

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (HIGH STREET, STEVENAGE) (DISABLED PERSON'S VEHICLES PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2026

The STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") pursuant to arrangements made with the County Council of Hertfordshire under Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000, in exercise of the powers of the said County Council under Sections 32 and 35, and Parts III and IV of Schedule 9, of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as "The Borough of Stevenage (High Street, Stevenage) (Disabled Person's Vehicles Parking Places) Order 2026" and shall come into operation on **DD MMMM 202Y**.
2. In this order:

"Civil Enforcement Officer" has the same meaning as defined in the Traffic Management Act 2004, as appointed by or on behalf of Stevenage Borough Council.

"Council" means the Stevenage Borough Council;

"Disabled person's badge" has the same meaning as in Regulation 3(1) of The Local Authorities 'Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000;

"Disabled Person's Parking Place" means any area on a highway designated by this Order as a parking place for disabled persons 'vehicles;

"Disabled person's vehicle" has the same meaning as in Section 142(1) of the Act of 1984;

"Driver" means the person driving or having control or charge of the Vehicle at any given time;

"Enactment" means any enactment, whether public general or Local and includes any Order, Byelaw, Rule, Regulation, Scheme or other instrument having effect by virtue of an enactment;

"Parking disc" has the same meaning as in in Regulation 8(5) of The Local Authorities 'Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000;

"Penalty Charge" means a charge set by the Council in accordance with the Regulations of 2022 'and the provisions of Part 6 and Schedule 9 of The Traffic Management Act 2004;

"Penalty Charge Notice" has the same meaning as in the Regulations of 2022 and the

provisions of Part 6 and Schedule 9 of The Traffic Management Act 2004;

“The Regulations of 2022” means ‘The Civil Enforcement of Road Traffic Contraventions (Approved Devices, Charging Guidelines and General Provisions) (England) Regulations 2022’;

“Relevant position” has the same meaning as in Regulation 4 of The Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons)(England) Regulations 2000;

“Universal Service Provider”, “Provision of a universal Postal Service” and “Postal Packet” have the same meanings as in the Postal Services Act 2011; and

“Vehicle” means motor vehicle and “motor vehicle” has the same meaning as in section 136 of the Act of 1984.

3. The areas described in the Schedule to this Order are hereby designated as Disabled Person’s Parking Places limited to two hours waiting with no return in the next three hours for disabled person’s vehicles which display in the relevant position a disabled person’s badge and parking disc indicating the quarter hour period in which waiting by that vehicle began in that parking place.
4. Save as provided in Articles 5 and 6 of this Order, where in Article 3 of this Order a parking place is designated for waiting limited to two hours with no return in the next three hours for disabled person’s vehicles which display in the relevant position a disabled person’s badge and parking disc indicating the quarter hour period in which waiting by that vehicle began in that parking place, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to stop or wait in that parking place unless it is:
 - (1) a disabled persons vehicle on which is displayed in the relevant position a disabled persons badge and parking disc indicating the quarter hour period in which waiting by that vehicle began in that parking place; and
 - (2) parked wholly within the marked limits of the parking place.
5.
 - (1) Nothing in Articles 3 and 4 of this Order applies to the length of road restricted by those Articles (which said lengths of road are referred to in this Article as “the restricted area”) in relation to:
 - (a) a vehicle being used for Fire and Rescue, Ambulance or Police purposes;
 - (b) anything done with the permission of or at the direction of a police constable in uniform, or done with the permission of a Civil Enforcement Officer;
 - (c) a vehicle which is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond the driver’s control or which has stopped in order to avoid injury or damage to persons or property or when required to do so by law;
 - (d) a vehicle which is stationary in order that it may be used for one or more of the purposes specified in sub-Article (2) of this Article and which cannot reasonably be used for such a purpose without stopping in the restricted area;
 - (e) a marked vehicle which, whilst used by a universal service provider in the course of the provision of a universal postal service, is stationary only for so long as may be reasonably necessary for postal packets to be delivered or collected; or
 - (f) a vehicle which, whilst used by a Civil Enforcement Officer in the course of the enforcement of parking restrictions, is stationary only for so long as may be reasonably necessary for them to enforce those restrictions.

- (2) The “purposes” referred to in sub-Article (1)(d) of this Article are:
- (a) any operation involving building, demolition or excavation;
 - (b) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
 - (c) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of a road;
 - (d) constructing, improving, maintaining, or cleaning of any street furniture; or
 - (e) the laying, erection, alteration, repair or cleaning of any sewer or of any main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telecommunications apparatus kept or installed for the purposes of a telecommunications code system or of any other telecommunications apparatus lawfully kept installed in any position.

6. Every vehicle left in a parking place described in the schedule of this Order, in accordance with the provisions of this Order, shall so stand that:
- (1) the distance between the edge of the carriageway and the nearest wheel of the vehicle is not more than 50 centimetres; and
 - (2) the whole of the vehicle is within a marked parking bay.

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- (1) Any person authorised by the Council or a police constable in uniform may suspend the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever they consider such a suspension reasonably necessary:
 - (a) for the purposes of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety; or
 - (b) for the purposes of any building operation, demolition or excavation in or adjacent to the parking place or the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the parking place or the laying, erection, alteration, removal or repair in or adjacent to the parking place of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications system apparatus or traffic sign; or
 - (c) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place on any occasion for the removal of furniture to or from those premises; or
 - (d) on any occasion on which it is likely by reason of some special attraction that any street will be thronged or obstructed; or
 - (e) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking places at times of weddings, funeral or on other special occasions; or
 - (f) for the purposes of facilitating the cleansing or other maintenance of the parking place.
- (2) Any person suspending the use of a parking place or any part thereof in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article shall thereupon place or cause to be placed in or adjacent to that parking place or part thereof a traffic sign indicating that waiting by vehicles is prohibited.
- (3) No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to wait in a parking place or any part thereof the use of which has been suspended during the period indicated by a traffic sign placed in pursuance of paragraph (2) of this Article provided that nothing in this paragraph shall apply:
 - (a) to any vehicle being used for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes; or
 - (b) any vehicle which is waiting for the reason the bay was suspended; or
 - (c) to anything done with the permission of the person suspending the use of the parking place or part thereof in pursuance of paragraph (1) of this Article; or
 - (d) if the vehicle is waiting owing to the driver being prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond their control or to such waiting being necessary in order to avoid a crash.

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