

Chapter 141

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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ARTICLE I
General Provisions

§ 141-1. Definitions; interpretation.

- A. **Definitions of words and phrases.**

(1) The words and phrases used in this chapter shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have

the meanings respectively ascribed to them by Title 1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

(2) The following words and phrases, which are not defined by Title I of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section for the purposes of this chapter:

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE or ATV [Added 6-2-1986 by L.L. No. 1-1986]

(a) Any motorcycle or any motor vehicle not equipped for registration under the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York providing such vehicle does not exceed 60 inches in width or 800 pounds dry weight; and

(b) Any motor vehicle manufactured for sale for operation primarily on off-highway trails or in off-highway competitions and only incidentally operated on designated public highways.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES — Every vehicle which is propelled by any power other than muscular power, including a motor vehicle, off-highway motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle, whether or not operated or operable upon a public highway; provided, however, this definition shall not include a "snowmobile" or other motor vehicles manufactured for off-highway use which utilize an endless belt tread. **[Added 6-2-1986 by L.L. No. 1-1986]**

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B. Interpretation.

(1) Official time standard. Whenever certain hours are named herein or on traffic control devices, they shall mean the time standard which is in current use in this state.

(2) Measurements. Any linear measurements specified for various orders, rules and/or regulations contained in or adopted and/or issued pursuant to this chapter shall be deemed to be approximate, and such measurements, and the order, rule and/or regulation to which they pertain, shall not be affected or altered in any way by the widening of a street, by the construction of gutters or sidewalks or by any other action which might tend to obliterate the point from which such measurements were originally made. Unless otherwise indicated, measurements shall be made from the center lane or highway property line, as appropriate.

§ 141-2. Authority to install traffic control devices.

The Superintendent of Highways shall install and maintain traffic control devices, when and as required under the provisions of this chapter, to make effective the provisions of this chapter and may install and maintain such additional traffic control devices as the Town Board may deem necessary to regulate, warn or guide traffic under the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York, subject to the provisions of §§ 1682 and 1684 of that law.

§ 141-3. Penalties for offenses.

Every person convicted of a traffic infraction for a violation of any provision of this chapter which is not a violation of any provision of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York shall, for a first conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; for a second such conviction within 18 months thereafter, such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 45

days, or both such fine and imprisonment; upon a third or subsequent conviction within 18 months after the first conviction, such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

§ 141-4. Repealer.

All prior local laws, ordinances, orders, rules and/or regulations, or parts of such, of this Town regulating traffic and parking are hereby repealed, except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any local law, ordinance, rule and/or regulation hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this chapter.

§ 141-5. Severability.

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or provision of this chapter shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the article, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or provision thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

§ 141-6. When effective.

- A. Except those parts, if any, which are subject to approval under § 1684 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York, this chapter and any orders, rules and/or regulations adopted and/or issued hereunder shall take effect as provided by law.
- B. Any part or parts of this chapter, and any orders, rules and/or regulations adopted and/or issued hereunder, which are subject to approval under § 1684 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York shall take effect from and after the day on which approval, in writing, is received from the New York State Department of Transportation.

ARTICLE II

Traffic Regulations

§ 141-7. Traffic control signals.

Traffic control signals shall be installed, maintained and operated at the intersections and locations described in Schedule I (§ 141-26).

§ 141-8. One-way streets.

The streets or parts of streets described in Schedule II (§ 141-27) are hereby designated as one-way streets during the periods indicated, and vehicles shall proceed along those streets or parts of streets only in the direction indicated during the periods indicated.

§ 141-9. Prohibited turns at intersections.

No person shall make a turn of the kind designated (left, right, all) at any of the locations described in Schedule III (§ 141-28).

§ 141-10. Prohibited turns on red signal.

In accordance with the provisions of § 1111(d)2 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, no person shall make a right turn on a steady red signal at the locations designated in Schedule IV (§ 141-29).

§ 141-11. Stop intersections.

The intersections described in Schedule V (§ 141-30) are hereby designated as stop intersections, and stop signs shall be erected as indicated.

§ 141-12. Yield intersections.

The intersections described in Schedule VI (§ 141-31) are hereby designated as yield intersections, and yield signs shall be erected as indicated.

§ 141-13. Truck exclusions.

- A. All trucks, tractors and tractor-trailer combinations in excess of the indicated maximum gross weights are hereby excluded from the streets and highways, or parts thereof, described in Schedule VII (§ 141-32).
- B. The regulations established in this section shall not be construed to prevent the delivery or pickup of merchandise or other property along the highways from which such vehicles and combinations are otherwise excluded.

§ 141-13.1. Motorized vehicle exclusions. [Added 6-2-1986 by L.L. No. 1-1986]

- A. All motorized vehicles are hereby excluded from the property owned, leased or controlled by the Town, or parts thereof, described in Schedule XIII (§ 141-38).
- B. The regulations established in this section shall not apply to motorized vehicles utilized in maintenance, repair, administration or enforcement of regulations by or on behalf of the Town.

ARTICLE III

Parking, Standing and Stopping

§ 141-14. Applicability of article.

The provisions of this article shall apply, except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device.

§ 141-15. All-night parking.

The parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited on all highways within the Town between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., from November 1 to April 1.

§ 141-16. Manner of parking.

A. Wherever a space shall be marked off on any street for the parking of an individual vehicle, every vehicle there parked shall be parked within the lines bounding such space.

B. Except where angle parking is authorized, every vehicle stopped, standing or parked upon a highway, where there are not adjacent curbs, shall be so stopped, standing or parked parallel with the edge of the roadway and headed in the direction of lawful traffic.

§ 141-17. No stopping, standing or parking at any time.

The stopping, standing or parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited at all times in the locations described in Schedule VIII (§ 141-33).

§ 141-18. No stopping, standing or parking certain hours.

The stopping, standing or parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited in the locations described in Schedule IX (§ 141-34) during the hours indicated.

§ 141-19. Limited-time parking.

The stopping, standing or parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited in the locations described in Schedule X (§ 141-35) for a longer period of time than that designated during the hours indicated.

§ 141-20. Angle parking.

No person shall park a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts thereof described in Schedule XI (§ 141-36), attached to and made a part of this chapter, except at the angle designated and only within the painted white stall lines.

§ 141-21. Bus stops.

The locations described in Schedule XII (§ 141-37) are hereby designated as bus stops, and the parking or standing of vehicles other than buses is hereby prohibited in such locations.

ARTICLE IV

Removal and Storage of Vehicles

§ 141-22. Removal of vehicles. [Amended 12-16-1991 by L.L. No. 4-1991; 1-27-2025 by L.L. No. 1-2025]

A. The Town shall provide for the removal and storage of any illegally parked or abandoned vehicle on a public highway, outside the Village of Skaneateles, which constitutes an obstruction to traffic or is left unattended during a snowstorm, flood, fire, or other public emergency.

B. The Town may contract with qualified towing companies to carry out the removal and storage of illegally parked or abandoned vehicles on any public highway outside the Village of Skaneateles.

C. The Superintendent of Highways, or any law enforcement official or any Town constable,

shall have the authority to cause the removal and disposal of any vehicle without a permit issued by the Town Clerk and which is left unattended on any Town property.

§ 141-23. Payment of costs; notice. [Amended 12-16-1991 by L.L. No. 4-1991; 1-27-2025 by L.L. No. 1-2025]

A. Where the Town removes an illegally parked or abandoned vehicle, pursuant to the authority in this chapter, the owner may reclaim said vehicle upon the payment for such removal, disposition and storage thereof Such costs may be fixed and amended from time to time by resolution of the Town Board. The owner of the vehicle shall also be liable for fines otherwise provided under this chapter

B. The Town Clerk shall make reasonable efforts to report the removal and storage of any vehicle to the owner, or other qualified individual, while also providing the amount required to redeem the same.

§ 141-24. Disposition of unclaimed vehicles.

Where a vehicle has been in the possession of the Town for more than 30 days, pursuant to this article, and is unclaimed, the Superintendent of Highways, or another Town official as may be designated by resolution of the Town Board, may sell the same at a public sale, following notice of such proposed sale being published in the official newspaper of the Town not less than three nor more than 20 days before the date of sale.

§ 141-25. Reports required.

The Superintendent of Highways shall cause to be made such reports to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles as may be required for vehicles removed, stored or sold pursuant to this article.

ARTICLE V

Schedules

§ 141-26. Schedule I: Traffic Control Signals.

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-7, traffic control signals shall be installed, maintained and operated at the following intersections and locations:

Intersection (Location)
(Reserved)

§ 141-27. Schedule II: One-Way Streets.

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-8, the following described streets or parts of streets are designated as one-way streets in the direction indicated:

Name of Street	Direction	Limits
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Name of Street	Direction	Limits
Church Street (east/west segment) [Added 11-20-1989 by L.L. No. 4-1989]	East	None
Church Street (north/south segment) [Added 11-20-1989 by L.L. No. 4-1989]	South	None

§ 141-28. Schedule III: Prohibited Turns at Intersections. [Amended 11-20-1989 by L.L. No. 4-1989; 2-21-1991 by L.L. No. 1-1991]

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-9, no person shall make a turn of the kind designated below at any of the following locations:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Prohibited Turn	At Intersection of
Clapp Road	North	Left	Old Seneca Turnpike
Mottville Road	East	Left	Church Street
Mottville Road	West	Right	Church Street
Old Seneca Turnpike	West	Left	Clapp Road

§ 141-29. Schedule IV: Prohibited Turns on Red Signal.

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-10, no person shall make a right turn at a steady red signal at the following locations:

Location (Intersection)	Prohibited Right Turn on Red Signal
(Reserved)	

§ 141-30. Schedule V: Stop Intersections. [Amended 1-5-1996 by L.L. No. 1-1996; 11-7-1996 by L.L. No. 6-1996; 11-5-1998 by L.L. No. 5-1998; 4-4-2002 by L.L. No. 2-2002]

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-11, the following described intersections are designated as stop intersections:

Stop Sign on	Direction of Travel	At Intersection of
Butters Farm Lane [Added 6-2-2005 by L.L. No. 2-2005]	Both	Jordan Road
Crow Hill Road	West	County Line Road
Gully Road	Southwest	New Seneca Turnpike
Hoyt Road	South	Van Camp Road
Jewett Road	East	Highland Avenue

Stop Sign on	Direction of Travel	At Intersection of
Milford Drive	South	West Elizabeth Street
Sheldon Road	West	County Line Road
Thorne Schoolhouse Road	West	Gully Road
Thorne Schoolhouse Road	East	New Seneca Turnpike
Van Camp Road	Southwest	Hoyt Road
Visions Drive	East	Jordan Road
Visions Drive	West	County Line Road

§ 141-31. Schedule VI: Yield Intersections.

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-12, the following described intersections are designated as yield intersections:

Yield Sign on	Direction of Travel	At Intersection of
(Reserved)		

§ 141-32. Schedule VII: Truck Exclusions. [Amended 9-21-1995 by L.L. No. 4-1995; 9-17-2009 by L.L. No. 3-2009; 4-7-2025 by L.L. No. 2-2025]

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-13, all trucks, tractors and tractor-trailer combinations in excess of the indicated maximum gross weights are hereby excluded from the following streets:

Name of Street	Weight (tons)	Location
Andrews Road	5	Entire length
Cecil Arthur Road	5	Entire length
Chapman Road	5	Entire length
Clapp Road	5	Entire length
County Line Road	5	Entire length
Crow Hill Road	5	Entire length
East Street Road	5	Entire length
Fennell Street	5	Old Seneca Turnpike-Village Line
Fisher Road	5	Entire length
Foster Road	5	Entire length

Name of Street	Weight (tons)	Location
Franklin Road	5	Entire length
Giles Road	5	Entire length
Gully Road	5	Entire length
Gully Road (offshoot)	5	Entire length
Heifer Road	5	Entire length
Hencoop Road	5	Entire length
Highland Avenue	5	Entire length
Hoyt Road	5	Entire length
Irish Road	5	Entire length
Jewett Road	5	Entire length
Lacy Road	5	Benson Road to NY 359
Masters Road	5	Entire length
Mill Road	5	Entire length
Miller Street	5	Entire length
Railroad Street extension	5	Entire length
Reynolds Road	5	Entire length
Sheldon Road	5	Entire length
Thorne School	5	Entire length
Van Camp Road	5	Entire length
Visions Drive	5	Entire length
West Lake Street	5	Village Line-Street Route 41A
Weeks Road	5	Hencoop Road to NY 359

§ 141-33. Schedule VIII: No Stopping, Standing or Parking at Any Time. [Amended 5-18-1992 by L.L. No. 1-1992; 5-17-2001 by L.L. No. 8-2001; 1-18-2007 by L.L. No. 2-2007; 6-7-2021 by L.L. No. 2-2021]

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-17, the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles is prohibited at all times, all vehicles in violation will be towed at the owner's expense, in the following locations:

Name of Street	Side	Location
East Street	East	From the Skaneateles Village line to 25

Name of Street	Side	Location
		feet north of the northern right-of-way of Cecil Arthur Road
Hillside Drive	Both	From and including the southernmost end to a point 200 feet north of such southernmost end
Jordan Road	West	From a point 100 feet south of the center line of Stump Road, west of Jordan Road, to a point 200 feet north of such center line of Stump Road
Lacey Road	Both	Between New York Route 41A and the waters of Skaneateles Lake
Mill Road [Amended 10-21-2024 by L.L. No. 3-2024]	Both	Heading north on Mill Road starting at Old Seneca Turnpike ending at 1,525 feet. Beginning again at 1,750 feet, ending at 2,200 feet from Old Seneca Turnpike
Mill Road	Both	Heading south on Mill Road starting at 1,800 feet from Crow Hill Road and ending at 2,000 feet. Beginning again at 2,050 feet ending at 2,875 feet
O'Neill Lane	Both	Between the intersection of the center lines of O'Neill Lane and Frost Street to a point 200 feet southerly therefrom in the Town of Skaneateles

§ 141-34. Schedule IX: No Stopping, Standing or Parking Certain Hours.

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-18, the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles is prohibited in the following locations during the hours indicated:

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Location
(Reserved)			

§ 141-35. Schedule X: Limited-Time Parking.

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-19, the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles is prohibited in the locations described below for a longer period of time than that designated during the hours indicated:

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit	Hours	Location
(Reserved)				

§ 141-36. Schedule XI: Angle Parking.

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-20, no person shall park a vehicle upon any of the following streets or parts of streets except at the angle indicated:

Name of Street	Side	Angle	Location
(Reserved)			

§ 141-37. Schedule XII: Bus Stops.

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-21, standing is prohibited, excluding buses, at the following locations hereby designated as bus stops:

Name of Street	Side	Location
(Reserved)		

§ 141-38. Schedule XIII: Motorized Vehicle Exclusions. [Added 6-2-1986 by L.L. No. 1-1986]

In accordance with the provisions of § 141-13.1, motorized vehicles are hereby excluded from the following property owned, leased or controlled by the Town:

Description of Property	Location
Nature trail and linear park (former Skaneateles Short Line Railroad property)	Between Old Seneca Turnpike and Crow Hill Road/Mottville Road

ARTICLE VI

Town Parking Lot

[Added 12-16-1991 by L.L. No. 4-1991]

§ 141-39. Parking lot established; permit required; signs; penalty. [Amended 3-5-2018 by L.L. No. 2-2018]

A. The parking lot located at 1411 Lacy Road in the Town of Skaneateles in the Hamlet of Mandana shall be known as the "Town Parking Lot in the Hamlet of Mandana" and shall be referred to in this section as the "Parking Lot." Parking is not permitted in the Parking Lot without a permit issued by the Town Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles.

B. A permit shall be issued to the following individuals:

- (1) Permanent residents of the Town of Skaneateles who can show valid proof of address;
- (2) Owners of real property in the Town of Skaneateles as shown by a copy of the most recent deed for the real property and by the records of the Town Assessor;
- (3) Tenants who lease or rent real property in the Town of Skaneateles as shown by a copy of the lease or rental agreement;

(4) Any individual who does not qualify under Subsection B(1) through (3) who applies for a temporary permit. A temporary permit shall be effective for a period of time and fee to be set by the Board by resolution and adjusted as needed.

C. The permit shall be effective for a period of time to be set by the Town Board by resolution and adjusted as needed.

D. Fees for permits may be fixed and amended from time to time by resolution of the Town Board.

E. The Superintendent of Highways shall provide and maintain signage at the parking lot which shall supply adequate notice that parking is limited to persons with a permit issued by the Town Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles.

F. Permits must be prominently displayed in or on each vehicle while parked in the Parking Lot. Failure to obtain and display a permit as required under this section shall be deemed a traffic infraction under § 141-3 and could result in a fine in accordance with that section. Any vehicle without a permit left unattended for more than 24 hours in the Parking Lot may be removed and disposed of at the owner's expense in accordance with § 141-22C and § 141-23.