

SECTION 61 – LOADING REGULATIONS

61. OFF-STREET LOADING REGULATIONS

Every commercial or industrial building having a gross floor space of 1,500 square feet shall have an area designated within the lot for off-street loading. In determining the adequacy of the loading area and the propriety of its location, the Commission shall be guided by the nature of the use, the anticipated vehicular and pedestrian traffic volume, and the type and frequency of vehicles expected to use the facility.

Where off-street *loading* has been established, loading shall thereafter take place in such space(s) in preference to any public street or sidewalk.

61.1 LOCATION

Loading spaces shall be segregated from pedestrian traffic and shall not be located to interfere with the flow of traffic within any parking area wherever possible.

61.2 NUMBER

Required off-street *loading spaces* are shown in **Table 62.1 Summary Table of Parking and Loading Requirements**.

61.3 LOADING SPACE SIZE

Each *loading space* shall be sufficient in size and arrangement to accommodate truck types that serve the establishment. Aisles in off-street parking areas may be used as loading spaces or maneuver area for entry into *loading spaces* if the efficient operation of the off-street parking area is not affected thereby. A *Loading space* shall be not less than twelve (12) feet wide and twenty-five (25) feet long, exclusive of travel area needed to park the vehicle within the loading space.

61.4 DISTINCT USES

Where one establishment has two or more distinct *uses*, each *use* shall be measured separately to determine the quantity of spaces required.

61.5 CREDIT FOR LOADING SPACES

If not on the same lot as such *use* to which it is credited the loading space shall be in an area immediately adjacent to such lot.

61.6 LOADING SPACE ACCESS

All loading areas shall have adequate access to a street or alley, be suitably surfaced and drained, and be provided with bumper or wheel guards where necessary to prevent encroachment of vehicles beyond property lines. Sufficient off-street maneuvering area shall be provided. Required *yards* may be used for parking, provided all other Regulation requirements are met.

61.7 TRAFFIC FLOW; PEDESTRIAN AREA PROTECTION

61.7.1 **Free Flow.** Access and egress shall be arranged for free flow of vehicles at all times to prevent blocking or endangering of vehicular or pedestrian traffic through stopping or standing of vehicles on sidewalks or streets. If a vehicle standing area on the property is necessary to prevent such blocking of traffic, an adequate reservoir shall be provided.

61.7.2 **Backing Across Sidewalks.** No access or egress shall be so arranged that vehicles can enter or leave the area only by backing on or across any sidewalk or to or from any street.

61.7.3 **Obstruction.** Facilities shall be so arranged that no vehicle is allowed to stand or be parked on any sidewalk or other area between the curb and the street line, or on any other area which is privately owned but used by the public as a sidewalk.

- 61.7.4 **Sight Distance** shall be adequate for pedestrians and vehicles.
- 61.7.5 **Access or Egress Driveways** shall cross a sidewalk only in such a way that the width of the inner edge of the sidewalk is no greater than its width at the curb (excluding any curved or tapered section known as "curb return").
- 61.7.6 **Copings, wheel stops, bumper guards** or other devices to prevent encroachment of parked, standing or moving vehicles upon any sidewalk area not contained within a permitted driveway shall be provided for any portion of a parking or loading area (or other area for maneuvering or standing of vehicles) abutting a sidewalk at a point other than a permitted driveway.
- 61.8 CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS**
- 61.8.1 **DPW and Section 206 City Code Standards to be Used.** Construction Specifications for access driveways (such as line and grade materials) shall be determined by standards established by the Department of Public Works, and by Section 206 of the West Haven Code of Ordinances, and any amendments thereto. The number, location and length of access driveways shall be determined by City Engineer standards.