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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Helmetta 4-10-1974. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I
General Provisions

§ 55-1. Short title.

This chapter may be known and cited as the "Vehicles and Traffic Chapter."

§ 55-2. Violations and penalties.

Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey statute, every person convicted of a violation of a provision of this chapter or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) days, or both.

§ 55-3. Severability.

If any part or parts of this chapter are for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter.

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§ 55-4. Repealer.

All former traffic ordinances of the Borough of Helmetta are hereby repealed, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter are hereby repealed, except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this chapter.

§ 55-5. When effective.

This chapter shall take effect upon passage and publication, as provided by law, and upon its approval by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey.¹

**ARTICLE II
Definitions****§ 55-6. Words and phrases defined.**

Whenever any words and phrases are used in this chapter, the meaning respectively ascribed to them in Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey shall be deemed to apply to such words and phrases used herein.

**ARTICLE III
Parking****§ 55-7. Regulations not exclusive.**

The provisions of this Article imposing a time limit on parking shall not relieve any person of the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles as set forth in N.J.R.S. 39:4-138, any other New Jersey statute or as hereinafter provided.

¹ Editor's Note: This chapter was approved by the Commissioner of Transportation 8-10-76.

§ 55-8. Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets.

No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or parts thereof described in Schedule I, § 55-28, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

§ 55-9. Parking prohibited during certain hours on certain streets.

No person shall park a vehicle between the hours specified in Schedule II, § 55-29, of any day (except Sundays and public holidays) upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in said Schedule II, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

§ 55-10. Stopping or standing prohibited during certain hours on certain streets.

No person shall stop or stand a vehicle between the hours specified in Schedule III, § 55-30, of any day (except Sundays and public holidays) upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in said Schedule III, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

§ 55-11. Parking time limited on certain streets.

No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit shown in Schedule IV, § 55-31, at any time between the hours listed in said Schedule IV of any day (except Sundays and public holidays) upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in said Schedule IV, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

ARTICLE IV**Limiting the Use of Streets to Certain
Classes of Vehicles****§ 55-12. Trucks and buses over four tons excluded from certain streets.**

Trucks and buses over four (4) tons' gross weight are hereby excluded from the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule

V, § 55-32, attached to and made a part of this chapter, except for the pickup and delivery of materials on such streets.

ARTICLE V
One-Way Streets

§ 55-13. One-way streets designated.

The streets or parts of streets described in Schedule VI, § 55-33, attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as one-way streets in the direction indicated.

ARTICLE VI
Through Streets, Stop Intersections and
Yield Intersections

§ 55-14. Through streets designated.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.R.S. 39:4-140, the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule VII, § 55-34, attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as through streets. Stop signs shall be installed on the near right side of each street intersecting the through street, except where yield signs are provided for in the designations.

§ 55-15. Stop intersections designated.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.R.S. 39:4-140, the intersections described in Schedule VIII, § 55-35, attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as stop intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein.

§ 55-16. Yield intersections designated.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.R.S. 39:4-140, the intersections described in Schedule IX, § 55-36, attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as yield intersections. Yield signs shall be installed as provided therein.

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Loading Zones

§ 55-17. Loading zones designated.

The locations described in Schedule X, § 55-37, attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as loading zones.

ARTICLE VIII
Taxi Stands

§ 55-18. Taxi stands designated.

The locations described in Schedule XI, § 55-38, attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as taxi stands.

ARTICLE IX
Bus Stops

§ 55-19. Bus stops designated.

The locations described in Schedule XII, § 55-39, attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as bus stops.

ARTICLE X
Turn Prohibitions

§ 55-20. Left turn prohibition.

No person shall make a left turn at any of the locations described in Schedule XIII, § 55-40, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

§ 55-21. U-turn prohibition.

No person shall make a U-turn at any of the locations described in Schedule XIV, § 55-41, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

§ 55-22. No turns.

No person shall make a turn at any of the locations described in Schedule XV, § 55-42, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

ARTICLE XI
Parking During Snow Removal and
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§ 55-23. Parking prohibition on certain streets.

Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the street or parts of streets described in Schedule XVI, § 55-43, attached to and made a part of this chapter, no vehicle shall be parked upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in said Schedule XVI until after all snowfall has ceased, or until such earlier time as the streets or highways have either been plowed sufficiently and the snow removed to a sufficient extent to permit the normal flow of traffic, or until such earlier time as the streets have been cleaned through natural causes sufficiently to permit the normal flow of traffic and so that parking, once resumed and permitted, will not interfere with such normal flow of traffic.

§ 55-24. Declaration of emergency.

- A. Upon the declaration of an emergency, there shall be no parking upon any streets or sections of streets where temporary emergency no-parking signs are displayed. The Chief of Police or, in his absence, the ranking police officer, is authorized to declare an emergency and to direct the posting of said emergency no-parking signs when weather conditions, accidents, fire or public celebrations dictate or require the avoidance of hazards or other conditions which interfere with the free flow of traffic.
- B. Notification that the emergency no-parking signs are being or will be posted shall be given to the operator or owner of any vehicle which has been parked prior to the posting of the signs.

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§ 55-25. Vehicles parked in violation deemed a nuisance; removal.

Any unoccupied vehicle parked or standing in violation of this Article shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic, and any peace officer may provide for the removal of such vehicle. The owner shall pay the reasonable costs of the removal and storage which may result from such removal, before regaining possession of the vehicle.

§ 55-26. Effectiveness.

The effectiveness of this Article is contingent on signs being erected as required by law.

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§ 55-27. Residential streets.

Trucks or buses over four (4) tons' gross weight are hereby prohibited from parking on any street between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

**ARTICLE XIII
Passing**

§ 55-27.1. No-passing zones. [Added 2-20-1991 by Ord. No. 15-1990]

No person shall enter an oncoming lane of traffic to pass another vehicle on any of the streets described in Schedule XVII, § 55-44, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

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[Added 12-18-1991 by Ord. No. 19-1991]

§ 55-27.2. Applicability of statutory provisions.

The provisions of Subtitle 1, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey be and they are hereby made applicable to the semipublic and private roads, streets and driveways within and leading to and from Heather Glen Condominiums in the Borough of Helmetta.

§ 55-27.3. Parking.

All vehicles must park only in designated areas and between the lines provided.

§ 55-27.4. Handicapped parking.

All stalls shall be twelve (12) feet wide as shown on the attached site plan¹ and signed with R7-8 (reserved parking sign and penalty plate), in the designated parking areas for persons who have been issued the handicapped parking permits by the Division of Motor Vehicles (as shown on attached site plan).

§ 55-27.5. Stop intersections.

The following street or parts of streets are hereby designated as stop intersections. Stop signs shall be installed on the near right side of each street intersecting as shown on attached site plan.²

¹ Editor's Note: The site plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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§ 55-27.6. Speed limits.

- A. The speed limits for both directions of traffic in the parking lots shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- B. The speed limits for both directions of travel on the following roads are:

Name of Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
Heatherwood Road	20	Entire length

- C. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above-designated speed limits authorized by the Department of Transportation.

§ 55-27.7. Removal of vehicles.

Any vehicle parked or standing as to obstruct or impede a normal flow of traffic; block entrances or exitways, loading zones, oil fills, any grass area or pedestrian walkway; or present in any way a safety or traffic hazard may be removed by towing the vehicle at the owner's or operator's expense.

§ 55-27.8. Installation of signs.

All signs, posts or other necessary materials are to be installed and paid for by the applicant. Work shall be checked by the Police Department to ensure that installations meet state and federal specifications, and all signing shall conform to the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

§ 55-27.9. Violations and penalties.

Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey statute, every person convicted of a violation of this Article or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more

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than five hundred dollars (\$500.) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) days, or both.

§ 55-27.10. Severability.

If any part of this regulation is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portion of the regulation.

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Schedules**

§ 55-28. Schedule I: Parking.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-8, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the following described streets:

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Name of Street	Side	Location
Main Street	North	Beginning at the Willow Street railroad crossing to the westerly boundary line of the Borough of Helmetta
Main Street	South	Beginning at Maple Street railroad crossing to the westerly boundary line of the Borough of Helmetta

§ 55-29. Schedule II: No Parking Certain Hours.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-9, no person shall park a vehicle between the hours specified upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Location
(Reserved)			

§ 55-30. Schedule III: No Stopping or Standing.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-10, no person shall stop or stand a vehicle between the hours specified upon any of the following streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Location
(Reserved)			

§ 55-31. Schedule IV: Time Limit Parking.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-11, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit shown upon any of the following streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Location
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§ 55-32. Schedule V: Trucks and Buses Over Four Tons Excluded. [Amended 12-9-1985]

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-12, trucks and buses (except school buses) over four tons' gross weight are hereby excluded from the following described streets or parts of streets, except for the pickup and delivery of materials on such streets:

Name of Street	Location
Forge Road [Added 11-9-1988]	From the corporate line of Monroe Township - Borough of Helmetta to Main Street
Lake Avenue	Entire length

§ 55-33. Schedule VI: One-Way Streets.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-13, the following described streets or parts of streets are hereby designated as one-way streets in the direction indicated:

Name of Street	Direction	Limits
Baker Drive [Added 12-15-1985]	East	Between Borghause Road and Madeline Court

§ 55-34. Schedule VII: Through Streets. [Amended 7-24-2002 by Ord. No. 12-2002]

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-14, the following described streets or parts of streets are hereby designated as through streets. Stop signs shall be installed on the near right side of each street intersecting the through street except where yield right-of-way signs are provided for in the designations.

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Name of Street	Location of Intersection
Avenue B	North Shore Boulevard to Old Forge Road
Maple Street	Between Main Street and Helmetta Boulevard
Maple Street	Lake Street
Main Street	Between the Monroe Township line and the Spotswood Borough line
Old Forge Road Monroe	Between Main Street and the Township line

§ 55-35. Schedule VIII: Stop Intersections. [Amended 10-9-1985; 10-2-1989; 12-20-1990 by Ord. No. 13-1990; 7-24-2002 by Ord. No. 12-2002]

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-15, the following described intersections are hereby designated as stop intersections:

Name of Street	Location of Stop Sign
Heather Wood Drive, Lake Avenue and Lake Avenue	Lake Avenue eastbound
John Street and Willow Street	Willow Street
Lake Avenue	Baker Drive
Lake Avenue and Heather Wood Drive	Lake Avenue
Lake Avenue, Helmetta Boulevard and Maple Street	Maple Street
Lake Avenue and High Street	High Street
North Shore Boulevard and Avenue B	Avenue B
North 13th and Avenue A	Avenue A

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§ 55-36. Schedule IX: Yield Intersections.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-16, the following described intersections are hereby designated as yield intersections:

Yield Intersection	Location of Yield Sign
Helmetta Boulevard, Lake Street and Maple Street	Maple Street

§ 55-37. Schedule X: Loading Zones.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-17, the following described locations are hereby designated as loading zones:

Name of Street	Side	Location
		(Reserved)

§ 55-38. Schedule XI: Taxi Stands.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-18, the following described locations are hereby designated as taxi stands:

Name of Street	Side	Location
		(Reserved)

§ 55-39. Schedule XII: Bus Stops.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-19, the following described locations are hereby designated as bus stops:

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Name of Street	Side	Location
Main [Added 3-14-1979]	South (west-bound)	140 feet from its intersection with the westerly line of Brookside Place
Main Street [Added 3-14-1979]	South (west-bound)	105 feet from its intersection with the westerly line of North 13th Street

§ 55-40. Schedule XIII: Left Turn Prohibitions.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-20, no person shall make a left turn at any of the following locations:

Location
(Reserved)

§ 55-41. Schedule XIV: U-Turn Prohibitions.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-21, no person shall make a U-turn at any of the following locations:

Location	Limits
Main Street	Between Lake Avenue and the High Street grade crossing

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§ 55-42. Schedule XV: No Turns.

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-22, no person shall make a turn at any of the following intersections:

Intersection

(Reserved)

§ 55-43.¹ Schedule XVI: Parking During Snow Removal and Other Emergencies. [Added 5-12-1976; amended 12-12-1984 by Ord. No. 109-1984; 12-18-1996 by Ord. No. 14-1996; 5-24-2000 by Ord. No. 8-2000]

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-23, no vehicles shall be parked upon any of the following streets or parts of streets during snow emergency:

Name of Street	Location
Avenue A	Entire length
Avenue B	Entire length
Forge Road	Entire length
Helmetta Boulevard	Entire length
John's Place	Entire length
John Street	Entire length
Lake Avenue	Entire length
Madison Drive (Sutton Place)	Entire length
Maple Street	Entire length
North Shore Boulevard	Entire length
Park Avenue	Entire length
Park Place	Entire length

¹ Editor's Note: Former § 55-43, Schedule XVI: Parking During Snow Removal and Other Emergencies, added 11-6-1974, was repealed 1-14-1976

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Name of Street	Location
Sutton Place (Sutton Place)	Entire length
York Drive (Sutton Place)	Entire length

§ 55-44. Schedule XVII: No-Passing Zones. [Added 2-20-1991 by Ord. No. 15-1990]

In accordance with the provisions of § 55-27.1, no-passing zones are hereby established and shall be maintained along the following streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Location
Lake Avenue – Helmetta Boulevard [Added 7-28-1993 by Ord. No. 16-1993]	From the East Brunswick Town- ship – Helmetta Borough corporate line to Main Street (Co. Rd. 615)
Old Forge Road	From its intersection with Main Street, southerly along its full distance to the boundary of the Borough of Helmetta with Monroe Township

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Avenue B S
Appleby Drive P
Baker Drive
Borghaus Drive
Candlelight Court
Chester Court
Club Drive
Erickson Avenue
George W. Helme Drive P
High Street
Holly House Drive P
Holly Manor Court P
John Street S
John's Place S
Lake Avenue S
Lakeview Drive
Locust Drive
Madeline Court
Madison Drive S
Main Street S
Maple Street S
Meadow Court
North Shore Boulevard S
Old Forge Road S
Park Avenue S
Park Place S
Railroad Avenue
Raintree Court
Ridgefield Court
Stone Ridge Circle
Sutton Place S
Tanglewood Court
York Drive S
Helmets Blvd S