STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 378

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

Made - - - -	*26th November 2015*
Coming into operation -	*16th December 2015*

The Department for Regional Development(**a**) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 4(1), (2) and (3), 10(4), 13(1), (13) and (16) and 15(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**).

It appears to the Department to be necessary to provide suitable parking places for vehicles on the lengths of the roads specified in Article 5.

The Department has consulted such persons as it considered appropriate in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedules 1 and 4 to the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of those Schedules.

The Department, in compliance with paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 4 to that Order, has taken such other steps as appear to the Department reasonably practicable for the purpose of bringing specifically to the knowledge of the occupiers of land adjacent to the parking places the particulars specified in paragraph 3(2) of that Schedule.

No written objection or other representation has been received.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as The Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 16th December 2015.

(2) In this Order—

"medical practitioner" means a registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983(**d**);

(**a**) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
(**b**) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(**c**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(*d*) and Schedule 4 Part IV
(**d**) 1983 c. 54

"postal packet" means a letter, parcel, packet or other article transmissible by post as defined in section 125 of the Postal Services Act 2000(**a**);

"universal service provider" has the same meaning as in section 4(3) and (4) of the Postal Services Act 2000.

Restriction of waiting

2. Save as provided in Article 3, a person shall not cause or permit a vehicle to wait at any time on the lengths of road specified in Schedules 1 and 2.

Exceptions to prohibition of waiting

3.—(1) Nothing in Article 2 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to wait at any time on the carriageway of a length of road specified in Schedules 1 or 2 where the person in control of it is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond that person's control or to avoid an accident or for so long as may be reasonably necessary to enable—

(a) a person to board or alight from a vehicle provided that such boarding or alighting does not cause the vehicle to wait in the same place for more than 2 minutes;

(b) the vehicle to be used in an emergency by a medical practitioner, or for fire and rescue, ambulance, police or customs purposes or for the purposes of the security forces;

(c) the vehicle to be used by or on behalf of a universal service provider for the purposes of the delivery to, or collection from, premises situated adjacent to the length of road of postal packets;

(d) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes outside that length of road, to be used—

(i) in connection with any building, repair or demolition operations;

(ii) in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic;

(iii) by or on behalf of a district council or a government department in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;

(iv) by or on behalf of a sewerage undertaker or a water undertaker in connection with the discharge of that undertaker's functions;

(v) in connection with the discharge of the functions of the holder of a licence granted under Article 10 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(**b**) or of a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(**c**); or

(vi) in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair of any electronic communications apparatus as defined in Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act 1984(**d**).

(2) Nothing in Article 2 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to wait on the carriageway of a length of road specified in Schedule 1 for so long as may be reasonably necessary to enable goods to be loaded or unloaded from the vehicle.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) a vehicle shall be deemed to wait in the same place for more than 2 minutes if any one part of the carriageway is below any part of the vehicle or its load (if any) throughout the period exceeding 2 minutes whether or not the vehicle is moved during that period.

(**a**) 2000 c. 26
(**b**) S.R. 1992/231 (N.I. 1)
(**c**) S.R. 1996/275 (N.I. 2)
(**d**) 1984 c. 12 as amended by 2003 c. 21 Sch. 3 para. 2(2)

Amendments

4. The On-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000(**a**) is amended by the substitution for item no. 10 relating to Bankmore Street, item no. 65 relating to Linenhall Street and item no. 113 relating to Winetavern Street, in Chapter 1, Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the same descriptions together with new maps.

5. The Parking Places on Roads (Motor Cycles) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010(**b**) is amended by the addition to the Schedule of the following items—

"3. Bankmore Street, Belfast (south side) – from a point 26.1 metres east of its junction with Dublin Road for a distance of 14.3 metres in an easterly direction.

4. Linenhall Street, Belfast (east side) – from a point 30.9 metres south of its junction with Donegall Square South for a distance of 13.6 metres in a southerly direction."

Revocations

6. The provisions specified in column (1) of Schedule 3 are revoked to the extent specified in column (3).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 26th November 2015

(L.S.)

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(**a**) S.R. 2000 No. 383: relevant amending Order is S.R. 2014 No. 7
(**b**) S.R. 2010 No. 268