

## **TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE**

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## CHAPTER 70: GENERAL PROVISIONS; ADMINISTRATION

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### **Cross-reference:**

Civil traffic violations, see Hearing Officers, ' 36.17

### **' 70.01 DUTY OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

It shall be the duty of the Police Department under the direction of the Police Chief to provide for the enforcement of the street traffic regulations of the town and all of the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in the town, to make arrests for traffic violations, to investigate accidents and to assist in developing ways and means to improve traffic conditions and to carry out all duties specially imposed upon the Police Chief by this chapter.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-1-1)

### **' 70.02 RECORDS OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.**

(A) The Police Chief shall keep a record of all violations of the traffic laws of the town or of the state vehicle laws of which any person has been charged, together with a record of the final disposition of all the alleged offenses. This record shall accumulate during at least a five-year period and from that time on the record shall be maintained complete for at least the most recent five-year period.

(B) All forms for records of violations and notices shall be serially numbered.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-1-2)

**' 70.03 ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION.**

It shall be the duty of the Police Department under the direction of the Police Chief to investigate traffic accidents and to arrest and assist in the prosecution of those persons charged with violations of law causing or contributing to the accidents.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-1-3)

**' 70.04 DETENTION OF PERSONS TO SERVE TRAFFIC COMPLAINT.**

Any police officer or duly authorized agent of the town may stop and detain a person as is reasonably necessary to investigate an actual or suspected violation of this chapter and to serve a copy of the traffic complaint for any alleged civil or criminal violations of this chapter.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-1-4)

**' 70.05 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STUDIES.**

Whenever the accidents at any particular location become numerous, the Police Chief shall conduct studies of the accidents and determine remedial measures.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-1-5)

**' 70.06 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS.**

The Police Chief shall maintain a suitable system of filing traffic accident reports.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-1-6)

**' 70.99 PENALTY .**

Any violation of or failure or refusal to do or perform any act required by this title constitutes a civil traffic violation. Civil traffic violations are subject to the provisions of the state statutes.  
(1991 Code, Art. 1-8B.)

## CHAPTER 71: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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### ' 71.01 DIRECTING TRAFFIC.

(A) Police officers are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal.

(B) Officers of the Fire Department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist police officers in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-2-1)

### ' 71.02 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Except as otherwise provided in this code, no person may do any forbidden act or fail to perform any act required by this chapter. No person may willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer or of any Fire Department official.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-2-2) Penalty, see ' 70.99

**' 71.03 USE OF COASTERS, ROLLER SKATES AND SIMILAR DEVICES RESTRICTED.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride a skateboard, roller skates, roller skis or play vehicle in any of the following places:

(1) All that part of the town as described as follows: the sidewalk on the west side of College Avenue from Highway 70 south to the railroad tracks, the sidewalk on the east side of Stadium Avenue from Highway 70 south to the Canal, the sidewalk on the north and south of Church Street from College Avenue to Stadium Avenue, the sidewalk on the north and south side of Railroad Street from College Avenue to Stadium Avenue, the sidewalk on the south side of Highway 70 from College Avenue to Stadium Avenue; or

(2) On private property, except where a sign allowing the use has been posted or permission granted by the owner, lessee or person in charge of the property.

(B) In areas where not prohibited, operators of skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or play vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to other pedestrians using public sidewalks, and shall not otherwise congregate, endanger or interfere with pedestrian traffic on those sidewalks.

(1991 Code, ' 12-2-3) (Ord. 107-1998, passed 9-15-1998) Penalty, see ' 70.99

**' 71.04 TRAFFIC -CONTROL DEVICES.**

(A) Upon recommendation of the Police Chief and approval of the Council, the Town Manager shall have placed and maintained traffic-control devices, signs and signals when and as required under the traffic regulations of the town to make effective the provisions of those regulations, and may have placed and maintained any additional traffic-control devices as he or she may deem necessary to regulate traffic under the traffic laws of the town or under state law or to guide or warn traffic.

(B) The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic-control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the traffic regulations of the town unless otherwise directed by a police officer, subject to the exceptions granted in this chapter or by state law.

(1991 Code, ' 12-2-4)

**' 71.05 AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE CROSSWALKS, ESTABLISH SAFETY ZONES AND MARK TRAFFIC LANES.**

The Town Manager, upon recommendation of the Police Chief and approval by the Council, is hereby authorized:

(A) To have designated and maintained, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where, in his or her opinion, there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at other places as he or she may deem necessary;

(B) To establish safety zones of a kind and character and at those places as he or she may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians; and

(C) To have marked lanes for traffic on street pavement at places as he or she may deem advisable, consistent with the traffic laws of the town.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-2-5)

**' 71.06 AUTHORITY TO PLACE AND OBEDIENCE TO TURNING MARKERS.**

(A) The Town Manager, upon recommendation of the Police Chief, is authorized to have placed markers, buttons or signs within or adjacent to intersections indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning at those intersections, and the course to be traveled as so indicated may conform to or be other than as prescribed by law.

(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 those indications.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-2-6) Penalty, see ' 70.99

**' 71.07 AUTHORITY TO PLACE AND OBEDIENCE TO RESTRICTED TURN SIGNS.**

(A) The Town Manager, upon recommendation of the Police Chief and approval by the Council, 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 those intersections. The making of the 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 the signs may be removed when the turns are permitted.

(B) Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right, left or U-turn is permitted, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any sign.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-2-7) Penalty, see ' 70.99

**' 71.08 LIMITATIONS ON TURNING AROUND.**

The driver of any vehicle shall not turn the vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street in a business district and shall not so turn a vehicle upon any other street unless the movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-2-8) Penalty, see ' 70.99

**' 71.09 ONE -WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS.**

(A) The Council may designate any streets or alleys which are to be limited to one-way traffic.

(B) Whenever the Council designates any one-way street or alley, the Town Manager shall have placed and maintained signs giving notice thereof, and no such regulation shall be effective unless the 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.

(1991 Code, ' 12-2-9) Penalty, see ' 70.99

#### **' 71.10 REGULATION OF TRAFFIC AT INTERSECTIONS.**

(A) The Council shall designate through streets, intersections where stops are required and intersections where vehicles shall yield the right-of-way.

(B) Whenever the Council shall designate any through street or intersection where vehicles are to stop or yield the right-of-way, the Town Manager shall erect and maintain the appropriate signs at every location where a vehicle must stop or yield the right-of-way.

(1991 Code, ' 12-2-10)

#### **' 71.11 DESIGNATION OF THROUGH STREETS.**

(A) The streets set forth in Chapter 74, Schedule I are hereafter to be known as through streets.

(B) To facilitate a safe and orderly flow of traffic upon streets under the jurisdiction of the town, stop signs shall be placed upon all streets intersecting with the through streets and other traffic signs and devices as deemed necessary.

(1991 Code, ' 12-2-11) (Ord. 24-A, passed 9-21-1964) Penalty, see ' 70.99

#### **' 71.12 DRIVERS TO OBEY SIGNS.**

Whenever traffic signs are erected as provided in this chapter, every driver of a vehicle shall obey the signs unless otherwise directed to proceed by a police officer or a traffic-control signal. No driver shall drive upon or through any private property, such as an oil station, vacant lot or similar property, to avoid obedience to any regulation included in this chapter.

(1991 Code, ' 12-2-12) Penalty, see ' 70.99

#### **' 71.13 PROCESSIONS .**

(A) No procession or parade, except funeral processions, shall be held without first securing a permit from the Police Chief, and all these requests for permits shall state the time, place of formation, proposed line of march, destination and any other information as the Police Chief may require therein.

(B) A funeral procession composed of a procession of vehicles shall be identified by methods as may be determined and designated by the Police Chief.



(C) No driver of a vehicle shall drive between the conspicuously designated vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while the vehicles are in motion. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals or a police officer.

(D) Each driver in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right-hand edge of the roadway as practical and shall follow the vehicle ahead as close as is practical and safe.

(1991 Code, ' 12-2-13) **Penalty, see ' 70.99**

**' 71.14 UNNECESSARY SQUEALING TIRES.**

No person shall operate any motor vehicle at a speed on a curve or a turn or accelerate the motor vehicle in a manner as to create loud and unnecessary noise through the squealing of tires upon the pavement.

(1991 Code, ' 12-2-14) (Ord. 42, passed 9-17-1979) **Penalty, see ' 70.99**

**' 71.15 DAMAGE TO ROADWAY.**

No person shall operate a motor vehicle, including farm equipment, in a manner as to cause damage to any public roadway.

(1991 Code, ' 12-2-15) (Ord. 42, passed 9-17-1979) **Penalty, see ' 70.99**

**' 71.16 STREETS UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR.**

No person shall drive a motor vehicle upon a roadway under construction or a roadway under repair when signs and barricades are visibly in place or a flagperson is present so designating that the roadway is closed to all vehicular traffic.

(1991 Code, ' 12-2-16) (Ord. 42, passed 9-17-1979) **Penalty, see ' 70.99**

**' 71.17 MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLES AND MOTORIZED SKATEBOARDS.**

(A) Definitions. For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLE.** A coaster, scooter any other alternatively fueled device or other motorized vehicle that is self-propelled by a motor or engine and which is not otherwise defined in A.R.S. Title 28, as a motor vehicle, motor-driven cycle or motorized wheelchair.

**MOTORIZED SKATEBOARD.** A self-propelled device which has a motor or engine, a deck on which a person may ride and at least two wheels in contact with the ground and which is not otherwise defined in A.R.S. Title 28, as amended, as a motor vehicle, motor-driven cycle or motorized wheelchair.

**OPERATOR.** A person who operates or is in actual physical control of a motorized play vehicle or a motorized skateboard upon a public roadway, sidewalk, right-of-way, park, bicycle path or any other public property used for the operation of motor vehicles.

**OWNER.** A person who holds the legal title to a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard, or any person who is a lessee, conditional vendee or mortgagor of a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard with a right to immediate possession.

(B) Applicability of traffic laws.

(1) All traffic laws shall apply to persons riding motorized play vehicles and motorized skateboards. Every person operating a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles, or by the traffic regulations of this town applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this chapter and except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

(2) This section shall not be construed to require the licensing or registration of motorized play vehicles or motorized skateboards, the licensing of motorized play vehicle or skateboard operators, or the carrying of insurance covering accidents involving motorized play vehicles or motorized skateboards.

(3) It is unlawful for any person operating a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard not to obey the instructions of official traffic-control signals, signs and other traffic direction devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(C) Responsibility of parents, guardians and custodians. No person shall, if a parent, guardian or custodian of a child, authorize or knowingly permit any child to violate this chapter.

(D) Prohibited operation. No person shall operate a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard:

(1) On any sidewalk, except for use in crossing the sidewalk by the most direct route to gain access to any public or private road or driveway;

(2) In any town parking structure or town park, except for use on public roadways within the park;

(3) On any public property that has been posted or designated by the owner of the property as an area prohibiting skateboards;

(4) On any public roadway consisting of a total of four or more marked traffic lanes, or having an established speed limit of greater than 25 mph;

(5) On any private property of another, or any public property which is not held open to the public for vehicle use, without the written permission of the owner, the person entitled to immediate possession of the property, or the authorized agent of either; or

(6) Within any path or lane that is designated as a bicycle lane or path by state or local authorities.

(E) General operating restrictions.

(1) No child under the age of 13 shall operate a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard.

(2) No person shall operate a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard in excess of the posted speed limit or at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances then existing.

(3) The operator of a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard, approaching a sidewalk, bicycle path, bicycle lane or multi-use path in order to cross it, shall yield the right-of-way to all other users.

(4) No operator of a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard shall allow passengers when the motorized skateboard is in operation or motion.

(5) No person operating or riding upon a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard shall attach himself or herself or the motorized skateboard in any manner to any other vehicle.

(6) No person shall operate a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard while carrying any package, bundle or article which prevents the operator from keeping both hands upon the steering mechanism at all times.

(7) No person, other than the owner, shall operate a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard without the written permission of the owner.

(8) No person shall operate a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard that has been structurally altered from the original manufacturer=s design.

(9) No person shall operate a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard in a crosswalk.

(F) Operating restrictions on roadway.

(1) A person operating a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard on a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic, at the time and place and under the then existing conditions, shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb, edge of the roadway or edge of a designated bicycle path or lane except under the following conditions and when the movement can be made in safety:

- (a) If overtaking and passing a vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
- (b) If preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;
- (c) If reasonably necessary to avoid hazardous conditions ahead in the roadway;

or

(d) If the lane in which the person is operating the motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard is too narrow for a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard and a bicycle or another vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

(2) No operator of a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard shall transport extra fuel in a separate container or alter the fuel reservoir from the original manufacturer=s design. This includes the prohibition of physically attaching fuel packs or containers to the operator=s person.

(3) Persons operating motorized play vehicles or motorized skateboards on the roadway shall not ride more than two abreast.

(G) Required safety equipment.

(1) No person shall operate a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard without a head lamp emitting a beam and a red rear reflector anytime from sunset to sunrise, or any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons or vehicles on the roadway.

(a) A head lamp shall emit a white light and be visible from the front at a distance no less than 500 feet.

(b) A rear red reflector shall be visible when illuminated by a vehicle head lamp from a distance of not less than 300 feet.

(c) A rear red lamp visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the rear red reflector.

(2) No person shall operate a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard unless it is equipped with a brake which enables the operator to make a braked wheel(s) skid on pavement.

(3) Any operator of a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard under the age of 18 years being operated on a roadway shall at all times wear a protective helmet on his or her head in an appropriate and safely secured manner. The helmet shall meet minimum standards of testing and safety inspected by the bicycle industry.

(4) No person shall operate a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard without wearing footwear. The footwear must have a sole and completely cover the feet and toes.

(5) The operator of a motorized play vehicle or motorized skateboard shall wear, at all times, protective glasses or goggles or a transparent face shield of a type approved for motorcycle or motor-driven cycle use.

(1991 Code, ' 12-2-17) (Ord. 145-2006, passed 3-14-2006) Penalty, see ' 70.99



## CHAPTER 72: PARKING

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#### ' 72.01 METHOD OF PARKING.

Except as otherwise posted, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are adjacent curbs shall be so stopped or parked with the vehicle parallel to and within 18 inches of the curb.

(1991 Code, ' 12-3-1)

#### ' 72.02 BLOCKING TRAFFIC.

(A) No person shall stop, stand or park any motor vehicle, or other vehicle, upon a street in the town in a manner or under conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic, except that a person may stop temporarily, in the actual loading or unloading of passengers, or when necessary, in the observance of traffic signs or signals of a police officer.

(B) No person shall park a motor vehicle, or other vehicle, within an alley or entrance to a private driveway except for the loading or unloading of materials, and not then unless the loading or unloading can be accomplished without blocking the alley to the free movement of vehicular traffic.

(1991 Code, ' 12-3-2) Penalty, see ' 70.99

**' 72.03 PARKING ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS.**

When signs are erected indicating no parking on that side of the street adjacent to any school property, no person shall park a vehicle in any thus designated place for one hour before school opens until one hour after school closes on any school day.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-3-3) Penalty, see ' 70.99

**' 72.04 AUTHORITY TO ERECT SIGNS RESTRICTING PARKING.**

The Town Manager, upon approval of the Council, may erect signs or provide markings requiring parking at an angle to the curb, allowing parking on the left-hand curb on one-way streets, notifying drivers that parking is prohibited and restricting parking in any way that may be necessary. When the signs have been erected or the markings provided, no person shall stop or stand a vehicle in disobedience to the parking restrictions.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-3-4) (Ord. 109-98, passed 10-13-1998) Penalty, see ' 70.99

**' 72.05 PARKING VEHICLES ON SIDEWALKS.**

No person shall park any vehicle, whether in usable condition or not, nor shall an owner permit his or her vehicle to be parked upon any sidewalk in the town.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-3-5) Penalty, see ' 70.99

**' 72.06 PARKING OR ENCROACHMENTS ON MAIN STREET.**

(A) No person shall park or leave standing a vehicle on Main Street within the corporate limits of the town, in any manner other than at the curb of the street and parallel thereto.

(B) No person shall park or leave standing a motor vehicle on Main Street overnight or for a period longer than two hours during the daylight hours.

(C) No person shall encroach upon or make private use of Main Street, as designated as right-of-way for U.S. Highway 70 to the State Department of Transportation, from property line to property line for the full length of the street within the corporate limits of the town.  
(1991 Code, ' 12-3-6) (Ord. 24, passed 10-19-1959) Penalty, see ' 70.99

**' 72.07 RESTRICTED PARKING AREAS FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED.**

(A) No person shall park a vehicle in a parking space set aside and identified for use only by persons with physical disabilities, unless the vehicle has displayed thereon a distinguishing insignia or numbered plates bearing the international wheelchair symbol as provided in A.R.S. ' 28-881.



(B) Division (A) of this section shall apply only to those parking spaces identified with standard signs or other markers, as specified in A.R.S. ' 28-883.

(1991 Code, ' 12-3-7) **Penalty, see ' 70.99**

**Editor=s note:**

Ordinance 47, passed January 19, 1981, contained an earlier version of this material.

**' 72.08 ABANDONED VEHICLES.**

Any trailer, motor home, boat or other vehicle remaining parked upon any street or right-of-way of the town for more than 72 hours is declared to be an abandoned vehicle, and the police may remove the vehicle from the street at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.

(1991 Code, ' 12-3-8) (Ord. 106-1998, passed 7-21-1998) **Penalty, see ' 70.99**

**' 72.09 PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES.**

(A) No person shall park a vehicle of two and one-half tons or more in any residential zone (R-1, R-2 or R-3).

(B) No person shall park a vehicle transporting or a vehicle that has transported hazardous materials in any residential zone.

(1991 Code, ' 12-3-9) (Ord. 141-2006, passed 1-10-2006) **Penalty, see ' 70.99**

**' 72.10 PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN FIRE LANES.**

(A) No person shall park any vehicle in a space or areas set aside and identified as a fire lane by the Fire Department.

(B) The Fire Chief or his or her designee is hereby authorized to designate fire lanes on both public and private property.

(C) This section shall apply only to those areas that are identified with signs stating ANo Parking/Fire Lane/Town Code Section 72.10.@ The Fire Department through the Fire Chief or his or her designee shall determine the location of all fire lanes and shall approve all fire lane signs and markings.

(D) It shall be the duty of the owner of record of private property over which the Fire Chief or his or her representative has designated a fire lane to post, at the owner=s expense, approved signs prohibiting parking in the designated fire lane. Such signs shall be so placed, and of sufficient number,

that at least one sign shall be visible to anyone attempting to park a vehicle at any location in the fire lane. The failure to erect signs in accordance with this division within 30 days of receipt of a notice from the Fire Department specifying the designation of a space or area as a fire lane shall be a misdemeanor.

(Ord. 183-2018, passed 4-16-2018) Penalty, see ' **70.99**

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