

## TITLE III. TRAFFIC CODE

### CHAPTER 300: GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### SECTION 300.010: 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, 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.

*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 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.

*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; or
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-wheeled or three-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.

*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.

*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.

*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 (2) 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.

*STOP:* When required, complete cessation from movement.

*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 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.

*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.

## **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.

### **SECTION 305.020: POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE ACCIDENTS**

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.

### **SECTION 305.030: 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.

### **SECTION 305.040: DRIVER FILES TO BE MAINTAINED**

The Police Department shall maintain a suitable record of all traffic accidents, warnings, arrests, convictions and complaints reported for each driver, which shall be filed alphabetically under the name of the driver concerned.

### **SECTION 305.050: POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT ANNUAL TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORT**

The Police Department shall annually prepare a traffic report which shall be filed with the Mayor. Such report shall contain information on traffic matters in the City as follows:

1. The number of traffic accidents, the number of persons killed, the number of persons injured, and other pertinent traffic accident data.
2. The number of traffic accidents investigated and other pertinent data on the safety activities of the Police.

3. The plans and recommendations of the Police Department for future traffic safety activities.

**SECTION 305.060: 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.

**SECTION 305.070: 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.

**CHAPTER 310: ENFORCEMENT AND OBEDIENCE TO  
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

**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 traffic laws of the City and all of the State vehicle laws applicable to 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 an incident, may direct or assist the Police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.

**SECTION 310.020: OBEDIENCE TO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS**

No person shall knowingly fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of a Police Officer or Fire Department official.

**SECTION 310.030: PERSONS PROPELLING PUSHCARTS OR RIDING ANIMALS TO  
OBEY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

Every person propelling any pushcart 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.

**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.

**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.

**SECTION 310.060: AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES—PERMITTED ACTS OF DRIVERS**

- 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; and
  - 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 siren or while having at least one (1) lighted lamp exhibiting a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of such vehicle or a flashing blue light authorized by Section 310.080.
- 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.

**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, 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.
- 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.

**SECTION 310.080: SIRENS AND FLASHING LIGHTS EMERGENCY USE—PERSONS AUTHORIZED—VIOLATION—PENALTY**

Motor vehicles and equipment, not otherwise defined in this Title as an authorized emergency vehicle, which are operated by any member of an organized Fire Department, ambulance association or rescue squad, whether paid or volunteer, may be operated on streets and highways in this City as an emergency vehicle under the provisions of Section 304.022, RSMo., while responding to a fire

call or ambulance call or at the scene of a fire call or ambulance call and while using or sounding a warning siren and while using or displaying thereon fixed, flashing or rotating blue lights, but sirens and blue lights shall be used only in bona fide emergencies. Permits for the operation of such vehicles equipped with sirens or blue lights shall be in writing and shall be issued and may be revoked by the Chief of an organized Fire Department, organized ambulance association or rescue squad and no person shall use or display a siren or rotating blue lights on a motor vehicle, fire, ambulance or rescue equipment without a valid permit authorizing the use. Permit to use a siren or lights as heretofore set out does not relieve the operator of the vehicle so equipped with complying with all other traffic laws and regulations. Violation of this Section constitutes an ordinance violation.

#### **SECTION 310.090: IMMEDIATE NOTICE OF ACCIDENT WITHIN CITY**

The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident within the City resulting in 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 give or cause to be given notice of such accident to the Police Department as soon as reasonably possible.

#### **SECTION 310.100: 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.

#### **SECTION 310.110: 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 310.090 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 310.100 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.

#### **SECTION 310.120: LEAVING THE SCENE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT**

- A. A person commits the offense of leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident when, being the operator or driver of a vehicle on the highways, streets or roads of the City or on any publicly or privately owned parking lot or parking facility within the City 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 leaves the place of the injury, damage or accident without stopping and giving his/her name, residence, including City and street number, motor vehicle

number and driver's license number, if any, to the injured party or to a Police Officer, or if no Police Officer is in the vicinity, then to the nearest Police station or judicial officer.

- B. For the purposes of this Section, all Peace Officers shall have jurisdiction, when invited by an injured person, to enter the premises of any such privately owned parking lot or parking facility for the purpose of investigating an accident and performing all necessary duties regarding such accident.

## **CHAPTER 315: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

### **SECTION 315.010: AUTHORITY TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

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

Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting different colored lights or colored lighted arrows, successively one (1) 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, 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.

- 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.

#### **SECTION 315.070: PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS**

Whenever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "*Walk*" or "*Don't Walk*" or appropriate symbols 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.

#### **SECTION 315.080: FLASHING SIGNALS**

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.

#### **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.

#### **SECTION 315.100: DISPLAY OF UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS, SIGNALS OR MARKINGS**

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 which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic control device.

**SECTION 315.110: INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

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 inscription, shield or insignia thereon or any other part thereof.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.
- 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.

**SECTION 315.160: CROSSING LOT TO AVOID TRAFFIC DEVICE PROHIBITED**

No person shall drive a vehicle across a corner lot or other lot or property within the City limits of Mount Vernon, Missouri, whether publicly owned or privately owned, for the purpose of avoiding traffic control lights, stop signs, yield right-of-way signs or other traffic control devices. (Ord. No. 12.43 §§1-2, 6-9-92)

## **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.

### **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.

### **SECTION 320.030: GENERAL SPEED LIMIT**

Except where otherwise provided by signs erected pursuant to duly passed and approved ordinances, no person shall operate a vehicle on or over any street in the City in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour and ten (10) miles per hour on or over any alley. (Ord. No. 12.54 §1(6, B), 2-8-00)

### **SECTION 320.040: SLOW SPEED—REGULATIONS**

No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law. Peace Officers may enforce the provisions of this Section by directions to drivers, and in the event of apparent willful disobedience to this provision and refusal to comply with direction of an officer in accordance herewith, the continued slow operation by a driver is an ordinance violation.

### **SECTION 320.050: SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS ON ROADWAYS**

No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon those portions of the roadways which are set forth and described in Schedule I at a rate of speed in excess of that speed limit set for such portions of the roadways by said Schedule.



## 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:

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, except where multiple turn lanes have been established.
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 of the roadway nearest the centerline thereof and by passing to the right of such centerline 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 centerline 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, except where multiple turn lanes have been established.
4. *Designated two-way left turn lanes.* Where a special lane for making left turns by drivers proceeding in opposite directions have been indicated by official traffic control devices:
  - a. A left turn shall not be made from any other lane;
  - b. A vehicle shall not be driven in the lane except when preparing for or making a left turn from or into the roadway or when preparing for or making a U-turn when otherwise permitted by law; and
  - c. A vehicle shall not be driven in the lane for a distance more than five hundred (500) feet.

### 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## **CHAPTER 330: ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS**

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

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.

### **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.

### **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 centerline 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.



## **CHAPTER 335: STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS**

### **SECTION 335.010: THROUGH STREETS DESIGNATED**

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 335.080.

### **SECTION 335.020: SIGNS REQUIRED AT THROUGH STREETS**

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 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

**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.

**SECTION 335.070: EMERGING FROM ALLEY, DRIVEWAY OR BUILDING**

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.

**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.

## CHAPTER 340: MISCELLANEOUS DRIVING RULES

### SECTION 340.010: FOLLOWING EMERGENCY VEHICLE PROHIBITED

The driver of any vehicle other than one on official business shall not follow any emergency vehicle traveling in response to an emergency call 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.

### SECTION 340.020: CROSSING FIRE HOSE

No vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected hose of a Fire Department when laid down on any street or private driveway to be used at any fire or alarm of fire without the consent of the Fire Department official in command.

### SECTION 340.030: FUNERAL PROCESSIONS

A. *Definitions.* As used in this Section, the following terms shall mean:

*FUNERAL DIRECTOR:* A person licensed as a funeral director pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 333, RSMo.

*FUNERAL LEAD VEHICLE OR LEAD VEHICLE:* Any motor vehicle equipped with at least one (1) lighted circulating lamp exhibiting an amber or purple light or lens or alternating flashing headlamps visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of five hundred (500) feet from the front of the vehicle. A hearse or coach properly equipped may be a lead vehicle.

*ORGANIZED FUNERAL PROCESSION:* Two (2) or more vehicles accompanying the remains of a deceased person from a funeral establishment, church, synagogue or other place where a funeral service has taken place to a cemetery, crematory or other place of final disposition or a funeral establishment, church, synagogue or other place where additional funeral services will be performed if directed by a licensed funeral director from a licensed establishment.

B. *Driving Rules.*

1. Except as otherwise provided for in this Section, pedestrians and operators of all other vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle which is a part of an organized funeral procession.
2. Notwithstanding any traffic control device or right-of-way provision prescribed by State or local law, when the funeral lead vehicle in an organized funeral procession lawfully enters an intersection, all vehicles in the procession shall follow the lead vehicle through the intersection. The operator of each vehicle in the procession shall exercise the highest degree of care toward any other vehicle or pedestrian on the roadway.
3. An organized funeral procession shall have the right-of-way at all intersections regardless of any traffic control device at such intersections, except that operators of vehicles in an organized funeral procession shall yield the right-of-way to any approaching emergency vehicle pursuant to the provisions of law or when directed to do so by a Law Enforcement Officer.

4. All vehicles in an organized funeral procession shall follow the preceding vehicle in the procession as closely as is practical and safe under the conditions.
  5. No person shall operate any vehicle as part of an organized funeral procession without the flashing emergency lights of such vehicle being lighted.
  6. Any person who is not an operator of a vehicle in an organized funeral procession shall not:
    - a. Drive between the vehicles comprising an organized funeral procession while such vehicles are in motion and have the flashing emergency lights lighted pursuant to Subsection (B)(5) above, except when required to do so by a Law Enforcement Officer or when such person is operating an emergency vehicle giving an audible or visual signal;
    - b. Join a funeral procession for the purpose of securing the right-of-way; or
    - c. Attempt to pass any vehicle in an organized funeral procession, except where a passing lane has been specifically provided.
  7. When an organized funeral procession is proceeding through a red signal light as permitted herein, a vehicle not in the organized funeral procession shall not enter the intersection unless such vehicle may do so without crossing the path of the funeral procession.
  8. No ordinance, regulation or any other provision of law shall prohibit the use of a motorcycle utilizing flashing amber lights to escort an organized funeral procession on the highway.
- C. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this Section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

**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.

**SECTION 340.050: 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.

**SECTION 340.060: 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.

**SECTION 340.070: 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.

**SECTION 340.080: OPENING AND CLOSING VEHICLE DOORS**

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.

**SECTION 340.090: 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.

**SECTION 340.100: RIDING BICYCLE ON SIDEWALKS—LIMITATIONS—MOTORIZED BICYCLES PROHIBITED**

- A. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.
- B. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle 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.

**SECTION 340.110: ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES—PROHIBITED—EXCEPTIONS—OPERATION 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-premises purposes between the official sunrise and sunset on the day of operation; or

3. All-terrain vehicles whose operators carry a special permit issued by this City pursuant to Section 304.013, RSMo.
- 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.
  - 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 license issued by a State authorizing such person to operate a motor vehicle 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 an ordinance violation.

**SECTION 340.120: RIDING BICYCLES, SLEDS, ROLLER SKATES BY ATTACHING TO ANOTHER VEHICLE, PROHIBITED—PULLING A RIDER BEHIND 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. Neither shall the driver of a vehicle knowingly pull a rider behind a vehicle.

**SECTION 340.130: 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.

**SECTION 340.140: DRIVING THROUGH SAFETY ZONE PROHIBITED**

No vehicle shall at any time be driven through or within a safety zone.

**SECTION 340.150: MANNER OF OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES—CAREFUL AND PRUDENT**

Every person operating a motor vehicle on the highways of this City shall drive the vehicle in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed so as not to endanger the property of another or the life or limb of any person and shall exercise the highest degree of care.

**SECTION 340.160: DRIVING TO THE RIGHT**

- A. Upon all public roads or highways of sufficient width, a vehicle shall be driven upon the right-half of the roadway, except as follows:
1. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction pursuant to the rules governing such movement;
  2. When placing a vehicle in position for and when such vehicle is lawfully making a left turn in compliance with the provisions of this Title;
  3. When the right-half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair; or
  4. Upon a roadway designated by local ordinance as a one-way street and marked or signed for one-way traffic.
- B. It is unlawful to drive any vehicle upon any highway or road which has been divided into two (2) or more roadways by means of a physical barrier or by means of a dividing section or delineated by curbs, lines or other markings on the roadway except to the right of such barrier or dividing section or to make any left turn or semi-circular or U-turn on any such divided highway, except at an intersection or interchange or at any signed location designated by the State Highways and Transportation Commission or the Department of Transportation. The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to emergency vehicles, law enforcement vehicles or to vehicles owned by the Commission or the Department.
- C. Whenever any roadway has been divided into three (3) or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following rules in addition to all other consistent herewith shall apply:
1. A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from such lane until the driver has first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.
  2. Upon a roadway which is divided into three (3) lanes, a vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle where the roadway ahead is clearly visible and such center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left turn, or where such center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is signposted to give notice of such allocation.
  3. Upon all highways any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic thereon shall

be driven in the right-hand lane for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb, except as otherwise provided in Sections 304.014 to 304.026, RSMo.

4. Official signs may be erected by the Highways and Transportation Commission or the Highway Patrol may place temporary signs directing slow moving traffic to use a designated lane or allocating specified lanes to traffic moving in the same direction and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every such sign.
  5. Drivers of vehicles proceeding in opposite directions shall pass each other to the right and, except when a roadway has been divided into traffic lanes, each driver shall give to the other at least one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the main traveled portion of the roadway whenever possible.
- D. All vehicles in motion upon a highway having two (2) or more lanes of traffic proceeding in the same direction shall be driven in the right-hand lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle or when preparing to make a proper left turn or when otherwise directed by traffic markings, signs or signals.

#### **SECTION 340.170: PASSING REGULATIONS**

- 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:
1. The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same 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
  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:
1. When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn;
  2. Upon a City street with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width for two (2) or more lines of vehicles in each direction; or
  3. Upon a one-way street.

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.

- C. 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 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.

- D. No vehicle shall at any time be driven to the left side of the roadway under the following conditions:
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.
  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.

### **SECTION 340.180: HAND AND MECHANICAL SIGNALS**

No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of or turn a vehicle from a direct course or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after the giving of an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein.

1. An operator or driver when stopping, or when checking the speed of the operator's vehicle if the movement of other vehicles may reasonably be affected by such checking of speed, shall extend such operator's arm at an angle below horizontal so that the same may be seen in the rear of the vehicle.
2. An operator or driver intending to turn the vehicle to the right shall extend such operator's arm at an angle above horizontal so that the same may be seen in front of and in the rear of the vehicle and shall slow down and approach the intersecting highway as near as practicable to the right side of the highway along which such operator is proceeding before turning.
3. An operator or driver intending to turn the vehicle to the left shall extend such operator's arm in a horizontal position so that the same may be seen in the rear of the vehicle and shall slow down and approach the intersecting highway so that the left side of the vehicle shall be as near as practicable to the centerline of the highway along which the operator is proceeding before turning.
4. The signals herein required shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by a signal light or signal device in good mechanical condition of a 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 of such vehicle, then such signals shall be given by such light or device. A vehicle shall be considered as 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 the 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 combinations 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 of the signaling device upon the vehicle pulling such 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.

**SECTION 340.190: STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS**

- A. The driver of a vehicle upon a highway upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children and whose driver has in the manner prescribed by law given the signal to stop shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion or until signaled by its driver to proceed.
- B. Every bus used for the transportation of school children shall bear upon the front and rear thereon a plainly visible sign containing the words "*School Bus*" in letters not less than eight (8) inches in height. Each bus shall have lettered on the rear in plain and distinct type the following: "*State Law: Stop While Bus is Loading and Unloading*". Each school bus subject to the provisions of Sections 304.050 to 304.070, RSMo., shall be equipped with a mechanical and electrical signaling device approved by the State Board of Education which will display a signal plainly visible from the front and rear and indicating intention to stop.
- C. Every school bus operated to transport students in the public school system which has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than ten thousand (10,000) pounds, which has the engine mounted entirely in front of the windshield and the entrance door behind the front wheels, and which is used for the transportation of school children shall be equipped with a crossing control arm. The crossing control arm, when activated, shall extend a minimum of five (5) feet six (6) inches from the face of the front bumper. The crossing control arm shall be attached on the right side of the front bumper and shall be activated by the same controls which activate the mechanical and electrical signaling devices described in Subsection (B) of this Section. This Subsection may be cited as "Jessica's Law" in commemoration of Jessica Leicht and all other Missouri school children who have been injured or killed during the operation of a school bus.
- D. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the driver of a school bus in the process of loading or unloading students upon a street or highway shall activate the mechanical and electrical signaling devices, in the manner prescribed by the State Board of Education, to communicate to drivers of other vehicles that students are loading or unloading. A public school district has the authority pursuant to Section 304.050, RSMo., to adopt a policy which provides that the driver of a school bus in the process of loading or unloading students upon a divided highway of four (4) or more lanes may pull off of the main roadway and load or unload students without activating the mechanical and electrical signaling devices in a manner which gives the signal for other drivers to stop and may use the amber signaling devices to alert motorists that the school bus is slowing to a stop; provided that the passengers are not required to cross any traffic lanes and also provided that the emergency flashing signal lights are activated in a manner which indicates that drivers should proceed with caution and, in such case, the driver of a vehicle may proceed past the school bus with due caution. No driver of a school bus shall take on or discharge passengers at any location upon a highway consisting of four (4) or more lanes of traffic, whether or not divided by a median or barrier, in such manner as to require the passengers to cross more than two (2) lanes of traffic; nor shall any passengers be taken on or discharged while the vehicle is upon the road or highway proper unless the vehicle so stopped is plainly visible for at least five hundred (500) feet in each direction to drivers of other vehicles in the case of a highway with no shoulder and a speed limit greater than sixty (60) miles per hour and at least three hundred (300) feet in each direction to drivers of other vehicles upon other highways, and on all highways, only for such time as is actually necessary to take on and discharge passengers.
- E. The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or overtaking a school bus which is on a different roadway, which is proceeding in the opposite direction on a highway containing four (4) or more lanes of traffic, or which is stopped in a loading

zone constituting a part of, or adjacent to, a limited or controlled access highway at a point where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.

**SECTION 340.200: RIGHT-OF-WAY AT INTERSECTION—SIGNS AT INTERSECTIONS**

- A. The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle which has entered the intersection from a different highway, provided however, there is no form of traffic control at such intersection.
- B. When two (2) vehicles enter an intersection from different highways at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the driver of the vehicle on the right. This Subsection shall not apply to vehicles approaching each other from opposite directions when the driver of one (1) of such vehicles is attempting to or is making a left turn.
- C. The driver of a vehicle within an intersection intending to turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.
- D. The driver of a vehicle intending to make a left turn into an alley, private road or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction when the making of such left turn would create a traffic hazard.
- E. The City may, on any section of road where construction or major maintenance operations are being effected, fix a speed limit in such areas by posting of appropriate signs, and the operation of a motor vehicle in excess of such speed limit in the area so posted shall be deemed prima facie evidence of careless and imprudent driving and a violation of Section 340.150.

**SECTION 340.210: DISTANCE AT WHICH VEHICLE MUST FOLLOW**

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. This Section shall in no manner affect Section 304.044, RSMo., relating to distance between trucks traveling on the highway.



## CHAPTER 342: ALCOHOL-RELATED TRAFFIC OFFENSES

*Cross Reference—As to reimbursement of certain costs related to arrest under this chapter, §125.290; as to open container law, §600.120(F); as to persons eighteen years or older may sell or handle liquor or beer, §600.110(A); as to sales to minor—exceptions, §600.110(B); as to misrepresentation of age by minor to obtain liquor—use of altered driver's license, passport or i.d. cards, penalties, §600.110(C); as to purchase or possession of alcohol by a minor, §600.110(D).*

### SECTION 342.010: DEFINITIONS

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have these prescribed meanings:

*DRIVE, DRIVING, OPERATES OR OPERATING:* Physically driving or operating a motor vehicle.

*INTOXICATED CONDITION:* A person is in an "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.

### SECTION 342.020: DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

A person commits the offense of "driving while intoxicated" if he/she operates a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated or drugged condition. 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 342.030: 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.

### SECTION 342.040: CHEMICAL TEST FOR ALCOHOL CONTENT—CONSENT IMPLIED—ADMINISTERED—WHEN—HOW—VIDEOTAPING OF CHEMICAL OR FIELD SOBRIETY TEST ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE

- A. Any person who operates a motor vehicle upon the public highways of this City shall be deemed to have given consent to, subject to the provisions of Sections 577.020 to 577.041, RSMo., a chemical test or tests of the person's breath, blood, saliva or urine for the purpose of determining the alcohol or drug content of the person's blood pursuant to the following circumstances:

1. If the person is arrested for any offense arising out of acts which the arresting officer had reasonable grounds to believe were committed while the person was driving a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated or drugged condition;
2. If the person is under the age of twenty-one (21), has been stopped by a Law Enforcement Officer, and the Law Enforcement Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that such person was driving a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content of two-hundredths of one percent (.02%) or more by weight;
3. If the person is under the age of twenty-one (21), has been stopped by a Law Enforcement Officer, and the Law Enforcement Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that such person has committed a violation of the traffic laws of the State or any political subdivision of the State, and such officer has reasonable grounds to believe, after making such stop, that such person has a blood alcohol content of two-hundredths of one percent (.02%) or greater;
4. If the person is under the age of twenty-one (21), has been stopped at a sobriety checkpoint or roadblock, and the Law Enforcement Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that such person has a blood alcohol content of two-hundredths of one percent (.02%) or greater;
5. If the person, while operating a motor vehicle, has been involved in a motor vehicle collision which resulted in a fatality or a readily apparent serious physical injury as defined in Section 565.002, RSMo., and has been arrested as evidenced by the issuance of a uniform traffic ticket for the violation of any State law or County or municipal ordinance with the exception of equipment violations contained in Chapter 307, RSMo., or similar provisions contained in County or municipal ordinances; or
6. If the person, while operating a motor vehicle, has been involved in a motor vehicle collision which resulted in a fatality.

The test shall be administered at the direction of the Law Enforcement Officer whenever the person has been arrested or stopped for any reason.

- B. The implied consent to submit to the chemical tests listed in Subsection (A) of this Section shall be limited to not more than two (2) such tests arising from the same arrest, incident or charge.
- C. Chemical analysis of the person's breath, blood, saliva or urine to be considered valid pursuant to the provisions of Sections 577.020 to 577.041, RSMo., shall be performed according to methods approved by the State Department of Health by licensed medical personnel or by a person possessing a valid permit issued by the State Department of Health for this purpose.
- D. The person tested may have a physician, or a qualified technician, chemist, registered nurse or other qualified person at the choosing and expense of the person to be tested, administer a test in addition to any administered at the direction of a Law Enforcement Officer. The failure or inability to obtain an additional test by a person shall not preclude the admission of evidence relating to the test taken at the direction of a Law Enforcement Officer.
- E. Upon the request of the person who is tested, full information concerning the test shall be made available to him/her.
- F. Any person given a chemical test of the person's breath pursuant to Subsection (A) of this Section or a field sobriety test may be videotaped during any such test at the direction of the Law Enforcement Officer. Any such video recording made during the chemical test pursuant to this

Subsection or a field sobriety test shall be admissible as evidence for a violation of any municipal ordinance or any license revocation or suspension proceeding pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 302, RSMo.

**SECTION 342.050: CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN MOVING MOTOR VEHICLE—PROHIBITED WHEN**

- A. No person shall consume any alcoholic beverage while operating a moving motor vehicle upon the highways.
- B. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Section is guilty of an infraction.
- C. Any infraction under this Section shall not reflect on any records with the Department of Revenue.



## **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.

### **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.
- 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.

### **SECTION 345.030: PEDESTRIANS TO USE RIGHT-HALF OF CROSSWALKS**

Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right-half of crosswalks.

### **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.

### **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.

**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.

**SECTION 345.070: OBEDIENCE OF PEDESTRIANS TO BRIDGE**

- 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.
- B. No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over or under any crossing gate or barrier at a bridge when such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

**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.

**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.

## **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.

### **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.

### **SECTION 350.030: OBEDIENCE TO ANGLE PARKING SIGNS OR MARKERS**

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.

### **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.

### **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 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour after sunset and a half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) 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 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour after sunset and a half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) 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 headlamps upon a parked vehicle shall be depressed or dimmed.

**SECTION 350.060: PARKING AGAINST CURB SURROUNDING COURTHOUSE LAWN**

All motor vehicles parked against the curb surrounding the courthouse lawn shall be parked with the left front wheel against said curb and those parked against the outer curb shall be parked with the right front wheel against said outer curb, and all vehicles so parked shall extend from the curb at an angle of forty-five degrees ( $45^\circ$ ). (Ord. No. 12.02 §2, 9-3-40)

**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:
    - a. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
    - 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 (traffic authority) 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. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.
  2. Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pickup 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); or
    - 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. 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.

**SECTION 355.020: PARKING NOT TO OBSTRUCT TRAFFIC**

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.

**SECTION 355.025: PARKING IN OR UPON UTILITY EASEMENTS**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any automobile, truck or other vehicle in or upon or otherwise obstruct any utility easement in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri; provided however, that any truck or other vehicle may be stopped in or upon any utility easement for such reasonable time as may be required for loading or unloading freight. (Ord. No. 12.29A §§1–2, 9-13-83)

**SECTION 355.030: PARKING IN ALLEYS**

- A. 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.
- B. The City Superintendent is hereby authorized to issue thirty (30) minute alley parking permits to be used for commercial vehicles only when in his/her discretion it is necessary for such vehicles to be permitted to use such alley in the process of loading and unloading. (Ord. No. 12.21 §2, 11-14-78)

**SECTION 355.040: PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES PROHIBITED**

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

1. Displaying such vehicle for sale; or
2. Repair such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

**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.

**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 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.

**SECTION 355.070: STANDING OR PARKING ON ONE-WAY STREETS**

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.

**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.

**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.

**SECTION 355.100: PHYSICALLY DISABLED PARKING**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or stand any vehicle in any stall or space designated or reserved for physically disabled persons, as defined in Section 301.142, RSMo., as amended, whether upon public or private property open to public use, unless the vehicle bears the State of Missouri license plate or placard for the disabled as provided for in Sections 301.071 or 301.142, RSMo., as amended. The space shall be indicated by an upright sign whether on a pole or attached to a building upon which shall be inscribed the international symbol of accessibility and may also include any appropriate wording to indicate that the space is reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles which display a distinguishing license plate or card. The sign described in this Subsection shall also state, or an additional sign shall be posted below or adjacent to the sign stating, the following: "\$50 to \$300 fine".
- B. Any vehicle operator who is not physically disabled shall not use the handicapped parking space

unless there is a physically disabled person in the vehicle or while the vehicle is being used to transport a physically disabled person.

- C. Any person convicted of violating this Section is guilty of an offense and shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Every day upon which such violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

#### **SECTION 355.110: OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES ON PARKING LOTS**

- A. No person shall drive any self-propelled vehicle or bicycle upon a parking lot or into a parking lot carelessly and imprudently in a willful or wanton disregard of the rights and safety of others or without due caution and care and in a speed or in a manner so as to endanger any person or property. No person shall park on a parking lot if the business is closed.
- B. The term "*parking lot*", as used in this Section, shall mean any building or parcel of land regularly used, in whole or in part, for the storing or parking of more than five (5) motor vehicles and which is open to the general public including, but not limited to, drive-in facilities, commercial courtesy lots and lots for which a fee is charged. The term "*parking lot*" shall not include lots owned by a person and operated for the exclusive use of such person or his/her employees.
- C. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. No. 12.38 §§1–3, 12-12-89)

#### **SECTION 355.120: TRUCK, TRACTOR OR TRAILER PARKING**

No person shall park a truck, tractor or trailer with a license weight in excess of twenty-four thousand (24,000) pounds on any residential street within the City limits of Mount Vernon, Missouri, between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M., except for loading and unloading where the same does not exceed thirty (30) minutes or otherwise violate the ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, pertaining to parking; nor shall any person use any street for the purpose of repairing or reconditioning any such truck, tractor, trailer or any common carrier or any part thereof except when such repairs shall be necessitated by an emergency. (Ord. No. 12.21 §5, 11-14-78)

#### **SECTION 355.130: PARKING ON PUBLIC SQUARE STREETS OR ALLEYS**

No person, firm or corporation shall park on the public square, streets or alleys of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, any motor vehicle which does not have displayed thereon the license plate or set of license plates issued by the Director of the Department of Revenue of the State of Missouri, or other State if other than Missouri, for that vehicle indicating current registration. (Ord. No. 12.02 §5, 9-3-40; Ord. No. 12.35 §1, 3-8-88)

**SECTION 355.140: PARKING A VEHICLE IN PARKING LOTS OF CITY PARKS AFTER CLOSING HOURS**

- A. No person shall park, cause to be parked or allow to be parked, any vehicle within and upon the parking lots for the parks of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, after closing time for said parks.
- B. The closing time for the parks of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, is 11:00 P.M. or the time at which the park functions, as supervised by proper officials, shall cease, whichever time is sooner.
- C. Impounding of automobiles for violations of this Section will be governed by the provisions of Section 220.060 et seq. of the City Code of Mount Vernon, Missouri. (Ord. No. 8.10 §§1–5, 5-8-84)



## **CHAPTER 360: STOPPING FOR LOADING OR UNLOADING ONLY**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 pickup 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.

### **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.

**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.
- 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.
- 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.

**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.

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

**SECTION 365.010: APPLICATION OF CHAPTER**

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.

**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.

**SECTION 365.030: PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets described by ordinance.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## **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.

### **SECTION 370.020: DUTIES OF VIOLATIONS BUREAU**

The following duties are hereby imposed upon the Violations Bureau in reference to traffic 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.

### **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 traffic laws and ordinances 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. Said records shall be public records.

### **SECTION 370.040: ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF VIOLATIONS BUREAU**

The Violations Bureau shall follow such procedure as may be prescribed by the traffic ordinances of the City or as may be required by any laws of this State.



## **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 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.

### **SECTION 375.020: PROCEDURE OF POLICE OFFICERS**

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 Rules.

### **SECTION 375.030: UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS 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 or other citation for the driver to answer to the charge against him/her within seven (7) days during the hours and at a place specified in the traffic ticket.



## 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:

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.
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.

#### 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.
- D. Any person who knowingly operates a motor vehicle without the lamps required in this Section in operable condition is guilty of an infraction.

#### **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 (300) 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 300.020 of this Title and on buses owned or operated by churches, mosques, synagogues, temples or other houses of worship, but are prohibited on other motor vehicles, motorcycles and motor-drawn vehicles except as a means for indicating a right or left turn.

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

At the times when lighted lamps are required, at least two (2) lighted lamps shall be displayed, one (1) 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 spotlamp 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 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 an ordinance violation.

**ARTICLE II. OTHER VEHICLE EQUIPMENT****SECTION 380.140: OTHER EQUIPMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

- A. *Signaling Devices.* Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a horn, directed forward, or whistle in good working order capable of emitting a sound adequate in quantity and volume to give warning of the approach of such vehicle to other users of the highway and to pedestrians. Such signaling device shall be used for warning purposes only and shall not be used for making any unnecessary noise, and no other sound-producing signaling device shall be used at any time.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, street or road of this City, commercial motor vehicles and trailers 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.

#### **SECTION 380.145: TAILGATES**

Tailgates on vehicles shall not be left in a down position when parked alongside or on any street within the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri. (Ord. No. 12.48 §7, 9-8-92)

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

- A. All motor vehicles and every trailer and semi-trailer 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 semi-trailer as a result of wind

pressure or air pressure and/or by the movement of the vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer 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 semi-trailer while being transported or carried.

- B. Operation of a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer in violation of this Section shall be an ordinance violation, and any person convicted thereof shall be punished as provided by Section 100.220 of this Code.

#### **SECTION 380.160: SEAT BELTS**

- A. As used in this Section, the term "*truck*" means a motor vehicle designed, used or maintained for the transportation of property.
- B. 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, motortricycles and trucks with a licensed gross weight of twelve thousand (12,000) pounds or more.
- C. 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 passengers of a passenger car manufactured after January 1, 1968, operated on a street or highway in the City, and persons less than eighteen (18) years of age operating or riding in a truck, as defined in Subsection (A) of this Section, on a street or highway of 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. 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 their body, nor shall the provisions of this Section be applicable to persons while operating or riding a motor vehicle being used in agricultural work-related activities. Non-compliance with this Subsection shall not constitute probable cause for violation of any other provision of law. Each person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Section is 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.
- D. Each driver of a motor vehicle transporting a child four (4) years of age or more, but less than sixteen (16) years of age, shall secure the child in a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt.
- E. If there are more persons than there are seat belts in the enclosed area of a motor vehicle, then the driver and passengers are not in violation of this Section.

#### **SECTION 380.170: CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM**

- 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 found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus court costs.

C. This Section shall not apply to any public carrier for hire.

**SECTION 380.180: VISION-REDUCING MATERIAL APPLIED TO WINDSHIELD OR WINDOWS WITHOUT PERMIT PROHIBITED—PENALTY—RULES—PROCEDURE**

- A. Any person may operate a motor vehicle with front sidewing vents or windows located immediately to the left and right of the driver that have 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%). Except as provided in Subsection (C) of this Section, any sun-screening device applied to front sidewing vents or windows located immediately to the left and right of the driver in excess of the requirements of this Section shall be prohibited without a permit pursuant to a physician's prescription as described below. A permit to operate a motor vehicle with front sidewing vents or windows located immediately to the left and right of the driver that have a sun-screening device, in conjunction with safety glazing material, which permits less light transmission and luminous reflectance than allowed under the requirements of this Subsection may be issued by the Department of Public Safety to a person having a serious medical condition which requires the use of a sun-screening device if the permittee's physician prescribes its use. 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 any titleholder or relative within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity, which shall mean a spouse, each grandparent, parent, brother, sister, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, child and grandchild of a person who resides in the household. Except as provided in Subsection (B) of this Section, all sun-screening devices applied to the windshield of a motor vehicle are prohibited.
- B. This Section shall not prohibit labels, stickers, decalcomania 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 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.
- C. Any vehicle licensed with a historical license plate shall be exempt from the requirements of this Section.
- D. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section is guilty of an ordinance violation.

**SECTION 380.190: HEADGEAR REQUIRED—MOTORCYCLES OR MOTORTRICYCLES**

- A. Every person operating or riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motortricycle, as defined in this Title, upon any highway of this City shall wear protective headgear at all times the vehicle is in motion. The protective headgear shall meet reasonable standards and specifications established by the Director of Revenue.
- B. The penalty for failure to wear protective headgear as required by Subsection (A) of this Section shall be deemed an infraction for which a fine not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) may be imposed. Notwithstanding all other provisions of law and court rules to the contrary, no court costs shall be imposed upon any person due to such violation. No points shall be assessed pursuant to Section 302.302, RSMo., for a failure to wear such protective headgear.

**SECTION 380.200: STUDED TIRES—PROHIBITED WHEN**

No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any road or highway of this City between the first (1st) day of April and the first (1st) day of November while the motor vehicle is equipped with tires containing metal or carbide studs.

**SECTION 380.210: RESTRICTION ON USE OF METAL-TIRED VEHICLES**

- A. No metal-tired vehicle shall be operated over any of the improved highways of this City, except over highways constructed of gravel or claybound gravel, if such vehicle has on the periphery of any of the road wheels any lug, flange, cleat, ridge, bolt or any projection of metal or wood which projects radially beyond the tread or traffic surface of the tire unless the highway is protected by putting down solid planks or other suitable material or by attachments to the wheels so as to prevent such vehicles from damaging the highway, except that this prohibition shall not apply to tractors or traction engines equipped with what is known as caterpillar treads when such caterpillar does not contain any projection of any kind likely to injure the surface of the road. Tractors, traction engines and similar vehicles may be operated which have upon their road wheels "V" shaped, diagonal or other cleats arranged in such manner as to be continuously in contact with the road surface if the gross weight on the wheels per inch of width of such cleats or road surface, when measured in the direction of the axle of the vehicle, does not exceed eight hundred (800) pounds.
- B. No tractor, tractor engine or other metal-tired vehicle weighing more than four (4) tons, including the weight of the vehicle and its load, shall drive onto, upon or over the edge of any improved highway without protecting such edge by putting down solid planks or other suitable material to prevent such vehicle from breaking off the edges of the pavement.
- C. Any person violating this Section, whether operating pursuant to a permit or not, or who shall willfully or negligently damage a highway, shall be liable for the amount of such damage caused to any highway, bridge, culvert or sewer, and any vehicle causing such damage shall be subject to a lien for the full amount of such damage, which lien shall not be superior to any duly recorded or filed chattel mortgage or other lien previously attached to such vehicle; the amount of such damage may be recovered in any action in any court of competent jurisdiction.

**SECTION 380.220: PASSENGERS IN TRUCKS**

- A. As used in this Section, the term "*truck*" means a motor vehicle designed, used or maintained for the transportation of property.
- B. No person shall operate any truck, as defined in Subsection (A) of this Section, 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 the 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 unenclosed bed of such truck when the truck is in operation.
- C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to:
  - 1. Any employee engaged in the necessary discharge of the employee's duties where it is necessary to ride in the unenclosed bed of the truck;

2. Any person while engaged in agricultural activities where it is necessary to ride in the unenclosed bed of the truck;
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;
4. 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;
5. 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 a lack of available seating. "*Special event*", for the purposes of this Section, is a specific social activity of a definable duration which is participated in by the person riding in the unenclosed bed;
6. Any person riding in the unenclosed bed of a truck if such truck is being operated solely for the purposes of providing assistance to, or ensuring the safety of, other persons engaged in a recreational activity; or
7. 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 the truck. For the purposes of this Section, the term "*family*" shall mean any persons related within the first degree of consanguinity.

**SECTION 380.230: ALTERING PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE BY RAISING FRONT OR REAR OF VEHICLE PROHIBITED, WHEN-BUMPERS FRONT AND REAR REQUIRED, WHEN CERTAIN VEHICLES EXEMPT**

- A. No person shall operate any passenger motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways of this City, the body of which has been altered in such a manner that the front or rear of the vehicle is raised at such an angle as to obstruct the vision of the operator of the street or highway in front or to the rear of the vehicle.
- B. Every motor vehicle which is licensed in this State and operated upon the public streets or highways of this City shall be equipped with front and rear bumpers if such vehicle was equipped with bumpers as standard equipment. This Subsection shall not apply to motor vehicles designed or modified primarily for off-highway purposes while such vehicles are in tow or to motorcycles or motor-driven cycles or to motor vehicles registered as historic motor vehicles when the original design of such vehicles did not include bumpers nor shall the provisions of this Subsection prohibit the use of drop bumpers. Maximum bumper heights of both the front and rear bumpers of motor vehicles shall be determined by weight category of gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) measured from a level surface to the highest point of the bottom of the bumper when the vehicle is unloaded and the tires are inflated to the manufacturer's recommended pressure. Maximum bumper heights are as follows:

	Maximum front bumper height	Maximum rear bumper height
Motor vehicles except commercial motor vehicles	22 inches	22 inches
Commercial motor vehicles (GVWR) 4,500 lbs. and under	24 inches	26 inches
4,501 lbs. through 7,500 lbs.	27 inches	29 inches
7,501 lbs. through 9,000 lbs.	28 inches	30 inches

**SECTION 380.240: USE OF JAKE BRAKE PROHIBITED**

- A. It shall be unlawful to operate or use a Jacobs Engine brake or other engine braking device in the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, except in emergencies. For the purpose of this Section, a Jacobs Engine brake is a hydraulic-electric engine attachment that converts a diesel engine into an air compressor by changing engine exhaust valve operation.
- B. Notice of this Section shall be posted at the place where the boundary of the City joins or crosses any highway by an appropriate sign notifying motorists of the passage of this Section. (Ord. No. 12.55 §§1–2, 7-11-00)

**SECTION 380.250: LOUD SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEMS PROHIBITED**

- A. No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street, highway, alley, parking lot or driveway shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system from within the vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of seventy-five (75) feet in residential areas and fifty (50) feet in commercial areas from the vehicle.
- B. *"Sound amplification system"* means any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loud speaker or other electronic device used for the amplification of sound.
- C. *"Plainly audible"* means any sound produced by a sound amplification system from within the vehicle which clearly can be heard at a distance of seventy-five (75) feet in residential areas and fifty (50) feet in commercial areas. Measurement standards shall be by the auditory senses based upon direct line of sight. Words or phrases need not be discernible and bass reverberations are included. The motor vehicle may be stopped, standing, parked or moving on a street, highway, alley, parking lot or driveway.
- D. It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this Section that the operator was not otherwise prohibited by law from operating the sound amplification system, and that any of the following apply:
  - 1. The system was being operated to request medical or vehicular assistance or to warn of a hazardous road condition;
  - 2. The vehicle was an emergency or public safety vehicle;

3. The vehicle was owned and operated by the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri, or a gas, electric, communications or refuse company;
4. The system was used for the purpose of giving instructions, directions, talks, addresses, lectures or transmitting music to any persons or assemblages of persons in compliance with ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri;
5. The vehicle was used in authorized public activities, such as parades, fireworks, sports events, musical productions and other activities, which have the approval of the department of the City authorized to grant such approval. (Ord. No. 12.49 §§1–2, 9-8-92)



## CHAPTER 385: BICYCLES AND MOTORIZED BICYCLES

### SECTION 385.010: BICYCLE AND MOTORIZED BICYCLE—DEFINED

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall mean:

*BICYCLE*: Every vehicle propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride, having two (2) tandem wheels, except scooters and similar devices.

*MOTORIZED BICYCLE*: Any two- or three-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. A motorized bicycle shall be considered a motor vehicle for purposes of any homeowners' or renters' insurance policy.

### SECTION 385.020: BRAKES REQUIRED

Every bicycle and motorized bicycle shall be equipped with a brake or brakes which will enable its driver to stop the bicycle or motorized bicycle within twenty-five (25) feet from a speed of ten (10) miles per hour on dry, level, clean pavement.

### SECTION 385.030: LIGHTS AND REFLECTORS—WHEN REQUIRED—STANDARDS TO BE MET

Every bicycle and motorized bicycle when in use on a street or highway during the period from one-half (½) hour after sunset to one-half (½) hour before sunrise shall be equipped with the following:

- .1. A front-facing lamp on the front or carried by the rider which shall emit a white light visible at night under normal atmospheric conditions on a straight, level, unlighted roadway at five hundred (500) feet;
- .2. A rear-facing red reflector, at least two (2) square inches in reflective surface area, or a rear-facing red lamp on the rear which shall be visible at night under normal atmospheric conditions on a straight, level, unlighted roadway when viewed by a vehicle driver under the lower beams of vehicle headlights at six hundred (600) feet;
- .3. Reflective material and/or lights on any part of the bicyclist's pedals, crank arms, shoes or lower leg visible from the front and the rear at night under normal atmospheric conditions on a straight, level, unlighted roadway when viewed by a vehicle driver under the lawful lower beams of vehicle headlights at two hundred (200) feet; and
- .4. Reflective material and/or lights visible on each side of the bicycle or bicyclist and visible at night under normal atmospheric conditions on a straight, level, unlighted roadway when viewed by a vehicle driver under the lawful lower beams of vehicle headlights at three hundred (300) feet. The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to motorized bicycles which comply with National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration regulations relating to reflectors on motorized bicycles.

**SECTION 385.040: RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF BICYCLE AND MOTORIZED BICYCLE RIDERS**

Every person riding a bicycle or motorized bicycle upon a street or highway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle as provided by Chapter 304, RSMo., and this Title, except as to special regulations in this Chapter, and except as to those provisions of Chapter 304, RSMo., and this Title, which by their nature can have no application.

**SECTION 385.050: RIDING TO RIGHT—REQUIRED FOR BICYCLES AND MOTORIZED BICYCLES—MANDATORY USE OF BICYCLE PATH BY BICYCLES**

Every person operating a bicycle or motorized bicycle at less than the posted speed or slower than the flow of traffic upon a street or highway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as safe, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction, except when making a left turn, when avoiding hazardous conditions, when the lane is too narrow to share with another vehicle, or when on a one-way street. Bicyclists may ride abreast when not impeding other vehicles.

**SECTION 385.060: PENALTY FOR VIOLATION**

Any person seventeen (17) years of age or older who violates any provision of this Chapter is guilty of an infraction and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). If any person under seventeen (17) years of age violates any provision of this Chapter in the presence of a Peace Officer possessing the duty and power of arrest for violation of the general criminal laws of the State or for violation of ordinances of Counties or municipalities of the State, said officer may impound the bicycle or motorized bicycle involved for a period not to exceed five (5) days upon issuance of a receipt to the child riding it or to its owner.

**SECTION 385.070: MOTORIZED BICYCLES—LICENSE REQUIRED**

- A. No person shall operate a motorized bicycle on any highways, streets or roads in this City unless the person has a valid license to operate a motor vehicle.
- B. No motorized bicycle may be operated on any public thoroughfare located within this City which has been designated as part of the Federal interstate highway system.

**SECTION 385.080: EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

No person shall operate a motorized bicycle on any highways, streets or roads in this City unless it is equipped in accordance with the minimum requirements for construction and equipment of MOPEDS, Regulation VESC-17, approved July, 1977, as promulgated by the Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission.

## **CHAPTER 390: LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

### **ARTICLE I. OPERATOR'S LICENSES**

#### **SECTION 390.010: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED**

A person commits the offense of driving while revoked if he/she operates a motor vehicle on a highway when his/her license or driving privilege has been canceled, suspended or revoked under the laws of this State or any other State and acts with criminal negligence with respect to knowledge of the fact that his/her driving privilege has been canceled, suspended or revoked.

#### **SECTION 390.020: 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 390.040, to:

- .1. Operate any vehicle upon any highway in this City unless the person has a valid license as required by Chapter 302, RSMo., or a temporary instruction permit issued in compliance with Section 302.130, RSMo., or an intermediate driver's license issued in compliance with Section 302.178, RSMo., in his/her possession;
- .2. Operate a motorcycle or motortricycle upon any highway of this City unless such person has a valid license that shows the person has successfully passed an examination for the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle as prescribed by the Director of Revenue. The Director of Revenue may indicate such upon a valid license issued to such person or shall issue a license restricting the applicant to the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle if the actual demonstration, required by Section 302.173, RSMo., is conducted on such vehicle;
- .3. Authorize or knowingly permit a motorcycle or motortricycle owned by such person or under such person's 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;
- .4. Operate a motor vehicle with an instruction permit, intermediate driver's license or license issued to another person;
- .5. Operate a motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of Sections 302.130 and 302.178, RSMo., regarding accompaniment by a qualified driver or stated hours of operation; or
- .6. Drive a commercial motor vehicle, unless fully licensed in compliance with Chapter 302, RSMo., except when operating under an instruction permit as provided for in Section 302.720, RSMo.

*Note—Under certain circumstances this offense can be a felony under state law.*

**SECTION 390.030: 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.;
- .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;
- .9. Operate a motor vehicle in any manner in violation of the restrictions imposed in a restricted license; or
- .10. Fail to carry his/her instruction permit, valid operator'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.

**SECTION 390.040: 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.; or
- .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. VEHICLE LICENSING**

### **SECTION 390.050: STATE VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES REQUIRED**

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 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.

### **SECTION 390.055: REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATED FOR FIRST TIME IN STATE**

Application for registration of a motor vehicle not previously registered in Missouri, operated for the first time on the public highways of this State, 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 City.

### **SECTION 390.060: 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 motor scooters shall be displayed on the rear of such vehicles, with the letters and numbers thereon right side up. The license plate on buses, other than school buses, and 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, or if two (2) plates are issued for the vehicle pursuant to Subsection (5) of Section 301.130, RSMo., displayed in the same manner on the front and rear of such vehicles. 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 390.070: UNAUTHORIZED PLATES, TAGS, STICKERS, SIGNS**

No person shall operate a motor vehicle or trailer on which there is displayed on the front or rear thereof any other plate, tag or placard bearing any number except the plate furnished by the Director of Revenue or the placard herein authorized and the official license tag of any municipality of this State, nor shall there be displayed on any motor vehicle or trailer a placard, sign or tag bearing the words "license lost", "license applied for", or words of similar import as a substitute for such number plates or such placard.

**SECTION 390.080: 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 390.090: CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP REQUIRED FOR REGISTERED VEHICLE**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate in this City a motor vehicle or trailer required to be registered as provided by law unless a certificate of ownership has been issued.

**SECTION 390.100: TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP UPON SALE OF VEHICLE**

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 an 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 390.110: 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 trade-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. As used in this Section, the term "*trade-in motor vehicle or trailer*" shall include any single motor vehicle or trailer sold by the buyer of the newly purchased vehicle or trailer, as long as the license plates for the trade-in motor vehicle or trailer are still valid.

#### **SECTION 390.120: 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 thirty (30) days after taking possession thereof if during such period the motor vehicle or trailer shall have attached thereto, in the manner required by 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 of the number plates, as a guarantee that said buyer will return to the dealer such number plates within thirty (30) days.

#### **SECTION 390.130: 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.

### **ARTICLE III. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

#### **SECTION 390.140: FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRED**

- A. No owner of a motor vehicle registered in this State or required to be registered in this State shall operate the vehicle, or authorize any other person to operate the vehicle registered, or maintain registration of a motor vehicle, or permit another person to operate such vehicle upon the streets or the alleys of this City unless the owner maintains the financial responsibility as required in this Section which conforms to the requirements of the laws of this State. 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 the person's operation of the other's vehicle. However, no owner shall be in violation of this Subsection if he/she fails to maintain financial responsibility on a motor vehicle which is inoperable or being stored and not in operation.
- B. 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.
- C. Proof of financial responsibility may be shown by any of the following:

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 liability 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 named 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.
  2. A certificate of the State Treasurer of a cash or security deposit according to Section 303.240, RSMo.
  3. A surety bond according to Section 303.230, RSMo.
- D. 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 an insured motor vehicle shall exhibit the insurance identification card on the demand of any Peace Officer, commercial vehicle enforcement officer or commercial vehicle inspector who lawfully stops such operator or investigates an accident while that officer or inspector is engaged in the performance of the officer's or inspector's duties.
- E. However, no person shall be found guilty of violating this Section if the operator demonstrates to the court that he/she met the financial responsibility requirements of Section 303.025, RSMo., at the time the Peace Officer wrote the citation.
- F. Any person who violates any provisions of this Section shall be guilty of an ordinance violation and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each and every violation.

**SECTION 390.150: DISPLAY OF FALSE EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE, PENALTY, CONFISCATION OF FALSE EVIDENCE**

No person shall display evidence of insurance to a Law Enforcement Officer knowing there is no valid liability insurance in effect on the motor vehicle as required pursuant to this Article or knowing the evidence of insurance is illegally altered, counterfeit or otherwise invalid as evidence of insurance. If the Law Enforcement Officer issues a citation to a motor vehicle operator for displaying invalid evidence of insurance, the officer shall confiscate the evidence for presentation in court. Any person convicted of violating this Section is guilty of an ordinance violation.

**SECTION 390.160: ALTERATION, PRODUCTION OR SALE OF INVALID INSURANCE CARD**

No person shall alter an invalid insurance card to make it appear valid. No person knowingly shall make, sell or otherwise make available an invalid or counterfeit insurance card. Any person who violates this Section is guilty of an ordinance violation.

## SCHEDULE I. SPEED LIMITS

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 320, and when signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of the speeds listed below on the streets as designated.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Speed Limit</i>
Approaches to schools:	
McCanse Street from the intersection with Business Loop I-44, also known as Mount Vernon Boulevard, north to the intersection of Sloan Street.	20 mph
Hickory Street from the intersection with Business Loop I-44, also known as Mount Vernon Boulevard, north to the intersection of Sloan Street.	20 mph
Market Street from the intersection of Business Loop I-44, also known as Mount Vernon Boulevard, north to the intersection of Sloan Street.	20 mph
Blaze Road from the intersection with McCanse Street west to the intersection with Market Street.	20 mph
Landrum Street from the intersection of Business Loop I-44, also known as Mount Vernon Boulevard, north to the intersection of Cherry Street.	20 mph
Division Street from the intersection with West Street west to the intersection of Highway 39, also known as Spring Park Boulevard.	20 mph
Sloan Street from the intersection with West Street west to the intersection of Highway 39, also known as Spring Park Boulevard.	20 mph
Approaches to Town Square:	
Hickory Street from the intersection with South Street north to the intersection with North Street.	20 mph
Main Street from the intersection with South Street north to Dallas Street on the south side of the town square and Main Street from the intersection with North Street south to the intersection of Water Street on the north side of the town square.	20 mph
Market Street from the intersection with South Street north to the intersection of North Street.	20 mph

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Approaches to Town Square (cont);

Dallas Street from the intersection with Hazel Street east to the intersection with Vine Street. 20 mph

Center Street from the intersection with Hazel Street east to the intersection with Market Street on the west side of the town square. 20 mph

Water Street from the intersection with Hazel Street east to the intersection with Vine Street. 20 mph

West North Street:

On and over West North Street from the intersection with North Main Street west to the intersection with Highway 39, also known as Spring Park Boulevard. 35 mph

West Water Street:

From the intersection with North Main Street west to the intersection with Highway 39, also known as Spring Park Boulevard. 35 mph

McVey Street:

From the intersection with Meadow Drive east to the intersection with the east outer road of Interstate Highway I-44. 35 mph

McCanse Street:

From the intersection with Business Loop I-44, also known as Mount Vernon Boulevard, north to the intersection with Center Street. 30 mph

*Exception:* Except for approaches to school zones as hereinabove provided.

Market Street:

From the intersection with Business Loop I-44, also known as Mount Vernon Boulevard, north to the intersection with South Street. 35 mph

*Exception:* Except for approaches to school zones as hereinabove provided.

Landrum Street:

From the intersection with Hayward Drive north to the intersection with Business Loop I-44. 35 mph

Hayward Drive:

From the intersection with Landrum Street west to the intersection with Business Loop I-44. 35 mph

(Ord. No. 12.54 §1(6, C), 2-8-00)

## SCHEDULE II. STOP SIGNS

As authorized by and in accordance with Sections 335.020 and 335.030 of this Title, when signs are erected giving notice thereof, drivers of vehicles shall stop at every intersection or other location, designated herein, before proceeding.

### *Street/Direction of Traffic*

Blaze Road and Hickory Street:

Stop signs posted at west entrance.

East Center and East Street:

Stop signs posted at east and west entrances.

East South Street and Hickory Street:

Four-way stop intersection.

Hickory Street:

From Dallas Street to Mount Vernon Boulevard: four-way stop intersection.

*Exception:* Except at the intersection of Hickory Street and East South Street.

East Street stops at Kirby Street:

Two-way stop intersection.

Crosswalks:(During school sessions—8:15 A.M.—8:45 A.M., 11:30 A.M.—12:40 P.M. and 3:15 P.M.—3:45 P.M.)

Elementary School:

Hickory at Blaze

McCanse at Kirby (three-way stop intersection)

Portable stop sign:

Sloan Street, for the crosswalk between the two middle school buildings during school hours.

(Ord. No. 12.04 §§8(2), 15, 10-3-50; Ord. No. 210, 11-17-53; Ord. No. 219, 11-17-53; Ord. No. 12.12 §2, 7-11-72; Ord. No. 12.15 §§2, 4, 11-7-72; Ord. No. 12.16 §§2–3, 3-6-73; Ord. No. 12.18 §1, 10-2-73; Ord. No. 12.56 §3, 10-10-00)



**SCHEDULE III. PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

As authorized by and in accordance with Section 355.010 of this Title, it shall be unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle to stop, stand or park said motor vehicle at any one time or instance or location, as designated herein, except when necessary to avoid a conflict with the directions of a Police Officer or traffic control sign or signal.

**Table III-A. Parking Prohibited At All Times**

<i>Location</i>	<i>Restriction</i>
Vine Street, east side: Between the junction of East Center Street on the north times and East Dallas Street on the south.	Parking prohibited at all
Sloan Street, north side: Between the junction of Market Street on the west times and Hickory Street on the east.	Parking prohibited at all
Sloan Street, south one-half: Commencing at West Street, thence westward along the times south curb line of Sloan Street to the intersection of Landrum Street.	Parking prohibited at all
McVey, north or south side: Between the junction of South East Street and Lawrence times County Road 1163 within the City limits.	Parking prohibited at all

**Table III-B. Restricted Parking**

<i>Location</i>	<i>Restriction</i>
Hickory Street: That part of Hickory extending southward from the P.M. public square to the alleyway situated between South Street and Pleasant Street.	Two-hour parking only between 8:00 A.M.–6:00
South Street: That part of South Street between Hickory Street and Main Street.	Ten minute parking only between 6:00 A.M.– 10:00 P.M.

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**Schedule III. Parking Restrictions (cont)**

**Table III-C. Handicapped Parking Spaces**

***Location***

East Dallas Street:

A space fifteen (15) feet long on the north side of East Dallas Street and the junction with Hickory Street adjacent to the First National Bank.

Any parking space designated courtesy parking for a period not to exceed twenty-three (23) hours.

(Ord. No. 12.02 §3, 9-3-40; Ord. No. 12.06 §§1–2, 5, 7-6-65; Ord. No. 12.07 §1, 12-6-66; Ord. No. 12.09 §1, 3-2-71; Ord. No. 12.25 §1, 1-8-80; Ord. No. 12.26 §§1, 5, 2-10-81; Ord. No. 12.41 §1, 7-9-91; Ord. No. 12.56 §2, 10-10-00; Ord. No. 12.59 §1, 1-14-03)

## **SCHEDULE IV. THROUGHWAYS**

The following streets or portions thereof are hereby declared throughways and all traffic operation shall come to a complete stop before operating onto or across said street or streets:

### ***Location***

Mount Vernon Boulevard:

From McCanse Avenue to Spring Park Boulevard and mark State Highway No. 166.

Spring Park Boulevard:

From North Street to Mount Vernon Boulevard and marked State Highway No. 39.

Water Street:

From Spring Park Boulevard to Market Street and marked State Highway EE; Water Street from Hickory Street to Market Street and marked State Highway Y.

Market Street:

From Water Street to Mount Vernon Boulevard and marked State Highway EE.

Dallas Street:

From Market Street to Hickory Street and marked State Highway Y.

Hickory Street:

From Dallas Street to Water Street and marked State Highway Y.

Main Street:

From Frisco railroad crossing as now located to Water Street and marked State Highway Y.

Hickory Street:

From Dallas Street to Mount Vernon Boulevard.

McCanse Avenue:

From Center Street to Mount Vernon Boulevard.

Cherry Street:

From Spring Park Boulevard to Market Street; from Market Street to Hickory Street; from Hickory Street to McCanse Avenue; from McCanse to east City limits on said Cherry Street.

Center Street:

From Hickory Street to east City limits on said Center Street.

Pleasant Street:

From Hickory Street to McCanse Avenue.

Sloan Street:

From Landrum Street to Market Street; from Market Street to Hickory Street; from Hickory Street to McCanse Avenue.

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Davis Street:

To intersection with State Highway No. 174, also known as Business Loop I-44, yield right-of-way sign is hereby ordered to be placed on Juanita Drive at the intersection of Davis Street and that all vehicular traffic on Juanita Drive traveling north is hereby required to yield right-of-way to vehicular traffic on Davis Street.

(Ord. No. 12.04 §7, 10-3-50; Ord. No. 210, 11-17-53; Ord. No. 219, 11-17-53; Ord. No. 12.13 §2, 10-3-72; Ord. No. 12.15 §3, 11-7-72)

## **SCHEDULE V. ONE-WAY STREETS**

In accordance with Section 330.020 and when properly signposted, traffic shall move only in the direction indicated upon the following streets:

### ***Location***

#### **Blaze Road:**

From its east boundary of intersection of Blaze Road and with Hickory Street east to its west boundary of intersection of Blaze Road with McCause Street; all vehicular traffic thereon shall be required to move eastwardly and it shall be unlawful for vehicles to move westwardly thereon.

#### **Blaze Road and Division Street:**

One-way traffic south to north:

An alley running north and south, lying and being situated between Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 1 and Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 1, Sloan's 2nd Div., Mount Vernon, Missouri.

An alley running north and south, lying and being situated between Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 2 and Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 2, Sloan's 2nd Div., Mount Vernon, Missouri.

#### **Lynn Street:**

From its south boundary of intersection of Lynn Street and with Blaze Road north to its south boundary of intersection of Lynn Street and with Division Street; all vehicular traffic thereon shall be required to move northerly.

#### **Main Street and Hickory Street:**

One-way traffic west to east:

An alley running east and west, lying and being situated between Lots 3 and 5, Block 12, original survey to the City of Mount Vernon, Missouri.

#### **Public Square:**

All streets on public square shall be one-way only and all vehicles entering thereon shall keep to the right. No vehicle upon entering said square shall turn to the left, except at each corner thereof to avoid traveling on or around said public square.

(Ord. No. 12.02 §1, 9-3-40; Ord. No. 12.04 §8(1), 10-3-50; Ord. No. 210, 11-17-53; Ord. No. 219, 11-17-53; Ord. No. 12.08 §1, 2-4-69; Ord. No. 12.14 §1, 11-7-72; Ord. No. 12.19 §§1-3, 11-14-78)



## **SCHEDULE VI. NO PASSING ZONES**

No passing zones have been established in the following locations:

