

# Chapter 111

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#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Parking for handicapped — See Ch. 85.

Streets and sidewalks — See Ch. 100.

### ARTICLE I General Provisions

#### § 111-1. Definitions.

- A. The words and phrases used in this chapter shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by Article 1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.
- B. The following words and phrases, which are not defined by Article 1 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:

**CURBLINE** — The prolongation of the lateral line of a curb or, in the absence of a curb, the lateral boundary line of the roadway.

**HOLIDAYS** — New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

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.

**§ 111-2. Authority to install traffic control devices.**

The village 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 it 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.

**§ 111-3. Schedules; adoption of regulations.**

- A. For the purpose of maintaining an accurate record of all regulations adopted under the provisions of this chapter, there is hereby established a system of schedules, appearing as Article VII of this chapter, in which shall be entered all regulations after adoption. Such schedules shall be deemed a part of the section to which they refer. All regulations shall be adopted with reference to the appropriate schedule as indicated in the various sections of this chapter.
- B. Regulations shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees in accordance with provisions of the Village Law and the Vehicle and Traffic Law, or by an officer or agency authorized by the Board of Trustees to adopt regulations pursuant to § 1603 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ARTICLE II  
**Traffic Regulations**

**§ 111-4. Traffic control signals.**

Traffic control signals shall be installed and operated at the intersection of those streets described in Schedule I (§ 111-37), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

**§ 111-5. Speed limits.**

The maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on or along any streets or highways within the village is hereby established at 30 miles per hour, except that the speed limit for vehicles proceeding on or along those streets or parts of streets described in Schedule II (§ 111-38) shall be as indicated in said schedule.

**§ 111-6. School speed limits.**

No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of that indicated in Schedule III (§ 111-39), in the areas described in said Schedule III, during school days between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**§ 111-7. One-way streets.**

The streets or parts of streets described in Schedule IV (§ 111-40), attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as one-way streets in the direction indicated.

**§ 111-8. U-turns.**

No person shall make a U-turn on any of the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule V (§ 111-41), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

**§ 111-9. 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 VI (§ 111-42), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

**§ 111-10. Prohibited right turns on red signal.**

No person shall make a right turn when facing a steady red signal (stop indication) at any of the locations described in Schedule VII (§ 111-43), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

**§ 111-11. Stop intersections.**

The intersections described in Schedule VIII (§ 111-44), attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as stop intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein.

**§ 111-12. Yield intersections.**

The intersections described in Schedule IX (§ 111-45), attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as yield intersections. Yield signs shall be installed as provided therein.

**§ 111-13. Trucks over certain weights excluded.**

Trucks in excess of the weights indicated are hereby excluded from the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule X (§ 111-46), except for the pickup and delivery of materials on such streets.

## ARTICLE III

**Parking, Standing and Stopping****§ 111-14. Application 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.

**§ 111-15. All-night parking.**

No person shall park a motor vehicle or other vehicle on any street in the Village of Champlain between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 1.

**§ 111-16. Parking and standing prohibited at all times. [Amended 11-14-1994 by L.L. No. 6-1994]**

No person shall park or stand a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or parts thereof described in Schedule XI (§ 111-47), attached to and made a part of this chapter. The provisions of this section shall not apply to emergency vehicles.

**§ 111-17. No stopping.**

No person shall stop a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule XII (§ 111-48), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

**§ 111-18. No standing.**

No person shall stand a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule XIII (§ 111-49), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

**§ 111-19. Parking prohibited certain hours.**

No person shall park a vehicle between the hours specified in Schedule XIV (§ 111-50) of any day, unless otherwise indicated, upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in said Schedule XIV, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

**§ 111-20. No stopping certain hours.**

No person shall stop a vehicle during the times specified in Schedule XV (§ 111-51) of any day, unless otherwise indicated, upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in said Schedule XV, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

**§ 111-21. No standing certain hours.**

No person shall stand a vehicle during the times specified in Schedule XVI (§ 111-52) of any day, unless otherwise indicated, upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in said Schedule XVI, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

**§ 111-22. Time limit parking.**

No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit shown in Schedule XVII (§ 111-53) at any time between the hours listed in said Schedule XVII of any day, unless otherwise indicated, upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in said Schedule XVI I, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

**§ 111-23. Angle parking.**

No person shall park a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts thereof described in Schedule XVIII (§ 111-54), except at the angle designated and only within the painted stall lines. On all streets or portions thereof where angle parking is now or shall hereafter be authorized, all vehicles parked thereon shall be parked with the front thereof nearest the curb.

**ARTICLE IV****Parking of Trucks and Similar Vehicles****§ 111-24. Definitions.**

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**VEHICLE** — A truck, tractor, trailer, semitrailer, tractor and trailer, tractor and semitrailer or house coach, whether or not same is attached to or detached from its towing vehicle.

**VILLAGE** — The Village of Champlain.

**§ 111-25. Parking restrictions.**

- A. Except as allowed hereinafter, the parking of trailers, semitrailers, trucks, tractors, tractors and trailers, tractors and semitrailers and house coaches, attached to or detached from their towing vehicles, is hereby prohibited on all streets, roadways and highways located within the Village during all hours of the day and night during all months of every year.
- B. The parking of a tractor alone without a trailer, semitrailer or house coach attached shall be allowed on streets, roadways and highways within the Village of Champlain, except as provided in § 111-15, provided that the same shall not be so parked for a period of longer than four hours and that the same are parked in accordance with this article, and further provided that the engine of said tractor is not running or operating while so parked.

- C. The stopping, standing or parking of any vehicle defined above, except as allowed hereinabove, is hereby prohibited at all times, except for the purposes of normal pickup or delivery of merchandise, which is allowed.

**§ 111-26. Removal of illegally parked vehicles.**

Any vehicle described hereinabove, parked or abandoned in violation of the provisions of this article, shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic and may be removed and impounded by the Chief of Police or any policeman or any employee or agent or representative of the Village of Champlain duly designated by the Mayor or Clerk of the Village.<sup>1</sup> Such removal by the Village shall be done without incurring any liability for damages to said vehicle, provided that reasonable care has been taken in its removal.

**§ 111-27. Storage of removed vehicles.**

After such removal of any vehicle as provided in this article, such vehicle may be stored at the place designated by the Mayor or Clerk of the Village, to be held there until the owner or operator of such vehicle shall call for and remove the same pursuant to the provisions of this article.

**§ 111-28. Removal and storage charges.**

Prior to such removal from such storage, the owner or operator of such vehicle shall pay to the Clerk the amount of all reasonable charges and expenses actually and necessarily incurred in such removal from such street or highway, not to exceed the sum of \$25 per day or fraction thereof. Proof by the Village of payment of removal charges or storage charges at rates not exceeding those hereinabove prescribed shall be deemed prima facie proof of the reasonableness of such charges.

**§ 111-29. Report of removed vehicles; notice to owner.**

The Clerk, without delay, shall report to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees the removal and disposition of any vehicle as provided in this article and also shall notify the owner or operator of any such vehicle so removed, if the name of such owner or operator can be ascertained, of the removal and disposition of any such vehicle and of the amount required to be paid before the same may be removed from storage.

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1. Editor's Note: The Village Police Department was dissolved 5-8-2006 by L.L. No. 2-2006.

## ARTICLE V

**Removal and Storage of Vehicles****§ 111-30. Authority to impound vehicles.**

- A. When any vehicle is parked or abandoned on any highway or public parking lot within this Village during a snowstorm, flood, fire or other public emergency which affects that portion of the public highway or parking lot upon which said vehicle is parked or abandoned, said vehicle may be removed by or under the direction of the Police Department or other Village official.<sup>2</sup>
- B. When any vehicle is found unattended on any highway or public parking lot within the Village where said vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, said vehicle may be removed by or under the direction of the police or other Village official.
- C. No vehicle shall be moved pending clearing of any criminal action or vehicles and traffic tickets.

**§ 111-31. Storage and charges.**

After removal of any vehicle as provided in this article, the Village may store or cause such vehicle to be stored in a suitable place at the expense of the owner. Such owner or person in charge of the vehicle may redeem the same upon payment to the person with whom stored of the amount of all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in effecting such removal and storage, such storage charges not to exceed \$25 per day or fraction thereof.

**§ 111-32. Notice of removal.**

It shall be the duty of the Police Department to ascertain to the extent possible the owner of the vehicle or the person having the same in charge and to notify him of the removal and disposition of such vehicle and of the amount which will be required to redeem the same. Said Police Department shall also without delay report the removal and disposition of any vehicle removed as provided in this article to the Village Clerk.<sup>3</sup>

## ARTICLE VI

**Miscellaneous Provisions****§ 111-33. Penalties for offenses.**

- A. All offenses of this chapter shall be a violation.
- B. 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

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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 by 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.

C. All parking violations shall have a minimum fine of \$10 for the first offense.

**§ 111-34. 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 regulations adopted hereunder shall take effect as provided by law.

B. Any part or parts of this chapter and any regulations adopted 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.

**§ 111-35. 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.

**§ 111-36. Repealer.**

All prior ordinances, regulations and rules, or parts thereof, of this Village 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 ordinance, regulation or rule hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this chapter.

ARTICLE VII

Schedules

**§ 111-37. Schedule I: Traffic Control Signals.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-4, traffic control signals shall be installed at the following described intersections:

Intersection
(Reserved)

**§ 111-38. Schedule II: Speed Limits.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-5, speed limits other than 30 miles per hour are established as indicated upon the following streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
Butternut Street	20	At bad curve onto Maple Street
Public shopping center parking areas	15	All

**§ 111-39. Schedule III: School Speed Limits.**

In accordance with § 111-6, no person shall drive a vehicle in excess of the speeds indicated below, in the areas designated below, during school days between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.:

Name of Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
Elm Street [Repealed 2-12-2004 by L.L. No. 1-2004]		
Main Street	20	From Cedar Street to the Village Office
Pine Street Church Entrance	20	From Main Street to Street

**§ 111-40. Schedule IV: One-Way Streets.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-7, the following described streets or parts of streets are hereby designated as one-way streets in the direction indicated:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Limits
	(Reserved)	

**§ 111-41. Schedule V: U-Turn Prohibitions.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-8, no person shall make a U-turn at any of the following locations:

Name of Street	Location
	(Reserved)

**§ 111-42. Schedule VI: Prohibited Turns at Intersections.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-9, no person shall make a turn of the kind designated below at any of the following locations:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Direction of Travel</b>	<b>Prohibited Turn</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>At Intersection of</b>
(Reserved)				

**§ 111-43. Schedule VII: Prohibited Right Turns on Red Signal.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-10, no person shall make a right turn when facing a steady red signal (stop indication) at any of the following locations:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Direction of Travel</b>	<b>Prohibited Right Turn on Red Signal Onto</b>
(Reserved)		

**§ 111-44. Schedule VIII: Stop Intersections.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-11, the following described intersections are hereby designated as stop intersections, and stop signs shall be installed as follows:

<b>Stop Sign on</b>	<b>Direction of Travel</b>	<b>At Intersection of</b>
Ashline Drive	South	South Street
Ashline Drive	West	Main Street
Blaine Street	West	Main Street
Broome Street	West	Main Street
Butternut Street	East	Prospect Street
Cane Street	East	Main Street
Cedar Street	North	Main Street
Cedar Street	West	Church Street
Cedar Street Extension	East	Church Street
Cherry Street	South	Walnut Street
Chestnut Street	West	Oak Street
Church Street	North	Main Street
East Street	North	Elm Street

<b>Stop Sign on</b>	<b>Direction of Travel</b>	<b>At Intersection of</b>
Elm Street	West	Main Street
Finley Drive	North	Elm Street
Grand Union Center	South	Route 11
Grand Union Center	West	Route 9
Lawrence Paquette Industrial Drive [Added 12-11-1995 by L.L. No. 5-1995]	South	Route 11
Locust Street	Both	Main Street
Maiden Lane	South	Main Street
Maple Street	West	Oak Street
Meadow Lane	East	Church Street
Mill Street	South	Main Street
Moore Street	East	Main Street
Oak Street	South	Elm Street
Patricia Lane [Added 1-13-1992 by L.L. No. 1-1992]	South	Ashline Drive
Pine Street	East	Main Street
Pine Street	West	Church Street
Prospect Street	South	Elm Street
River Street	West	Elm Street
Senior Citizens	West	Route 9
South Street	East	Main Street
South Street	West	Church Street
Spruce Street	North	Pine Street
Spruce Street	South	South Street
Walnut Street	South	Elm Street
Webb Dubois	North	Locust Street
West Service Road	West	North Main Street

**§ 111-45. Schedule IX: Yield Intersections.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-12, the following described intersections are hereby designated as yield intersections, and yield signs shall be installed as follows:

<b>Yield Sign on</b>	<b>Direction of Travel</b>	<b>At Intersection of</b>
Canal Street	North	Moore Street
Chestnut Street	East	Butternut Street
Patricia Lane	North	Ashline Drive
Senior Citizens	North	South Street
Walnut Street	West	Cherry Street

**§ 111-46. Schedule X: Trucks Over Certain Weights Excluded.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-13, trucks in excess of the weights indicated are hereby excluded from the following streets or parts of streets, except for the pickup and delivery of materials on such streets:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Weight Limit (tons)</b>	<b>Location</b>
Church Street	5	Entire length
East Street [Added 11-14-1994 by L.L. No. 6-1994]	5	From the geographical limits of the Village of Champlain to Elm Street
Elm Street	5	Entire length
Pine Street	5	Entire length
Prospect Street [Added 3-9-1998 by L.L. No. 5-1998]	5	Entire length
South Street	5	Entire length

**§ 111-47. Schedule XI: Parking and Standing Prohibited at All Times. [Amended 11-14-1994 by L.L. No. 6-1994]**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-16, no person shall park or stand a vehicle at any time, except emergency vehicles, upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Driving Lane	All	Public shopping center
Driving Lane	Both	Entire length
Elm Street	East	From East Street to the village line
Filion Lane	West	Finley Drive
Fire Lane	All	Public shopping center
Main Street [Amended 11-14-1994 by L.L. No. 6-1994]	South	From Church Street to the easterly line (extended) of the so-called "Second Iron Bridge" spanning the Great Chazy River
Main Street [Amended 11-14-1994 by L.L. No. 6-1994]	South	From the westerly line of St. Mary's Convent and School property to the east line of St. Mary's School property
Main Street [Added 11-14-1994 by L.L. No. 6-1994]	West	From Cedar Street westerly for a distance of 350 feet
Mill Street	Both	Entire length
South Street	Both	From South Main Street to a point 50 feet east thereof
South Street	Both	From the curbline of South Main Street to a point 50 feet west thereof

**§ 111-48. Schedule XII: No Stopping.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-17, no person shall stop a vehicle upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Location
		(Reserved)

**§ 111-49. Schedule XIII: No Standing.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-18, no person shall stand a vehicle upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Location
		(Reserved)

**§ 111-50. Schedule XIV: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-19, no person shall park a vehicle between the hours listed upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Hours/Days	Location
(Reserved)			

**§ 111-51. Schedule XV: No Stopping Certain Hours.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-20, no person shall stop a vehicle between the times specified upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Hours/Days	Location
(Reserved)			

**§ 111-52. Schedule XVI: No Standing Certain Hours.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-21, no person shall stand a vehicle between the times specified upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Hours/Days	Location
(Reserved)			

**§ 111-53. Schedule XVII: Time Limit Parking.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-22, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit shown upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit; Hours/Days	Location
(Reserved)			

**§ 111-54. Schedule XVIII: Angle Parking.**

In accordance with the provisions of § 111-23, no person shall park a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts thereof described below, except at the angle designated:

Name of Street	Side	Angle (degrees)	Location
(Reserved)			

**§ 111-55. Schedule XIX: Through Truck Traffic Prohibited. [Added 12-14-1998 by L.L. No. 8-1998]**

All through truck traffic is prohibited on the following streets or parts thereof, except for pickup and deliveries:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Location</b>
Paquette Drive	Entire length