

Rules and Procedures

Rule 100A

April 2, 2001

Rule 100A - Area Boundaries

This rule is issued to establish the boundaries of the various Areas of this Department. It is effective as of April 2, 2001, superseding and rescinding all previously issued rules, orders, directives and memorandums on this subject and replaces Rule 100-A, issued May 15, 1996.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS: When a street is named as a boundary it is to be understood, unless otherwise specified, that the Area line runs through the center of the street.

When an Area line crosses from side to side, a drawbridge that is totally within the city limits, it is to be understood, unless otherwise specified, that the line passes through the center of the draw at right angles with the roadway.

When a bridge, with or without a draw, is not totally within the city limits, it is to be understood that the Area line follows such limits.

A bridge without a draw, whether passing over water or not, is to be considered a part of the street or streets leading to it.

When an Area line runs along a railroad track or a street crossed by a bridge, the Area line on the bridge shall correspond with that on the street or the tracks.

Generally, when an Area line passes over a bridge either longitudinally or from side to side, the same line shall apply to any land or water under such bridge.

An Area bounded by waters of the inner harbor shall include wharves, piers or other structures projecting into or over said waters.

Lands of the United States used for naval, military, postal, customs or other federal purposes, and parks, parkway land or other property under the control of the Metropolitan District Commission (M.D.C.), are exempted from the territory included in an Area.

AREA A: To begin at a point in the center of the Fort Point Channel, at the northerly curb of the Broadway Bridge, then northerly by the center of the Fort Point Channel through the bridges to the northeast of the Charles River, then by the Boston line to a point northeasterly of the

Charles River Dam, then by the center of the Charles River to a point opposite the easterly side of Embankment Road, then through the center of Beacon Street to a point opposite the easterly curb of Arlington Street to the southerly curb of Columbus Avenue to the easterly curb of Berkeley Street to Cortes Street, **both sides**, to Arlington Street to the northerly curb of Herald Street to the northerly curb of Broadway. The boundary continues by the northerly curblines of the Broadway Bridge to the point of beginning, including all territory within the limits of Charlestown and East Boston. The boundary excludes Logan International Airport and property under the care and control of the Metropolitan District Commission.

AREA B: To begin at a point at the median of the Melnea Cass Boulevard and Massachusetts Avenue intersection, southeast on Massachusetts Avenue (excluding Massachusetts Avenue) to Columbia Road and Massachusetts Avenue, south on Columbia Road (using the median as the boundary) to Annabel Street. At this point Area B assumes responsibility for **both sides** of Columbia Road including the businesses on both Stoughton Street and Hancock Street considered to be part of the Uphams Corner commercial district, to **both sides** of Bird Street. The boundary resumes at the median of Columbia Road at Bird Street and continues south to Washington Street. Washington Street becomes the boundary between Area B and Area C with Area C assuming responsibility for **both sides** of Washington Street through Lower Mills to the center point of the Neponset River (Milton border). The boundary then continues from the center point of the Neponset River to the center of the Neponset river adjacent to Mattapan Square. Area B assumes responsibility for all businesses considered to be part of the Mattapan commercial district including **both sides** of Cummins Highway from Rockdale Street to River Street, **both sides** of River Street to 558 River Street and **both sides** of Edgewater Drive to Tesla Street. **Both sides** of Rockdale Street and Tesla Street are on Area E. At Rockdale Street and Cummins Highway, the median of Cummins Highway becomes the boundary between Area B and Area E to Harvard Street to Morton Street. Through the center of Morton Street then along the westerly boundary of the Franklin Park Reservation, to the intersection of Westminster Avenue and Walnut Avenue. West on Westminster Avenue to the intersection of Washington Street and Bragdon Street, west on Bragdon Street to the intersection of Columbus Avenue and Bragdon Street. Area E assumes the responsibility for all addresses on Westminster Avenue and Bragdon Street. From this point the median of Columbus Avenue to the intersection of Columbus Avenue and New Heath Street, becomes the boundary of Area B and Area E. New Heath Street, Heath Street and South Huntington Avenue become the boundary between Area B and Area E with Area E assuming responsibility for all addresses on New Heath Street, Heath Street and South Huntington Avenue to Huntington Avenue. Area B retains responsibility for **both sides** of Huntington Ave to the Riverway, both sides of the Riverway northeast to the Fenway, **both sides** of the Fenway to Louis Prang Street and **both sides** of Ruggles Street. The boundary continues to the median of Tremont Street to Melnea Cass Boulevard. From this

point the boundary between Area B and Area D becomes the median of Melnea Cass Boulevard to Massachusetts Avenue. The boundary continues from the median of the intersection of Melnea Cass Boulevard and Massachusetts Avenue to the off ramp of the Southeast Expressway.

AREA C: To begin at a point at the waters of the harbor opposite the center of the Fort Point Channel at the northeasterly side of the Northern Avenue Bridge, then through the center of the Fort Point Channel to and through the city and railroad bridges and the center of South Bay to the Broadway Bridge, then on a straight line from the center of the Fort Point Channel to and through the city and railroad bridges and the center of South Bay to the Broadway Bridge, then on a straight line from the center of the Fort point Channel as it intersects with the Broadway Bridge, including all of said bridge. The boundary continues from the northern most property line of the northwestern end of the Broadway Bridge, south along the centerline of the Southeast Expressway to Massachusetts Avenue off ramp. From the Massachusetts Avenue off ramp to the intersection of Melnea Cass Boulevard and Massachusetts Avenue. Southeast from the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard to the intersection of Columbia Road and Massachusetts Avenue. Area C assumes responsibility for **both sides** of Massachusetts Avenue between Melnea Cass Boulevard and Columbia Road. The median of Columbia Road serves as the boundary between Area B and Area C to Annabel Street where Area B assumes responsibility for the Uphams Corner commercial district (defined as all addresses on **both sides** of Columbia Road up to and including **both sides** of Bird Street and businesses on Stoughton Street and Hancock Street considered to be part of the Uphams Corner commercial district). At the intersection of Bird Street and Columbia Road, the median of Columbia Road resumes as the boundary between Area B and Area C to Washington Street. The boundary continues southwest on Washington Street to Adams Street to the center point of the Neponset River (Milton border). Area C assumes responsibility for **both sides** of Washington Street, Adams Street and Miller's Lane. From this point the boundary moves east to the boundary line between Boston and Quincy, to the waters of the harbor, then follows the line of property under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan District Commission (M.D.C.), excluding property under the care and control of the M.D.C., then follows the line of property of the M.D.C. to Pleasure Bay, then by the waters of the harbor to a point opposite the center of the Fort Point Channel. Area C is additionally responsible for Long Island from the midpoint of the Long Island Bridge (Quincy boundary) outward, Thompson Island, Rainsford Island and Spectacle Island.

AREA D: To begin at a point at the northernmost end of the Broadway Bridge at Albany Street, then southerly along the center of the roadway of the Southeast Expressway, to the Massachusetts Avenue off ramp. The Massachusetts Avenue off ramp becomes a divider

between Area C and Area D. The boundary continues from a point in the center of the Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard intersection. From this point the boundary between Area B and Area D becomes the median of Melnea Cass Boulevard to the median of Tremont Street to Ruggles Street to Louis Prang Street to the Fenway to the Riverway. Area B will have jurisdiction of **both sides** of the street making up the boundary between Area B and Area D including Ruggles Street and the Fenway (between Louis Prang Street and the Riverway). The boundary continues northeasterly to the northwest corner of Park Drive, then by the southwest side of Park Drive to a point at the southerly line of the Boston and Albany Railroad tracks, then southwesterly to the Boston-Brookline line. The boundary continues northerly along the Boston-Brookline boundary to Commonwealth Avenue including all of Allston/Brighton. At this point the boundary follows the property line under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan District Commission (M.D.C.) to a point opposite the easterly curb of Embankment Road, then through the center of Beacon Street to a point opposite the easterly curblines of Arlington Street. The boundary continues by the easterly curb of Arlington Street to the southerly curb of Columbus Avenue to the easterly curb of Berkeley Street, **both sides**, to the Massachusetts Turnpike to Arlington Street to the northerly curb of Herald Street, then by the northerly curb of Herald Street to the Broadway Bridge.

AREA E: To begin at the intersection of New Heath Street and Columbus Avenue. New Heath Street, Heath Street and South Huntington Avenue is the boundary between Area B and Area E. Area E assumes responsibility for **both sides** of New Heath Street, **both sides** of Heath Street and **both sides** from South Huntington Avenue to Huntington Avenue. South along the dividing line between Boston and Brookline. The boundary continues southerly and easterly to and by the dividing line between Boston and Newton, Boston and Dedham, and Boston and Milton to a point opposite and including **both sides** of Tesla Street and up to 556 River Street. Area B assumes responsibility for **both sides** of River Street from 558 River Street to Cummins Highway excluding **both sides** of Rockdale Street. At this point the median of Cummins Highway becomes the divider between Area B and Area E. The boundary continues through the center of Cummins Highway to the center of Harvard Street, to the center of Morton Street. The boundary continues along **both sides** of: Forest Hills Street, Glen Road, Sigourney Street and Walnut Avenue to the intersection of Westminster Avenue and Walnut Avenue. Westerly along Westminster Avenue to Washington Street. From the intersection of Washington Street and Bragdon Street, west on Bragdon Street to the intersection of Bragdon Street and Columbus Avenue. Area E assumes responsibility for **both sides** of Westminster Avenue and Bragdon Street. At this point the median of Columbus Avenue becomes the boundary between Area B and Area E. North to New Heath Street.

NOTE: BOSTON HARBOR WATERS The waters of the Boston Harbor, while an actual part of the

City of Boston, are not included in any Area for jurisdictional purposes. These waters are the responsibility of the Harbormaster and the Harbor Patrol Section of the Special Operations Division, Bureau of Field Services.