



City of Boston Traffic Rules and Regulations

Interim Electric Vehicle Traffic Rules and Regulations **Effective November 25, 2024**

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) [Part 1 Title XIV Chapter 90](#), [Part 1 Title II Chapter 25A Section 16](#), [Part 1, Title VII, Chapter 40, Section 22A](#) and the [Traffic Rules and Regulations for the City of Boston](#), specifically [Article IX Experimental Regulations, Section 1, Authority to Make Temporary Rules](#) as authorized under [M.G.L. Part I Title III Chapter 30A Section 2](#), the City of Boston Transportation Department will implement the following temporary rules and regulations effective November 25, 2024:

Article I, Section 1. Definitions

- **Electric Vehicle (EV).** Any [Alternative Fuel Vehicle](#) or [Hybrid Vehicle](#) as defined by Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) [Part 1 Title XIV Chapter 90](#) and [Part 1 Title II Chapter 25A Section 16](#) that meets the definition of a “ZeroEmission Vehicle” as defined by M.G.L. [Part 1, Title VII, Chapter 40, Section 22A](#), specifically a battery electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.
- **Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE).** A power supply device that supplies electrical power for recharging plug-in Electric Vehicles, including battery Electric Vehicles, and plug-in Hybrid Vehicles, as defined by M.G.L. [Part 1, Title VII, Chapter 40, Section 22A](#).
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Space (EVCS).** A parking space within the public way or in a municipal parking lot adjacent to Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment reserved for Electric Vehicles while charging.
- **Publicly Available Parking Space.** A parking space that has been designated by a property owner or lessee to be available to and accessible by the public and may include on-street parking spaces and parking spaces in surface lots or parking garages; provided, however, that "publicly available parking space" shall not include a parking space that is part of or associated with a private residence or a parking space that is reserved for the exclusive use of an individual driver or vehicle or for a group of drivers or vehicles including employees, tenants, visitors, residents of a common interest development or residents of an adjacent building
- **Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station.** An electric vehicle charging station, as defined by M.G.L. [Part 1 Title II Chapter 25A Section 16](#), located at a publicly available parking space within the public way or in a municipal

parking lot adjacent to Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment reserved for Electric Vehicles while charging.

Article IV, Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Section 1. General Prohibitions

Electric Vehicles, as defined, shall be authorized to park in Electric Vehicle Charging Spaces adjacent to [public](#) Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment within the public way or in a municipal parking lot in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

- No driver shall park or stand any Motor Vehicle other than an Electric Vehicle in a Electric Vehicle Charging Space within the public way or in a municipal parking lot regulated as reserved for Electric Vehicles.
- No driver shall park or stand an Electric Vehicle in an Electric Vehicle Charging Space within the public way or in a municipal parking lot regulated as reserved for Electric Vehicles continuously longer than the time allowed, during the days and hours defined, as indicated by the presence of posted signs. For the purposes of this regulation, an Electric Vehicle shall be deemed to have been parked continuously if the Electric Vehicle has not been moved to a different parking space within the public way or a different parking space within a municipal parking lot, upon or before the expiration of the posted parking time limit or within the days and hours defined.
- No driver shall park or stand an Electric Vehicle in an Electric Vehicle Charging Space within the public way or in a municipal parking lot regulated as reserved for Electric Vehicles if the vehicle is not actively charging. For the purposes of this interim regulation, actively charging shall mean the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment is connected to the charging port of the Electric Vehicle, and the Electric Vehicle is receiving power, as indicated by the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment or Electric Vehicle. Electric Vehicles that have completed charging may remain parked for as long as they remain connected to the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment with an active billing session shown on the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment.
- No driver shall park or stand a Vehicle or an Electric Vehicle in a Electric Vehicle Charging Space within the public way or in a municipal parking lot regulated as reserved for Electric Vehicles that is also regulated as Resident Permit Parking Only, either exclusively or within the days and hours indicated by the presence of posted signs, unless the vehicle properly displays a valid Resident Parking Sticker and is parked in the designated area, i.e. neighborhood, indicated on the sticker in addition to being an electric vehicle that is actively charging.
- All other posted regulations shall apply to Electric Vehicles parked in an Electric Vehicle Charging Spaces. Vehicles in violation of posted regulations will be subject to the following violation fines and late penalties: Meter Fee

Unpaid, Street Cleaning, Street Cleaning (Charlestown), Overnight Street Cleaning (no tow), and Weather Emergency.

Interim Electric Vehicle Violation Fines and Late Penalties

Violation	Fine Amount	Late Penalty
Electric Vehicles Only	\$60	\$20
Electric Vehicle Over Posted Limit	\$40	\$13
Electric Vehicle Not Actively Charging	\$15	\$5

The above Interim Electric Vehicle Traffic Rules and Regulations shall remain in effect for a period of sixty (60) days.