violation of conditions or regulations imposed by the Commission, such officer or authorized employee may provide for the removal of such vehicle to the nearest garage or other place of safety. The registered owner as a condition to being permitted to park his vehicle upon Port Property, be liable to the Commission for all costs and expenses arising in connection with the towing and storage of the improperly parked vehicles.

**3.11. *Illegal Parking (a) Proof Raising Prima Facie Presumption That Vehicle Was Parked by Registered Owner: Conditions.*** In any prosecution charging a violation of any section of this Code governing the standing or parking of a motor vehicle, proof by the people of the State of California that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked in violation of any provisions of this resolution, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time of such parking the registered owner of such vehicle shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of such motor vehicle was the person who parked or placed such motor vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, such violation occurred: The above provisions shall apply only when the following conditions are complied with:

(a) Attachment of Illegal Parking Notice to Vehicle:

(i) Contents of Notice. During the time of such illegal parking a notice thereof shall be securely attached to said vehicle setting forth the fact of such illegal parking including reference to the section of the code so violated, the approximate time thereof and the location where such violation occurred and fixing a time and place for appearance by the registered owner in answer to said notice.

(ii) Where Notice to Be Attached. Such notice shall be attached to said vehicle either on the steering post or front door handle thereof or in such other conspicuous place upon the vehicle as to be easily observed by the person in charge of such vehicle upon his return thereto.

(b) Notice to Person Charged Before Issuance of Warrant of Arrest:

(i) Contents of Notice. Before any warrant of arrest shall issue following the filing of a complaint charging the offense of illegal parking, a notice of such illegal parking must be given to the person charged. Such notice shall contain the information required in Section 3.11(a)(i) above and shall also inform such registered owner that unless he appears in the court to be

designated in said notice within five days after service of such notice and answers said charge, a warrant or citation to appear will be issued against him.

(ii) **Personal Delivery or Mailing of Notice: When Giving of Notice is Complete.** Such notice shall be given, either by personal delivery thereof to such owner or by deposit in the United States mail in an envelope with postage prepaid which said envelope shall contain such notice and shall be addressed to such owner at his address as shown by the records of the department. The giving of notice by personal delivery is complete upon delivery of a copy of said notice to said person. The giving of notice by mail is complete upon the expiration of 10 days after said deposit of such notice.

(iii) **Proof of Giving Notice: Certificate or Affidavit.** Proof of giving such notice may be made by the certificate of any traffic or police officer or affidavit of any person over 18 years of age naming the person to whom such notice was given and specifying the time, place and manner of the giving thereof.

**3.12. Double Parking Permitted for Loading.** Trucks or fleets of trucks and those engaged in their direction shall be permitted to double park while engaged in the loading or unloading of ships, or in work necessarily incident thereto, upon the following conditions:

(a) The line or lines of vehicles shall at all times leave one lane clear for traffic.

(b) Unattended vehicles shall not be stopped on railroad tracks and space shall be left in the line before fire lanes, firehouses, driveways, door entrances, or marked crosswalks.

(c) Those engaged in directing the vehicles shall be permitted to park in the line of vehicles or in parking places adjacent thereto without regard to the parking limits specified in this Code.

**3.13. Unattended Parking Unlawful.** Except as specifically permitted herein it shall be unlawful to leave any vehicle unattended that impedes or interrupts the normal flow of traffic.

**3.14. Parking Permits.** Parking permits may be issued, as authorized and directed by the Commission to those engaged in business in the harbor area and perimeter shall be permitted to park in restricted parking areas, as authorized and directed by the Commission, while engaged in business operations in the harbor area without violating the provisions of this Code.

**3.15. Taxicab Stands and Pedicab Stands.**

(a) Taxicab stands and Pedicab Stands, shall be designated with signage indicating the type of stand, and by white lines painted on the pavement, with the adjacent curb marked with red and white stripes.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to stop or park in a Taxicab or Pedicab stand, except that the Commission by permit may authorize the operators of designated taxicab vehicles to park or stop in taxicab stands, and the operators of designated pedicabs to park or stop in pedicab stands.

(c) Taxicab operators and pedicab operators shall comply with all applicable provisions of the San Francisco Transportation Code, the Vehicle Code of the State of California, the San Francisco Police Code, this Harbor Traffic Code, and such rules and regulations as adopted by the Port Commission, while on Port Property.

(d) Pedicab operators shall not park, stand or operate any pedicab or other vehicle on Port Property without first obtaining a license or permit from the Port therefore; and may be subject to a fine of up to one hundred dollars for each infraction of this subsection.

(Amended by Resolution No. 93-155, 12/08/93, superseded by Resolution No. 94-104, 07/26/94; Amended by Resolution No. 94-104, 07/26/94)



**3.16. *Parking in Congested Areas.*** When parking areas are congested a police officer, or an employee designated by Commission, may permit parking, in limited, restricted, or prohibited parking areas for reasonable periods of time without violating the provisions of this Code.

**3.17. *Stopping Prohibited on The Embarcadero.*** It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, on that portion of The Embarcadero that is bounded by its intersections with Bay and Powell Streets. This shall not apply to vehicles stopped temporarily in response to a traffic control or to the direction of a police, fire, or traffic control officer. (Added by Resolution No. 78-7, 10/12/78)

**3.18. *Two Hour Parking Limitation; Permit Parking Exemption.*** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.14, it shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, on the south side of Chestnut Street between its intersections with Sansome and Montgomery Streets and on the west side of Sansome Street between its intersections with Lombard and Chestnut Streets for more than two hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. This shall not apply to vehicles bearing a valid permit for residential permit parking area "A" as provided in Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 39-78 and the San Francisco Transportation Code or as they may be subsequently amended or superseded. (Added by Resolution No. 79-1, 01/10/79)

**3.19. *Commercial Tour Operations.*** No commercial tour business or commercial operator of any vehicle, including horse-drawn carriages, pedicabs or any other non-motorized vehicle, shall originate vehicular tours on Port Property or shall engage in solicitation for such business or operation on Port Property without first obtaining a license or permit authorizing such business or operation, with the exception of public agencies and taxicabs. Violations of this Section 3.19 shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars. (Added by Resolution No. 93-155, 12/08/93; Superseded by Resolution No. 94-104, 07/26/94; Amended by Resolution No. 94-104, 07/26/94)

#### **Article 4. Speed Limits and Travel Restrictions**

**4.1. *Speed Limit.*** It shall be unlawful for any operator to drive any motor vehicle, motorcycle, streetcar, or ride or drive a bicycle or animal upon any wharf, bulkhead wharf, pier, quay, or storage area within the control and jurisdiction of the Commission at a speed in excess of five miles per hour, and the operator or driver of the motor vehicle, motorcycle, streetcar, bicycle or animal may only travel at the speed limit when it is possible in doing so to comply with the provisions of California Vehicle Code Section 22350.

**4.2. *Speed Limit on Cargo Way.*** It shall be unlawful for any operator to drive any motor vehicle, motorcycle, or other device upon Cargo Way at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour, and said operator may only travel at the speed limit when it is possible in doing so to comply with the provisions of California Vehicle Code Section 22350. (Added by Resolution No. 73-12, 05/30/73)

**4.3. *Stops Before Entering Area.*** It shall be unlawful for any operator to drive any motor vehicle, motorcycle, streetcar or ride or drive a bicycle or animal without coming to a full stop before entering or leaving upon any wharf, bulkhead wharf, pier, quay or storage area within the control and jurisdiction of the Commission and before crossing any railroad tracks where a train is approaching thereon.

**4.4. *Prohibited U-turn.*** No person shall make a U-turn in either direction on The Embarcadero where a sign is posted prohibiting U-turns. (Added by Resolution No. 74-1, 01/23/74)

**4.5. *Prohibited Turns.*** It shall be unlawful for any operator to drive any motor vehicle, motorcycle, or other self-propelled device through street intersections for the purpose of a left-hand turn which intersections the San Francisco Port Commission by resolution has prohibited left-hand turns and appropriate signs giving notice of such prohibition has been erected in a clearly visible location giving notice of such prohibition. (Added by Resolution No. 74-8, 10/23/74)

**4.6. *Exclusive Transit Lane.*** Except as to trains, streetcars and buses, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to drive within the raised concrete land bounded by center striping on that

portion of The Embarcadero which is bounded by its intersections with Bay and Powell Streets. Such raised concrete lane shall be known as the “exclusive transit lane” and shall be designed by appropriate signs by the Department of Public Works. (Added by Resolution No. 78-7, 10/12/78)

#### **Article 5. Penalties.**

(Former Article 6 renumbered Article 5 by Resolution 21-06, 02/9/21)

**5.1. *Violation is Misdemeanor.*** Any person violating any of the provisions of this Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

#### **Article 6. Procedure in Dealing with Traffic Citations**

(Former Article 7 renumbered Article 6 by Resolution 21-06, 02/9/21)

**6.1. *Citations.*** The procedure for citations under this Code shall be the same as the procedure for citations under the San Francisco Transportation Code.

#### **Article 7. Parking Meter Zones and Regulations**

(Former Article 10 renumbered Article 7 by Resolution 21-06, 02/9/21)

**7.1. *Authority to Establish.*** The Commission is hereby authorized to establish parking-meter zones, each of which shall be of sufficient size to permit the parking of one (1) vehicle only, in any area on which time limitations have heretofore been, or may hereafter be, provided by this Code, and to place upon the sidewalk adjacent to said parking zone such device or devices as the Commission shall deem proper which will, upon the deposit of a coin or coins, set the mechanical equipment of said device in motion, or permit the said mechanical equipment to be set in motion, so that the said device will accurately measure, in minutes, the period of time during which said vehicle may park in said parking-meter zone. Said parking meter shall be constructed and mechanically equipped so that the same will, upon the expiration of the period of time commencing with the deposit of said coin or coins, and ending with the expiration of the period of time that the parking of a vehicle is, by provisions of this Code, permitted in said parking-meter zone as a result of said deposit of a coin or coins, display a flag, sign or signal which will indicate that the permitted time for the parking of said vehicle has expired.

**7.2. *Parking Prohibited Without Depositing Coin.*** Subject to Sections 3.2 and 3.3, no person shall park any vehicle in any parking-meter zone, as established under the authority of this Code, except as permitted by this Code, without immediately depositing in the parking meter adjacent to the said zone a coin or coins, lawful money of the United States, unless said parking meter indicates at the time such vehicle is parked at that an unused portion remains of the period for which a coin or coins was or were previously deposited; nor shall any person permit any vehicle to remain parked in a parking-meter zone without the deposit of any coin in the parking meter adjacent thereto during hours when unlimited or unrestricted parking is permitted by the Harbor Traffic Code in the area in which said zone is situated.

**7.3. *Denomination of Coin and Parking Time to be Fixed by the Commission.*** The denomination of the coin or coins that shall be deposited in the parking meters, the parking time allowed following deposit of such coins, and the hours during which such deposits are required, shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Commission for the area or areas in which parking meters are now or may hereafter be installed and shall be such as will best promote efficiency and safety in the use of the area under the control and jurisdiction of the Commission.

**7.4. *Injury, etc., to Parking Meter Unlawful.*** It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the terms of this Code.

**7.5. Free Parking by Disabled Veteran: When Allowed.** Physically incapacitated war veterans, entitled to and using specially constructed automobiles because of such incapacity, shall be entitled to park such automobiles free of charge and overtime in any parking meter zone during all hours when it is otherwise lawful for an automobile to park continuously in the same zone, subject to the following requirements.

Any veteran so entitled shall possess a license issued by the State of California or shall possess a card to be exhibited at the request of any peace officer or employee designated by the Commission and issued by the Chief of Police of the City and County of San Francisco, certifying that such veteran meets the requirements of the San Francisco Municipal Code provision enabling such person to park free of charge in metered zones in San Francisco and identifying the specially constructed automobile. Such automobile shall bear a small but conspicuous sticker indicating the special right to park of such veteran under the San Francisco Municipal Code. This sticker is to be at all times displayed in the lower left-hand corner of the windshield.

**7.6. Tour Bus Metered Parking Zone.** The Port Commission hereby determines that the establishment of a special tour bus metered parking zone on the north side of Beach Street between Powell Street and The Embarcadero is reasonably necessary and desirable for the regulation of traffic. Stopping, standing or parking between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., on any day, including Saturday and Sunday shall be limited to tour buses for a period not to exceed two hours. The minimum denomination of coin used on meters in this zone shall be twenty-five cents. Each twenty-five cents shall entitle the depositor to thirty minutes of parking time. The Zone shall be posted with signs with the message 'Tour Buses Only 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. everyday'. (Added by Resolution No. 79-29, 04/25/79)

## **Article 8. Parking-Lot Regulations**

(Former Article 11 renumbered Article 12; Article 11 Added and Amended by Resolution No. 74-2, 01/23/74; Existing Sections 86-89 renumbered 87-90, 06/18/97; Former Article 11 renumbered Article 8 by Resolution 21-06, 02/9/21)

**8.1.** The Port Executive Director shall, by order filed with the Commission Secretary, designate Port areas that are to be used for off-street parking at the amounts established by the Port Commission to be charged for off-street parking.

**8.2.** Parking meters, attendants, or such other devices as may be convenient and acceptable for collecting or receiving the charge assessed for parking in such designated parking lots will be established by the Port Executive Director.

**8.3.** It shall be unlawful to park in such designated areas without first depositing in the collection device the sum charged for the use of the area.

**8.4.** When appropriate signs or markings are in place, giving notice that the area is a parking lot subject to this article, any designated officer of the Commission is hereby authorized to remove or cause to have removed forthwith any vehicle that is parked in violation of Section 8.2 of this Code. The procedure for removal and impounding of vehicles shall be as is provided in the San Francisco Transportation Code and Sec. 22850 to 22854 of the California Vehicle Code.

## **Article 9. Traffic Code and Vehicle Code to Apply**

(Former Section 90 renumbered 91, 06/18/97); (Former Article 12 renumbered Article 9 by Resolution 21-06, 02/9/21)

**9.1. Application of Codes.** Except as specifically provided herein, the San Francisco Transportation Code and the California Vehicle Code concerning the regulation of traffic shall apply in all areas under the control of the Commission.

## Article 10. Offsite Signs on Vessels Prohibited

(Former Article 13 renumbered Article 10 by Resolution 21-06, 02/9/21)

### 10.1. Offsite Commercial Signs on Vessels in the Bay.

(a) Purpose. The purpose and intent of this Section is to regulate the display of billboards and other offsite commercial signs on vessels on the Bay in the Port area in order to protect and enhance the aesthetic value, natural beauty and scenery of the Bay, reduce visual blight, reduce safety hazards to pedestrians and motorists, protect and enhance the values of the Bay as a pre-eminent public attraction, and promote recreational uses on the Bay.

(b) Prohibition. No offsite sign may be displayed on the outside of any vessel on any waters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

(c) Limitations.

(i) Onsite Signs. The prohibition in this Section shall not apply to any onsite signs displayed on the outside of any vessel on any waters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

(ii) Sailboats. The prohibition in this Section shall not apply to any sign displayed on the hull or sails of a sailboat, provided that the sails are designed, and are being used, primarily for the propulsion of the sailboat.

(d) Definitions.

(i) Onsite Sign. The term "onsite sign" means (1) a sign which identifies or advertises a business, good commodity, service, industry, or other activity which is sold, offered, or conducted, other than incidentally, on the vessel upon which the sign is displayed; or (2) a sign which identifies or advertises a good or commodity that is being transported on a vessel or identifies or advertises a container in which a good or commodity is being transported on a vessel, where the sign is displayed on the good, commodity or container.

(ii) Offsite Sign. The term "offsite sign" means a sign which identifies or advertises a business, good commodity, service, industry, or other activity which is sold, offered, or conducted off the vessel upon which the sign is displayed and/or which is sold, offered, or conducted on such vessel only incidentally, if at all.

(iii) Sailboat. Any Watercraft designed to be capable of being propelled solely by wind power.

(iv) Sign. Any structure, part thereof, or device or inscription which is displayed on any vessel and which includes any numeral, letter, word, model, banner, emblem, insignia, symbol, device, light, trademark, or other representation used as, or in the nature of, an announcement, advertisement, attention arrester, direction, warning, or designation by or of any person, firm, group, organization, place, good, commodity, product, service, business, profession, enterprise, or industry.

(v) Vessel. Any watercraft of any kind, including, but not limited to, motorized, towed, or sailing watercraft such as ships, boats, tugboats, barges, and sailboats.

(e) Substitution Clause. Any sign that is authorized by the Section whether or not the sign actually has been displayed, may be replaced by a noncommercial sign.

(f) Conflict With Other Laws. The prohibition in this Section shall not apply where its application would be preempted by State or Federal laws or regulations, including the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. §§ 1701, et seq.).

(g) Severability. If any provision, subdivision, paragraph, phrase, or clause of this Section or the application thereof is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Section. The Commission declares that it would have passed each provision, subdivision,

paragraph, phrase, or clause of this Section irrespective of the fact that any portion of this clause could be declared unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective.

(Article 10 Added by Resolution No. 98-113; Amended by Resolution No. 99-42, 06/08/99).