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SECTION 300.010: MODEL TRAFFIC CODE—ADOPTION AND EXCEPTIONS

Chapter 300, RSMo., consisting of Sections 300.010 through 300.600, RSMo., commonly known as the "Model Traffic Ordinance" is hereby adopted as and for the traffic ordinance of this City, with the exception of the following Sections, which are expressly deleted: Sections 300.015, 300.020, 300.045, 300.050, 300.055, 300.070. All references to Traffic Division have been changed to Police Department. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 300.020: DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases when used in this Title mean:

ALLEY OR ALLEYWAY: Any street with a roadway of less than twenty (20) feet in width.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE: Any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is fifty (50) inches or less in width, with an unladen dry weight of six hundred (600) pounds or less, traveling on three (3), four (4) or more low pressure tires, with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator, and handlebars for steering control.

AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE: A vehicle publicly owned and operated as an ambulance, or a vehicle publicly owned and operated by the State Highway Patrol, Police, or Fire Department, Sheriff, Constable or Deputy Sheriff, Traffic Officer, or any privately owned vehicle operated as an ambulance when responding to emergency calls.

BUSINESS DISTRICT: The territory contiguous to and including a highway when within any six hundred (600) feet along the highway there are buildings in use for business or industrial purposes, including but not limited to hotels, banks, or office buildings, railroad stations and public buildings which occupy at least three hundred (300) feet of frontage on one (1) side or three hundred (300) feet collectively on both sides of the highway.

CENTRAL BUSINESS (OR TRAFFIC) DISTRICT: All streets and portions of streets within the area described by City ordinance as such.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE: Every vehicle designed, maintained, or used primarily for the transportation of property.

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CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY: Every highway, street or roadway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have no legal right of access to or from the same

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except at such points only and in such manner as may be determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over the highway, street or roadway. [Back to Index](#)

CROSSWALK:

1. That part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs, or in the absence of curbs from the edges of the traversable roadway;
2. Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

CURB LOADING ZONE: A space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials.

DRIVER: Every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

FREIGHT CURB LOADING ZONE: A space adjacent to a curb for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of freight (or passengers).

HIGHWAY: The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

INTERSECTION:

1. The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two (2) highways which join one another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict;
2. Where a highway includes two (2) roadways thirty (30) feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate intersection. In the event such intersecting highway also includes two (2) roadways thirty (30) feet or more apart, then every crossing of two (2) roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection.

LANED ROADWAY: A roadway which is divided into two (2) or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

MOTOR VEHICLE: Any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively upon tracks, except farm tractors and motorized bicycles.

MOTORCYCLE: Every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a tractor.

MOTORIZED BICYCLE: Any two (2) wheeled or three (3) wheeled device having an automatic transmission and a motor with a cylinder capacity of not more than fifty (50) cubic centimeters, which produces less than three (3) gross brake horsepower, and is capable of propelling the device at a maximum speed of not more than thirty (30) miles per hour on level ground.

OFFICIAL TIME STANDARD: Whenever certain hours are named herein they shall mean standard time or daylight-saving time as may be in current use in the City. [Back to Index](#)

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OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES: All signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with this Title placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic. [Back to Index](#)

PARK OR PARKING: The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

PASSENGER CURB LOADING ZONE: A place adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers.

PEDESTRIAN: Any person afoot.

PERSON: Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

POLICE OFFICER: Every Officer of the Municipal Police Department or any Officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

PRIVATE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY: Every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.

RAILROAD: A carrier of persons or property upon cars, other than streetcars, operated upon stationary rails.

RAILROAD TRAIN: A steam engine, electric or other motor, with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon rails, except streetcars.

RESIDENCE DISTRICT: The territory contiguous to and including a highway not comprising a business district when the property on such highway for a distance of three hundred (300) feet or more is in the main improved with residences or residences and buildings in use for business.

RIGHT-OF-WAY: The right of one (1) vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching under such circumstances of direction, speed and proximity as to give rise to danger of collision unless one grants precedence to the other.

ROADWAY: That portion of a highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder. In the event a highway includes two or more separate roadways the term "roadway" as used herein shall refer to any such roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.

SAFETY ZONE: The area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

SIDEWALK: That portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for use of pedestrians.

STAND OR STANDING: The halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers. [Back to Index](#)

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STOP: When required, complete cessation from movement.

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STOP OR STOPPING: When prohibited, any halting even momentarily of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a Police Officer or traffic control sign or signal.

STREET OR HIGHWAY: The entire width between the lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the uses of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. "*State Highway*", a highway maintained by the State of Missouri as a part of the State Highway system.

THROUGH HIGHWAY: Every highway or portion thereof on which vehicular traffic is given preferential right-of-way, and at the entrances to which vehicular traffic from intersecting highways is required by law to yield right-of-way to vehicles on such through highway in obedience to either a stop sign or a yield sign, when such signs are erected as provided in this Title.

TRAFFIC: Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, streetcars and other conveyances either singly or together while using any highway for purposes of travel.

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL: Any device, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

TRAFFIC DIVISION: The Police Department of the City.

VEHICLE: Any mechanical device on wheels, designed primarily for use, or used, on highways, except motorized bicycles, vehicles propelled or drawn by horses or human power, or vehicles used exclusively on fixed rails or tracks, cotton trailers or motorized wheelchairs operated by handicapped persons. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 300.030: GENERAL PENALTY

Unless another penalty is expressly provided by law, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Title shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. No. 1161 §2, 10-10-94)

CHAPTER 305: TRAFFIC ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 305.010: RECORDS OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

- A. The Police Department shall keep a record of all violations of the traffic ordinances of the City or of the State vehicle laws of which any person has been charged, together with a record of the final disposition of all such alleged offenses. Such record shall be so maintained as to show all types of violations and the total of each. Said record shall accumulate during at least a five (5) year period and from that time on the record shall be maintained complete for at least the most recent five (5) year period.
- B. All forms for records of violations and notices of violations shall be serially numbered. For each month and year a written record shall be kept available to the public showing the disposal of all such forms.
- C. All such records and reports shall be public records. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94) [Back to Index](#)

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SECTION 305.020: POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE ACCIDENTS

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It shall be the duty of the Police Department to investigate traffic accidents, to arrest and to assist in the prosecution of those persons charged with violations of law causing or contributing to such accidents. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 305.030: TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STUDIES

Whenever the accidents at any particular location become numerous, the Police Department shall cooperate with the City Traffic Engineer in conducting studies of such accidents and determining remedial measures. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 305.040: TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS

The Police Department shall maintain a suitable system of filing traffic accident reports. Accident reports or cards referring to them shall be filed alphabetically by location. Such reports shall be available for the use and information of the City Traffic Engineer. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 305.050: CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER

- A. The office of City Traffic Engineer is established. The City Engineer or other designated City official shall serve as City Traffic Engineer in addition to his/her other functions, and shall exercise the powers and duties with respect to traffic as provided in this Title.
- B. The City Traffic Engineer shall determine the installation and proper timing and maintenance of traffic control devices, conduct engineering analyses of traffic accidents and devise remedial measures, conduct engineering investigation of traffic conditions, plan the operation of traffic on the streets and highways of the City, and cooperate with other City Officials in the development of ways and means to improve traffic conditions, and carry out the additional powers and duties imposed by ordinances of the City. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 305.060: EMERGENCY AND EXPERIMENTAL REGULATIONS

- A. The Chief of Police by and with the approval of the City Traffic Engineer is hereby empowered to make regulations necessary to make effective the provisions of the traffic ordinances of the City and to make and enforce temporary or experimental regulations to cover emergencies or special conditions. No such temporary or experimental regulation shall remain in effect for more than ninety (90) days.
- B. The City Traffic Engineer may test traffic control devices under actual conditions of traffic. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

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SECTION 310.010: AUTHORITY OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

- A. It shall be the duty of the Officers of the Police Department or such Officers as are assigned by the Chief of Police to enforce all street traffic laws of the City and all of the State vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in the City.
- B. Officers of the Police Department or such Officers as are assigned by the Chief of Police are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand, or signal in conformance with traffic laws; provided that, in the event of a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, Officers of the Police Department may direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws.
- C. Officers of the Fire Department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the Police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 310.020: OBEDIENCE TO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of a Police Officer or Fire Department Official. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 310.030: PERSONS PROPELLING PUSH CARTS OR RIDING ANIMALS TO OBEY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Every person propelling any push cart or riding an animal upon a roadway, and every person driving any animal-drawn vehicle, shall be subject to the provisions of this Title applicable to the driver of any vehicle, except those provisions of this Title which by their very nature can have no application. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 310.040: USE OF COASTERS, ROLLER SKATES AND SIMILAR DEVICES RESTRICTED

No person upon roller skates, or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device, shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk and when so crossing such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to pedestrians. This Section shall not apply upon any street while set aside as a play street as authorized by ordinance of the City. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 310.050: PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO OBEY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The provisions of this Title shall apply to the driver of any vehicle owned by or used in the service of the United States Government, this State, County, or City and it shall be unlawful for any said driver to violate any of the provisions of this Title, except as otherwise permitted in this Title. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

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SECTION 310.060: AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES

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- A. The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the privileges set forth in this Section, but subject to the conditions herein stated.
- B. The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may:
 - 1. Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this Title;
 - 2. Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;
 - 3. Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as he/she does not endanger life or property;
 - 4. Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions.
- C. The exemptions herein granted to an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any said vehicle while in motion sounds audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary, and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one (1) lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of such vehicle.
- D. The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of his/her reckless disregard for the safety of others.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 310.070: OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON APPROACH OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES

- A. Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible and visual signals meeting the requirements of the laws of this State, or of a Police vehicle properly and lawfully making use of an audible signal only:
 - 1. The driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a Police Officer;
 - 2. Upon the approach of an authorized emergency vehicle, as above stated, the motorman of every streetcar shall immediately stop such car clear of any intersection and keep it in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a Police Officer.
- B. This Section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

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The operator or driver of a vehicle on the highway or on any publicly- or privately-owned parking lot or parking facility generally open for use by the public and knowing that an injury has been caused to a person or damage has been caused to property, due to his/her culpability or to accident, he/she shall immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice of such accident, giving his/her name, residence, including City and street number, motor vehicle number and driver's license number, if any, to the injured party and to the Police Department if such accident occurs within the City. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94; Ord. No. 1364 §1, 4-15-02)

SECTION 310.090: WRITTEN REPORT OF ACCIDENT

The driver of a vehicle which is in any manner involved in an accident resulting in bodily injury to or death of any person or total property damage to an apparent extent of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more to one (1) person shall, within five (5) days after such accident, forward a written report of such accident to the Police Department. The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable when the accident has been investigated at the scene by a Police Officer while such driver was present thereat. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 310.100: WHEN DRIVER UNABLE TO REPORT

- A. Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of giving immediate notice of an accident as required in Section 310.080 and there was another occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident capable of doing so, such occupant shall give, or cause to be given, the notice not given by the driver.
- B. Whenever the driver is physically incapable of making a written report of an accident as required in Section 310.090 and such driver is not the owner of the vehicle, then the owner of the vehicle involved in such accident shall within five (5) days after the accident make such report not made by the driver. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 310.110: PUBLIC INSPECTION OF REPORTS RELATING TO ACCIDENTS

- A. All written reports made by persons involved in accidents or by garages shall be without prejudice to the individual so reporting and shall be for the confidential use of the Police Department or other Governmental Agencies having use for the records for accident prevention purposes, except that the Police Department or other Governmental Agency may disclose the identity of a person involved in an accident when such identity is not otherwise known or when such person denies his/her presence at such accident.
- B. No written reports forwarded under the provisions of this Section shall be used as evidence in any trial, civil or criminal arising out of an accident except that the Police Department shall furnish upon demand of any party to such trial, or upon demand of any court, a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the Department in compliance with law, and if such report has been made, the date, time and location of the accident, the names and addresses of the drivers, the owners of the vehicles involved, and the investigating Officers.
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CHAPTER 315: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

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The City Traffic Engineer shall place and maintain traffic control signs, signals, and devices when and as required under the traffic ordinances of the City to make effective the provisions of said ordinances, and may place and maintain such additional traffic control devices as he/she may deem necessary to regulate traffic under the traffic ordinances of the City or under State law or to guide or warn traffic. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.020: MANUAL AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

All traffic control signs, signals and devices shall conform to the manual and specifications approved by the State Highways and Transportation Commission or resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City. All signs or signals required hereunder for a particular purpose shall so far as practicable be uniform as to type and location throughout the City. All traffic control devices so erected and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Title shall be official traffic control devices. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.030: OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the provisions of this Title, unless otherwise directed by a traffic or Police Officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in this Title. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.040: WHEN OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES REQUIRED FOR ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES

No provision of this Title for which official traffic control devices are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official device is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular Section does not state that official traffic control devices are required, such Section shall be effective even though no devices are erected or in place. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.050: OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES—PRESUMPTION OF LEGALITY

- A. Whenever official traffic control devices are placed in position approximately conforming to the requirements of this Title, such devices shall be presumed to have been so placed by the official act or direction of lawful authority, unless the contrary shall be established by competent evidence.
 - B. Any official traffic control device placed pursuant to the provisions of this Title and purporting to conform to the lawful requirements pertaining to such devices shall be presumed to comply with the requirements of this Title, unless the contrary shall be established by competent evidence.
- (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

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SECTION 315.060: TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL LEGEND—RIGHT TURN ON RED LIGHT, WHEN

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Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green, red and yellow shall be used except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

1. Green indication.

- a. Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited;
- b. Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or in combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same time. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection;
- c. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in Section 315.070, pedestrians facing any green signal, except when the sole green signal is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

2. Steady yellow indication.

- a. Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal is thereby warned that the related green movement is being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection;
- b. Pedestrians facing a steady yellow signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in Section 315.070 are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown and no pedestrian shall then start to cross the roadway.

3. Steady red indication.

- a. Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal alone shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until a green indication is shown except as provided in Paragraph (b) of this Subsection;
- b. The driver of a vehicle which is stopped as close as practicable at the entrance to the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then at the entrance to the intersection in obedience to a red signal, may cautiously enter the intersection to make a right turn but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic proceeding as directed by the signal at the intersection, except that the State Highways and Transportation Commission with reference to an intersection involving a State highway,

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and local authorities with reference to an intersection involving other highways under their jurisdiction, may prohibit any such right turn against a red signal at any intersection where safety conditions so require, said prohibition shall be effective when a sign is erected at such intersection giving notice thereof; [Back to Index](#)

- c. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in Section 315.070, pedestrians facing a steady red signal alone shall not enter the roadway.
4. In the event an official traffic control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this Section shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made at the signal. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.070: PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS

Whenever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk" are in place such signals shall indicate as follows:

1. *"WALK"*: Pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by the drivers of all vehicles;
2. *"WAIT"* or *"DON'T WALK"*: No pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his/her crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety zone while the wait signal is showing. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.080: FLASHING SIGNALS

A. Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in a traffic sign or signal it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

1. Flashing red (stop signal), when a red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked, or if none, then before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign;
2. Flashing yellow (caution signal), when a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution.

B. This Section shall not apply at railroad grade crossings. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.090: LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNALS

When lane direction control signals are placed over the individual lanes of a street or highway, vehicular traffic may travel in any lane over which a green signal is shown, but shall not enter or travel in any lane over which a red signal is shown. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)[Back to Index](#)

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SECTION 315.100: DISPLAY OF UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS, SIGNALS OR MARKINGS

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No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any highway an unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic control device or any railroad sign or signal. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.110: INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES OR RAILROAD SIGNS OR SIGNALS

No person shall without lawful authority, attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down or remove any official traffic control device or any railroad sign or signal or any inscription, shield or insignia thereon, or any other part thereof. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.120: AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH PLAY STREETS

The City Traffic Engineer shall have authority to declare any street or part thereof a play street and to place appropriate signs or devices in the roadway indicating and helping to protect the same. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.130: PLAY STREETS

Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating any street or part thereof as a play street, no person shall drive a vehicle upon any such street or portion thereof except drivers of vehicles having business or whose residences are within such closed area, and then any said driver shall exercise the greatest care in driving upon any such street or portion thereof. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.140: CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO DESIGNATE CROSSWALKS AND ESTABLISH SAFETY ZONES

The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized;

1. To designate and maintain, by appropriate devices, marks, or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where in his/her opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at such other places as he/she may deem necessary;
2. To establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as he/she may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 315.150: TRAFFIC LANES

- A. The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized to mark traffic lanes upon the roadway of any street or highway where a regular alignment of traffic is necessary. [Back to Index](#)

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- B. Where such traffic lanes have been marked, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep such vehicle within the boundaries of any such lane except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

CHAPTER 320: SPEED REGULATIONS

SECTION 320.010: STATE SPEED LAWS APPLICABLE

The State traffic laws regulating the speed of vehicles shall be applicable upon all streets within the City, except that the City may by ordinance declare and determine upon the basis of engineering and traffic investigation that certain speed regulations shall be applicable upon specified streets or in certain areas, in which event it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of any speed so declared when signs are in place giving notice thereof, but no City ordinance shall regulate the speed of vehicles upon controlled access highways of the State.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 320.020: REGULATION OF SPEED BY TRAFFIC SIGNALS

The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to regulate the timing of traffic signals so as to permit the movement of traffic in an orderly and safe manner at speeds slightly at variance from the speeds otherwise applicable within the district or at intersections and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 320.030: GENERAL SPEED LIMIT

Except where otherwise provided by signs, no person shall operate a vehicle on any street in the city in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour. (CC 1989 §9-27; Ord. No. 711 §12, 8-7-62)

SECTION 320.040: SPEED METERS

The use of and results determined by any speed meter, machine or mechanism which seeks to reduce the error of manual operation to a minimum shall be acceptable as evidence where driving in excess of posted speed limits is the cause of action; except the use thereof shall not be construed to exclude any competent evidence secured by any other means. (CC 1989 §9-28; Ord. No. 711 §8, 8-7-62)

CHAPTER 325: TURNING MOVEMENTS

SECTION 325.010: REQUIRED POSITION AND METHOD OF TURNING AT INTERSECTION

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so as follows:

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1. *Right turns.* Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. [Back to Index](#)
2. *Left turns on two-way roadways.* At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half (½) of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of such center line where it enters the intersection and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the center line of the roadway being entered. Whenever practicable the left turn shall be made in that portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.
3. *Left turns on other than two-way roadways.* At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one (1) direction on one (1) or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 325.020: AUTHORITY TO PLACE AND OBEDIENCE TO TURNING MARKERS

- A. The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to place markers, buttons, or signs within or adjacent to intersections indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning at such intersections, and such course to be traveled as so indicated may conform to or be other than as prescribed by law or ordinance.
- B. When authorized markers, buttons, or other indications are placed within an intersection indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning thereat, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of such indications. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 325.030: AUTHORITY TO PLACE RESTRICTED TURN SIGNS

The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized to determine those intersections at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right, left or U-turn, and shall place proper signs at such intersections. The making of such turns may be prohibited between certain hours of any day and permitted at other hours, in which event the same shall be plainly indicated on the signs or they may be removed when such turns are permitted. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 325.040: OBEDIENCE TO NO-TURN SIGNS

Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or U-turn is permitted, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any such sign. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 325.050: LIMITATIONS ON TURNING AROUND

The driver of any vehicle shall not turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street in a business district and shall not upon any other street so turn a vehicle unless such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic.
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CHAPTER 330: ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS

SECTION 330.010: AUTHORITY TO SIGN ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS

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Whenever any ordinance of the City designates any one-way street or alley the City Traffic Engineer shall place and maintain signs giving notice thereof, and no such regulation shall be effective unless such signs are in place. Signs indicating the direction of lawful traffic movement shall be placed at every intersection where movement of traffic in the opposite direction is prohibited. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 330.020: ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS

Upon those streets and parts of streets and in those alleys described and designated by ordinance, vehicular traffic shall move only in the indicated direction when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and maintained at every intersection where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 330.030: AUTHORITY TO RESTRICT DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT ON STREETS DURING CERTAIN PERIODS

- A. The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized to determine and designate streets, parts of streets or specific lanes thereon upon which vehicular traffic shall proceed in one (1) direction during one (1) period and the opposite direction during another period of the day and shall place and maintain appropriate markings, signs, barriers or other devices to give notice thereof. The City Traffic Engineer may erect signs temporarily designating lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction, regardless of the center line of the roadway.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in violation of such markings, signs, barriers or other devices so placed in accordance with this Section. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

CHAPTER 335: STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS, RAILROAD CROSSINGS

SECTION 335.010: THROUGH STREETS DESIGNATED

- A. Those streets and parts of streets described by ordinances of the City are declared to be through streets for the purposes of Sections 335.010 to 335.090.
- B. All State and Federal marked highways within this City are hereby declared throughways, and all traffic operating in the City shall come to a complete stop before operating onto or across such declared throughways. (CC 1989 §9-29; Ord. No. 711 §13, 8-7-62; Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 335.020: SIGNS REQUIRED AT THROUGH STREETS

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Whenever any ordinance of the City designates and describes a through street it shall be the duty of the City Traffic Engineer to place and maintain a stop sign, or on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation at any intersection a yield sign, on each and every street intersecting such through street unless traffic at any such intersection is controlled at all times by traffic control signals; provided,

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however, that at the intersection of two (2) such through streets or at the intersection of a through street and a heavy traffic street not so designated, stop signs shall be erected at the approaches of either of said streets as may be determined by the City Traffic Engineer upon the basis of an engineering and traffic study. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94) [Back to Index](#)

SECTION 335.030: OTHER INTERSECTIONS WHERE STOP OR YIELD REQUIRED

The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized to determine and designate intersections where particular hazard exists upon other than through streets and to determine whether vehicles shall stop at one (1) or more entrances to any such intersection in which event he/she shall cause to be erected a stop sign at every such place where a stop is required, or whether vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles on a different street at such intersection as prescribed in Subsection (A) of Section 335.040, in which event he/she shall cause to be erected a yield sign at every place where obedience thereto is required. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 335.040: STOP AND YIELD SIGNS

- A. The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign if required for safety to stop shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, in the event there is no crosswalk, at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway.
- B. Except when directed to proceed by a Police Officer or traffic control signal, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated by a stop sign shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, in the event there is no crosswalk, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 335.050: VEHICLE ENTERING STOP INTERSECTION

Except when directed to proceed by a Police Officer or traffic control signal, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated by a stop sign shall stop as required by Subsection (B) of Section 335.040, and after having stopped shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection from another highway or which is approaching so closely on said highway as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such driver is moving across or within the intersection. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 335.060: VEHICLE ENTERING YIELD INTERSECTION

The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign shall in obedience to such sign slow down to a speed reasonable for the existing conditions and shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time such driver is moving across or within the intersection; provided, however, that if such a driver is involved in a collision with a vehicle in the intersection, after driving past a yield sign without stopping, such collision shall be deemed prima facie evidence of his/her failure to yield right-of-way. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94) [Back to Index](#)

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The driver of a vehicle within a business or residence district emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway or driveway, and shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian as may be necessary to avoid collision, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 335.080: STOP WHEN TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTED

No driver shall enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he/she is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 335.090: STOPPING GENERALLY

- A. The driver of a vehicle shall stop as required by this Chapter at the entrance to a throughway or at any other location where stop signs are posted and shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles which have entered the intersection on the throughway or other opposing roadway, or which are approaching so closely thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.
- B. When school, church or pedestrian crossing stop signs or markings are in place and clearly visible to the driver, every driver of a vehicle shall come to a complete stop.
- C. Where school or church zone signs, markings or devices are posted, erected or marked, every person driving a vehicle shall slow down, observing all regulations relating to pedestrian traffic.
- D. Noncompliance and careless and reckless disregard of the provisions of this Section shall be deemed within the meaning of this Chapter and the judgment of the Police Officer enforcing it as prima facie evidence of careless and reckless driving and so punished.
(CC 1989 §9-31; Ord. No. 711 §16, 8-7-62)

Cross Reference—Stop and yield intersections, §335.010 et seq.

CHAPTER 340: MISCELLANEOUS DRIVING RULES

SECTION 340.010: FOLLOWING FIRE APPARATUS PROHIBITED

The driver of any vehicle other than one on official business shall not follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than five hundred (500) feet or drive into or park such vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

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No vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected hose of a Fire Department when laid down on any street, private driveway or streetcar track, to be used at any fire or alarm of fire, without the consent of the Fire Department official in command. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.030: DRIVING THROUGH FUNERAL OR OTHER PROCESSION

No driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated as required in this Title. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or Police Officers. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.040: DRIVING IN PROCESSION

Each driver in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right-hand edge of the roadway as practicable and shall follow the vehicle ahead as close as is practicable and safe. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.050: FUNERAL PROCESSION TO BE IDENTIFIED

A funeral composed of a procession of vehicles shall be identified as such by the display upon the outside of each vehicle of a pennant or other identifying insignia or by such other method as may be determined and designated by the Traffic Division. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.060: WHEN PERMITS REQUIRED FOR PARADES AND PROCESSIONS

No funeral, procession or parade containing two hundred (200) or more persons or fifty (50) or more vehicles except the forces of the United States Army or Navy, the military forces of this State and the forces of the Police and Fire Departments, shall occupy, march or proceed along any street except in accordance with a permit issued by the Chief of Police and such other regulations as are set forth herein which may apply. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.070: VEHICLE SHALL NOT BE DRIVEN ON A SIDEWALK

The driver of a vehicle shall not drive within any sidewalk area except on a permanent or temporary driveway. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.080: LIMITATIONS ON BACKING

The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94) [Back to Index](#)

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No person shall open the door of a motor vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless and until it is reasonably safe to do so, nor shall any person leave a door open on the side of a motor vehicle available to moving traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.100: RIDING ON MOTORCYCLES, ADDITIONAL PASSENGER, REQUIREMENTS

- A. A person operating a motorcycle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and such operator shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a motorcycle unless such motorcycle is designed to carry more than one (1) person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two (2) persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the rear or side of the operator.
- B. The operator of a motorized bicycle shall ride only astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and shall not permit more than one (1) person to ride thereon at the same time, unless the motorized bicycle is designed to carry more than one (1) person. Any motorized bicycle designed to carry more than one (1) person must be equipped with a passenger seat and footrests for the use of a passenger. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.110: RIDING BICYCLE, ETC., ON SIDEWALKS, LIMITATIONS— MOTORIZED BICYCLES PROHIBITED

- A. No person shall ride a bicycle, skateboard, roller skates or rollerblades upon a sidewalk within a business district.
- B. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle, skateboard, roller skates or rollerblades upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.
- C. No person shall ride a motorized bicycle upon a sidewalk. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.120: ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, PROHIBITED—EXCEPTIONS, OPERATION OF UNDER AN EXCEPTION—PROHIBITED USES—PENALTY

- A. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in Section 300.020, upon the streets and highways of this City, except as follows:
 - 1. All-terrain vehicles owned and operated by a Governmental entity for official use;
 - 2. All-terrain vehicles operated for agricultural purposes or industrial on-premise purposes between the official sunrise and sunset on the day of operation;
 - 3. All-terrain vehicles whose operators carry a special permit issued by this City pursuant to Section 304.013, RSMo.

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- B. No person shall operate an off-road vehicle, as defined in Section 304.001, RSMo., within any stream or river in this City, except that off-road vehicles may be operated within waterways which flow within the boundaries of land which an off-road vehicle operator owns, or for agricultural purposes within the boundaries of land which an off-road vehicle operator owns or has permission to be upon, or for the purpose of fording such stream or river of this State at such road crossings as are customary or part of the highway system. All Law Enforcement Officials or Peace Officers of this State and its political subdivisions shall enforce the provisions of this Subsection within the geographic area of their jurisdiction. [Back to Index](#)
- C. A person operating an all-terrain vehicle on a street or highway pursuant to an exception covered in this Section shall have a valid operator's or chauffeur's license, but shall not be required to have passed an examination for the operation of a motorcycle, and the vehicle shall be operated at speeds of less than thirty (30) miles per hour. When operated on a street or highway, an all-terrain vehicle shall have a bicycle safety flag, which extends not less than seven (7) feet above the ground, attached to the rear of the vehicle. The bicycle safety flag shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty (30) square inches and shall be dayglow in color.
- D. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle:
1. In any careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another;
 2. While under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance; or
 3. Without a securely fastened safety helmet on the head of an individual who operates an all-terrain vehicle or who is being towed or otherwise propelled by an all-terrain vehicle, unless the individual is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- E. No operator of an all-terrain vehicle shall carry a passenger, except for agricultural purposes.
- F. A violation of this Section shall be a misdemeanor. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.130: RIDING BICYCLES, SLEDS, ROLLER SKATES, BY ATTACHING TO ANOTHER VEHICLE, PROHIBITED

No person riding upon any bicycle, motorized bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself/herself to any vehicle upon a roadway. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.140: CONTROLLED ACCESS

No person shall drive a vehicle onto or from any controlled access roadway except at such entrances and exits as are established by public authority. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 340.150: DRIVING THROUGH SAFETY ZONE PROHIBITED

No vehicle shall at any time be driven through or within a safety zone.
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SECTION 340.160: RULES OF THE ROAD ENFORCED

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The local officials of this City recognize as applicable to all highways, streets or alleys within the corporate limits the rules of the road in Sections 304.014 to 304.026, RSMo., and all Police Officers are hereby ordered to enforce such provisions or regulations in like manner and effect as the other provisions and regulations of this Chapter. (CC 1989 §9-26; Ord. No. 711 §5, 8-7-62)

SECTION 340.170: CARELESS AND RECKLESS DRIVING

Whenever in violation of this Chapter or the State laws regulating traffic any driver shall recklessly and carelessly disregard by non-compliance those provisions or regulations authorized to protect person, property, life and limb, such reckless and careless disregard, and non-compliance shall be regarded as prima facie evidence of careless and reckless driving and be so punished. (CC 1989 §9-30; Ord. No. 711 §9, 8-7-62)

SECTION 340.180: VEHICLES ON PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS

- A. Motor vehicles shall not be operated upon the parks and public lands located in or owned by the City, other than upon designated roadways existing upon such parks and public lands.
- B. Any person who operates a motor vehicle upon the parks and public lands located in or owned by the City, other than upon designated roadways and designated parking areas existing upon such parks and public lands of the City, shall be deemed in violation of this Section, and each such offense shall constitute a misdemeanor. (CC 1989 §9-32; Ord. No. 884 §§1-2, 6-14-77)

SECTION 340.190: JUNK OR ABANDONED VEHICLE

- A. For the purpose of this Section any motor vehicle which is not currently licensed and in a serviceable condition shall be deemed to be a junk or abandoned motor vehicle.
- B. No person shall maintain on public or private property within the corporate limits of the City a junk or abandoned automobile, truck or other motor vehicle.
- C. This Section shall not apply to any motor vehicles which are kept or maintained in any building or enclosure.
- D. Any person violating the terms of this Section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day that a motor vehicle is maintained in violation of this Section after notice is received by the owner thereof of the violation from the city shall be deemed to be a separate offense. (CC 1989 §9-56; Ord. No. 923 §§1-4, 5-26-81)

SECTION 340.200: PARKING LOTS

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It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on public or private parking lots in one (1) or more of the following ways: [Back to Index](#)

- .1. At a speed of more than ten (10) miles per hour;
- .2. To apply such acceleration or braking that results in gravel being thrown or the pavement disturbed;
- .3. To apply such acceleration or braking as to cause the motor vehicle being operated to slide, swerve or spin;
- .4. To apply such acceleration or braking as to cause the motor vehicle to leave tire marks on the pavement;
- .5. To operate a motor vehicle on public or private parking lots in such a way that would cause noise to disturb occupants of buildings near said public or private property.

SECTION 340.210: PASSING REGULATIONS–VIOLATIONS–PENALTIES

- A. The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to the limitations and exceptions hereinafter stated:
 - A.1. The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle; and
 - A.2. Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle and shall not increase the speed of such driver's vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.
- B. The driver of a motor vehicle may overtake and pass to the right of another vehicle only under the following conditions:
 - B.1. When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn;
 - B.2. Upon a City street with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width for two (2) or more lines of vehicles in each direction;
 - B.3. Upon a one-way street;
 - B.4. Upon any highway outside of a City with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width and clearly marked for four (4) or more lines of traffic. The driver of a motor vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only under the foregoing conditions when such movement may be made in safety. In no event shall such movement be made by driving off the paved or main traveled portion of the roadway. The provisions of this Subsection shall not relieve the driver of a slow-moving vehicle from the duty to drive as closely as practicable to the right-hand edge of the roadway.

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Except when a roadway has been divided into three (3) traffic lanes, no vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the centerline of a highway or public road in overtaking and passing another vehicle

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proceeding in the same direction unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction or any vehicle overtaken. [Back to Index](#)

- C. No vehicle shall at any time be driven to the left side of the roadway under the following conditions:
 - C.1. When approaching the crest of a grade or upon a curve of the highway where the driver's view is obstructed within such distance as to create a hazard in the event another vehicle might approach from the opposite direction.
 - C.2. When the view is obstructed upon approaching within one hundred (100) feet of any bridge, viaduct, tunnel or when approaching within one hundred (100) feet of or at any intersection or railroad grade crossing.
- D. Violation of this Section shall be deemed a class C misdemeanor. (Ord. No. 99-1272 §2, 2-15-99)

SECTION 340.220: PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIRED FOR MOTORCYCLES

Every person operating or riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motortricycle, as defined in Section 301.010, RSMo., upon any highway of this State or any public street of this City, shall wear protective headgear at all times the vehicle is in motion. (Ord. No. 99-1272 §3, 2-15-99)

SECTION 340.230: PASSENGERS IN UNENCLOSED BEDS OF TRUCKS PROHIBITED

- A. No person shall operate any truck, as defined in Section 301.010, RSMo., with a licensed gross weight of less than twelve thousand (12,000) pounds on any highway which is part of the State or Federal highway system or when such truck is operated within the corporate limits of this City when any person under eighteen (18) years of age is riding in the unenclosed bed of such truck. No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall ride in the truck when it is in operation. Any person who operates a truck with a licensed vehicle weight of less than twelve thousand (12,000) pounds in violation of this Section is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.
- B. The provisions of this Section shall only apply when a truck described in Subsection (A) of this Section is operated on a highway which is part of the State or Federal highway system or when such truck is operated within the corporate limits of this City. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to:
 - B.1. An employee engaged in the necessary discharge of the employee's duties where it is necessary to ride in the unenclosed bed of the truck;
 - B.2. Any person while engaged in agricultural activities where it is necessary to ride in the unenclosed bed of the truck;
 - B.3. Any person riding in the unenclosed bed of a truck while such truck is being operated in a parade, caravan or exhibition which is authorized by law;

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Any person riding in the unenclosed bed of a truck if such truck has installed a means of preventing such person from being discharged or such person is secured to the truck in a manner which will prevent the person from being thrown, falling or jumping from the truck; [Back to Index](#)

- B.4. Any person riding in the unenclosed bed of a truck if such truck is being operated solely for the purpose of participating in a special event and it is necessary that the person ride in such unenclosed bed due to lack of available seating. "*Special event*", for the purpose of this Section, is a special social activity of a definable duration which is participated in by the person riding in the unenclosed bed;
- B.5. Any person riding in the unenclosed bed of a truck if such truck is being operated solely for the purpose of providing assistance to, or ensuring the safety of, persons engaged in a recreational activity; or
- B.6. Any person riding in the unenclosed bed of a truck if such truck is the only legally titled, licensed and insured vehicle owned by the family of the person riding in the unenclosed bed and there is insufficient room in the passenger cab of the truck to accommodate all passengers in such truck. For the purpose of this Subsection, the term "*family*" shall mean any persons related within the first degree of consanguinity. (Ord. No. 99-1272 §5, 2-15-99)

SECTION 340.240: FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE

The driver of a vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonably safe and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon and the condition of the roadway. Vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside of a business or residence district in a caravan or motorcade, whether or not towing other vehicles, shall be so operated, except in a funeral procession or in a duly authorized parade, so as to allow sufficient space between each such vehicle or combination of vehicles as to enable any other vehicle to overtake or pass such vehicles in safety. (Ord. No. 99-1277 §1, 3-15-99)

CHAPTER 342: ALCOHOL AND DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES

SECTION 342.010: CHAPTER DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms shall be deemed to have the meanings indicated below:

DRIVE, DRIVING, OPERATES OR OPERATING: Physically driving or operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.

INTOXICATED CONDITION: When he/she is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or drug, or any combination thereof.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR ARRESTING OFFICER: Includes the definition of Law Enforcement Officer in subdivision (17) of Section 556.061, RSMo, and military Policemen conducting traffic enforcement operations on a federal military installation under military jurisdiction in the State of Missouri. [Back to Index](#)

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SECTION 342.020: DRIVING WITH EXCESSIVE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT

- A. A person commits the offense of "*driving with excessive blood alcohol content*" if such person operates a motor vehicle in this City with eight-hundredths of one percent (.08%) or more by weight of alcohol in such person's blood.
- B. As used in this Section, "*percent by weight of alcohol*" in the blood shall be based upon grams of alcohol per one hundred (100) milliliters of blood or two hundred ten (210) liters of breath and may be shown by chemical analysis of the person's blood, breath, saliva or urine. For the purposes of determining the alcoholic content of a person's blood under this Section, the test shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 577.020 to 577.041, RSMo. (CC 1989 §9-5; Ord. No. 896A §1, 8-13-78; Ord. No. 2001-1344 §1, 10-1-01)

SECTION 342.030: DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

- A. A person commits the crime of "*driving while intoxicated*" if he/she operates a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated or drugged condition.
- B. Driving while intoxicated is for the first (1st) offense, a class B misdemeanor. No person convicted of or pleading guilty to the offense of driving while intoxicated shall be granted a suspended imposition of sentence for such offense, unless such person shall be placed on probation for a minimum of two (2) years.

SECTION 342.040: THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS BY ANY MINOR AT OPEN HOUSE PARTIES, WITH PENALTY PROVISION

- A. *Definitions.* As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

ADULT: A person seventeen (17) years of age or older.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: Any alcoholic liquor as defined now and hereinafter by Section 311.020, RSMo.

CONTROL: Any form of authority, regulation, responsibility or dominion, including a possessor's right.

DRUG: A controlled substance as defined and described now and hereafter by Sections 195.005 to 195.425, RSMo.

MINOR: A person legally prohibited by reason of age to possess, consume or purchase alcoholic liquor as described now or hereafter by the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

OPEN HOUSE PARTY: A social gathering at a residence or premises of persons in addition to the owner of those with rights to possession of their immediate family members.

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RESIDENCE OR PREMISES: A motel room, hotel room, home, apartment, condominium or other dwelling unit, including the curtilage of a dwelling unit or a hall, meeting room or other place of assembly, whether occupied as a dwelling or specifically for social functions and whether owned, leased, rented or used with or without permission. [Back to Index](#)

- B. *Prohibited Activities.* No adult who owns, rents or subleases any residence or premises shall allow an open house party to take place at the residence or premises if any alcoholic beverages or drugs are possessed or consumed at the residence or premises by a minor where the adult knows or reasonably should have known that any alcoholic beverage or drug was in the possession or being consumed by a minor at the residence or premises and where the adult failed to take reasonable steps to prevent the possession or consumption of the alcoholic beverage or drug at the residence or premises. These provisions shall not apply to:
- B.1. The consumption, use or possession of a drug by a minor pursuant to a lawful prescription for such drug.
 - B.2. Religious observance.
 - B.3. The possession by a minor of alcoholic beverage or lawfully prescribed drugs incidental to the lawful employment of such minor.
- C. *Penalty.* Any person violating any provision of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. No. 1400 §1, 3-3-03)

CHAPTER 345: PEDESTRIANS' RIGHTS AND DUTIES

SECTION 345.010: PEDESTRIANS SUBJECT TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals as heretofore declared in Sections 315.060 and 315.070 of this Title, but at all other places pedestrians shall be granted those rights and be subject to the restrictions stated in this Chapter. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 345.020: PEDESTRIANS' RIGHT-OF-WAY IN CROSSWALKS

- A. When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.
- B. No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.
- C. Subsection (A) shall not apply under the conditions stated in Subsection (B) of Section 345.050.

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- D. Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

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SECTION 345.030: PEDESTRIANS TO USE RIGHT HALF OF CROSSWALKS

Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of crosswalks.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 345.040: CROSSING AT RIGHT ANGLES

No pedestrian shall cross a roadway at any place other than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb except in a crosswalk. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 345.050: WHEN PEDESTRIAN SHALL YIELD

- A. Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.
- B. Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.
- C. The foregoing rules in this Section have no application under the conditions stated in Section 345.060 when pedestrians are prohibited from crossing at certain designated places.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 345.060: PROHIBITED CROSSING

- A. Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a crosswalk.
- B. No pedestrian shall cross a roadway other than in a crosswalk in any business district.
- C. No pedestrian shall cross a roadway other than in a crosswalk upon any street designated by ordinance.
- D. No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic control devices; and, when authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 345.070: OBEDIENCE OF PEDESTRIANS TO BRIDGE AND RAILROAD SIGNALS

- A. No pedestrian shall enter or remain upon any bridge or approach thereto beyond the bridge signal, gate, or barrier after a bridge operation signal indication has been given. [Back to Index](#)

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- B. No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 345.080: PEDESTRIANS WALKING ALONG ROADWAYS

- A. Where sidewalks are provided it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.
- B. Where sidewalks are not provided any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall when practicable walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 345.090: DRIVERS TO EXERCISE HIGHEST DEGREE OF CARE

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Title, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise the highest degree of care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any confused or incapacitated person upon a roadway. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

CHAPTER 350: METHOD OF PARKING

SECTION 350.010: STANDING OR PARKING CLOSE TO CURB

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are adjacent curbs shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of such vehicle parallel to and within eighteen (18) inches of the right-hand curb. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 350.020: SIGNS OR MARKINGS INDICATING ANGLE PARKING

- A. The City Traffic Engineer shall determine upon what streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark or sign such streets but such angle parking shall not be indicated upon any Federal-aid or State highway within the City unless the State Highways and Transportation Commission has determined by resolution or order entered in its minutes that the roadway is of sufficient width to permit angle parking without interfering with the free movement of traffic.
- B. Angle parking shall not be indicated or permitted at any place where passing traffic would thereby be caused or required to drive upon the left side of the street or upon any streetcar tracks. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 350.030: OBEDIENCE TO ANGLE PARKING SIGNS OR MARKERS

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On those streets which have been signed or marked by the City Traffic Engineer for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94) [Back to Index](#)

SECTION 350.040: PERMITS FOR LOADING OR UNLOADING AT AN ANGLE TO THE CURB

- A. The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to issue special permits to permit the backing of a vehicle to the curb for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise or materials subject to the terms and conditions of such permit. Such permits may be issued either to the owner or lessee of real property or to the owner of the vehicle and shall grant to such person the privilege as therein stated and authorized herein.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any permittee or other person to violate any of the special terms or conditions of any such permit. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 350.050: LAMPS ON PARKED VEHICLES

- A. Whenever a vehicle is lawfully parked upon a street or highway during the hours between a half (½) hour after sunset and a half (½) hour before sunrise and in the event there is sufficient light to reveal any person or object within a distance of five hundred (500) feet upon such street or highway no lights need be displayed upon such parked vehicle.
- B. Whenever a vehicle is parked or stopped upon a roadway or shoulder adjacent thereto, whether attended or unattended, during the hours between a half (½) hour after sunset and a half (½) hour before sunrise and there is not sufficient light to reveal any person or object within a distance of five hundred (500) feet upon such highway, such vehicle so parked or stopped shall be equipped with one (1) or more lamps meeting the following requirements: At least one (1) lamp shall display a white or amber light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of the vehicle, and the same lamp or at least one (1) other lamp shall display a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear of the vehicle, and the location of said lamp or lamps shall always be such that at least one (1) lamp or combination of lamps meeting the requirements of this Section is installed as near as practicable to the side of the vehicle which is closer to passing traffic. The foregoing provisions shall not apply to a motor-driven cycle.
- C. Any lighted head lamps upon a parked vehicle shall be depressed or dimmed. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

CHAPTER 355: STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES

SECTION 355.010: STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING PROHIBITED

- A. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a Police Officer or official traffic control device, no person shall:
 - 1. Stop, stand or park a vehicle: [Back to Index](#)

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- a. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
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 - b. On a sidewalk;
 - c. Within an intersection;
 - d. On a crosswalk;
 - e. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the City Traffic Engineer indicates a different length by signs or markings;
 - f. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
 - g. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel;
 - h. On any railroad tracks;
 - i. Within ten (10) feet in each direction from any mailbox used for rural delivery;
 - j. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.
2. Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers:
 - a. In front of a public or private driveway;
 - b. Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant;
 - c. Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
 - d. Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway;
 - e. Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of said entrance (when properly signposted);
 - f. At any place where official signs prohibit standing.
 3. Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers:
 - a. Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
 - b. At any place where official signs prohibit parking.
- B. No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his/her control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such a distance as is unlawful. (CC 1989 §9-51; Ord. No. 711 §20, 8-7-62; Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)
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SECTION 355.020: PARKING NOT TO OBSTRUCT TRAFFIC

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No person shall park any vehicle upon a street, other than an alley, in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 355.030: PARKING IN ALLEYS

No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic, and no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle within an alley in such position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 355.040: PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES PROHIBITED

No person shall park a vehicle upon a roadway for the principal purpose of:

1. Displaying such vehicle for sale; or
2. Repair such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 355.050: PARKING ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS

- A. The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating no parking upon either or both sides of any street adjacent to any school property when such parking would, in his/her opinion, interfere with traffic or create a hazardous situation.
- B. When official signs are erected indicating no parking upon either side of a street adjacent to any school property as authorized herein, no person shall park a vehicle in any such designated place.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 355.060: PARKING PROHIBITED ON NARROW STREETS

- A. The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to erect signs indicating no parking upon any street when

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the width of the roadway does not exceed twenty (20) feet, or upon one (1) side of a street as indicated by such signs when the width of the roadway does not exceed thirty (30) feet.

- B. When official signs prohibiting parking are erected upon narrow streets as authorized herein, no person shall park a vehicle upon any such street in violation of any such sign.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

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SECTION 355.070: STANDING OR PARKING ON ONE-WAY STREETS

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The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to erect signs upon the left-hand side of any one-way street to prohibit the standing or parking of vehicles, and when such signs are in place, no person shall stand or park a vehicle upon such left-hand side in violation of any such sign.

(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 355.080: STANDING OR PARKING ON ONE-WAY ROADWAYS

In the event a highway includes two (2) or more separate roadways and traffic is restricted to one (1) direction upon any such roadway, no person shall stand or park a vehicle upon the left-hand side of such one-way roadway unless signs are erected to permit such standing or parking. The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to determine when standing or parking may be permitted upon the left-hand side of any such one-way roadway and to erect signs giving notice thereof.

(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 355.090: NO STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING NEAR HAZARDOUS OR CONGESTED PLACES

- A. The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized to determine and designate by proper signs places not exceeding one hundred (100) feet in length in which the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles would create an especially hazardous condition or would cause unusual delay to traffic.
- B. When official signs are erected at hazardous or congested places as authorized herein, no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any such designated place. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 355.100: HANDICAPPED PARKING

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle in a parking area reserved for the handicapped when at the time of parking the vehicle does not have a handicapped occupant and no handicapped person is being collected by a properly marked vehicle parked solely for the use of the handicapped person.
- B. *Penalty.* A violation of this Section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00). (CC 1989 §§9-52-9-54; Ord. No. 966 §§1-3, 11-13-84)

SECTION 355.110: EXCEPTIONS

For the purposes of civic events, funerals, auctions, and other similar events, the regulations contained in Sections 355.010(A), 355.010(B), and 355.020 may be suspended for dates and time periods specified upon the express written permission of the Chief of Police. (Ord. No. 97-1221 §1, 4-7-97)

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CHAPTER 360: STOPPING FOR LOADING OR UNLOADING ONLY

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SECTION 360.010: CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO DESIGNATE CURB LOADING ZONES

The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized to determine the location of passenger and freight curb loading zones and shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the same and stating the hours during which the provisions of this Section are applicable. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 360.020: PERMITS FOR CURB LOADING ZONES

The City Traffic Engineer shall not designate or sign any curb loading zone upon special request of any person unless such person makes application for a permit for such zone and for two (2) signs to indicate the ends of each such zone. The City Traffic Engineer upon granting a permit and issuing such signs shall collect from the applicant and deposit in the City Treasury a service fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per year or fraction thereof and may by general regulations impose conditions upon the use of such signs and for reimbursement of the City for the value thereof in the event of their loss or damage and their return in the event of misuse or upon expiration of permit. Every such permit shall expire at the end of one (1) year. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 360.030: STANDING IN PASSENGER CURB LOADING ZONE

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers in any place marked as a passenger curb loading zone during hours when the regulations applicable to such curb loading zone are effective, and then only for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 360.040: STANDING IN FREIGHT CURB LOADING ZONES

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time other than for the expeditious unloading and delivery or pick-up and loading of materials in any place marked as a freight curb loading zone during hours when the provisions applicable to such zones are in effect. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 360.050: CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO DESIGNATE PUBLIC CARRIER STOPS AND STANDS

The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized and required to establish bus stops, bus stands, taxicab stands and stands for other passenger common carrier motor vehicles on such public streets in such places and in such number as he/she shall determine to be of the greatest benefit and convenience to the public, and every such bus stop, bus stand, taxicab stand, or other stand shall be designated by appropriate signs. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 360.060: STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING OF BUSES AND TAXICABS REGULATED

- A. The operator of a bus shall not stand or park such vehicle upon any street at any place other than a bus stand so designated as provided herein. [Back to Index](#)

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- B. The operator of a bus shall not stop such vehicle upon any street at any place for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or their baggage other than at a bus stop, bus stand or passenger loading zone so designated as provided herein, except in case of an emergency. [Back to Index](#)
- C. The operator of a bus shall enter a bus stop, bus stand or passenger loading zone on a public street in such a manner that the bus when stopped to load or unload passengers or baggage shall be in a position with the right front wheel of such vehicle not further than eighteen (18) inches from the curb and the bus approximately parallel to the curb so as not to unduly impede the movement of other vehicular traffic.
- D. The operator of a taxicab shall not stand or park such vehicle upon any street at any place other than in a taxicab stand so designated as provided herein. This provision shall not prevent the operator of a taxicab from temporarily stopping in accordance with other stopping or parking regulations at any place for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 360.070: RESTRICTED USE OF BUS AND TAXICAB STANDS

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle other than a bus in a bus stop, or other than a taxicab in a taxicab stand when any such stop or stand has been officially designated and appropriately signed, except that the driver of a passenger vehicle may temporarily stop therein for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers when such stopping does not interfere with any bus or taxicab waiting to enter or about to enter such zone.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

CHAPTER 365: STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS

SECTION 365.010: APPLICATION

The provisions of this Title prohibiting the standing or parking of a vehicle shall apply at all times or at those times herein specified or as indicated on official signs except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a Police Officer or official traffic control device. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 365.020: REGULATIONS NOT EXCLUSIVE

The provisions of this Title imposing a time limit on parking shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

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SECTION 365.030: PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS

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When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets described by ordinance. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 365.040: PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS

When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle between the hours specified by ordinance of any day except Sunday and public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets described by ordinance. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 365.050: STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS

When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle between the hours specified by ordinance of any day except Sundays and public holidays within the district or upon any of the streets described by ordinance. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 365.060: PARKING SIGNS REQUIRED

Whenever by this Title or any ordinance of the City any parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited on designated streets it shall be the duty of the City Traffic Engineer to erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof and no such regulations shall be effective unless said signs are erected and in place at the time of any alleged offense. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 365.070: COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PROHIBITED FROM USING CERTAIN STREETS

In cases where an equally direct and convenient alternate route is provided, an ordinance may describe and signs may be erected giving notice thereof, that no persons shall operate any commercial vehicle upon streets or parts of streets so described except those commercial vehicles making deliveries thereon. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

CHAPTER 370: VIOLATIONS BUREAU

SECTION 370.010: WHEN PERSON CHARGED MAY ELECT TO APPEAR AT BUREAU

- A. Any person charged with an offense for which payment of a fine may be made to the Violations Bureau shall have the option of paying such fine within the time specified in the notice of arrest at the Violations Bureau upon entering a plea of guilty and upon waiving appearance in court; or may have the option of depositing required lawful bail, and upon a plea of not guilty shall be entitled to a trial as authorized by law.
- B. The payment of a fine to the Bureau shall be deemed an acknowledgement of conviction of the alleged offense, and the Bureau, upon accepting the prescribed fine, shall issue a receipt to the violator acknowledging payment thereof. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94; Ord. No. 2000-1308 §1, 8-21-00)

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SECTION 370.020: DUTIES OF VIOLATIONS BUREAU

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The following duties are hereby imposed upon the Violations Bureau in reference to designated offenses:

1. It shall accept designated fines, issue receipts, and represent in court such violators as are permitted and desire to plead guilty, waive court appearance, and give power of attorney;
2. It shall receive and issue receipts for cash bail from the persons who must or wish to be heard in court, enter the time of their appearance on the court docket, and notify the arresting officer and witnesses, if any, to be present. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94; Ord. No. 2000-1308 §1, 8-21-00)

SECTION 370.030: VIOLATIONS BUREAU TO KEEP RECORDS

The Violations Bureau shall keep records and submit to the judges hearing violations of City ordinances summarized monthly reports of all notices issued and arrests made for violations of the designated offenses in the City, and of all the fines collected by the Violations Bureau or the court, and of the final disposition or present status of every case of violation of the provisions of said laws and ordinances. Such records shall be so maintained as to show all types of violations and the totals of each. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94; Ord. No. 2000-1308 §1, 8-21-00)

SECTION 370.040: ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF VIOLATIONS BUREAU

The Violations Bureau shall follow such procedure as may be prescribed by the ordinances of the City or as may be required by any laws of this State. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94; Ord. No. 2000-1308 §1, 8-21-00)

CHAPTER 375: PROCEDURE ON ARREST

SECTION 375.010: FORMS AND RECORDS OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND ARRESTS

- A. The City shall provide books containing uniform traffic tickets as prescribed by Supreme Court Rule. Said books shall include serially numbered sets of citations in quadruplicate in the form prescribed by Supreme Court Rule.
- B. Such books shall be issued to the Chief of Police or his/her duly authorized agent, a record shall be maintained of every book so issued and a written receipt shall be required for every book. The judge or judges hearing City ordinance violation cases may require that a copy of such record and receipts be filed with the court.
- C. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the issuance of such books to individual members of the Police Department. The Chief of Police shall require a written receipt for every book so issued and shall maintain a record of every such book and each set of citations contained therein.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

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SECTION 375.020: PROCEDURE OF POLICE OFFICERS

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Except when authorized or directed under State law to immediately take a person before the Municipal Judge for the violation of any traffic laws, a Police Officer who halts a person for such violation other than for the purpose of giving him/her a warning or warning notice and does not take such person into custody under arrest, shall issue to him/her a uniform traffic ticket which shall be proceeded upon in accordance with Supreme Court Rule Number 37.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 375.030: UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET TO BE ISSUED WHEN VEHICLE ILLEGALLY PARKED OR STOPPED

Whenever any motor vehicle without driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by ordinance of the City or by State law, the Officer finding such vehicle shall take its registration number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a uniform traffic ticket for the driver to answer to the charge against him/her within five (5) days during the hours and at a place specified in the traffic ticket. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 375.040: WARNING OF ARREST SENT UPON FAILURE TO APPEAR

If a violator of the restrictions on stopping, standing or parking under the traffic laws or ordinances does not appear in response to a uniform traffic ticket affixed to such motor vehicle within a period of five (5) days, the Traffic Violations Bureau shall send to the owner of the motor vehicle to which the traffic ticket was affixed a letter informing him/her of the violation and warning him/her that in the event such letter is disregarded for a period of five (5) days a warrant of arrest will be issued.
(Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94)

SECTION 375.050: POLICE MAY REMOVE VEHICLE—WHEN

- A. Members of the Police Department are authorized to remove a vehicle from a street or highway to the nearest garage or other place of safety, or to a garage designated or maintained by the Police Department, or otherwise maintained by the City under the circumstances hereinafter enumerated:
1. When any vehicle is left unattended upon any bridge, viaduct, or causeway, or in any tube or tunnel where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic;
 2. When a vehicle upon a highway is so disabled as to constitute an obstruction to traffic and the person in charge of the vehicle is by reason of physical injury incapacitated to such an extent as to be unable to provide its custody or removal;
 3. When any vehicle is left unattended upon a street and is so parked illegally as to constitute a definite hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic.
- B. Whenever an Officer removes a vehicle from a street as authorized in this Section and the Officer knows or is able to ascertain from the registration records in the vehicle the name and address of the owner thereof, such Officer shall immediately give or cause to be given notice in writing to such owner of the fact of such removal and the reasons therefor and of the place to which such vehicle has been removed. In the event any such vehicle is stored in a public garage, a copy of such notice shall be given to the proprietor of such garage.

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- C. Whenever an Officer removes a vehicle from a street under this Section and does not know and is not able to ascertain the name of the owner, or for any other reason is unable to give the notice to the owner as hereinbefore provided, and in the event the vehicle is not returned to the owner within a period of three (3) days, then and in that event the Officer shall immediately send or cause to be sent a written report of such removal by mail to the State Department whose duty it is to register motor vehicles, and shall file a copy of such notice with the proprietor of any public garage in which the vehicle may be stored. Such notice shall include a complete description of the vehicle, the date, time, and place from which removed, the reasons for such removal, and the name of the garage or place where the vehicle is stored. (Ord. No. 1161 §1, 10-10-94) [Back to Index](#)

CHAPTER 380: VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

ARTICLE I. LIGHT REGULATIONS

SECTION 380.010: WHEN LIGHTS REQUIRED

- A. *"When lighted lamps are required"* means at any time from a half (½) hour after sunset to a half (½) hour before sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet ahead.
- B. No person shall drive, move, park or be in custody of any vehicle or combination of vehicles on any street or highway during the times when lighted lamps are required unless such vehicle or combination of vehicles displays lighted lamps and illuminating devices as hereinafter in this Article required. No person shall use on any vehicle any approved electric lamp or similar device unless the light source of such lamp or device complies with the conditions of approval as to focus and rated candlepower.

SECTION 380.020: HEADLAMP ON MOTOR VEHICLES

Except as in this Article provided, every motor vehicle other than a motor-drawn vehicle and other than a motorcycle shall be equipped with at least two (2) approved headlamps mounted at the same level with at least one (1) on each side of the front of the vehicle. Every motorcycle shall be equipped with at least one (1) and not more than two (2) approved headlamps. Every motorcycle equipped with a sidecar or other attachment shall be equipped with a lamp on the outside limit of such attachment capable of displaying a white light to the front.

SECTION 380.030: MULTIPLE-BEAM HEADLAMPS—ARRANGEMENT

Except as hereinafter provided, the headlamps or the auxiliary driving lamp or the auxiliary passing lamp or combination thereof on motor vehicles other than motorcycles or motor-driven cycles shall be so arranged that the driver may select at will between distributions of light projected to different elevations and such lamps may, in addition, be so arranged that such selection can be made automatically, subject to the following limitations:

- B.1. There shall be an uppermost distribution of light, or composite beam, so aimed and of such intensity as to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least three hundred fifty (350) feet ahead for all conditions of loading. [Back to Index](#)

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- B.2. There shall be a lowermost distribution of light, or composite beam so aimed and of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet ahead; and on a straight level road under any condition of loading none of the high-intensity portion of the beam shall be directed to strike the eyes of an approaching driver. [Back to Index](#)

SECTION 380.040: DIMMING OF LIGHTS, WHEN

Every person driving a motor vehicle equipped with multiple-beam road lighting equipment, during the times when lighted lamps are required, shall use a distribution of light, or composite beam, directed high enough and of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a safe distance in advance of the vehicle, subject to the following requirements and limitations: Whenever the driver of a vehicle approaches an oncoming vehicle within five hundred (500) feet, or is within three hundred (300) feet to the rear of another vehicle traveling in the same direction, the driver shall use a distribution of light or composite beam so aimed that the glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of the other driver, and in no case shall the high-intensity portion which is projected to the left of the prolongation of the extreme left side of the vehicle be aimed higher than the center of the lamp from which it comes at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet ahead, and in no case higher than a level of forty-two (42) inches above the level upon which the vehicle stands at a distance of seventy-five (75) feet ahead.

SECTION 380.050: TAILLAMPS, REFLECTORS

- A. Every motor vehicle and every motor-drawn vehicle shall be equipped with at least two (2) rear lamps, not less than fifteen (15) inches or more than seventy-two (72) inches above the ground upon which the vehicle stands, which when lighted will exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear. Either such rear lamp or a separate lamp shall be so constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the rear registration marker and render it clearly legible from a distance of fifty (50) feet to the rear. When the rear registration marker is illuminated by an electric lamp other than the required rear lamps, all such lamps shall be turned on or off only by the same control switch at all times.
- B. Every motorcycle registered in this State, when operated on a highway, shall also carry at the rear, either as part of the rear lamp or separately, at least one (1) approved red reflector, which shall be of such size and characteristics and so maintained as to be visible during the times when lighted lamps are required from all distances within three hundred (300) feet to fifty (50) feet from such vehicle when directly in front of a motor vehicle displaying lawful undimmed headlamps.
- C. Every new passenger car, new commercial motor vehicle, motor-drawn vehicle and omnibus with a capacity of more than six (6) passengers registered in this State after January 1, 1966, when operated on a highway, shall also carry at the rear at least two (2) approved red reflectors, at least one (1) at each side, so designed, mounted on the vehicle and maintained as to be visible during the times when lighted lamps are required from all distances within five hundred (500) to fifty (50) feet from such vehicle when directly in front of a motor vehicle displaying lawful undimmed headlamps. Every such reflector shall meet the requirements of this Article and shall be mounted upon the vehicle at a height not to exceed sixty (60) inches nor less than fifteen (15) inches above the surface upon which the vehicle stands. [Back to Index](#)

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- D. Any person who knowingly operates a motor vehicle without the lamps required in this Section in operable condition is guilty of a misdemeanor. [Back to Index](#)

SECTION 380.060: AUXILIARY LAMPS—NUMBER—LOCATION

Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed three (3) auxiliary lamps mounted on the front at a height not less than twelve (12) inches nor more than forty-two (42) inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands.

SECTION 380.070: COWL, FENDER, RUNNING BOARD AND BACKUP LAMPS

Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two (2) side cowl or fender lamps which shall emit a white or yellow light without glare. Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than one (1) running board courtesy lamp on each side thereof which shall emit a white or yellow light without glare. Any motor vehicle may be equipped with a backup lamp either separately or in combination with another lamp; except that no such backup lamp shall be continuously lighted when the motor vehicle is in forward motion.

SECTION 380.080: SPOTLAMPS

Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed one (1) spotlamp but every lighted spotlamp shall be so aimed and used so as not to be dazzling or glaring to any person.

SECTION 380.090: COLORS OF VARIOUS LAMPS—RESTRICTION OF RED LIGHTS

Headlamps, when lighted, shall exhibit lights substantially white in color; auxiliary lamps, cowllamps and spotlamps, when lighted, shall exhibit lights substantially white, yellow or amber in color. No person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment, except a school bus when used for school purposes or an emergency vehicle upon any street or highway with any lamp or device thereon displaying a red light visible from directly in front thereof.

SECTION 380.100: LIMITATIONS ON LAMPS OTHER THAN HEADLAMPS—FLASHING SIGNALS PROHIBITED EXCEPT ON SPECIFIED VEHICLES

Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle other than headlamps, spotlamps, front direction signals or auxiliary lamps which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than three hundred candlepower shall be so directed that no part of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than seventy-five (75) feet from the vehicle. Alternately flashing warning signals may be used on school buses when used for school purposes and on motor vehicles when used to transport United States mail from post offices to boxes of addressees thereof and on emergency vehicles as defined in Section 304.022, RSMo., but are prohibited on other motor vehicles, motorcycles and motor-drawn vehicles except as a means for indicating a right or left turn. [Back to Index](#)

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SECTION 380.110: LIMITATION ON TOTAL OF LAMPS LIGHTED AT ONE TIME

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At the times when lighted lamps are required, at least two (2) lighted lamps shall be displayed, one on each side of the front of every motor vehicle except a motorcycle and except a motor-drawn vehicle except when such vehicle is parked subject to the provisions governing lights on parked vehicles. Whenever a motor vehicle equipped with headlamps as in this Article required is also equipped with any auxiliary lamps or a spotlight or any other lamp on the front thereof projecting a beam of an intensity greater than three hundred (300) candlepower, not more than a total of four (4) of any such lamps on the front of a vehicle shall be lighted at any one time when upon a highway.

SECTION 380.120: OTHER VEHICLES—HOW LIGHTED

All vehicles, including agricultural machinery or implements, road machinery, road rollers, traction engines and farm tractors not in this Article specifically required to be equipped with lamps, shall be equipped during the times when lighted lamps are required with at least one (1) lighted lamp or lantern exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of such vehicle and with a lamp or lantern exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear, and such lamps and lanterns shall exhibit lights to the sides of such vehicle.

SECTION 380.130: ANIMAL-DRIVEN VEHICLES, LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS— PENALTY

Any person who shall place or drive or cause to be placed or driven, upon or along any State or supplementary State highway of this City any animal-driven vehicle whatsoever, whether in motion or at rest, shall after sunset to one-half (½) hour before sunrise have attached to every such vehicle at the rear thereof a red taillight or a red reflecting device of not less than three (3) inches in diameter of effective area or its equivalent in area. When such device shall consist of reflecting buttons there shall be no less than seven (7) of such buttons covering an area equal to a circle with a three (3) inch diameter. The total subtended effective angle of reflection of every such device shall be no less than sixty degrees (60°) and the spread and efficiency of the reflected light shall be sufficient for the reflected light to be visible to the driver of any motor vehicle approaching such animal-drawn vehicle from the rear of a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet. In addition, any person who operates any such animal-driven vehicle during the hours between sunset and one-half (½) hour before sunrise shall have at least one (1) light flashing at all times the vehicle is on any highway of this City. Such light or lights shall be amber in the front and red in the back and shall be placed on the left side of the vehicle at a height of no more than six (6) feet from the ground and shall be visible from the front and the back of the vehicle at a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet. Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

ARTICLE II. OTHER VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

SECTION 380.140: OTHER EQUIPMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

A. *Signaling Devices.*

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A.1. No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of or turn a vehicle from a direct course or move to the right or left upon a roadway unless and until such movement can be made with

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reasonable safety and then only after the giving of an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein. [Back to Index](#)

- A.2. An operator or driver when stopping, or when checking the speed of his/her vehicle, if the movement of other vehicles may reasonably be affected by such checking of speed, shall extend his/her arm at an angle below horizontal so that the same may be seen in the rear of his/her vehicle.
- A.3. An operator or driver intending to turn his/her vehicle to the right shall extend his/her arm at an angle above horizontal so that the same may be seen in front of and in the rear of his/her vehicle, and shall slow down and approach the intersecting roadway as near as practical to the right side of the roadway along which he/she is proceeding before turning.
- A.4. An operator or driver intending to turn his/her vehicle to the left shall extend his/her arm in a horizontal position so that the same may be seen in the rear of his/her vehicle, and shall slow down and approach the intersecting roadway so that the left side of his/her vehicle shall be as near as practicable to the centerline of the roadway along which he/she is proceeding before turning.
- A.5. The signals herein required shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by signal light or signal device in good mechanical condition of type approved by the State Highway Patrol; however, when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded that a hand and arm signal would not be visible both to the front and rear when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of body, cab or load exceeds twenty-four (24) inches, or when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or load thereon exceeds fourteen (14) feet, which limit of fourteen (14) feet shall apply to single vehicles or combination of vehicles. The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any trailer which does not interfere with a clear view of the hand signals of the operator or the signaling device upon the vehicle pulling said trailer; provided further, that the provisions of this Section as far as mechanical devices on vehicles so constructed that a hand and arm signal would not be visible both to the front and rear of such vehicle as above provided shall only be applicable to new vehicles registered within this State after the first (1st) day of January, 1954 (RSMo. §304.019).
- B. *Muffler Cutouts.* Muffler cutouts shall not be used and no vehicle shall be driven in such manner or condition that excessive and unnecessary noises shall be made by its machinery, motor, signaling device, or other parts, or by any improperly loaded cargo. The motors of all motor vehicles shall be fitted with properly attached mufflers of such capacity or construction as to quiet the maximum possible exhaust noise as completely as is done in modern gas engine passenger motor vehicles. Any cutout or opening in the exhaust pipe between the motor and the muffler on any motor vehicle shall be completely closed and disconnected from its operating lever, and shall be so arranged that it cannot automatically open, or be opened or operated while such vehicle is in motion.
- C. *Brakes.* All motor vehicles, except motorcycles, shall be provided at all times with two (2) sets of adequate brakes, kept in good working order, and motorcycles shall be provided with one (1) set of adequate brakes kept in good working order.
- D. *Mirrors.* All motor vehicles which are so constructed or loaded that the operator cannot see the road behind such vehicle by looking back or around the side of such vehicle shall be equipped with a mirror so adjusted as to reveal the road behind and be visible from the operator's seat. [Back to Index](#)

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- E. *Projections On Vehicles.* All vehicles carrying poles or other objects, which project more than five (5) feet from the rear of such vehicle, shall, during the period when lights are required by this Chapter, carry a red light at or near the rear end of the pole or other object so projecting. At other times a red flag or cloth, not less than sixteen (16) inches square, shall be displayed at the end of such projection. [Back to Index](#)
- F. *Towlines.* When one vehicle is towing another, the connecting device shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet. During the time that lights are required by Sections 307.020 to 307.120, RSMo., the required lights shall be displayed by both vehicles. Every towed vehicle shall be coupled to the towing vehicle by means of a safety chain, cable, or equivalent device in addition to the primary coupling device, except that such secondary coupling device shall not be necessary if the connecting device is connected to the towing vehicle by a center-locking ball located over or nearly over the rear axle and not supported by the rear bumper of the towing vehicle. Such secondary safety connecting devices shall be of sufficient strength to control the towed vehicle in the event of failure of the primary coupling device. The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to wreckers towing vehicles or to vehicles secured to the towing vehicle by a fifth-wheel type connection. The provisions of this Subsection shall also not apply to farm implements, or to any vehicle which is not required to be registered.
- G. *Commercial Motor Vehicles And Trailers.* When being operated on any highway, streets or roads of this City shall be equipped with adequate and proper brakes, lighting equipment, signaling devices, steering mechanisms, horns, mirrors, windshield wipers, tires, wheels, exhaust system, glazing, air pollution control devices, fuel tank, and any other safety equipment required by the State in such condition so as to obtain a certificate of inspection and approval as required by the provisions of Section 307.360, RSMo.
- H. Devices attached to or towed by motor vehicles for the purpose of transporting hay shall have the protruding parts raised or retracted when not in use to a position which will not cause injury or damage to persons or property in the vicinity of such device when on the highways, streets or roads of this City. (Ord. No. 99-1277 §2, 3-15-99)

**SECTION 380.150: LOADS WHICH MIGHT BECOME DISLODGED TO BE SECURED—
FAILURE, PENALTY**

- A. All motor vehicles, and every trailer and semitrailer operating upon the public highways, streets or roads of this City and carrying goods or material or farm products which may reasonably be expected to become dislodged and fall from the vehicle, trailer or semitrailer as a result of wind pressure or air pressure and/or by the movement of the vehicle, trailer or semitrailer shall have a protective cover or be sufficiently secured so that no portion of such goods or material can become dislodged and fall from the vehicle, trailer or semitrailer while being transported or carried.
- B. Operation of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer in violation of this Section shall be a misdemeanor, and any person convicted thereof shall be punished as provided by Section 100.080 of this Code.

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SECTION 380.160: SEAT BELTS REQUIRED

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- A. As used in this Section, the term "*passenger car*" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying ten (10) persons or less and used for the transportation of persons; except that, the term "*passenger car*" shall not include motorcycles, motorized bicycles, motor tricycles and trucks.
- B. Each driver, except persons employed by the United States Postal Service while performing duties for that Federal Agency which require the operator to service postal boxes from their vehicles, or which require frequent entry into and exit from their vehicles, and front seat passenger of a passenger car manufactured after January 1, 1968, operated on a street or highway in this City, shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt that meets Federal National Highway, Transportation and Safety Act requirements; except that, a child less than four (4) years of age shall be protected as required in Section 380.170 of this Chapter. Each driver of a motor vehicle transporting a child four (4) years of age or more, but less than sixteen (16) years of age, in the front seat of the motor vehicle shall secure the child in a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt. No person shall be stopped, inspected, or detained solely to determine compliance with this Subsection. The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable to persons who have a medical reason for failing to have a seat belt fastened about his/her body.
- C. Each person who violates the provisions of Subsection (B) of this Section shall be guilty of an infraction for which a fine not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) may be imposed. All other provisions of law and court rules to the contrary notwithstanding, no court costs shall be imposed on any person due to a violation of this Section. In no case shall points be assessed against any person, pursuant to Section 302.302, RSMo., for a violation of this Section.

SECTION 380.170: PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN UNDER FOUR YEARS OF AGE

- A. Every person transporting a child under the age of four (4) years shall be responsible, when transporting such child in a motor vehicle operated by that person on the streets or highways of this City, for providing for the protection of such child. Such child shall be protected by a child passenger restraint system approved by the Department of Public Safety.
- B. Any person who violates this Section is guilty of an infraction and, upon conviction, may be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and court costs.
- C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any public carrier for hire.

SECTION 380.180: VISION-REDUCING MATERIALS PROHIBITED

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- A. Except as provided in Subsection (B) of this Section, no person shall operate any motor vehicle registered in this State on any public highway or street of this State with any manufactured vision-reducing material applied to any portion of the motor vehicle's windshield, side-wings or windows located immediately to the left and right of the driver which reduces visibility from within or without the motor vehicle. This Section shall not prohibit labels, stickers, decalomania or informational signs on motor vehicles or the application of tinted or solar screening material to recreational vehicles as defined in Section 700.010, RSMo., provided that such material does not interfere with

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the driver's normal view of the road. This Section shall not prohibit factory installed tinted glass, the equivalent replacement thereof or tinting material applied to the upper portion of the motor vehicle's windshield which is normally tinted by the manufacturer of motor vehicle safety glass. [Back to Index](#)

- B. A permit to operate a motor vehicle with a front side-wing vent or window that has a sun screening device, in conjunction with safety glazing material, that has a light transmission of thirty-five percent (35%) or more plus or minus three percent (3%) and a luminous reflectance of thirty-five percent (35%) or less plus or minus three percent (3%) may be issued by the Department of Public Safety to a person having a physical disorder requiring the use of such vision-reducing material. If according to the permittee's physician the physical disorder requires the use of a sun screening device which permits less light transmission and luminous reflectance than allowed under the requirements of this Subsection, the limits of this Subsection may be altered for the permittee in accordance with the physician's prescription. The Director of the Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations for the issuance of the permit. The permit shall allow operation of the vehicle by immediate family members who are husband, wife and sons or daughters who reside in the household.
- C. A motor vehicle in violation of this Section shall not be approved during any motor vehicle safety inspection required pursuant to Sections 307.350 to 307.390, RSMo.
- D. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this Chapter shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of Section 536.024, RSMo.
- E. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section is guilty of a class C misdemeanor. (Ord. No. 99-1272 §1, 2-15-99)

CHAPTER 385: LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

ARTICLE I. DRIVER'S LICENSES

SECTION 385.010: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle in this City when his/her privilege to do so has been suspended, revoked, or canceled.

SECTION 385.020: OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PROPER LICENSE PROHIBITED—MOTORCYCLES—SPECIAL LICENSE

Unless otherwise provided for by law, it shall be unlawful for any person, except those expressly exempted by Section 385.040, to:

- E.1. Operate any vehicle upon any highway in this City unless he/she has a valid license;
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- E.2. Operate a motorcycle or motortricycle upon any highway of this City unless such person has a valid license that shows he/she has successfully passed an examination for the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle as prescribed by the Director. The Director may indicate such upon a valid license issued to such person, or shall issue a license restricting the applicant to the

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operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle if the actual demonstration, required by Section 302.173, RSMo., is conducted on such vehicle; [Back to Index](#)

- E.3. Authorize or knowingly permit a motorcycle or motortricycle owned by him/her or under his/her control to be driven upon any highway by any person whose license does not indicate that the person has passed the examination for the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle or has been issued an instruction permit therefor;
- E.4. Operate a motor vehicle with an instruction permit or license issued to another person;
- E.5. Refuse to write his/her name and address in the presence of a Police Officer, Court Official or any other duly authorized person, in order that identity of the licensee may be determined;
- E.6.** Except when operating under an instruction permit as described in this Section, no person may drive a commercial motor vehicle unless the person has been issued a commercial driver's license with applicable endorsements valid for the type of vehicle being operated as specified in Sections 302.700 to 302.780, RSMo. A commercial driver's instruction permit shall allow the holder of a valid license to operate a commercial motor vehicle when accompanied by the holder of a commercial driver's license valid for the vehicle being operated and who occupies a seat beside the individual, or reasonably near the individual in the case of buses, for the purpose of giving instruction in driving the commercial motor vehicle. A commercial driver's instruction permit shall be valid for the vehicle being operated for a period of not more than six (6) months, and shall not be issued until the permit holder has met all other requirements of Sections 302.700 to 302.780, RSMo., except for the driving test.

SECTION 385.030: PROHIBITED USES OF LICENSE

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- .1. Display or to permit to be displayed, or to have in his/her possession, any license knowing the same to be fictitious or to have been canceled, suspended, revoked, disqualified or altered;
- .2. Lend to or knowingly permit the use of by another any license issued to the person so lending or permitting the use thereof;
- .3. Display or to represent as one's own any license not issued to the person so displaying the same;
- .4. Fail or refuse to surrender to the Clerk of any Division of the Circuit Court or the Director, any license which has been suspended, canceled, disqualified or revoked, as provided by law;
- .5. Use a false or fictitious name or give a false or fictitious address on any application for a license, or any renewal or duplicate thereof, or knowingly to make a false statement;
- .6. Knowingly conceal a material fact, or otherwise commit a fraud in any such application;
- .7. Authorize or consent to any motor vehicle owned by him/her or under his/her control to be driven by any person, when he/she has knowledge that such person has no legal right to do so, or for any person to drive any motor vehicle in violation of any of the provisions of Sections 302.010 to 302.780, RSMo.;

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- .8. Employ a person to operate a motor vehicle in the transportation of persons or property, with knowledge that such person has not complied with the provisions of Sections 302.010 to 302.780, RSMo., or whose license has been revoked, suspended, canceled or disqualified; or who fails to produce his/her license upon demand of any person or persons authorized to make such demand; [Back to Index](#)
- .9. Operate a motor vehicle in any manner in violation of the restrictions imposed in a restricted license;
- .10. Fail to carry his/her instruction permit, operator's or chauffeur's license while operating a vehicle and to display instruction permit or said license upon demand of any Police Officer, Court Official or any other duly authorized person for inspection, when demand is made therefor. Failure to exhibit his/her instruction permit or license as aforesaid shall be presumptive evidence that said person is not a duly licensed operator or chauffeur.

SECTION 385.040: EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSE LAW

The following persons are exempt from license hereunder:

- .1. Any person while operating any farm tractor or implement of husbandry temporarily operated or moved on a highway;
- .2. A non-resident who is at least sixteen (16) years of age and who has in his/her immediate possession a valid license issued to him/her in his/her home State or country;
- .3. A non-resident who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and who has in his/her immediate possession a valid license issued to him/her in his/her home State or country which allows such person to operate a motor vehicle in the transportation of persons or property as classified in Section 302.015, RSMo.;
- .4. Convicted offenders of the Department of Corrections who have not been convicted of a motor vehicle felony as follows—driving while intoxicated, failing to stop after an accident and disclosing his/her identity, or driving a motor vehicle without the owner's consent—may operate State-owned trucks for the benefit of the correctional facilities, provided that such offender shall be accompanied by a Correctional Officer or other staff person in such truck.

ARTICLE II. MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES

SECTION 385.050: STATE VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES REQUIRED

- A. Application for registration of a motor vehicle not previously registered in Missouri, operated for the first (1st) time on the public highways of this State or City, and previously registered in another State shall be made within thirty (30) days after the owner of such motor vehicle has become a resident of this State. [Back to Index](#)
- B. No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle or trailer upon any street or highway of this City, unless such motor vehicle or trailer has properly displayed a valid license plate or plates or temporary permit issued to the lawful owner of the vehicle by the Department of Revenue of the

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State of Missouri, except that any person who is a non-resident of the State of Missouri may operate or park any motor vehicle or trailer upon any street or highway of this City, provided the motor vehicle or trailer has been duly registered for the current year in the State, country, or other place of which the owner is a resident, provided that at all times such motor vehicle or trailer is being operated or parked upon the streets or highways of this City, the valid license plate or plates or temporary permit is properly displayed on such vehicle or trailer. (Ord. No. 99-1272 §4, 2-15-99) [Back to Index](#)

SECTION 385.060: METHOD OF DISPLAYING LICENSE PLATES

No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated on any highway of this City unless it shall have displayed thereon the license plate or set of license plates issued by the Director of Revenue and authorized by Section 301.140, RSMo. Each such plate shall be securely fastened to the motor vehicle in a manner so that all parts thereof shall be plainly visible and reasonably clean so that the reflective qualities thereof are not impaired. License plates shall be fastened to all motor vehicles except trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand (12,000) pounds on the front and rear of such vehicles not less than eight (8) nor more than forty-eight (48) inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up. The license plates on trailers, motorcycles, motortricycles and motorscooters shall be displayed on the rear of such vehicles, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up. The license plate on trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand (12,000) pounds shall be displayed on the front of such vehicles not less than eight (8) nor more than forty-eight (48) inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up. The license plate or plates authorized by Section 301.140, RSMo., when properly attached, shall be prima facie evidence that the required fees have been paid.

SECTION 385.070: UNAUTHORIZED PLATES, TAGS, STICKERS, SIGNS

No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle or trailer on any street or highway of this City on which there is displayed a plate, tag, sticker, sign or placard bearing the words "license lost," "license applied for" or words of similar import, as a substitute for a valid license plate or temporary permit.

SECTION 385.080: LICENSE PLATES ON VEHICLES DISPLAYED FOR SALE

No person shall show, exhibit, display or have in possession for the purpose of sale any motor vehicle bearing or displaying thereon any number or license plates, except those of the dealer or owner so displaying said motor vehicle; provided however, that where the motor vehicle is placed on consignment with a dealer by the owner thereof, there may be displayed a number or license plate issued to the owner thereof.

SECTION 385.090: CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP REQUIRED FOR REGISTERED VEHICLE

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate in this City a motor vehicle or trailer registered as provided by law, unless a certificate of ownership shall have been issued. [Back to Index](#)

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SECTION 385.100: TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP UPON SALE OF VEHICLE

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It shall be unlawful for any person to buy or sell in this City any motor vehicle or trailer registered under the laws of this State unless at the time of delivery thereof there shall pass between the parties a certificate of ownership with assignment thereof as provided in Section 301.210, RSMo., as amended, and the sale of any motor vehicle or trailer registered under the laws of this State, without the assignment of such certificate of ownership, shall be fraudulent and void.

SECTION 385.110: REMOVAL OF PLATES ON TRANSFER OF VEHICLE—USE BY PURCHASER

Upon the transfer of ownership of any motor vehicle or trailer, the certificate of registration and the right to use the number plates shall expire and the number plates shall be removed by the owner at the time of the transfer of possession, and it shall be unlawful for any person other than the person to whom such number plates were originally issued to have the same in his/her possession whether in use or not; except that the buyer of a motor vehicle or trailer who trades in a motor vehicle or trailer may attach the license plates from the traded-in motor vehicle or trailer to the newly purchased motor vehicle or trailer. The operation of a motor vehicle with such transferred plates shall be lawful for no more than thirty (30) days.

SECTION 385.120: SALE BY DEALER

Upon the sale of a motor vehicle or trailer by a dealer, a buyer who has made application for registration, by mail or otherwise, may operate the same for a period of fifteen (15) days after taking possession thereof, if during such period the motor vehicle or trailer shall have attached thereto, in the manner required in Section 301.130, RSMo., number plates issued to the dealer. Upon application and presentation of satisfactory evidence that the buyer has applied for registration, a dealer may furnish such number plates to the buyer for such temporary use. In such event, the dealer shall require the buyer to deposit the sum of ten dollars fifty cents (\$10.50), to be returned to the buyer upon return to the dealer of such number plates within fifteen (15) days.

SECTION 385.130: FALSE INFORMATION BY DEALER

No dealer shall advise any purchaser of a motor vehicle or trailer that such purchaser may drive such a motor vehicle or trailer without compliance with the foregoing license requirements.

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ARTICLE III. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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SECTION 385.140: FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRED

- A. No owner of a motor vehicle registered in this State shall operate the vehicle, or authorize any other person to operate the vehicle, upon the streets or the alleys of this City, unless the owner maintains the financial responsibility as required in this Section. Furthermore, no person shall operate a motor vehicle owned by another with the knowledge that the owner has not maintained financial responsibility unless such person has financial responsibility which covers operation of vehicles owned by another person.

For purposes of this Section, the term "*financial responsibility*" shall mean the ability to respond in damages for liability on account of accidents occurring after the effective date of proof of said financial responsibility, arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle, in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of one (1) person in any one (1) accident, and, subject to said limit for one (1) person, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of two (2) or more persons in any one (1) accident, and in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one (1) accident.

- B. Proof of financial responsibility may be shown by any of the following:
- B.1. An insurance identification card issued by a motor vehicle insurer or by the Director of Revenue of the State of Missouri for self-insurance. A motor vehicle insurance policy, a motor vehicle liability insurance binder, or receipt which contains the name and address of the insurer, the name and address of the name insured, the policy number, the effective dates of the policy and a description by year and make of the vehicle, or at least five (5) digits of the vehicle identification number or the word "Fleet" if the insurance policy covers five (5) or more motor vehicles, shall be satisfactory evidence of insurance in lieu of an insurance identification card.
- B.2. A certificate of the State Treasurer of a cash deposit according to Section 303.240, RSMo.
- B.3. A surety bond according to Section 303.230, RSMo.
- C. Proof of financial responsibility shall be carried at all times in the insured motor vehicle or by the operator of the motor vehicle if the proof of financial responsibility is effective as to the operator rather than to the vehicle. The operator of the motor vehicle shall exhibit the proof of financial responsibility on the demand of any Peace Officer who lawfully stops such operator while that Officer is engaged in the performance of the duties of his/her office.
- D. Any person who violates any provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each and every violation.

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