



City of Boston Traffic Rules and Regulations

Interim Electric Vehicle Traffic Rules and Regulations **Effective February 7, 2025**

In accordance with the [Traffic Rules and Regulations for the City of Boston](#), specifically [Article IX Experimental Regulations, Section 1, Authority to Make Temporary Rules](#) which were adopted under the authority granted by Massachusetts General Law Chapter (MGL), Chapter 263 of the Acts and Resolves of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1929, as amended, including, but not limited to the amendments made under Chapter 608 of the Acts of 1986, and other applicable laws including [Part 1 Title XIV of Chapter 90](#), [Part 1 Title II Chapter 25A Section 16](#), and [Part 1, Title VII, Chapter 40, Section 22A](#) the City of Boston Transportation Department will implement the following temporary rules and regulations effective February 7, 2025:

Article I, Section 1. Definitions

Electric Vehicle. A battery electric vehicle that draws propulsion energy solely from an on-board electrical energy storage device during operation that is charged from an external source of electricity or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle with an on-board electrical energy storage device that can be recharged from an external source of electricity which also has the capability to run on another fuel.

Electric Vehicle Charging Services. The transfer of electric energy from an electric vehicle charging station to a battery or other storage device in an electric vehicle and billing services, networking and operation and maintenance.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station. An electric component assembly or cluster of component assemblies designed specifically to charge batteries within electric vehicles by permitting the transfer of electric energy to a battery or other storage device in an electric vehicle.

Electric Vehicle Charging Space. An electric vehicle charging station located at a publicly available parking space, and where the electric vehicle charging station is available to the public without restriction. An electric vehicle charging station that

is not maintained or restricts access only to customers, tenants, employees, or other consumers is not publicly available. Publicly available does not mean utilization of the electric vehicle charging station, or parking at the electric vehicle charging station is available free of charge.

Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station. An electric vehicle charging station located at a publicly available parking space.

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 Operator or vehicle or for a group of Operators or vehicles including employees, tenants, visitors, residents of a common interest development or residents of an adjacent building.

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

- In a Electric Vehicle Charging Space adjacent to public Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment within the public way or in a municipal parking lot regulated as reserved for Electric Vehicles unless the vehicle meets the definition of an Electric Vehicle. 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.
- 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.

- 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. 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.
- In an 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.

Section 2. Schedule of Fines for the Non-Criminal Disposition of Parking Violations

- **Violation:** Parking in an Electric Vehicle Charging Space adjacent to public Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment within the public way or in a municipal parking lot regulated as reserved for Electric Vehicles unless the vehicle meets the definition of an Electric Vehicle. Violation Fine: Fifteen (\$15.00) dollars if paid within twenty-one (21) days. Late Penalty: A penalty of five (\$5.00) dollars will be assessed if the violation remains unpaid twenty-one (21) days after issuance of a notice of such violation.
- **Violation:** Parking in an Electric Vehicle in an Electric Vehicle Charging Space adjacent to public Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment within the public way or in a municipal parking lot regulated as reserved for Electric Vehicles continuously longer than the time allowed (over posted limit). Violation Fine: Fifteen (\$15.00) dollars if paid within twenty-one (21) days. Late Penalty: A penalty of five (\$5.00) dollars will be assessed if the violation remains unpaid twenty-one (21) days after issuance of a notice of such violation
- **Violation:** Parking an Electric Vehicle in an Electric Vehicle Charging Space adjacent to public Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment within the public way or in a municipal parking lot regulated as reserved for Electric Vehicles if the

Electric Vehicle is not actively charging. Violation Fine: Fifteen (\$15.00) dollars if paid within twenty-one (21) days. Late Penalty: A penalty of five (\$5.00) dollars will be assessed if the violation remains unpaid twenty-one (21) days after issuance of a notice of such violation.

The above Interim Electric Vehicle Traffic Rules and Regulations shall remain in effect through February 28, 2025. For more information on curbside electric vehicle charging, please visit the [City's Curbside EV Charging](#) webpage.

Interim Electric Vehicle Violation Fine and Late Penalty Summary

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