

# **TITLE III. TRAFFIC CODES**

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**CHAPTER 300. GENERAL PROVISIONS TO THE TRAFFIC CODE  
PART 1. GENERALLY****SECTION 300.100: MODEL TRAFFIC CODE; ADOPTION AND EXCEPTIONS**

Chapter 300, RSMo., consisting of Sections 300.010 through 300.600, as herein amended and amended from time to time by the State legislature, commonly known as the "Model Traffic Ordinance" is hereby adopted as and for the traffic ordinance of this City with the exception of the following Sections: 300.010(40), 300.015, 300.020 and 300.070. All references to Traffic Division in the Model Traffic Ordinance are changed to read Police Department. All references to streetcars have been deleted.

**SECTION 300.110: PENALTY FOR VIOLATION**

Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of the code Title III. Traffic Code, or any code adopted by reference therein, shall be punished by a fine not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment, plus the cost of prosecution. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided shall apply to the amendment of any code section whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the City may pursue other remedies such as recovery of costs, abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief, and revocation of license or permits.

**SECTION 300.120: SEVERABILITY OF PARTS OF CODE**

It is hereby declared to the intention of the City Council that the titles, chapters, parts, sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this code are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Code shall be declared unconstitutional otherwise invalid by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of these ordinances. The City of Crane, Missouri, Board of Aldermen, hereby declares that it would have passed the same, even though such portions so held to be unconstitutional had not been included therein.

**SECTION 300.130: RULES OF THE ROAD TO BE OBSERVED**

Every person operating or driving a vehicle upon the highways of this state shall observe and comply with the following rules of the road.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.014

**SECTION 300.135: MOVING VIOLATION IN CONSTRUCTION ZONE; PENALTY**

- A. Any moving violation, occurring within any construction zone or work zone, as defined below, shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$250.00, but no more than \$500.00 and/or up to 90 days in jail. A "moving violation" shall mean, any violation where at the time of violation the motor vehicle involved is in motion.
- B. As used in this section, the terms "construction zone" and "work zone" mean any area upon or around any street, highway, alley, or sidewalk of this City, which is visibly marked with signage as an area where construction, maintenance, or other work is temporarily occurring and further including the lanes of any street, highway, or alley leading up to that area upon which an activity described in this subsection is being performed, beginning at the point where signs designating the area as a construction zone or work zone are posted.
- C. The penalty authorized in subsection (A) of this section shall only be assessed by the court if at least one worker is actually present in the construction zone or work zone at the time the moving violation occurs.

**SECTION 300.140: WHEN PERSON CHARGED MAY ELECT TO APPEAR AT TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU**

- A. Any person charged with an offense for which payment of a fine may be made to the traffic violations bureau shall have the option of paying such fine within the time specified in the notice of arrest at the traffic 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 traffic violations bureau shall be deemed an acknowledgment of conviction of the alleged offense, and the traffic violations bureau, upon accepting the prescribed fine, shall issue a receipt to the violator acknowledging payment thereof.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.555

**SECTION 300.145: DUTIES OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU**

The following duties are hereby imposed upon the traffic 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.560

**SECTION 300.150: TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU TO KEEP RECORDS**

The traffic violations bureau shall keep records and submit to the judges hearing violations of municipal 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 traffic 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.565

**SECTION 300.155: ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU**

The traffic 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.570

**CHAPTER 300. GENERAL PROVISIONS TO THE TRAFFIC CODE  
PART 2. DEFINITIONS****SECTION 300.200: DEFINITIONS**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Title III –Traffic Code, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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;
2. Where a highway includes two (2) roadways thirty (30) feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate intersection. In the event such intersecting highway also includes two (2) roadways thirty (30) feet or more apart, then every crossing of two (2) roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection.

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

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

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

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

**OFFICIAL TIME STANDARD:** Whenever certain hours are named herein they shall mean standard time or daylight-saving time as may be in current use in the City.

**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 or using personal devices adapted for use by handicapped persons.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ROADWAY:** That portion of a highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder. In the event a highway includes two (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.

**SCOOTER:** A device that typically has one (1) front and one (1) rear wheel with a low footboard between, is steered by a handlebar, and is propelled either by pushing one (1) foot against the ground while resting the other foot on the footboard or by a motor. A scooter may have more than two (2) wheels.

**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, streetcars and other conveyances either singly or together while using any highway for purposes of travel.

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

**TRAFFIC DIVISION:** The traffic division of the Police Department of the City, or, if a traffic division is not established, then such term whenever used in this chapter shall be deemed to refer to the Police Department of the City.

**VEHICLE:** Any mechanical device on wheels, designed primarily for use, or used, on highways, except motorized bicycles, vehicles propelled or drawn by horses or human power, or vehicles used exclusively on fixed rails or tracks, cotton trailers or motorized wheelchairs operated by handicapped persons.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.010.

**CHAPTER 305. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT  
PART 1. TRAFFIC ADMINISTRATION****SECTION 305.100: RECORDS OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS**

- A. The Police Department or the traffic division thereof 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. The record shall accumulate during at least a five-year period and from that time on the record shall be maintained complete for at least the most recent five-year period.
- B. All forms for records of violations and notices 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.025.

**SECTION 305.105: POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE ACCIDENTS**

It shall be the duty of the Police Department to investigate traffic accidents, and to arrest and to assist in the prosecution of those persons charged with violations of law causing or contributing to such accidents.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.030.

**SECTION 305.110: TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STUDIES**

Whenever the accidents at any particular location become numerous, the Police Department shall cooperate with the City Traffic Engineer in conducting studies of such accidents and determining remedial measures.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.035.

**SECTION 305.115: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.040.

**SECTION 305.120: DRIVER FILES TO BE MAINTAINED**

The Police Department or the traffic division thereof 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.045.

**SECTION 305.125: 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 division for future traffic safety activities.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.050.

**SECTION 305.130: CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER; AUTHORITY OF STATE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

- A. The office of City Traffic Engineer is established. The City engineer or other designated City official designated by the Board of Aldermen 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 chapter.
- 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.060.

**SECTION 305.135: 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 90 days.
- B. The City Traffic Engineer may test traffic control devices under actual conditions of traffic.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.065.

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**CHAPTER 305. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**  
**PART 2. ENFORCEMENT AND OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

**SECTION 305.200: AUTHORITY OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICIALS TO DIRECT TRAFFIC; ENFORCEMENT OF  
TRAFFIC LAWS**

- A. It shall be the duty of the officers of the Police Department or such officers as are assigned by the Chief of Police to enforce all street traffic laws of the City and all of the State vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in the City.
- B. Officers of the Police Department or such officers as are assigned by the Chief of Police are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal in conformance with traffic laws; provided that, in the event of a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police Department may direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws.
- C. Officers of the Fire Department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the Police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.075.

**SECTION 305.205: OBEDIENCE TO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS**

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

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.080.

**SECTION 305.210: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.085.

**SECTION 305.215: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.090.

**SECTION 305.220: 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 such driver to violate any of the provisions of this chapter, except as otherwise permitted in this chapter.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.095.

**SECTION 305.225: IMMEDIATE NOTICE OF ACCIDENT**

The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident 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 immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice of such accident to the Police Department if such accident occurs within the City.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.110.

**SECTION 305.230: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.115.



**SECTION 305.235: NOTICE OF ACCIDENT 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 305.225 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 305.230 and such driver is not the owner of the vehicle, then the owner of the vehicle involved in such accident shall within five days after the accident make such report not made by the driver.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.120.

**SECTION 305.240: PUBLIC INSPECTION OF REPORTS RELATING TO ACCIDENTS**

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

**SECTION 305.245: DUTY OF POLICE OFFICERS TO ENFORCE STATE REGULATIONS**

The officials of the City recognize as applicable, to all highways, streets or alleys within the corporate limits, RSMo 304.014 - 304.026, and all Police Officers are hereby ordered to enforce such provisions or regulations in like manner and effect and in the same manner as the provisions and regulations of this chapter.

**SECTION 305.250: 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 305. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT  
PART 3. PROCEDURE ON ARREST****SECTION 305.300: UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET FORMS; RECORDS OF TRAFFIC  
CITATIONS AND ARRESTS**

- A. The City shall provide books containing uniform traffic tickets as prescribed by Supreme Court rule. The 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 hearing City ordinance violation cases may require that a copy of such record and receipts be filed with the court.
- C. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the issuance of such books to individual members of the Police Department. The Chief of Police shall require a written receipt for every book so issued and shall maintain a record of every such book and each set of citations contained therein.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.575.

**SECTION 305.305: PROCEDURE FOR ISSUANCE OF TRAFFIC TICKETS**

Except when authorized or directed under state law to immediately take a person before the municipal judge for the violation of any traffic laws, a Police Officer who halts a person for such violation other than for the purpose of giving him/her a warning or warning notice and does not take such person into custody under arrest shall issue to him/her a uniform traffic ticket which shall be proceeded upon in accordance with Supreme Court Rule Number 37.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.580.

**SECTION 305.310: UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET TO BE ISSUED WHEN VEHICLE  
ILLEGALLY PARKED OR STOPPED**

Whenever any motor vehicle without driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by ordinance of the City or by state law, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its registration number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a uniform traffic ticket for the driver to answer to the charge against him/her by the assigned court date.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.585.

**SECTION 305.315: WARNING OF ARREST TO BE SENT UPON FAILURE TO APPEAR**

If a violator of the restrictions on stopping, standing or parking under the traffic laws or ordinances does not appear in response to a uniform traffic ticket affixed to such motor vehicle within a period of five days, the traffic violations bureau shall send to the owner of the motor vehicle to which the traffic ticket was affixed a letter informing him/her of the violation and warning him/her that if such letter is disregarded for a period of five days a warrant of arrest will be issued.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.590.

**CHAPTER 305. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT  
PART 4. TOWING****SECTION 305.400: DEFINITIONS**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

**ABANDONED PROPERTY:** Any unattended motor vehicle, trailer, all-terrain vehicle, outboard motor or vessel removed or subject to removal from public or private property as provided in this article, whether or not operational.

**PERSON:** Any natural person, corporation, or other legal entity.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY:** The entire width of land between the boundary lines of a public road or state highway, including any roadway.

**ROADWAY:** That portion of a public road or state highway ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder.

**TOWING COMPANY:** Any person who tows, removes or stores abandoned property.

**Cross references:** Definitions generally, § 300.200.

**SECTION 305.405: ABANDONED VEHICLES PROHIBITED**

No person shall abandon any motor vehicle on the right-of-way of any public road or state highway or on any private real property owned by another without his/her consent.

**SECTION 305.410: OPEN STORAGE OF INOPERABLE VEHICLES OR PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARDS PROHIBITED**

The open storage of inoperable vehicles or other vehicles deemed by the City to constitute a public safety hazard is prohibited. Nothing in this section shall apply to a vehicle which is completely enclosed within a locked building or locked fenced area and not visible from adjacent public or private property, or to any vehicle upon the property of a business licensed as a salvage, swap, or junk dealer, or towing or storage facility, so long as the business is operated in compliance with its business license and the property is in compliance with applicable zoning ordinances.

**SECTION 305.415: OBSTRUCTING FLOW OF TRAFFIC PROHIBITED**

Except in the case of an accident resulting in the injury or death of any person, the driver of a vehicle which for any reason obstructs the regular flow of traffic on the roadway of any public road or state highway shall make every reasonable effort to move the vehicle or have it moved so as not to block the regular flow of traffic.

**SECTION 305.420: TOWING OF VEHICLES OR ABANDONED PROPERTY ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

- A. Any law enforcement officer, or an official of the City where the City's real property is concerned, may authorize a towing company to remove to a place of safety:
1. Any abandoned property on the right-of-way of any state highway or interstate highway or freeway left unattended for more than 48 hours, provided that commercial motor vehicles not hauling waste designated as hazardous under 49 USC 5103(a) may only be removed under this section to a place of safety until the owner or owner's representative has had a reasonable opportunity to contact a towing company of choice.
  2. Any unattended abandoned property illegally left standing upon any highway or bridge if the abandoned property is left in a position or under such circumstances as to obstruct the normal movement of traffic where there is no reasonable indication that the person in control of the property is arranging for its immediate control or removal.
  3. Any abandoned property which has been abandoned under RSMo 385.020 or RSMo 577.080.
  4. Any abandoned property which has been reported as stolen or taken without consent of the owner.
  5. Any abandoned property for which the person operating such property is arrested for an alleged offense for which the officer is required to take the person into custody and where such person is unable to arrange for the property's timely removal.
  6. Any abandoned property which due to any other state law or City ordinance is subject to towing because of the owner's outstanding traffic or parking violations.
  7. Any abandoned property left unattended in violation of a state law or City ordinance where signs have been posted giving notice of the law or where the violation causes a safety hazard.

8. Any car or other vehicle which is illegally parked in any place where such parked vehicle creates or constitutes a traffic hazard, blocks the use of a fire hydrant, or obstructs or may obstruct the movement of any emergency vehicle, hinders or impairs street maintenance work, or interferes with the removal of snow or ice from the City streets, or impairs or endangers the safety of City street and work crews, or which interferes with the progress of any parade designated, permitted and authorized by the board of aldermen.
- B. The City shall designate, with signs or notices posted 24 hours in advance, parade routes and areas of planned maintenance work, and warning for such routes shall indicate that parking is prohibited along such route or work area. Parking of any car or other vehicle on such designated parade route or work area is prohibited. Any car or other vehicle that is parked on such designated route may be towed as provided in this section.
- C. It shall be the duty of the Police Officer before towing such vehicles to make a good faith effort to locate the owner of the vehicle and to give such owner or operator the opportunity to remove the car/vehicle prior to towing, however, in the event of emergency this requirement is not necessary.
- D. When a motor vehicle or other vehicle is abandoned on a City street 48 hours or more in violation of subsection (A)(1) of this section, its removal may be authorized by order of the Chief of Police or other Police Officer so designated provided proper warning notices have been given or provided. Proper notice shall include, but not be limited to, the placement of a warning notice or uniform traffic ticket in a conspicuous place on such abandoned vehicle describing the violation and warning of the potential removal of vehicle.
- E. When the City Police Department authorizes a tow pursuant to this section in which the abandoned property is moved from the immediate vicinity, it shall complete a crime inquiry and inspection report. Any City agency other than the City Police Department authorizing a tow under this section where property is towed away from the immediate vicinity shall report the tow to the City Police Department within two hours of the tow, along with a crime inquiry and inspection report.
- F. If any vehicle is found upon a street, public lot or highway in violation of any section of this chapter, and the identity of the operator cannot be determined, the owner or person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held prima facie responsible for such violation.

**SECTION 305.425: POLICE MAY REMOVE VEHICLE; WHEN**

- A. Members of the Police Department are authorized to remove a vehicle from a street or highway to the nearest garage or other place of safety, or to a garage designated or maintained by the Police Department, or otherwise maintained by the City under the circumstances hereinafter enumerated:
1. When any vehicle is left unattended upon any bridge, viaduct or causeway or in any tube or tunnel where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic;
  2. When a vehicle upon a highway is so disabled as to constitute an obstruction to traffic and the person in charge of the vehicle is by reason of physical injury incapacitated to such an extent as to be unable to provide its custody or removal; or
- B. When any vehicle is left unattended upon a street and is so parked illegally as to constitute a definite hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic.
- C. Whenever an officer removes a vehicle from a street as authorized in this Section and the officer knows or is able to ascertain from the registration records in the vehicle the name and address of the owner thereof, such officer shall immediately give or cause to be given notice in writing to such owner of the fact of such removal and the reasons therefore and of the place to which such vehicle has been removed. In the event any such vehicle is stored in a public garage, a copy of such notice shall be given to the proprietor of such garage.
- D. Whenever an officer removes a vehicle from a street under this Section and does not know and is not able to ascertain the name of the owner, or for any other reason is unable to give the notice to the owner as hereinbefore provided, and in the event the vehicle is not returned to the owner within a period of three (3) days, then and in that event the officer shall immediately send or cause to be sent a written report of such removal by mail to the State Department whose duty it is to register motor vehicles and shall file a copy of such notice with the proprietor of any public garage in which the vehicle may be stored. Such notice shall include a complete description of the vehicle, the date, time and place from which removed, the reasons for such removal, and the name of the garage or place where the vehicle is stored.



**SECTION 305.430: TOWING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

- A. The City, including the City Police Department, may tow motor vehicles from real property which are deemed a public safety hazard pursuant to Section 305.410 or are junk, scrapped, disassembled, or otherwise harmful to the public health.
- B. The City shall perform such tow pursuant to the terms of Section 305.435. When a City agency other than the Police Department authorizes a tow under this section, it shall report the tow to the Police Department within two hours with a crime inquiry and inspection report.

**SECTION 305.435: GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES; RECLAIMING TOWED VEHICLE**

- A. The owner of abandoned property removed as provided in this article shall be responsible for payment of all reasonable charges for towing and storage of such abandoned property as provided in Section 305.440.
- B. The owner of such abandoned property, or the holder of a valid security interest of record, may reclaim it from the towing company upon proof of ownership or valid security interest of record and payment of all reasonable charges for the towing and storage of the abandoned property.
- C. If a lienholder repossesses any motor vehicle, trailer, all-terrain vehicle, outboard motor or vessel without the knowledge or cooperation of the owner, then the reposessor shall notify the City Police Department within two hours of the repossession and shall further provide the Police Department with any additional information the Police Department deems appropriate.
- D. Any towing company which comes into possession of abandoned property pursuant to this article and which claims a lien for recovering, towing or storing abandoned property shall give notice to the title owner and to all persons claiming a lien thereon as disclosed by the records of the state department of revenue or of a corresponding agency in any other state. The towing company shall notify the owner and any lienholder within ten business days of the date of mailing indicated on the notice sent by the state department of revenue.
- E. If the state department of revenue notifies the towing company that the records of the department of revenue fail to disclose the name of the owner or any lienholder of record, the towing company shall attempt to locate documents or other evidence of ownership on or within the abandoned property itself. The towing company must certify that a physical search of the abandoned property disclosed no ownership documents were found and a good faith effort has been made.

- F. Notice as to the removal of any abandoned property pursuant to this article shall be made in writing within five working days to the registered owner and any lienholder of the fact of the removal, the grounds for the removal, and the place to which the property has been removed by either:
1. The public agency authorizing the removal; or
  2. The towing company, where authorization was made by an owner or lessee of real property.

If the abandoned property is stored in any storage facility, a copy of the notice shall be given to the operator of the facility. The notice provided for in this section shall include the amount of mileage, if available, shown on the abandoned property at the time of removal.

#### **SECTION 305.440: MAXIMUM STORAGE CHARGES**

A towing company may only assess reasonable storage charges for abandoned property towed without the consent of the owner. Reasonable storage charges shall not exceed the charges for vehicles which have been towed with the consent of the owner on a negotiated basis. Storage charges may be assessed only for the time in which the towing company complies with the procedural requirements of this article.

**CHAPTER 310: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES  
PART 1. GENERALLY****SECTION 310.100: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.130

**SECTION 310.105: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.135.

**SECTION 310.110: OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

- A. 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.
- B. The driving of a motor vehicle onto, across, and out of any commercial property on the corner of any street intersection without stopping on the property for the purpose of transacting business solely to avoid a stop sign or traffic signal is prohibited. For the purpose of this section, the “transacting of business” shall mean that the driver or any occupant of the motor vehicle entered the property with the intent of stopping to engage in a transaction with the proprietors, their agents, or employees of the business for which the premises is licensed.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.140.

**SECTION 310.115: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.145.

**SECTION 310.120: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.150.

**SECTION 310.125: 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 310.130, 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 310.130, 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 310.130, 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.155.

### **SECTION 310.130: PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS**

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

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

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.160.

**SECTION 310.135: FLASHING SIGNALS**

- A. Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in a traffic sign or signal it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:
1. Flashing red (stop signal), when a red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked or, if none, then before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.
  2. Flashing yellow (caution signal), when a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution.
- B. This Section shall not apply at railroad grade crossings. Conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching railroad grade crossings shall be governed by the rules as set forth in Section 320.545 of this Title.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.165.

**SECTION 310.140: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.170.

**SECTION 310.145: 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 railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic control device or any railroad sign or signal.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.175.

**SECTION 310.150: INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES OR RAILROAD SIGNS OR SIGNALS**

No person shall without lawful authority attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down or remove any official traffic control device or any railroad sign or signal or any inscription, shield or insignia thereon, or any other part thereof.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.180.

**SECTION 310.155: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.185.

**SECTION 310.160: OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.190.

**SECTION 310.165: AUTHORITY 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.195.



**SECTION 310.170: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.200.

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**CHAPTER 315. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING  
PART 1. GENERALLY****SECTION 315.100: 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 315.105: 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.

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**CHAPTER 315. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING  
PART 2. METHOD OF PARKING****SECTION 315.200: PARKING ON ROADWAY GENERALLY; MAXIMUM  
DISTANCE FROM 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 or roadway and must park in direction of traffic flow, except in the case of angle or diagonal parking. On one-way streets, vehicles may park on either side of the street but within 18 inches of the curb or roadway. In the case of angle or diagonal parking, no person shall stand or park a vehicle other than with the front of such vehicle directed toward the front or curb of such angle or diagonal parking space.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.415.

**SECTION 315.205: DESIGNATION OF STREETS WHERE ANGLE PARKING  
PERMITTED**

- 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.420.

**SECTION 315.210: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.425.

**SECTION 315.215: BACKING INTO ANGLE PARKING SPACE**

Except as allowed under Section 315.220, no vehicle may be backed into an angle parking space.

**SECTION 315.220: PERMIT FOR LOADING OR UNLOADING AT ANGLE TO CURB**

- A. The City Traffic Engineer or his/her designee 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.430.

**SECTION 315.225: LAMPS ON PARKED VEHICLES**

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

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.435.

**SECTION 315.230: VEHICLES TO PARK WITHIN PARKING LINES**

Where painted lines are used on pavement to indicate parking spaces, vehicles must be parked between lines.

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**CHAPTER 315. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING  
PART 3. PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES****SECTION 315.300: 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 or within twenty (20) feet of 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. On any railroad tracks; or
  - i. 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. Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; or
  - b. At any place where official signs prohibit parking.

4. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following colored curb markings may be used as official signs designating parking restrictions as described herein:

- a. Red curbing with the words "No Parking" placed upon the curb shall designate a no parking zone.
- b. White curbing with the words "Loading Zone" shall designate a loading zone.
- c. Blue curbing in conjunction with other markings and signage as specified in this Chapter shall designate a "Physically Disabled" parking zone.

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.440.

### **SECTION 315.305: DRIVER'S RESPONSIBILITY NOT TO OBSTRUCT TRAFFIC**

Except in the case of an accident resulting in the injury or death of any person, the driver of a vehicle which for any reason obstructs the regular flow of traffic on the roadway of any State highway shall make every reasonable effort to move the vehicle or have it moved so as not to block the regular flow of traffic

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.445.

### **SECTION 315.310: PARKING IN ALLEYS**

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

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.450.

### **SECTION 315.315: PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES PROHIBITED**

No person shall park a vehicle including, but not limited to, a trailer, boat, camper, RV, etc., upon any highway, street or alley in the City for the purpose of:

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

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.455.

**SECTION 315.320: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.460.

**SECTION 315.325: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.465.

**SECTION 315.330: STANDING OR PARKING ON LEFT-HAND SIDE OF ONE-WAY STREET**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.470.

**SECTION 315.335: STANDING OR PARKING ON DIVIDED ROADWAYS**

If a highway includes two or more separate roadways and traffic is restricted to one 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.475.

**SECTION 315.340: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.480.

**SECTION 315.345: 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, or an equivalent license or placard of the State where the vehicle is licensed. 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 shall 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. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, on-street parking spaces designated in residential areas for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a distinguishing license plate or card issued pursuant to Section 301.071 or 301.142, RSMo., as amended, shall meet the requirements of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act pursuant to this Subsection and any such space shall have clearly and visibly painted upon it the international symbol of accessibility and any curb adjacent to the space shall be clearly and visibly painted blue.
- D. Every day upon which such violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

- E. The signs for parking spaces shall be unobstructed from view and shall be maintained so as to be legible at all times. Signs shall be substantially in compliance with the requirements of the ICC, ANSI Section 117.1 (2003). It shall be no defense to a violation of Subsections (A) or (B) of this Section that a sign or a marking is not substantially in compliance with the above guidelines so long as the sign or marking is clearly visible and legible.
- F. Law enforcement officials may enter upon private property open to public use to enforce the provisions of this Section, including private property designated by the owner of such property for the exclusive use of vehicles which display a distinguishing license plate or card issued pursuant to Sections 301.071 or 301.142, RSMo, as amended.
- G. The presence of any vehicle found parked or stopped in violation of any of the parking restrictions imposed by this Section shall be prima facie evidence that the person in whose name such vehicle is registered on either the records of the County Collector or the records of the Department of Revenue of the State, committed or authorized such violation.

#### **SECTION 315.350: PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

- A. It shall be unlawful to park, operate, or maintain a recreational vehicle, camper, mobile home or motor home upon private or public property within the City limits, except for purposes of utilizing the recreational vehicle, camper, mobile home or motor home as a mode of transportation or for storage on the owner's own property.
- B. It shall be unlawful to remove or discard trash, paper waste, sewage waste, or other litter from a recreational vehicle, mobile home, camper, or motor home onto private or public property except in receptacles or containers specifically designated for such waste, litter or sewage.
- C. It shall not be a violation of this section to park a recreational vehicle, camper, mobile home, or motor home in the parking lot of a business establishment during the hours the business shall be open to the public provided such parking shall be related to the business of the on-premises establishment.
- D. It shall not be a violation of this section to park a recreational vehicle, camper, mobile home, or motor home upon areas specifically designated as camping areas with the facilities available for campers, and in designated parking spaces.

**SECTION 315.355: AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS  
AND EXEMPTIONS; PARKING PERMITS**

The Board of Aldermen may establish other parking regulations from time to time, including, but not limited to, issuing City parking permits and, by sale of such authorized permits, exempt certain persons and/or vehicles from adhering to time limit parking restrictions and allow parking by permit in designated areas.

1. Such parking exemptions and regulations shall be made available for persons as approved and authorized by the City and parking by permit shall be honored only in areas designated as such by the City.
2. Such permit parking areas shall be clearly posted as such and vehicles in violation of this section shall be subject to all other regulations within this chapter.
3. Certain parking areas, lots, streets, etc., may be designated as both "timed parking" or permit parking.

**SECTION 315.360: STORING VEHICLE ON CITY PARKING LOT OR OTHER CITY  
PROPERTY**

- A. Unless otherwise permitted, no person shall leave, store or otherwise abandon any boat, trailer, automobile or any other portable structure or vehicle, or parts/portions of trailers, boats, vehicles or any other portable structures, on City parking lots, streets, parks, or campgrounds, or on any other City property, without expressed permission from the Chief of Police, Police Officer or other City official authorized to grant such permission.
- B. Use of City parking lots, streets, campgrounds and any other City property shall be only for the sole purpose as designed, designated and/or posted.

**CHAPTER 315. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING  
PART 4. RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS****SECTION 315.400: APPLICABILITY OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

The provisions of this chapter prohibiting the standing or parking of a vehicle shall apply at all times or at those times specified in this division 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.520

**SECTION 315.405: REGULATIONS NOT EXCLUSIVE**

The provisions of this chapter 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.525

**SECTION 315.410: 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. No person shall park a motor vehicle upon those portions of the roadways which are set forth and described in Schedule III – Restricted or Prohibited Parking.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.530.

**SECTION 315.415: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.535.

**SECTION 315.420: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.540.

**SECTION 315.425: PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS**

When signs are erected designating two-hour parking (or less) no person shall park a vehicle longer than the time length indicated.

**SECTION 315.430: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.545.

**SECTION 315.435: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.550.



**CHAPTER 315. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING  
PART 5. LOADING OR UNLOADING****SECTION 315.500: 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 such loading zones and stating the hours during which the provisions of this Section are applicable.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.485.

**SECTION 315.505: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.490.

**SECTION 315.510: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.495.

**SECTION 315.515: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.500.

**SECTION 315.520: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.505.

**SECTION 315.525: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.510.

**SECTION 315.530: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.515.

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**CHAPTER 320. OPERATION OF VEHICLES  
PART 1. GENERALLY****SECTION 320.100: EXEMPTIONS FOR AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

- 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 bell, siren or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary, and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one (1) lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of such vehicle.
- D. The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of his/her reckless disregard for the safety of others.

**Cross references:** Failure to yield to emergency vehicles, § 320.640.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.100.

**SECTION 320.105: 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 320.110: FOLLOWING EMERGENCY VEHICLE PROHIBITED**

The driver of any vehicle other than one on official business shall not follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than five hundred (500) feet or drive into or park such vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.300.

**SECTION 320.115: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.305.

**SECTION 320.120: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.330.

**SECTION 320.125: LIMITATIONS ON BACKING**

The driver of a vehicle shall not back the vehicle unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.335.

**SECTION 320.130: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.340.

**SECTION 320.135: DRIVING ONTO OR FROM CONTROLLED-ACCESS  
ROADWAYS**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.355.

**SECTION 320.140: DRIVING THROUGH SAFETY ZONE PROHIBITED**

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

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.365.

**SECTION 320.145: OBSTRUCTING INTERSECTIONS, CROSSWALKS**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.290.

**SECTION 320.150: DISREGARDING SIGNS, BARRICADES**

No person shall operate any vehicle over, upon, or across any newly constructed pavement or recently marked pavement in any public street or roadway, over or circumventing which there is a barrier or sign authorized by lawful authority prohibiting such vehicle operation.

**SECTION 320.155: AIDING OR ASSISTING EXHIBITION OF ACCELERATION PROHIBITED**

No person shall aid or assist in the performance of an exhibition of acceleration on a highway, street, public parking lot, or private parking lot by any means whatsoever. Any person who shall deposit a substance on a highway, street or parking lot for the purpose of enabling a vehicle to break traction for any exhibition of acceleration, and any person who shall push or hold a motor vehicle which is engaging in an exhibition of acceleration, shall be deemed to aid or assist in the performance of an exhibition of acceleration.

**SECTION 320.160: SMOKE, EXHAUST OR NOISE**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle upon any street or roadway of the City at a time when such vehicle is so out of repair or loaded in such a manner as to create an unreasonably loud or unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.
- B. The engine, power mechanism, exhaust pipes or openings on any vehicle shall not be operated or utilized so as to emit an undue, great amount of steam, smoke, flame, combustion, exhaust or noise.



**SECTION 320.165: CARELESS AND IMPRUDENT DRIVING**

Every person operating a motor vehicle upon the public streets and highways within the City or upon any public or private parking lot, or parking lot for the use of customers, business invitees or employees of commercial or industrial establishments, shall operate the vehicle in a careful and prudent manner, exercising the highest degree of care, and shall operate their motor vehicle at a rate of speed so as not to endanger the property of another or the life or limb of any person.

**State law references:** Vehicles to be driven carefully, RSMo 304.012.

**SECTION 320.170: VEHICLES TO BE DRIVEN ON RIGHT HALF OF ROADWAY;  
EXCEPTIONS; TRAFFIC LANES**

- A. All vehicles not in motion shall be placed with their right side as near the right-hand side of the highway as practicable, except on streets where vehicles are obliged to move in one direction only or parking of motor vehicles is regulated by ordinance.
- B. 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 under 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 RSMo 304.014-304.026, or traffic regulations thereunder or of the City;
  - 3. When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair;
  - 4. Upon a roadway designated by local ordinance as a one-way street and marked or signed for one-way traffic.
- C. It is unlawful to drive any vehicle upon any highway or road which has been divided into two 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 semicircular turn 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 vehicles owned by the commission or the department.

- D. The Police Department may erect signs temporarily designating lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction, regardless of the centerline of the highway, and peace officers may direct traffic in conformance with such signs. When authorized signs have been erected designating off-center traffic lanes, no person shall disobey the instructions given by such signs.
- E. Whenever any roadway has been divided into three or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following rules in addition to all others consistent with this section 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 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 RSMo 304.014--304.026.
- F. Official signs may be erected by the State Highways and Transportation Commission or the State 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.
- G. 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 of the main traveled portion of the roadway whenever possible.
- H. All vehicles in motion upon a highway having two 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.015.

**SECTION 320.175: 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 RSMo 304.044, relating to distance between trucks traveling on the highway.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.017.

**SECTION 320.180: ATTEMPTING TO EVADE OR ELUDE POLICE OFFICER**

It shall be unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle to attempt to evade or elude by failing to stop his/her vehicle when such officer has indicated by the activation of his/her red lights and siren that such vehicle is to move to the right side of the roadway and stop all forward motion.

**SECTION 320.185: APPROPRIATE SIGNS FOR STARTING, STOPPING, TURNING**

- A. The driver of any vehicle upon a street, prior to starting, stopping or turning from a direct line of movement, shall first ascertain that such movement can be made in safety.
- B. If a pedestrian may be affected by such movement, the vehicular driver shall demonstrate a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn.
- C. If the operation of any other vehicle may be affected by such movement, the driver shall demonstrate a plainly visible signal to the driver of such vehicle of his/her intention to execute such movement, which signal may be made by hand or by mechanical or electrical device.
- D. 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 a movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after the giving of an appropriate signal in the following manner:
  - 1. Any driver when stopping or when checking the speed of his/her vehicle, if the movement of other vehicles may reasonably be affected by any such checking of speed, shall extend his/her arm at an angle below horizontal so that the same may be seen in the rear of his/her vehicle.
  - 2. Any driver intending to turn his/her vehicle to the right shall extend his/her arm at an angle above horizontal so that the same may be seen in front of and in the rear of his/her vehicle, and shall slow down and approach the intersecting highway as near as practicable to the right side of the highway along which he/she is proceeding before turning.
  - 3. Any driver intending to turn his/her vehicle to the left shall extend his/her arm in a horizontal position so that the same may be seen in the rear of his/her vehicle, and shall slow down and approach the intersecting highway so that the left side of his/her vehicle shall be as near as practicable to the centerline of the highway along which he/she is proceeding before turning.
- E. The signals required by this section 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; provided, however, that when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded that a hand and arm signal would not be visible both to the front and rear thereof, then any such signals shall be given by light or device.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.019.

**CHAPTER 320. OPERATION OF VEHICLES  
PART 2. DRIVERS LICENSE****SECTION 320.200: DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED**

It shall be unlawful for any person, except those expressly exempted by RSMo 302.080 or 302.051, to:

- A. Operate any motor vehicle upon any street of the City unless the person has a valid license under the provisions set forth in RSMo 302.010 and RSMo 302.780; or
- B. Operate a motorcycle or motortricycle upon any street 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. (This subsection updated by Ordinance 1030, 8/17/2009)

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 302.020.

**SECTION 320.205: 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 and acts with criminal negligence with respect to knowledge of the fact that his/her driving privilege has been canceled, suspended or revoked. (This subsection updated by Ordinance 1030, 8/17/2009)

**State law references:** Driving while license revoked, RSMo 302.321.

**SECTION 320.210: LICENSE TO BE CARRIED AND EXHIBITED ON DEMAND**

Every licensee shall have a driver's license in immediate possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle and shall display the same upon demand of a Police Officer, court official or other duly authorized person. However, no person charged with violation of this section shall be convicted if the individual charged produces in court a driver's license theretofore issued to the individual and valid at the time of arrest. For the purpose of this section, display means the manual surrender of licensee's certificate into the hands of the detaining officer for inspection thereof. (This subsection updated by Ordinance 1030, 8/17/2009)

**SECTION 320.215: UNLAWFUL USE 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; or
2. Lend to or knowingly permit his/her driver's license to any other person or knowingly permit the use thereof by another; or
3. Display or represent as his/her own any instruction permit, any driver's license or identification card issued by any state or government which is fictitious or has been fraudulently altered in any manner; or
4. Fail or refuse to surrender to the Clerk of any Division of the Circuit Court or the Director or Revenue, any license which has been suspended, canceled, disqualified or revoked, as provided by law; or
5. Operate a motor vehicle in any manner in violation of the restrictions imposed in a restricted license. (This subsection updated by Ordinance 1030, 8/17/2009)

**State law references:** Prohibited uses of license, RSMo 390.030.

**SECTION 320.220: PERMITTING UNLICENSED PERSON TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE PROHIBITED**

It shall be unlawful for any person to authorize, order, consent or knowingly permit the operation of any motor vehicle, motorcycle or motortricycle owned by him/her or under his/her control by any person, when he/she has knowledge that such person has no legal right to do so. (This subsection updated by Ordinance 1030, 8/17/2009)

**SECTION 320.225: OPERATING GOVERNMENT OWNED VEHICLES**

Unless required by the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (Title XII of Pub. Law 99-570) or RSMo 302.272, any person holding a valid license, other than one limited to the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle, may operate for official use any motor vehicle owned by the United States, the state of Missouri, or any municipality or political subdivision of this state. (This subsection updated by Ordinance 1030, 8/17/2009)

**State law references:** Government-owned vehicles, RSMo 302.051.

**CHAPTER 320. OPERATION OF VEHICLES  
PART 3. SPEED****SECTION 320.300: STATE SPEED LAWS APPLICABLE**

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

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.205.

**SECTION 320.305: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.210.

**SECTION 320.310: MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT**

No person shall operate a vehicle upon any street or highway within the City limits of the City at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour, unless signs are posted designating another speed limit. All streets and highways which have a speed limit different than twenty-five (25) miles per hour shall be posted in accordance with the schedule of speed limits, as amended, adopted as Schedule II – Speed Limits.

**SECTION 320.315: 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 with this section, the continued slow operation by a driver is a violation of this section.

**SECTION 320.320: RACING ON STREETS AND HIGHWAYS**

No person shall drive any vehicle on a street or highway in any race, speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, exhibition of speed or acceleration, or for the purpose of making a speed record, and no person shall in any manner participate in any such race, competition, contest, test or exhibition.

**SECTION 320.325: USE OF RESULTS OF SPEED METERS AS EVIDENCE OF VIOLATION**

The use of, and results determined by, any speed meter, machine or mechanism which seeks to reduce the error of manual operation to a minimum shall be acceptable as evidence where driving in excess of posted speed limits is the cause of action; except the use thereof shall not be construed to exclude any competent evidence secured by any other manner or means.



**CHAPTER 320. OPERATION OF VEHICLES  
PART 4. TURNING MOVEMENTS****SECTION 320.400: 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.
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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.215, 304.341.1(1), .1(2).

**SECTION 320.405: TURNING ON CURVE OR CREST OF GRADE PROHIBITED**

The driver of a vehicle shall not turn his or her vehicle around so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any curve or upon the approach to or near the crest of a grade, or at any place upon a roadway where his or her vehicle cannot be seen by the driver of any other vehicle approaching from either direction along the roadway within a distance of three hundred (300) feet, or where the same may create a traffic hazard.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.341.2.

**SECTION 320.410: U-TURNS.**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.235, 304.341.2.

**SECTION 320.415: PLACEMENT OF SIGNS PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING  
TURNS**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.225, 304.341.1(3).

**SECTION 320.420: PLACEMENT OF TURNING MARKERS**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.220.1, 304.341.1(3).

**SECTION 320.425: OBEDIENCE TO TURNING MARKERS REQUIRED**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.220.2, 304.341.1(3).

**SECTION 320.430: OBEDIENCE TO NO-TURN SIGNS REQUIRED**

Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right turn or left turn or U-turn is permitted, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any such sign.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.230, 304.341.1(3).

**SECTION 320.435: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.235.

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**CHAPTER 320. OPERATION OF VEHICLES  
PART 5. ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS****SECTION 330.500: PLACEMENT, MAINTENANCE OF ONE-WAY SIGNS**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.240.

**SECTION 320.505: OBEDIENCE TO ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS SIGNS**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.245.

**SECTION 320.510: RESTRICTING OF DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.250.

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**CHAPTER 320. OPERATION OF VEHICLES  
PART 6. RIGHT-OF-WAY; RAILROAD CROSSINGS****SECTION 320.600: RIGHT-OF-WAY AT INTERSECTIONS; GENERALLY**

- 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 street; provided, however, there is no form of traffic-control at the intersection.
- B. When two (2) vehicles enter an intersection from different streets 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 section shall not apply to vehicles approaching each other from opposite directions when the driver of one (1) of the vehicles is attempting to or is making a left turn.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.351.1, .2.

**SECTION 320.605: RIGHT-OF-WAY AT INTERSECTIONS; LEFT TURNS**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.351.3.

**SECTION 320.610: RIGHT-OF-WAY AT INTERSECTIONS; STOP REQUIRED**

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 at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic in the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection. After having stopped, the driver shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection from another highway or which is approaching so closely on the highway as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when the driver is moving across or within the intersection.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.351.4(2)(a).

**SECTION 320.615: RIGHT-OF-WAY AT INTERSECTIONS; YIELDING REQUIRED**

The driver of a vehicle approaching an otherwise unmarked intersection shall slow down to a speed reasonable for the existing conditions and, if required for safety to stop, 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. After slowing or stopping, the driver 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 traffic is moving across or within the intersection.

**State law references:** Driver approaching yield sign, RSMo 304.351.4(2)(b).

**SECTION 320.620: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.285, 304.351.5.

**SECTION 320.625: VEHICLES INTENDING TO MAKE LEFT TURN INTO ALLEY,  
PRIVATE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY**

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 any such left turn would create a traffic hazard.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.351.6.

**SECTION 320.630: 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 the City Traffic Engineer 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 Section 320.635, in which event the City Traffic Engineer shall cause to be erected a yield sign at every place where obedience thereto is required.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.265.



**SECTION 320.635: OBEDIENCE TO STOP LIGHTS, STOP SIGNS AND YIELD  
RIGHT-OF-WAY SIGNS**

- A. In accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and when signs are erected giving notice thereof, drivers of vehicles shall stop or yield right-of-way, as the case may be, at every intersection marked by a stop or yield sign in obedience to such signs so erected and posted.
- B. 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 at the intersection, after driving past a yield sign without stopping, such collision shall be deemed prima facie evidence of such driver's failure to yield right-of-way.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. 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 D. of this section, 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 the highway as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such driver is moving across or within the intersection.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.270, 300.275, 300.280.

**SECTION 320.640: FAILURE TO YIELD TO AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE**

- 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. Upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle displaying lighted red or red and blue lights, the driver of every motor vehicle shall:
1. Proceed with caution and yield the right-of-way, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the stationary vehicle, if on a roadway having at least four (4) lanes with not less than two (2) lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle; or
  2. Proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions, if changing lanes would be unsafe or impossible.
- C. 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.

**Cross references:** Emergency vehicles defined, § 320.100; Sirens and flashing lights emergency use, persons authorized, § 320.105.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.105.

**SECTION 320.645: OBEDIENCE TO SIGNAL INDICATING APPROACH OF TRAIN**

- A. Whenever any person driving a vehicle approaches a railroad grade crossing under any of the circumstances stated in this Section, the driver of such vehicle shall stop within fifty (50) feet, but not less than fifteen (15) feet from the nearest rail of such railroad, and shall not proceed until he/she can do so safely. The foregoing requirements shall apply when:
1. A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a railroad train; or
  2. A crossing gate is lowered or when a human flagman gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a railroad train; or
  3. An approaching railroad train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to such crossing.
- B. No person shall drive any vehicle through, around or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.295.

**SECTION 320.650: RAILROAD TRAINS NOT TO BLOCK STREETS**

It shall be unlawful for the directing officer or the operator of any railroad train to direct the operation of or to operate the same in such a manner as to prevent the use of any street for purposes of travel for a period of time longer than five (5) minutes; provided that this section shall not apply to a moving train or to one stopped because of an emergency or for repairs necessary before it can proceed safely.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.360.

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**CHAPTER 320. OPERATION OF VEHICLES  
PART 7. OVERTAKING AND PASSING****SECTION 320.700: NO PASSING ZONES**

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to pass and overtake another vehicle on any section of street or roadway where signs, markers or yellow lines are apparent and visible and duly installed within the provisions of this chapter prohibiting such passing.

**SECTION 320.705: DRIVERS TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY WHEN CHANGING  
LANES**

It shall be unlawful for the driver of a motor vehicle operating in a lane of traffic, whether marked or unmarked, to turn or move such vehicle into another lane of traffic moving in the same direction without first yielding the right-of-way to all other traffic lawfully operating on the roadway.

**SECTION 320.710: POSITION OF VEHICLE WHEN PASSING**

Except where overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.016.1(1).

**SECTION 320.715: DUTY OF DRIVER OF OVERTAKEN VEHICLE**

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 on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of such driver's vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.016.1(2).

**SECTION 320.720: PASSING ON THE RIGHT**

- A. 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;
  3. Upon a one-way street.
- B. The driver of a motor vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only under the foregoing conditions when any such movement may be made in safety. In no event shall any such movement be made by driving off the paved or main-traveled portion of the roadway.
- C. The provisions of this section 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.016.2.

**SECTION 320.725: PASSING ON THE LEFT**

- A. 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 any roadway in this City in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless the left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit any 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.
- B. No vehicle shall, in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, 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 if another vehicle approaches from the opposite direction;
  2. When the view is obstructed upon approaching within one hundred (100) feet of any bridge, viaduct or tunnel or when approaching within one hundred (100) feet of or at any intersection.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.016.3, .4.

**SECTION 320.730: PASSING VEHICLE STOPPED AT CROSSWALK**

Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at any 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.375.4.

**SECTION 320.735: PASSING SCHOOL BUSES**

- A. Any driver of a vehicle upon any street, alley or highway within the City, upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any schoolchildren or other passengers when the driver of the school bus has in the manner prescribed by law given a signal to stop, shall stop such 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. If any vehicle is witnessed by a peace officer or the driver of a school bus to have violated the provisions of this section and the identity of the operator is not otherwise apparent, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that the person in whose name such vehicle is registered committed the violation. If charges are filed against multiple owners of a motor vehicle, only one of the owners may be convicted and court costs may be assessed against only one of the owners. If the vehicle which is involved in the violation is registered in the name of a rental or leasing company and the vehicle is rented or leased to another person at the time of the violation, the rental or leasing company may rebut the presumption by providing the peace officer or prosecuting authority with a copy of the rental or lease agreement in effect at the time of the violation. No prosecuting authority may bring any legal proceedings against a rental or leasing company under this section unless prior written notice of the violation has been given to that rental or leasing company by registered mail at the address appearing on the registration and the rental or leasing company has failed to provide the rental or lease agreement copy within 15 days of receipt of such notice.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.050.1, .5, .7.

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**CHAPTER 320. OPERATION OF VEHICLES**  
**PART 8. COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS**

**SECTION 320.800: COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

- A. *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

**BUS:** A motor vehicle primarily for the transportation of a driver and eight or more passengers but not including shuttle buses.

**COMMERCIAL VEHICLE:** Every vehicle designed, maintained or used primarily for the transportation of property or any vehicle with a manufacturer's rated capacity exceeding one ton that is licensed commercially in any state, or any such vehicle with this indicated rating that is being used or could be used in any commercial capacity, including but not limited to dump trucks, delivery trucks, cement trucks, equipment hauling or towing trucks.

**SCHOOL BUS:** Any motor vehicle used solely to transport students to or from school or to transport students to or from any place for educational purposes.

- B. *Use of certain streets prohibited.* No person shall operate any commercial vehicle or bus upon any street within the City that has been designated and posted to restrict commercial vehicle use as defined in subsection (A) of this section, except for school buses or while making deliveries or when used for the purpose of conducting bona fide business thereon.
- C. *Alternate routes.* The City has provided and allowed for alternate routes of travel for commercial vehicles so that no undue hardship or inconvenience will be incurred by any person operating a commercial vehicle and prohibited from using any designated and posted streets.
- D. *Signs.* Signs will be erected by the City Traffic Engineer to designate restricted street use by commercial vehicles. The City Traffic Engineer shall have the sole responsibility to designate the restricted streets.

**SECTION 320.805: 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 this Chapter

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.255.

**SECTION 320.810: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.260.

**SECTION 320.815: EXCEEDING WEIGHT LIMITS; GENERALLY**

- A. No vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be moved or operated on any highway, street or alley in this City having a greater weight than that described under RSMo 304.180.
- B. Whenever by reason of thawing of frost, or rains, or due to new construction, the roads are in a soft condition, the maximum weights on all vehicles mentioned in RSMo 304.180, including trucks, tractors, trailers and semi-trailers and other vehicles therein mentioned, may be limited by the City Traffic Engineer to such an amount and in such manner as will preserve the road under such conditions; and the City Traffic Engineer shall give due notice thereof by posting notices at convenient and public places along such roads or parts thereof which are subject to such regulations and reduction of weights.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.210.

**SECTION 320.820: EXCEEDING WEIGHT LIMITS ON CERTAIN STREETS**

- A. No truck, trailer or motor vehicle shall use certain streets within the City limits when the license plate designation or gross weight designation on the vehicle exceeds the posted weight limit.
- B. Posted weight limits shall not apply to:
  - 4. Emergency vehicles; or
  - 5. Trucks used in providing services or carrying goods, merchandise, or other articles to or from any location abutting upon any of such streets. Such trucks shall be permitted to enter thereon at the nearest point to said location and provide such services or deliver or receive such goods, merchandise or other articles but shall not proceed thereon farther than the nearest point of exit.
- C. Any street within the City limits which requires a weight limit posted based on established American Public Works Association standards shall be so posted.
- D. The City Traffic Engineer shall erect appropriate signs and markings to designate those streets on which trucks are prohibited.

**SECTION 320.825: EXCEEDING WEIGHT LIMITS ON BRIDGES**

- A. No truck, trailer, or other motor vehicle shall cross a bridge within the City limits when the gross weight of the vehicle exceeds the posted weight limit on the bridge.
- B. Any bridge within the City limits which in the opinion of the City Engineer requires a weight limit posting shall be so posted.

**State law references:** Weight limitations on vehicles, RSMo 304.180.

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**CHAPTER 320. OPERATION OF VEHICLES**  
**PART 9. ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED TRAFFIC OFFENSE****SECTION 320.900: DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have these prescribed meanings, unless the context indicates that a different meaning is intended:

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Includes intoxicating liquor, non-intoxicating beer and any liquid having any alcoholic content, regardless of the percentage of alcoholic content by weight or volume and irrespective of the manner in which the alcohol was placed in the container, which is capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being.

**COURT:** Any circuit, associate circuit, or municipal court, including traffic court, but not any juvenile court or drug court.

**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.

**PERCENT BY WEIGHT OF ALCOHOL:** Shall have the same meaning as provided in RSMo 577.012.2.

**PERSON:** Includes a driver or passenger.

**PUBLIC WAY:** Any street, alley, boulevard, parkway or other public thoroughfare.

**RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE:** Any motor vehicle designed, constructed or substantially modified so that it may be used and is used for the purpose of temporary housing quarters, including therein sleeping and eating facilities which are either permanently attached to the motor vehicle or attached to a unit which is securely attached to the motor vehicle. Such a vehicle may or may not be registered as a commercial vehicle.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE TRAFFIC OFFENDER PROGRAM:** A program certified by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse of the Department of Mental Health to provide education or rehabilitation services pursuant to a professional assessment screening to identify the individual needs of the person who has been referred to the program as the result of an alcohol- or drug-related traffic offense. Successful completion of such a program includes participation in any education or rehabilitation program required to meet the needs identified in the assessment screening. The assignment recommendations based upon such assessment shall be subject to judicial review as provided in subsection 7 of section 577.041.

**Cross references:** Definitions generally, § 300.200.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 577.001.

### **SECTION 320.905: 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. Evidence and procedure shall be as provided generally by court decision and by enactment of RSMo Chapter 577, as related to driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 577.010.

### **SECTION 320.910: DRIVING WITH EXCESSIVE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 577.012.

**SECTION 320.915: CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN MOVING MOTOR VEHICLE, PROHIBITED WHEN; RECORDS, NOT TO APPEAR ON**

- A. No person shall consume any alcoholic beverage while operating a moving motor vehicle upon the highways, as defined in section 301.010, RSMo.
- B. Any violation under this section shall not reflect on any records with the Department of Revenue.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 577.017.

**SECTION 320.920: TRANSPORTATION OF OPEN CONTAINERS IN MOTOR VEHICLE**

- A. No person shall knowingly transport, carry, possess or have any alcoholic beverages within the passenger area of any motor vehicle which is being operated upon a public way, except in the original container and with the seal unbroken, unless the opened container be in the rear trunk or compartment which shall include the spare tire compartment or any outside compartment which is not accessible to the driver or any other person in such vehicle while it is in motion. In the case of a pickup truck, station wagon, hatchback or similar vehicle, the area behind the last upright seat shall not be considered accessible to the driver or any other person.
- B. This section shall not apply to:
  - 1. The legal consumption of alcoholic beverages by passengers in a taxicab or limousine; on a chartered bus or a similar motor vehicle licensed to transport passengers; on a privately or publicly owned transit authority that has been chartered and is not being utilized for the conveyance of the general public; provided however, the driver of such vehicle is prohibited from consuming or having any alcoholic beverages within his/her reach. This exemption is not applicable to any vehicle being used for school purposes;
  - 2. A recreational vehicle, provided the alcoholic beverage is kept in a container with an airtight lid which is stored in a closed cabinet, refrigerator, or other storage compartment located outside the reach of the driver of the vehicle.
- C. Any evidence of the following shall be prima facie evidence that such driver has disobeyed this section:
  - 1. An alcoholic beverage container in the passenger area of such vehicle; and
  - 2. Alcoholic consumption by the driver.

**SECTION 320.925: CHEMICAL TEST TO DETERMINE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT; CONSENT IMPLIED**

Any person who operates a motor vehicle anywhere within the city limits shall be deemed to have given consent to, subject to the provisions of RSMo 577.020 to 577.041, a chemical test or tests of his breath, blood, saliva or urine for the purpose of determining the alcohol or drug content of his blood if arrested for any offense arising out of acts which the arresting officer has reasonable grounds to believe were committed while the person was driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Chemical tests shall be performed according to the provisions of RSMo 577.020 to 577.041.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 577.020(1), 577.012(2).

**SECTION 320.930: REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TEST**

If a person under arrest refuses upon the request of the arresting officer to submit to a chemical test, which request shall include the reasons of the officer for requesting the person to submit to a test and which also shall inform the person that his license may be revoked upon his refusal to take the test, then no test shall be given. In this event, the arresting officer, if he so believes, shall make a sworn report to the State Director of Revenue that he has reasonable grounds to believe that the arrested person was driving a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition and that, upon his request, refused to submit to the test.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 577.041(1).

**SECTION 320.935: DRIVING SCHOOL**

The municipal court may, in connection with the disposition of any offense which is a "point offense" resulting in the assessment of 1, 2, 3, or 4 points by the State Director of Revenue under the provisions of RSMo 302.302(1), (2), or (4), order the staying of the assessment of points upon satisfactory completion of a driver improvement program approved by the State Director of the Department of Public Safety, as provided by RSMo 302.302(4).

**SECTION 320.940: ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION**

Upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilty for an offense of driving while intoxicated or driving with blood alcohol content, the municipal court may, as a condition for suspending any permissible portion of any sentence or in addition to imposition of any penalties provided by law, order the convicted person to participate in and successfully complete an alcohol or drug related traffic offender education or rehabilitation program as described in RSMo 577.049. Such a program may be used as a condition for suspending any permissible portion of any sentence only one time.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 577.049.



**CHAPTER 325. SAFETY  
PART 1. GENERALLY****SECTION 325.100: SEATBELTS REQUIRED**

- A. As used in this section, the term "passenger car" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying ten persons or less and used for the transportation of persons; except that, the term "passenger car" shall not include motorcycles, motorized bicycles, motor tricycles and trucks with a licensed gross weight of twelve thousand (12,000) pounds or more.
- B. Each driver and all front seat passengers of a passenger car manufactured after January 1, 1968 while being operated on a street or highway in this city, and persons under eighteen (18) years of age operating or riding in a truck operated on a street or highway in this city, shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt that meets federal National Highway, Transportation and Safety Act requirements. This section shall not apply to 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 other persons whose duties require frequent entry into and exit from their vehicles. 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. Noncompliance with this subsection shall not constitute probable cause for violation of any other provision of law.
- C. Each driver of a motor vehicle transporting a child less than sixteen (16) years of age, shall secure the child in a properly adjusted and fastened restraint as defined and required under Section 325.105.
- D. Except as otherwise provided for in Section 325.105, every person who violates this section, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10.00.
- E. If there are more persons than there are seat belts in the enclosed area of a motor vehicle, then the passengers who are unable to wear seat belts shall sit in the area behind the front seat of the motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle is designed only for a front-seated area. The passenger or passengers occupying a seat location referred to in this subsection is not in violation of this section. This subsection shall not apply to passengers who are accompanying a driver of a motor vehicle who has been issued an intermediate driver's license under Section 302.178, RSMo.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.178

**SECTION 325.110: CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS**

A. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

**CHILD BOOSTER SEAT:** A seating system which meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards set forth in 49 C.F.R. 571.213, as amended, that is designed to elevate a child to properly sit in a federally approved safety belt system;

**CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM:** A seating system which meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards set forth in 49 C.F.R. 571.213, as amended, and which is either permanently affixed to a motor vehicle or is affixed to such vehicle by a safety belt or a universal attachment system;

**DRIVER:** A person who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.

B. Every driver transporting a child under the age of sixteen (16) years shall be responsible, when transporting such child in a motor vehicle operated by that driver on the streets, highways, alleys or thoroughfares of the City of Crane, for providing for the protection of such child as follows:

1. Children less than four (4) years of age, regardless of weight, shall be secured in a child passenger restraint system appropriate for that child;
2. Children weighing less than forty (40) pounds, regardless of age, shall be secured in a child passenger restraint system appropriate for that child;
3. Children at least four (4) years of age but less than eight (8) years of age, and children weighing at least forty (40) pounds but less than eighty (80) pounds, and children less than four (4) feet, nine (9) inches tall, shall be secured in a child passenger restraint system or booster seat appropriate for that child;
4. Children at least eighty (80) pounds or children more than four (4) feet, nine (9) inches in height shall be secured by a vehicle safety belt or booster seat appropriate for that child;
5. A child who otherwise would be required to be secured in a booster seat may be transported in the back seat of a motor vehicle while wearing only a lap belt if the back seat of the motor vehicle is not equipped with a combination lap and shoulder belt for booster seat installation.
6. When transporting children in the immediate family when there are more children than there are seating positions in the enclosed area of a motor vehicle, the children who are not able to be restrained by a child safety restraint device appropriate for the child shall sit in the area behind the front seat of the motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle is designed only for a front seat area. The driver transporting children referred to in this subsection is not in violation of this section.

- C. This subsection shall only apply to the use of a child passenger restraint system or vehicle safety belt for children less than sixteen years of age being transported in a motor vehicle.
1. Any driver who violates subdivision (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (B) of this section, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and court costs. Any driver who violates subdivision (4) of subsection (B) of this section, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten dollars (\$10.00). If a driver receives a citation for violating subdivision (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (B) of this section, the charges may be dismissed or withdrawn if the driver prior to or at his or her hearing provides evidence of acquisition of a child passenger restraint system or child booster seat which is satisfactory to the court or the party responsible for prosecuting the driver's citation.
  2. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any public carrier for hire. The provisions of this section shall not apply to students four years of age or older who are passengers on a school bus designed for carrying eleven passengers or more and which is manufactured or equipped pursuant to Missouri Minimum Standards for School Buses as school buses are defined in Section 301.010, RSMo.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.179.

#### **SECTION 325.120: LEAVING A CHILD UNATTENDED IN A MOTOR VEHICLE**

It shall be unlawful to knowingly leave a child ten (10) years of age or less unattended in a motor vehicle.

**SECTION 325.130: PASSENGERS IN TRUCK BEDS**

## A. Truck bed operation generally.

1. No person shall operate any truck, as defined in RSMo 301.010, with a licensed gross weight of less than 12,000 pounds 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.
2. No person under 18 years of age shall ride in the unenclosed bed of such truck when the truck is in operation.

## B. Exemptions. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. An employee engaged in the necessary discharge of the employee's duties where it is necessary to ride in the unenclosed bed of the truck;
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 purposes 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. The term "special event," for the purposes of this section, means a specific social activity for which a special event permit has been issued pursuant to appendix A to this Code (the zoning regulations) and which is 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 such truck. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "family" shall mean any persons related within the first degree of consanguinity.

**SECTION 325.140: FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRED**

- A. No owner of a motor vehicle registered in this state, or required to be registered in this state, shall operate, register 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 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 vehicles owned by another person, 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. The state director of revenue may prescribe rules and regulations for the implementation of this section.
- B. 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 for self-insurance. A motor vehicle insurance policy, a motor vehicle liability insurance binder, or receipt which contains the name and address of the insurer, the name and address of the name insured, the policy number, the effective dates of the policy and a description by year and make of the vehicle, or at least five digits of the vehicle identification number or the word "Fleet" if the insurance policy covers five or more motor vehicles, shall be satisfactory evidence of insurance in lieu of an insurance identification card; or
  2. A certificate of the state treasurer of a cash deposit according to the RSMo 303.240; or
  3. A surety bond according to RSMo 303.230.
- C. Proof of financial responsibility shall be carried at all times in the insured motor vehicle or by the operator of the motor vehicle if the proof of financial responsibility is effective as to the operator rather than to the vehicle. The operator of the motor vehicle shall exhibit the proof of financial responsibility on the demand of any peace officer who lawfully stops such operator or investigates an accident while that officer is engaged in the performance of the officer's duties.
- D. Any person failing to exhibit an insurance identification card or other satisfactory evidence of insurance in lieu of such card upon the demand of any peace officer pursuant to this section is guilty of a violation of this section. 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 this section at the time the peace officer wrote the citation.

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**CHAPTER 330. VEHICLE EQUIPMENT AND CONDITION  
PART 1. GENERALLY****SECTION 330.100: SCOPE**

The provisions of this article shall not apply to agricultural machinery and implements, road machinery, road rollers, traction engines, motorized bicycles or farm tractors, except as in this article made applicable.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.025.

**SECTION 330.105: GENERAL MECHANICAL CONDITION OF VEHICLES  
REQUIRED**

It shall be unlawful for any operator of a vehicle to drive same upon any street or roadway if the vehicle is in such defective mechanical condition as to be reasonably likely, because of such condition, to cause damage to persons or property while being so separated.

**SECTION 330.110: SECURING OF LOADS**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.010.

**SECTION 330.115: (REPEALED)** See Chapter 330 Part 3 - VEHICLE LICENSE  
(This subsection repealed by Ordinance 1031, 8/31/2009)



**SECTION 330.120: EQUIPMENT ON MOTOR VEHICLES GENERALLY**

No person shall drive a motor vehicle not complying with the following requirements as to equipment:

- A. **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.
- B. **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.
- C. **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.
- D. **MUFFLERS AND MUFFLER CUTOUTS; EXCESSIVE NOISES.** Muffler cutouts shall not be used nor shall any person operate any vehicle 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.
- E. **PROJECTIONS ON VEHICLES.** All vehicles carrying poles or other objects, which project more than five (5) feet from the rear or front thereof shall, at any time from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on any roadway in this City at a distance of five hundred (500) feet ahead, 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 any such projection.

- F. **TOWLINES.** When one (1) vehicle is towing another, the connecting device shall not exceed 15 feet. During the time that lights are required by RSMo 307.020--307.120, 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.** Commercial motor vehicles and trailers, when being operated on any highway, street or road of this City, shall be equipped with adequate and proper brakes, lighting equipment, signaling devices, steering mechanisms, horns, mirrors, windshield wipers, tires, wheels, exhaust system, glazing, air pollution control devices, fuel tank, and any other safety equipment required by the state in such condition so as to obtain a certificate of inspection and approval as required by the provisions of RSMo 307.360.
- H. **DEVICES FOR TRANSPORTING HAY.** 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.170

**SECTION 330.125: MUD FLAPS**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate upon any street in the City a truck or truck-tractor trailer, without rear fenders, which is not equipped with mud flaps for the rear wheels. If mud flaps are used, they shall:
1. Be wide enough to cover the full tread width of the tire or tires being protected;
  2. Be so installed that they extend from the underside of the vehicle body in a vertical plane behind the rear wheels to within eight (8) inches of the ground; and
  3. Be constructed of a rigid material or a flexible material which is of a sufficiently rigid character to provide adequate protection when the vehicle is in motion.
- B. No provisions of this section shall apply to a motor vehicle in transit and in process of delivery equipped with temporary mud flaps.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.015.

**SECTION 330.130: WHEELS, TIRES**

- A. It shall be unlawful to drive or convey upon any street in the city, any vehicle having on its wheels any clamps, ridges, extensions, projections, bars, bolts, rods, curves, gutters or other contrivances that will injure or damage the street or any part thereof. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall be liable for the amount of damage the vehicle causes to any street, bridge, culvert, sewer or other public property and any such vehicle shall be subject to a lien for the full amount of the damage.
- B. No person shall operate or move within the city any vehicle having wheels or tires which carry onto or deposit in any street or other public place any mud, dirt, sticky substance, refuse or foreign matter.

**State law references:** Restrictions on use of metal-tired vehicles, RSMo 304.250; studded tires prohibited, when, RSMo 307.171.

**SECTION 330.135: VEHICLES HAULING CARGO WITH OFFENSIVE ODOR**

It shall be unlawful for any person driving a motor vehicle carrying livestock, garbage, carrion, fecal matter, or any odoriferous cargo, which may be declared a public nuisance detrimental to public health and welfare, to park such vehicle within 200 feet of any residence or business establishment (except for loading or unloading purposes and then not exceeding 30 minutes) at any area or place in the City. It shall further be unlawful to park such motor vehicle, empty, which has been hauling or contains such described odoriferous matter which may likewise be classed as a nuisance, within 200 feet of any residence or business establishment in the City until the vehicle has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

**SECTION 330.140: EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORT OF DEAD ANIMALS**

All vehicles and substations used in the transportation or holding of the bodies of dead animals, under the provisions of this article, shall have a tank or metal lining in the bed of such vehicle or substation, or be otherwise so constructed that the vehicle or substation shall be practically watertight, so that no drippings or seepage from such dead bodies shall escape from such vehicles while engaged in such transportation or holding; and every such vehicle shall have a bed of such depth and type of construction and equipment that any dead bodies therein shall be completely hidden from view of persons using the highways and any public nuisance obviated while being transported or held.

**SECTION 330.145: PERMIT FOR TRANSPORT OF DEAD ANIMALS**

No person, except one holding a permit to transport the bodies of dead animals on public highways of this City, or who is acting for such permittee, or who is otherwise excepted by the provisions of this article, shall transport on the highways or public roads of this City the bodies of dead animals without first obtaining a permit for that purpose. The State Veterinarian shall keep a record of all applications for permits, showing all permits issued, denied, revoked, or otherwise disciplined by him/her, and such other facts as he/she may prescribe.

**SECTION 330.150: VISION-REDUCING MATERIAL APPLIED TO WINDSHIELD  
OR WINDOWS**

- A. Except as provided in subsection (B) and (C) of this section, 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 (35) percent or more plus or minus three (3) percent and a luminous reflectance of thirty-five (35) percent or less plus or minus three (3) percent.
- 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 RSMo 700.010, 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. A permit to operate a motor vehicle with a front sidewing vent or window that has a sun screening device, in conjunction with safety glazing material, that has a light transmission of 35 percent or more plus or minus three percent and a luminous reflectance of 35 percent or less plus or minus three percent may be issued by the Department of Public Safety to a person having a physical disorder requiring the use of such vision-reducing material. If, according to the permittee's physician, the physical disorder requires the use of a sun screening device which permits less light transmission and luminous reflectance than allowed under the requirements of this subsection, the limits of this subsection may be altered for that permittee in accordance with the physician's prescription. The Director of the Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations for the issuance of the permit. The permit shall allow operation of the vehicle by immediate family members who are husband, wife and sons or daughters who reside in the household.
- D. No person shall drive any motor vehicle with any sign, poster, snow, ice or other nontransparent material upon the front windshield, side wings or side or rear windows of such vehicle which materially obstructs, obscures or impairs the driver's clear view of the street or highway or any intersecting street or highway.
- E. No person shall operate a motor vehicle in this City that is not equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow or other moisture from the windshield, which device shall be so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver of the vehicle, and shall be maintained in good working order.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.173.

**SECTION 330.155: EMBLEM REQUIRED ON SLOW-MOVING EQUIPMENT**

- A. No person shall operate on any street or highway in the City any slow-moving vehicle or equipment after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, any animal-drawn vehicle or any other machinery, designed for use or normally operated at speeds less than twenty-five (25) miles per hour, including all road construction or maintenance machinery except when engaged in actual construction or maintenance work either guarded by a flagman or clearly visible warning signs, which normally travels or is normally used at a speed of less than twenty-five (25) miles per hour unless there is displayed on the rear thereof an emblem as described in and displayed as provided in subsection (B) of this section. The requirement of such emblem shall be in addition to any lighting devices required by section 330.285.
- B. The emblem required by subsection (A) of this section shall be of substantial construction, and shall be a base-down equilateral triangle of fluorescent yellow-orange film or equivalent quality paint with a base of not less than fourteen (14) inches and an altitude of not less than twelve (12) inches. Such triangle shall be bordered with reflective red strips having a minimum width of one and three-fourths (1 3/4) inches, with the vertices of the overall triangle truncated such that the remaining altitude shall be a minimum of fourteen (14) inches. Such emblem shall be mounted on the rear of such vehicle near the horizontal geometric center of the rearmost vehicle at a height of not less than four (4) feet above the roadway, and shall be maintained in a clean, reflective condition. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle or equipment being operated on a gravel or dirt surfaced public highway.
- C. No emblem shall be required on machinery or equipment pulled or attached to a farm tractor providing the machinery or equipment does not extend more than twelve (12) feet to the rear of the tractor and permits a clear view of the emblem on the tractor by vehicles approaching from the rear.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.127.1, .2, .4.

**CHAPTER 330. VEHICLE EQUIPMENT AND CONDITION  
PART 2. LIGHTS****SECTION 330.200: DEFINITIONS**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

**APPROVED:** Approved by the State Director of Revenue and, when applied to lamps and other illuminating devices, means that any such lamps and devices must be in good working order.

**AUXILIARY LAMP:** An additional lighting device on a motor vehicle used primarily to supplement the headlamps in providing general illumination ahead of a vehicle.

**HEADLAMP:** A major lighting device capable of providing general illumination ahead of a vehicle.

**MOUNTING HEIGHT:** The distance from the center of the lamp to the surface on which the vehicle stands.

**MULTIPLE-BEAM HEADLAMPS:** Headlamps or similar devices arranged so as to permit the driver of the vehicle to use one (1) of two (2) or more distributions of light on the road.

**REFLECTOR:** An approved device designed and used to give an indication by reflected light.

**WHEN LIGHTED LAMPS ARE REQUIRED:** At any time from a half-hour after sunset to a half-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.

**Cross references:** Definitions generally, § 300.200.

**State law references:** Similar definitions, RSMo 307.020.

**SECTION 330.205: 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 330.210: HEADLAMPS ON MOTOR VEHICLES; REQUIRED**

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, 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.
- B. 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 the attachment capable of displaying a white light to the front.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.045.1.

**SECTION 330.215: WHEN REQUIRED**

No person shall drive, move, park or be in custody of any vehicle or combination of vehicles on any street during the times when lighted lamps are required unless such vehicle or combination of vehicles displays lighted lamps and illuminating devices as required by this division.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.040.

**SECTION 330.220: FOCUS, CANDLEPOWER**

No person shall use on any vehicle any approved electric lamp or similar device unless the light source of the lamp or device complies with the conditions of approval as to focus and rated candlepower.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.040.



**SECTION 330.225: PERMISSIBLE SUBSTITUTES FOR HEAD LAMPS**

Any motor vehicle need not be equipped with approved head lamps provided that every such vehicle during the times when lighted lamps are required is equipped with two (2) lighted lamps on the front thereof displaying white or yellow lights without glare capable of revealing persons and objects seventy-five (75) feet ahead; provided, however, that no such motor vehicle shall be operated at a speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour during the times when lighted lamps are required.

State law references: Similar provisions, RSMo 307.050.

**SECTION 330.230: SINGLE-BEAM HEAD LAMPS; ARRANGEMENT**

Approved single-beam head lamps shall be so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded, none of the high-intensity portion of the light shall at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet ahead project higher than a level of five (5) inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes, and in no case higher than forty-two (42) inches above the level on which the vehicle stands at a distance of seventy-five (75) feet ahead. The intensity shall be sufficient to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least two hundred (200) feet.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.055.

**SECTION 330.231: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.060.

**SECTION 330.235: VEHICLES SHALL HAVE BEAM INDICATOR**

Every new motor vehicle registered in this state after January 1, 1942, which has multiple-beam road lighting equipment shall be equipped with a beam indicator, which shall be lighted whenever the uppermost distribution of lights from the headlamps is in use, and shall not otherwise be lighted. This indicator shall be so designed and located that when lighted it will be readily visible without glare to the driver of the vehicle so equipped.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.065.

**SECTION 330.240: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.070.

**SECTION 330.245: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.075.

**SECTION 330.250: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.080.

**SECTION 330.255: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.085

**SECTION 330.260: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.090

**SECTION 330.265: ARRANGEMENT OF LAMPS, OTHER THAN HEADLAMPS**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.100.

**SECTION 330.270: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.095.

**SECTION 330.275: 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 spotlight or any other lamp on the front thereof projecting a beam of an intensity greater than three hundred (300) candlepower, not more than a total of four (4) of any such lamps on the front of a vehicle shall be lighted at any one time when upon a highway.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.105

**SECTION 330.280: FLASHING SIGNALS**

Alternately flashing warning signals may be used, in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 307.175, 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 authorized emergency vehicles, but are prohibited on other motor vehicles, motorcycles and motor-drawn vehicles except as a means for indicating a right or left turn.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.100.

**SECTION 330.285: HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.125.

**SECTION 330.290: PARKED VEHICLES.**

- A. Whenever a vehicle is lawfully parked upon any roadway in this City during the hours between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise and if there is sufficient light to reveal any person or object within a distance of five hundred (500) feet upon any such street or highway, no lights need be displayed upon any 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 one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise and there is not sufficient light to reveal any person or object within a distance of five hundred (500) feet upon the highway, a 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 the 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 closest to passing traffic.
- C. Any lighted headlamp upon a parked vehicle shall be depressed or dimmed.
- D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a motor-driven cycle.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.435, 307.110.

**SECTION 330.295: AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY; ROAD MACHINERY; 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.115.

**CHAPTER 330. VEHICLE EQUIPMENT AND CONDITION  
PART 3. VEHICLE LICENSE****SECTION 330.300: 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. 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 motor vehicle or trailer for a period of 30 days after taking possession thereof, if during such period the motor vehicle or trailer shall have attached thereto, in the manner required by RSMo 301.130, number plates issued to the dealer. (This subsection added by Ordinance 1031, 8/31/2009)

**SECTION 330.305: 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 State. (This subsection added by Ordinance 1031, 8/31/2009)

**SECTION 330.310: 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 or the State Highways and Transportation Commission and authorized by Section 301.140, RSMo. Each such plate shall be securely fastened to the motor vehicle or trailer 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 (3) 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. (This subsection added by Ordinance 1031, 8/31/2009)

**SECTION 330.315: 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. (This subsection added by Ordinance 1031, 8/31/2009)

**SECTION 330.320: 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. (This subsection added by Ordinance 1031, 8/31/2009)



**SECTION 330.325: 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 applied for as provided in Section 301.190, RSMo. (This subsection added by Ordinance 1031, 8/31/2009)

**SECTION 330.330: 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. (This subsection added by Ordinance 1031, 8/31/2009)

**SECTION 330.335: 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. (This subsection added by Ordinance 1031, 8/31/2009)

**SECTION 330.340: 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. (This subsection added by Ordinance 1031, 8/31/2009)

**SECTION 330.345: 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. (This subsection added by Ordinance 1031, 8/31/2009)

**CHAPTER 335. PARADES, PROCESSIONS, ETC.  
PART 1. GENERALLY****SECTION 335.100: NOTICE TO POLICE OF FUNERALS; ESCORT**

All mortuaries in the City shall give advanced notice to the Police Department of the time and place of funerals which are to be conducted by them, upon receipt of such notice, the Chief of Police shall provide a police escort which shall accompany the funeral procession through the City over a route designated by the Chief of Police. This service shall be provided at all times that other calls for police services allow sufficient police personnel to provide said service.

**SECTION 335.105: DRIVING THROUGH FUNERAL OR OTHER PROCESSION**

No driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated as required in this chapter. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or Police Officers.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.310.

**SECTION 335.110: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.315.

**SECTION 335.115: FUNERAL PROCESSIONS TO BE IDENTIFIED**

A funeral composed of a procession of vehicles shall be identified as such by the display upon the outside of each vehicle of a pennant or other identifying insignia or by such other method as may be determined and designated by the traffic division.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.320.

**SECTION 335.120: TRAFFIC DIVISION TO DESIGNATE METHOD OF IDENTIFYING FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.**

The Police Department shall designate a type of pennant or other identifying insignia to be displayed upon, or other method to be employed to identify, the vehicles in funeral processions.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.055.

**SECTION 335.125: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.325.

**SECTION 335.130: CLOSING OF STREETS FOR CIVIC/COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- A. All requests by any individual, civic or community organization for the temporary closure of any City street for the purpose of conducting a civic or community event shall be directed to the Community Development Director, the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief for action upon each such request.
- B. The temporary closure of any City street, under the circumstances hereinbefore described, may be authorized by the Community Development Director with the consent of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief, and without the necessity of any formal action on the part of the City Council.
- C. If the Community Development Director, the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief are not in unanimous agreement as to the temporary closure of any City street, as hereinbefore described, then the application shall be denied.
- D. All requests that are granted will be subject to an equipment deposit, which may be applied to the cost of replacing lost, stolen or damaged equipment.

**CHAPTER 340. BICYCLES & MOTORIZED BICYCLES  
PART 1. GENERALLY****SECTION 340.100: DEFINITIONS**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

**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 bicycle, scooter or similar two-or three-wheeled device that is capable of transporting a person or persons; having an automatic transmission and is self propelled by a electric motor or internal combustion engine with piston displacement of less than 50 cubic centimeters, which produces less than three (3) gross brake horsepower; and has a seat or operating platform with a height of 27 inches or more, measured from the lowest point of the seat or operating platform; and is capable of propelling the device at a at a speed in excess of five (5) miles per hour and at a maximum speed of not more than thirty (30) miles per hour on level ground; which is ineligible for a state certificate of title.

**MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLE:** Any coaster, min-motorcycles, pocket bikes, or any other two-or three-wheeled device that is capable of transporting a person or persons; having an automatic transmission and is self propelled by a electric motor or internal combustion engine with piston displacement of less than 50 cubic centimeters, which produces less than three (3) gross brake horsepower; and has a seat or operating platform with a height of less than twenty-seven (27) inches, measured from the lowest point of the seat or operating platform; and is capable of propelling the device at a at a speed in excess of five (5) miles per hour and a maximum speed of not more than thirty (30) miles per hour on level ground; which is ineligible for a state certificate of title.

**Cross references:** Definitions generally, § 300.200.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.180.

**SECTION 340.105: COMPLIANCE AND SCOPE**

- A. It is a violation for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this article.
- B. The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this article.
- C. These regulations applicable to bicycles, motorized bicycles and motorized play vehicles shall apply whenever the device is operated upon any street, or upon any public path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles subject to exceptions stated herein.

**SECTION 340.110: DISTANCE TO BE MAINTAINED WHEN OVERTAKING A BICYCLE**

The operator of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on the roadway, as defined in section 300.010, shall leave a safe distance when passing the bicycle, and shall maintain clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.411.

**CHAPTER 340. BICYCLES & MOTORIZED BICYCLES  
PART 2. OPERATION****SECTION 340.200: RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF 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 this chapter, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.188.

**SECTION 340.205: REGULATION OF MOTORIZED POCKET BIKES**

- A. *Purpose and Intent.* It is the purpose and intent of this section to provide for the regulation of Motorized Play Vehicles in order to protect the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers and operators of Motorized Play Vehicles alike.
- B. *Prohibited Operation.* No person shall operate any motorized pocket bike, as defined in section 340.100, upon the streets, highways, alleys, or sidewalks of the City or upon any property owned by the City.
- C. *Exceptions.*
1. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to apply to electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in RSMo 307.205.1.
  2. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to apply to motorized mobility devices for the physically disabled.

**Cross references:** Definitions generally, § 340.100.

**SECTION 340.210: OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES**

- A. Any person operating a bicycle or motorized bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.
- B. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or "U" turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle or motorized bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle or motorized bicycle to make any such turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

**SECTION 340.215: MANNER OF RIDING ON BICYCLE**

- A. A person operating a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereof, nor carry any other person upon such bicycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, nor shall any person ride upon a bicycle other than as above authorized.
- B. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one (1) time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

**SECTION 340.220: MANNER OF RIDING ON MOTORCYCLES AND SIMILAR VEHICLES; ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS; PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR**

- 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.
- C. Every person operating or riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motortricycle, as defined in RSMo 301.010, 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 state director of revenue.
- D. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSMo 302.340, the penalty for failure to wear protective headgear as required by subsection (c) of this section shall be a fine not to exceed \$25.00. 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.345.



**SECTION 340.225: MANNER OF RIDING ON MOTORIZED BICYCLES**

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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 311.345.

**SECTION 340.230: SPEED**

No person shall operate a bicycle or motorized bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

**SECTION 340.235: RECKLESS OPERATION**

No person shall ride a bicycle or motorized bicycle upon any of the public highways in a reckless or dangerous manner.

**SECTION 340.240: RIDING TO RIGHT; MANDATORY USE OF BICYCLE PATH BY BICYCLES**

- A. Every person operating a bicycle or motorized bicycle upon a street or highway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- B. Wherever a usable path for bicycles practical for sustained riding for transportation purposes has been officially designated adjacent to a street or highway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the street or highway.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.190.

**SECTION 340.245: EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY**

The operator of a bicycle or motorized bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway of building, shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alley way, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

**SECTION 340.250: RIDING MORE THAN TWO ABREAST PROHIBITED**

Persons operating bicycles or motorized bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or part of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

**SECTION 340.255: CARRYING ARTICLES**

No person operating a bicycle or motorized bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handle bars.

**SECTION 340.260: PARKING**

No person shall park a bicycle or motorized bicycle upon a street, sidewalk or roadway other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon a sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle or at the curb in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic or motor traffic.

**SECTION 340.265: RIDING IN PARKS, PRIVATE PROPERTY, ETC.**

No person shall ride a bicycle or motorized bicycle across, or through any yard, garden, lawn, or premises of another.

**SECTION 340.270: PROHIBITED ROADWAYS**

The Chief of Police may erect signs on roadways prohibiting the riding of bicycles or motorized bicycles thereon by any person and when such signs are in place no person shall disobey the same.

**SECTION 340.275: RIDING BICYCLES, SLEDS, ROLLER SKATES OR SIMILAR VEHICLES BY ATTACHING TO ANOTHER VEHICLE**

- A. No person riding upon any bicycle, motorized bicycle, coaster, roller skates, skateboard, sled or toy vehicle shall attach such vehicle or himself/herself to any vehicle upon a roadway.
- B. No driver of a vehicle shall knowingly pull a rider behind a vehicle.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.350.

**SECTION 340.280: OPERATION OF BICYCLES; RIDING MOTORIZED BICYCLES ON SIDEWALK; OPERATION OF SKATEBOARDS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

- A. Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by traffic ordinances of this City applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this Code and except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application.
- B. No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.
- C. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.
- D. No person shall ride a motorized bicycle upon a sidewalk.
- E. No person shall ride a skateboard upon any sidewalk, bench, culvert, fence, fountain basin, hand railing, monument, pedestrian ramp, planter, pillar, public parking garage facility, retaining wall, stairway, step, stonework, stormwater drainage channel, streetscape feature, table, or similar structure located on property owned or controlled by the City of Crane, when so designated by sign or signs posted by the City or within the area described as:

All that area located east of South Hemphill Avenue, north of Douglas Road, west of Commerce Street, south of Rose Avenue and back to east of North Hemphill Avenue.
- F. The term "skateboard" shall be defined as a four-wheeled device, with a platform on which to stand, powered by the user.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.347.

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**CHAPTER 340. BICYCLES & MOTORIZED BICYCLES  
PART 3. EQUIPMENT****SECTION 340.300: LIGHTS AND REFLECTORS**

Every bicycle and motorized bicycle when in use on a street or highway during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half 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, 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. Essentially colorless or amber reflectors on both the front and rear surfaces of all pedals. Each pedal reflector shall be recessed below the plane of the pedal or reflector housing. Each reflector shall be at least ninety one-hundredths square inches in projected effective reflex area, and must be 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 two hundred (200) feet; and
4. A side-facing essentially colorless or amber reflector visible on each side of the wheel mounted on the wheel spokes of the front wheel within three (3) inches of the inside of the wheel rim and a side-facing essentially colorless or red reflector mounted on the wheel spokes of the rear wheel within three (3) inches of the inside of the wheel rim, or continuous retroreflective material on each side of both tires which shall be at least three-sixteenths of an inch wide. All such reflectors or retroreflective tire sidewalls shall be 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 subdivision shall not apply to motorized bicycles which comply with National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration regulations relating to reflectors on motorized bicycles.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.185.

**SECTION 340.305: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.185.

**SECTION 340.310: OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR MOTORIZED BICYCLES**

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

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 307.196.

**SECTION 340.315: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF MOTORIZED BICYCLE  
OPERATION**

The following is a list of requirements to be adhered to in operation of a motorized bicycle in the City:

1. *Proof of age.* Every operator of a motorized bicycle in the City shall be 16 years of age and have proof of age.
2. *Driver's license required.* Every operator of a motorized bicycle in the City shall have a valid automobile operator's license. This will serve as proof of age.
3. *Helmet required.* Every operator of a motorized bicycle in the City shall wear protective headgear at all times that the motorized bicycle is in motion. The protective headgear shall meet reasonable standards and specifications established by the director of revenue.
4. *Compliance with laws.* Every operator of a motorized bicycle in the City shall comply with all state and local laws, including traffic laws.

**CHAPTER 345. ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES  
PART 1. GENERALLY****SECTION 345.100: DEFINITIONS**

An all-terrain vehicle is any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use that is fifty (50) inches or less in width, with an unloaded 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.

**SECTION 345.105: PROHIBITED ON CITY STREETS; EXCEPTIONS**

No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle upon the streets of this City, except as follows:

1. All-terrain vehicles owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use.
2. All-terrain vehicles operated for agricultural purposes or industrial on-premise purposes between the official sunrise and sunset on the day of operation.
3. All-terrain vehicles whose operators carry a special permit issued by this City pursuant to RSMo 304.013. The City clerk shall prepare an application form for the special permit and charge a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each permit.

**SECTION 345.110: PROHIBITED IN STREAMS, EXCEPTIONS**

No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in RSMo 304.001, within any stream or river in this City, except that all-terrain vehicles may be operated within waterways that flow within the boundaries of land that an all-terrain vehicle operator owns or has permission to be upon, 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.

**SECTION 345.115: LICENSE AND FLAG REQUIRED**

A person operating an all-terrain vehicle on a street or highway pursuant to an exception covered in this article shall have a valid operators' or chauffeurs' license, but shall not be required to have passed an examination for the operation of a motorcycle, and the vehicle shall be operated at speeds of less than thirty (30) miles per hour. When operated on a street or highway, an all-terrain vehicle shall have a bicycle safety flag, which extends not less than seven (7) feet above the ground, attached to the rear of the vehicle. The bicycle safety flag shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty (30) square inches and shall be day-glow in color.

**SECTION 345.120: CARELESS DRIVING; UNDER THE INFLUENCE; HELMET REQUIRED**

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;
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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.348.

**SECTION 345.125: PASSENGERS PROHIBITED, EXCEPTION**

No operator of an all-terrain vehicle shall carry a passenger, except for agricultural purposes.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.348.

**SECTION 345.130: EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

All all-terrain vehicles operated within the City shall have the equipment installed upon them as specified in section 307.198 RSMo.

**SECTION 345.135: PRIVATE PROPERTY**

No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on private property without the consent of the owner or lessor thereof.



**CHAPTER 350. PEDESTRIANS  
PART 1. GENERALLY****SECTION 350.100: PEDESTRIANS SUBJECT TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals as heretofore declared in this Title, but at all other places pedestrians shall be granted those rights and be subject to the restrictions stated in this Chapter.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.370.

**SECTION 350.105: 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 350.120.
- 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.375.

**SECTION 350.110: PEDESTRIANS TO USE RIGHT-HALF OF CROSSWALKS**

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

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.380.

**SECTION 350.115: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.385.

**SECTION 350.120: 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 350.125 when pedestrians are prohibited from crossing at certain designated places.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.390.

**SECTION 350.125: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.395.

**SECTION 350.130: OBEDIENCE OF PEDESTRIANS TO BRIDGE AND RAILROAD SIGNALS**

- A. No pedestrian shall enter or remain upon any bridge or approach thereto beyond the bridge signal, gate or barrier after a bridge operation signal indication has been given.
- B. No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge when such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.400.

**SECTION 350.135: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.405.

**SECTION 350.140: 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.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 300.410.

**SECTION 350.145: VISUALLY HANDICAPPED WITH WHITE CANE OR GUIDE  
DOG**

The driver of a vehicle approaching a person with a visual, aural or physical disability who is carrying a cane predominantly white or metallic in color, with or without a red tip, or using a guide dog, hearing dog or service dog shall yield to such pedestrian, and any driver who fails to take such precautions shall be liable in damages for any injury caused such pedestrian and any injury caused to the pedestrian's guide dog, hearing dog or service dog; provided that such a pedestrian not carrying such cane or using a guide dog, hearing dog or service dog in any of the places, accommodations or conveyances listed in section 209.150, RSMo, shall have all of the rights and privileges conferred by law upon other persons.

**State law references:** Similar provisions, RSMo 304.080.

**SECTION 350.150: USE OF WHITE CANE**

For the purpose of guarding against accidents, it shall be unlawful for any person not wholly or partially blind to carry or use upon the public ways of the City any cane or walking stick which is white in color. For the purposes of this section, the term “white” shall be construed to mean painted or enameled such color, and not unpainted or natural wood.

**CHAPTER 399. SCHEDULES**  
**SCHEDULE I. STOP SIGNS**

**SECTION 399.I: STOP SIGNS**

In accordance with Section 320.635 and when signs are erected giving notice thereof, traffic at the intersections listed in this section shall be required to stop as specified in this section.

**Location:**

Airport Road at Rose Avenue (Hwy 413)  
Charlene Street at Rose Avenue (Hwy 413)  
Anthony Street at Rose Avenue (Hwy 413)  
Compton Avenue at Charlene Street  
Hemphill (N) Avenue at Rose Avenue (Hwy 413)  
Creek Avenue at Rose Avenue (Hwy 413)  
Main (E) Street at Rose Avenue (Hwy 413)  
Commerce (N) Street at Rose Ave. (Hwy 413)  
Meadow (W) Avenue at Hemphill (N) Avenue  
Lockhart (W) Avenue at Hemphill (N) Avenue  
Meadow (W) Avenue at Creek Avenue  
Meadow (W) Avenue at Main (E) Street  
Meadow Avenue at Commerce (N) Street  
Main (E) Street at Lockhart (W) Avenue  
Lockhart Avenue at Commerce (N) Street  
Park Avenue at Hemphill (N) Avenue  
Park Avenue at Main (E) Street  
Park Avenue at Commerce (N) Street  
Lucas Lane at Maud (W) Avenue  
Christiana Avenue at Hemphill (N) Avenue  
Elizabeth Avenue at Christiana Avenue  
Christiana Avenue at Main (E) Street  
Agnes Avenue at Main (E) Street  
Agnes Avenue at Mockingbird (W) Lane  
Mockingbird (W) Lane at Elizabeth Avenue  
Mockingbird (W) Lane at Main (E) Street  
Mockingbird (E) Lane at Marble Road  
Mockingbird (W) Lane at Maxine Avenue  
Meadowlark Lane at Marble Road  
Violet Drive at Iris Avenue  
Murray Avenue at Violet Drive  
Spears Avenue at Violet Drive  
Maxine Avenue at Violet Drive  
Iris Avenue at Mockingbird (E) Lane  
Murray Avenue at Mockingbird (E) Lane

**Direction of Travel:**

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north

Spears Avenue at Mockingbird (E) Lane	North
Elizabeth Avenue at Maud (W) Avenue	South
Lillian (E) Avenue at Commerce (N)	East
Wilson Avenue at Crane (N) Street	East
Crane (N) Street at Maud (E) Avenue	North
Crane (N) Street at Park (E) Avenue	North and South
Crane (N) Street at Meadow (E) Avenue (Hwy BB)	North and South
Crane (N) Street at Lockhart (E) Street	South
Park (E) Avenue at Crane (N) Street	East and West
Park (E) Avenue at Bird Avenue	East
Lillian (E) Avenue at Park (E) Avenue	South
College Street at Bird Avenue	North
Olive Street at Park (E) Avenue	North
Olive Street at Rose (E) Avenue	North and South
Olive Street at Meadow (E) Avenue	North and South
Bob Conrad Drive at Commerce (N) Street (Hwy 413)	East
College Street at Meadow (E) Avenue (Hwy BB)	North and South
Short Street at Meadow (E) Avenue	North
Short Street at Lockhart (E) Avenue	South
Madison Avenue at Hwy BB	East
Sandy Lane Street at Madison Avenue	North
McConnell Street at Hwy BB	North
Gold Street at Hwy BB	North and South
Silver Street at Myrtle Avenue	North and South
Randolph Street at Madison Avenue (Hwy BB)	North
Randolph Street at Washington Avenue	South
Washington Avenue at East Avenue (Hwy BB)	East
East Avenue at Hwy BB	South
Myrtle Avenue at East Avenue	East
Myrna Lewers Parkway at Commerce Street	East
Main (E) Street at Lockhart (W)	North
Cortney Lane at Douglas Road	South
Douglas Road at Commerce (S) Street (Hwy 413)	East
Edgewood Avenue at Commerce (S) Street (Hwy 413)	East and West
Edgewood Avenue at Hemphill (S) Avenue	East
Crane (S) Street at Edgewood (E) Avenue	North
South Street at Commerce (S) Street (Hwy 413)	East
South Street at Hemphill (S) Avenue	East and West
South Street at Kadee Drive	East
Hayes Avenue at South Street	North
Hayes Avenue at Edgewood (W) Avenue	North and South
Ashley Street at Kadee Drive	East
Ashley Street at Hemphill (S) Avenue	West
Bel Aire Court at Hemphill (S) Avenue	East and West
Circle Drive at Hemphill (S) Avenue	East

Kadee Drive at Douglas Road	North
Hemphill (S) Avenue at Leah Avenue	South
Leah Avenue at Commerce (S)	East
Industrial Drive at Leah Avenue	North
Industrial Drive at Hwy D	South
Mountain Valley Drive at Industrial Drive	West
Commerce (S) Street at Hwy D	South
Commerce (S) Street at Pirate Lane	North
Hilton Park at Commerce (S) Street	West
Sylvia Street at Commerce (S) Street	West
Orchard Avenue at Commerce (S) Street	West
Orchard Avenue at Hwy D	East
Sylvia Street at Hwy D	East
West Street at Orchard Avenue	North
West Street at Sylvia Street	South
Hilton Park at Hwy D	East
Pirate Lane at Access Road to Hwy 413	East and West
Pirate Lane at Access Road to Hwy 413	East
Access Road to Hwy 413 at Hwy 413	North
Access Road to Hwy 413 at Hwy 413	North
Commerce (S) Street at Hwy 413	North

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**CHAPTER 399. SCHEDULES  
SCHEDULE II. SPEED LIMITS**

**SECTION 399.II: SPEED LIMITS**

A. In accordance with Section 320.310, the maximum speed limits on the City roads and highways shall be as follows:

<u><b>Location</b></u>	<u><b>Speed (mph)</b></u>
All alleys	10
All City parks	15
All other streets and highways bounding City school property when posted	As posted
All other streets and highways within the municipal boundaries except all streets bounding City school property, or unless otherwise posted	25
Hwy 413 from North City Limits to Airport Road	45
Hwy 413 from Airport Road to Creek Avenue	35
Hwy 413 from Creek Avenue to Bob Conrad Road	25
Hwy 413 from Bob Conrad Road to Greencove Lane	35
Hwy 413 from Greencove Lane to South City Limits	45
Roundhouse Road from City Limits to Roundhouse Road Bridge	35
Hwy D from City Limits to Musky Dime Road	45
Hwy D from Musky Dime Road to Pirate Lane	35

B. Speed reduction sites may be created from time to time within construction zones as needed and established by the City Traffic Engineer and shall be posted with appropriate and safe speed as determined by need and enforcement of such speed shall be immediate upon such posting.

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**CHAPTER 399. SCHEDULES**  
**SCHEDULE III. RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED PARKING**

**SECTION 399.III: RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED PARKING**

In accordance with Sections 315.410 to 315.425, parking shall, on certain roads or streets or parts thereof, be prohibited or limited as described in this schedule:

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Limit</u></b>
Any area designated as a City park or playground between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.	No parking any time
< No street restrictions at this time >	Two-hour limit between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. except Sundays and legal holidays
< No street restrictions at this time >	No parking between 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Sundays.

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**CHAPTER 399. SCHEDULES  
SCHEDULE IV. ONE-WAY STREETS**

**SECTION 399.IV: ONE-WAY STREETS**

In accordance with Section 330.500, vehicular traffic within the limits of the roads, streets or alleys described in this section 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.

<b><u>Streets</u></b>	<b><u>Remarks</u></b>
Main Street	Traffic shall proceed only in a southerly direction from Rose Avenue (Hwy 413) to Lockhart Avenue.

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**CHAPTER 399. SCHEDULES**  
**SCHEDULE V. COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND BUSES PROHIBITED**

**SECTION 399.V: COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND BUSES PROHIBITED**

In accordance with Section 320.800, no person shall operate any commercial vehicle or bus upon the following designated streets or parts of streets, except while making deliveries thereon:

**Streets:**

< No street restrictions at this time >

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