

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 29-A: MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
Chapter 19: OPERATION

§2068. PARKING

1. On ways. The following provisions apply to parking on public ways.

A. A person may not park a vehicle, whether attended or unattended, on the traveled portion of a public way outside of a business or residence district when it is practicable to park off of the way. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. A person may not park a vehicle on a public way unless:

(1) A clear and unobstructed width of at least 10 feet is left for free passage of other vehicles on the way; and

(2) An approaching vehicle has a clear view of the way for 300 feet beyond the parked vehicle, before approaching within 200 feet of it. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B-1. A person may not park a vehicle on the following portions of a public way that are included in a limited-access highway:

(1) On a traffic lane, deceleration lane, acceleration lane or on a bridge; or

(2) On the shoulder to the left of the traffic lanes. [1997, c. 653, §10 (NEW).]

C. The Department of Transportation may place signs prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on a public way or within 10 feet of the traveled portion of a way or on property under its jurisdiction, where stopping, standing or parking is dangerous to those using the way or would unduly interfere with the free movement of traffic. [2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §44 (AMD); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

C-1. An operator may not stop, stand or park a vehicle in violation of the restriction on a sign under paragraph C. [2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §45 (NEW); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

D. This subsection does not apply to a vehicle that is:

(1) Disabled to the extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving the vehicle; or

(2) Employed in construction, maintenance or repair of pipes and wires of a public utility in, on, along, over, across and under a public way. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

[2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §§44, 45 (AMD); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF) .]

2. Brakes set. An operator may not allow a motor vehicle to stand on a public way and remain unattended without effectively setting its brakes.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

3. Moving parked vehicle. A person may not move a vehicle that is stopped, standing or parked on a public way until movement can be made with reasonable safety.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

4. Opening and closing doors. A person may not open the door of a motor vehicle on the side of moving traffic unless opening the door is reasonably safe to do and can be done without interfering with the movement of traffic.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

5. Open doors. A person may not leave a door of a vehicle open on the side of moving traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

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