

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (MARKET SQUARE, STEVENAGE) (GOODS VEHICLE LOADING BAY) ORDER 2024

The STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) pursuant to arrangements made with the County Council of Hertfordshire under Section 19 Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000, in exercise of the powers of the said County Council under Sections 32 and 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act of 1984”) and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with part III of Schedule 9 of the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as “The Borough of Stevenage (Market Square, Stevenage) (Goods Vehicle Loading Bay) Order 2024” and shall come into operation on **DD MMMM YYYY**.
2. In this order:

“Civil Enforcement Officer” has the same meaning as defined in the Traffic Management Act 2004, as appointed by or on behalf of Stevenage Borough Council;

“Driver” means the person driving or having control or charge of the Vehicle at any given time;

“Enactment” means any enactment, whether public general or Local and includes any Order, Byelaw, Rule, Regulation, Scheme or other instrument having effect by virtue of an enactment;

“Goods” means goods of any kind whether animate or inanimate and includes postal packets of any description; “delivering” and “collecting” in relation to goods includes checking the goods for the purpose of their delivery or collection;

“Penalty Charge” means a charge set by the Council in accordance with ‘The Civil Enforcement of Road Traffic Contraventions (Approved Devices, Charging Guidelines and General Provisions) (England) Regulations 2022’;

“Penalty Charge Notice” has the same meaning as in the Regulations of 2022;

“The Regulations of 2022” means ‘The Civil Enforcement of Road Traffic Contraventions (Approved Devices, Charging Guidelines and General Provisions) (England) Regulations 2022’;

“Vehicle” means motor vehicle and “motor vehicle” has the same meaning as in section 136 of the Act of 1984;

“Goods vehicle” has the meaning as a motor vehicle or trailer constructed or adapted for use for the carriage or haulage of goods or burden of any description;

“Universal Service Provider”, “Provision of a universal Postal Service” and “Postal Packet” have the same meaning as in the Postal Services Act 2011.

3. Save as provided in Articles 5 and 6 of this Order, each area on a road specified in the Schedule to this Order is authorised for use as goods vehicle loading bay at any time, for goods vehicles for the purpose of loading or unloading goods.
4. Save as provided in Articles 5 and 6 of this Order, where in Article 3 a part of the road is authorised for use as a goods vehicle loading bay, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to stop or wait at any time within that goods vehicle loading bay unless it is:
 - (1) a goods vehicle being actively used to load or unload goods; and
 - (2) parked wholly within the marked limits of the goods vehicle loading bay.
5.
 - (1) Nothing in Articles 3 and 4 of this Order applies to the length of road restricted by that Article (which said lengths of road are referred to in this Article as “the restricted area”) in relation to:
 - (a) a vehicle being used for Fire and Rescue, Ambulance or Police purposes;
 - (b) anything done with the permission of or at the direction of a police constable in uniform, or done with the permission of a Civil Enforcement Officer;
 - (c) a vehicle which is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond the driver’s control or which has stopped in order to avoid injury or damage to persons or property or when required to do so by law;
 - (d) a vehicle which is stationary in order that it may be used for one or more of the purposes specified in sub-Article (3) of this Article and which cannot reasonably be used for such a purpose without stopping in the restricted area; or
 - (e) a marked vehicle which, whilst used by a universal service provider in the course of the provision of a universal postal service, is stationary only for so long as may be reasonably necessary for postal packets to be delivered or collected.
 - (f) a marked vehicle which, whilst used by a Civil Enforcement Officer in the course of the enforcement of parking restrictions, is stationary only for so long as may be reasonably necessary for them to enforce those restrictions.
 - (2) The “purposes” referred to in sub-Article (2)(d) of this Article are:
 - (a) any operation involving building, demolition or excavation;
 - (b) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
 - (c) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of a road;

