

CHAPTER 71: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES

§ 71.01 EVIDENCE.

The existence of a traffic-control device shall be prima facie evidence that the device was lawfully authorized and installed.
(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974)

§ 71.02 EXISTING DEVICES.

Traffic-control devices installed prior to the adoption of this title are lawfully authorized.
(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974)

Cross-reference:

Public danger; temporary control device, see § 70.17.

TRAFFIC RULES

§ 71.15 RULES OF THE ROAD

In addition to state law, the following shall apply to the operation of vehicles upon the streets of the city.

(A) The operator of a vehicle shall not back the vehicle unless the movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic and shall yield the right of way to moving traffic and pedestrians.

(B) The operator of a vehicle in the traffic lane shall have the right-of-way over an operator of a vehicle departing from a parking space.

(C) No operator of a vehicle shall pull away from a curb or other parking area without giving an appropriate turn signal when other traffic may be affected.

(D) Where a stop sign is erected at or near the entrance to an intersection, the operator of a vehicle approaching shall bring the vehicle to a stop before crossing a stop line or crosswalk; or if none, then before entering the intersection. Stopping at a point which does not yield an unobstructed view of traffic on the intersecting street shall not constitute compliance with the requirements of this section.

(E) Notwithstanding an indication by a traffic-control device to proceed:

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(1) No operator of a vehicle shall enter an intersection unless there is sufficient space on the opposite side of the intersection to accommodate his or her vehicle without obstructing the passage of other vehicles.

(2) No operator of a vehicle shall enter a marked crosswalk, whether or not at an intersection, unless there is sufficient space on the opposite side of the crosswalk to accommodate his or her vehicle without obstructing the passage of pedestrians.

(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.16 CROSSING PRIVATE PROPERTY RESTRICTED.

No operator of a vehicle shall proceed from one street to an intersecting street by crossing private property. This provision shall not apply to the operator of a vehicle who stops on the property for the purpose of procuring or providing goods or services.

(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974) Penalty see § 70.99

§ 71.17 UNLAWFUL RIDING

(A) No operator shall permit a passenger and no passenger shall ride on a vehicle upon a street except on a portion of the vehicle designed or intended for the use of passengers. This provision shall not apply to an employee engaged in the necessary discharge of a duty or to a person riding within a truck body in space intended for merchandise.

(B) No person shall board or alight from a vehicle while the vehicle is in motion upon a street.

(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974) Penalty see § 70.99

§ 71.18 FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.

(A) *Permits.* A permit shall not be required to conduct a funeral procession.

(B) *Driving in procession.*

(1) The procession shall proceed to the place of interment by the most direct route which is both legal and practicable.

(2) The procession shall be accompanied by adequate escort vehicles for traffic control purposes.

(3) All motor vehicles in the procession shall be operated with their lights turned on.

(4) No person shall unreasonably interfere with a funeral procession.

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(5) No person shall operate a vehicle that is not part of the procession between the vehicles of a funeral procession.

(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.19 ENFORCEMENT

(A) The violation of a provision of this title relating to the operation of a motor vehicle on other property open to public travel shall be a municipal offense and shall subject the violator to arrest by a police officer or a private citizen, if the violation takes place in the presence of the officer or citizen, or by a police officer acting under authority of a court warrant.

(B) The state Uniform Traffic Citation and Complaint Form shall not be used, and convictions for offenses occurring on other property open to public travel shall not be reported to the Motor Vehicles Division.

(C) A misdemeanor citation may be issued in lieu of custody.
(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974) Penalty, see § 70.99

MISUSE AND OBSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

§ 71.30 SKIING OR SLEDDING ON STREETS PROHIBITED.

No person shall use the street for traveling on skis, toboggans, sleds, or similar devices, except where authorized.

(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.31 SIDEWALKS AND CURBS; MISUSE AND DAMAGE

(A) The operator of a motor vehicle shall not drive upon a sidewalk or roadside planting strip except to cross at a permanent or temporary driveway.

(B) No unauthorized person shall place dirt, wood, or other material on the gutter or space next to the curb of a street with the intention of using it as a driveway.

(C) No person shall remove a portion off a curb or move a motor vehicle or device moved by a motor vehicle upon a curb or sidewalk without first obtaining authorization and posting bond, if required. A person who causes damage shall be held responsible for the cost of repair.

(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974) Penalty, see § 70.99

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§ 71.32 OBSTRUCTING STREETS

(A) No unauthorized person shall obstruct the free movement of vehicles or pedestrians using the streets.

(B) No person shall park or stand a vehicle in such a manner or location that it constitutes a hazard to public safety or an obstruction on the street.

(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.33 GLASS AND DEBRIS; REMOVAL

A party to a vehicle accident or a person causing broken glass or other debris to be upon a street shall be remove the glass and other debris from the street.

(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.34 TRAINS, BLOCKING STREETS RESTRICTED.

No person shall direct or operate a train or permit railroad cars to block the use of any street for a period of time longer than five minutes.

(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974) Penalty, see § 70.99

BICYCLES

§ 71.45 UNLAWFUL LEAVING; IMPOUNDMENT

(A) It shall be unlawful to leave a bicycle on public or private property without the consent of the person in charge or the owner thereof.

(B) A bicycle left on public property for a period in excess of 24 hours may be impounded by the Police Department.

(C) In addition to any citation issued, a bicycle parked in violation of this title may be immediately impounded by the Police Department.

(D) If a bicycle impounded under this title is licensed, or other means of determining its ownership exist, the police shall make reasonable efforts to notify the owner. An impound fee of \$5 shall be charged to the owner. No impounding fee shall be charges to the owner of a stolen bicycle which has been impounded.

(E) A bicycle impounded under this title which remains unclaimed shall be disposed of in accordance with the city's procedures for disposal of abandoned or lost personal property.

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PEDESTRIANS

§ 71.60 CROSSING STREETS; CROSSWALK USE; RIGHT ANGLES.

(A) *Pedestrians must use available crosswalks.* No pedestrian shall cross a street other than within a crosswalk in blocks with marked crosswalks, or if within 150 feet of a marked crosswalk.

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(B) *Crossing at right angles.* A pedestrian shall cross a street at a right angle, unless crossing within a crosswalk.

(Ord. 189, passed 4-22-1974) Penalty see, § 70.99

§ 71.61 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC-CONTROL, RAILROAD, AND BRIDGE SIGNALS.

(A) At an intersection where a pedestrian-control light is in operation, no pedestrian shall start to cross the street except when the walk signal is illuminated. Where only vehicle-control lights are in operation, no pedestrian shall start to cross the street except when the green light is illuminated.

(B) No pedestrian shall enter or remain upon a railroad grade crossing, an operable bridge, or the approach thereto, beyond a crossing gate or barrier, after an operation signal indication has been given.

(C) No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over, or under a crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while the gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.