



# Road Traffic Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 40

### PART II

#### TRAFFIC IN LONDON

##### *Parking in London*

#### **66 Parking penalties in London.**

- (1) Where, in the case of a stationary vehicle in a designated parking place, a parking attendant has reason to believe that a penalty charge is payable with respect to the vehicle, he may—
  - (a) fix a penalty charge notice to the vehicle; or
  - (b) give such a notice to the person appearing to him to be in charge of the vehicle.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part of this Act, a penalty charge is payable with respect to a vehicle, by the owner of the vehicle, if—
  - (a) the vehicle has been left—
    - (i) otherwise than as authorised by or under any order relating to the designated parking place; or
    - (ii) beyond the period of parking which has been paid for;
  - (b) no parking charge payable with respect to the vehicle has been paid; or
  - (c) there has, with respect to the vehicle, been a contravention of, or failure to comply with, any provision made by or under any order relating to the designated parking place.
- (3) A penalty charge notice must state—
  - (a) the grounds on which the parking attendant believes that a penalty charge is payable with respect to the vehicle;
  - (b) the amount of the penalty charge which is payable;
  - (c) that the penalty charge must be paid before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date of the notice;

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- (d) that if the penalty charge is paid before the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the date of the notice, the amount of the penalty charge will be reduced by the specified proportion;
  - (e) that, if the penalty charge is not paid before the end of the 28 day period, a notice to owner may be served by the London authority on the person appearing to them to be the owner of the vehicle;
  - (f) the address to which payment of the penalty charge must be sent.
- (4) In subsection (3)(d) above “specified proportion” means such proportion, applicable to all cases, as may be determined by the London authorities acting through the Joint Committee.
- (5) A penalty charge notice fixed to a vehicle in accordance with this section shall not be removed or interfered with except by or under the authority of—
- (a) the owner, or person in charge, of the vehicle; or
  - (b) the London authority for the place in which the vehicle in question was found.
- (6) A person contravening subsection (5) above shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.
- (7) Schedule 6 to this Act shall have effect with respect to penalty charges, notices to owners and other matters supplementing the provisions of this section.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 66 modified (8.1.1996) by 1995 c. x, **ss. 1(3)**, 8
- C2** S. 66 applied (with modifications): (20.5.1996) by S.I. 1996/1171, art. 4, **Sch. 1 para. 1**; (3.2.1997) by S.I. 1996/2650, art. 4, **Sch. 2 para. 1**
- S. 66 applied (with modifications): (3.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/56, art. 5, **Sch. 3 para. 1**; (29.9.1997) by S.I. 1997/2078, art. 5, **Sch. 3 para. 1**; (27.10.1997) by S.I. 1997/2304, art. 5, **Sch. 1 para. 1**
- S. 66 applied (with modifications): (19.1.1998) by S.I. 1998/3207, art. 4, **Sch. 1 para. 1**; (5.10. 1998) by S.I. 1998/1539, art. 4, **Sch. 2** (as amended (S.) (17.5.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/188, **art. 2**)
- S. 66 applied (with modifications): (5.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/131, art. 5, **Sch. 2**; (5.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/768, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.5.1999) by S.I. 1999/1112, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (S.) (4.10.1999) by S.S.I. 1999/59, art. 4, **Sch. 2** (as amended (17.5. 2002) by S.S.I. 2002/187, **art. 2**); (3.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3313, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (4.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3314, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3401, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3402, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3403, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3404, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3405, art. 5, **Sch. 1**
- S. 66 applied (with modifications): (1.2.2000) by S.I. 2000/8, art. 5, **Sch. 2**; (1.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/699, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (3.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/722, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/791, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.9.2000) by S.I. 2000/2120, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (4.9.2000) by S.I. 2000/2169, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2430, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (8.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2534, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (30.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/1719, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (13.11.2000) by S.I. 2000/2871, art. 5, **Sch. 3**; (15.1.2001) by S.I. 2000/3317, art. 5, **Sch. 1**
- S. 66 applied (with modifications): (23.1.2001) by S.I. 2001/1, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (19.2.2001) by S.I. 2001/180, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/787, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/849, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (2.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/894, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.9.2001) by S.I. 2001/1427, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/1789, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (2.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/1855, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (2.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/1856, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (16.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/2272, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (3.9.2001) by S.I. 2001/2818, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (3.9.2001) by S.I. 2001/2819, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (3.9.2001) by S.I. 2001/2883, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.10.2001) by S.I. 2001/3058, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.10.2001) by S.I. 2001/3059, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (5.11.2001) by S.I. 2001/3397, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (26.11.2001) by S.I. 2001/3565, art. 5, **Sch. 1**

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- S. 66 applied (with modifications): (4.2.2002) by S.I. 2002/37, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (25.2.2002) by S.I. 2002/126, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (4.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/276, {art. 5.}, Sch. 1; (25.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/421, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (2.4.2002) by S.I.2002/422, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (5.6.2002) by S.I. 2002/1351, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (5.6.2002) by S.I. 2002/1352, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (1.7.2002) by S.I.2002/1353, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (1.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1484, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (1.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1485, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (1.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1486, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (1.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1504, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (15.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1621, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (S.) (1.10.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/398, **art. 4**, Sch. 2; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2012, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2183, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2184, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2185, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2186, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2187, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (14.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2188, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (25.11.2002) by S.I. 2002/2705, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (20.1.2003) by S.I. 2002/2520, **art. 5**, Sch. 1; (3.2.2003) by S.I. 2002/3265, **art. 6**, Sch. 1; (3.2.2003) by S.I. 2002/3266, **art. 5**, Sch. 1
- C3** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (District of Bath and North East Somerset) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/95), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C4** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (3.3.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Dorset) (Borough of Christchurch) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/251), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C5** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (S.) (3.3.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Aberdeen City Council) Designation Order 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/70), arts. 1, 4, **sch. 2**
- C6** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (District of Basildon) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/635), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C7** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (District of Maldon) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/634), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C8** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (21.4.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Slough) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/898), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C9** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (2.6.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Redcar and Cleveland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1261), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C10** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (30.6.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Buckinghamshire)(District of Aylesbury Vale) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1262), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C11** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.9.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Middlesbrough) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1984), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C12** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.9.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area)(Borough of Swindon) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1924), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C13** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (22.9.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Peterborough) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2153), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C14** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (29.9.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Cumbria) (Borough of Copeland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2152), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C15** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (6.10.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hertfordshire) (Borough of Dacorum) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2326), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C16** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (13.10.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Cumbria) (Borough of Allerdale) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2334), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)

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- C17** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (20.10.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hampshire) (Borough of Test Valley) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2336), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C18** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (District of Harlow) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2440), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C19** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (10.11.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Blackpool) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2677), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C20** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (17.11.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Wirral) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2711), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C21** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.2.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area)(County of Carmarthenshire) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/104), arts. 1, 4, **Sch. 1**
- C22** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (2.2.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Bedfordshire) (Districts of Mid-Bedfordshire and South Bedfordshire) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/13), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C23** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Dundee City Council) Designation Order 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/87), arts. 1, 4, **sch. 2**
- C24** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (26.4.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Surrey) (District of Mole Valley) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/914), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C25** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.6.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Wigan) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1305), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C26** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.6.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Surrey) (Borough of Guildford) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1278), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C27** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.6.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Surrey) (Borough of Reigate and Banstead) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1285), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C28** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.7.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Denbighshire) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1608), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C29** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (4.7.2004 for specified purposes) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Rochdale) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1402), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1 para. 1**
- C30** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (6.9.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Lancashire) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2028), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 2** (with art. 3)
- C31** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (20.9.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of East Sussex) (District of Lewes) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2111), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C32** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Blackburn with Darwen) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2260), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C33** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hampshire) (Borough of Eastleigh) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2188), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C34** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (Tendring, Rochford, Uttlesford, Braintree and Castle Point) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2194), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**

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- C35** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hertfordshire) (City and District of St Albans) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2212), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C36** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (4.10.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Warwickshire) (District of Stratford on Avon) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2193), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C37** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (11.10.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Worcestershire) (District of Wychavon) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2263), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C38** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (25.10.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Cambridgeshire) (City of Cambridge) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2424), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 2**
- C39** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (8.11.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Surrey) (Borough of Runnymede) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2616), arts. 1, 5
- C40** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (17.1.2005) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hertfordshire) (District of North Hertfordshire) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/3246), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C41** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (17.1.2005) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hertfordshire) (District of East Hertfordshire) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/3310), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C42** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (7.2.2005) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (South Lanarkshire Council) Designation Order 2005 (S.S.I. 2005/11), arts. 1, 4, **sch. 2** (as amended (1.4.2020) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Parking Adjudicators) Regulations 2020 (S.S.I. 2020/95), reg. 1, **sch. 2 para. 16(3)** (with sch. 1))
- C43** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.3.2005) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan District of Leeds) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/95), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C44** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2005) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Thurrock) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/370), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 2** (with art. 3)
- C45** S. 66(2) modified (5.7.1993) by S.I. 1993/1461 art. 6(1)  
S. 66(2) modified (10.9.1993) by S.I. 1993/2229, **art. 6(1)**  
S. 66(2) modified (6.12.1993) by S.I. 1993/2803, **art. 5(1)**  
S. 66(2) modified (31.1.1994) by S.I. 1993/3238, **art. 5(1)** (as amended (18.1.1994) by S.I. 1994/81, **art. 2**)

### Commencement Information

- II** S. 66 partly in force; s. 66 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 84(1); s. 66(7) in force at 5.7.1993 by S.I. 1993/1461 arts. 2; s. 66 in force for specified areas: at 5.7.1993 by S.I. 1993/1461, **art. 3**; at 10.9.1993 by S.I. 1993/2229, **art. 3(c)**; at 6.12.1993 by S.I. 1993/2803, **art. 2(c)**; at 31.1.1994 by S.I. 1993/3238, **art. 3(c)** (as amended (18.1.1994) by S.I. 1994/81, **art. 2**); at 5.4.1994 by S.I. 1994/81, **art. 3(c)** (with art. 6(1)); at 4.7.1994 by S.I. 1994/1482, art. 2(c), **Sch.** (with art. 5(1)); at 4.7.1994 by S.I. 1994/1484, **art. 2(c)** (with art. 3)

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