

## CHAPTER 11 TRAFFIC

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#### Section 11 - 1 - 1 Duty of Marshal

- A. It shall be the duty of the Marshal to provide for the enforcement of the street traffic regulations of the town and all of the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in the town, to make arrests for traffic violations, to investigate accidents and to assist in developing ways and means to improve traffic conditions, and to carry out all duties specially imposed upon the Marshal by this chapter.
- B. Any peace officer of the town may be authorized by the Marshal to perform any of the duties of the Marshal included in this chapter.

#### Sec. 11 - 1 - 2 Records of Traffic Violations

The Marshal shall keep a record of all violations of the traffic laws of the town or of the state vehicle laws of which any person has been charged. Such 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.

#### Sec. 11 - 1 - 3 Marshal to Investigate Accidents

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

#### Sec. 11 - 1 - 4 Traffic Accident Studies

Whenever the accidents at any particular location become numerous, the Marshal shall conduct studies of such accidents and determine remedial measures.

#### Sec. 11 - 1 - 5 Traffic Accident Reports

- A. The Marshal shall maintain a suitable system of filing traffic accident reports.

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Section 11 - 2 - 1 Directing Traffic

- A. The Marshal is hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal.
- B. Officers of the fire department, when on the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the Marshal in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.

Sec. 11 - 2 - 2 Obedience to Traffic Regulations

It is unlawful for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by this chapter. It shall also be unlawful for any person to willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of the Marshal or of any fire department official or an authority of the fire department.

Sec. 11 - 2 - 3 Traffic Control Devices

- A. The Marshal, with the approval of the council, shall place and maintain traffic control devices, signs and signals when and as required under the traffic regulations of the town to make effective the provisions of said regulations, and may place and maintain such additional traffic control devices as s/he may deem necessary to regulate traffic under the traffic laws of the town or under state law or to guide or warn traffic.
- B. The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the traffic regulations of the town unless otherwise directed by the Marshal, subject to the exceptions granted in this chapter or by state law.

Sec. 11 - 2 - 4 Authority to Designate Crosswalks, Establish Safety Zones and Mark Traffic Lanes

The Marshal is hereby authorized, on approval by the council:

- A. 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 s/he may deem necessary.
- B. To establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as s/he may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians.
- C. To mark lanes for traffic on street pavement at such places as s/he may deem advisable, consistent with the traffic laws of the town.

Sec. 11 - 2 - 5 Authority to Place, and Obedience to, Turning Markers

- A. The Marshal 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.
- B. When authorized markers, buttons or other indications are placed within an intersection indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning thereat, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of such indications.

Sec. 11 - 2 - 6 Authority to Place, and Obedience to, Restricted Turn Signs

- A. The Marshal, on approval by the council, is hereby authorized to determine those intersections at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right, left or U-turn and shall place proper signs at 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 such signs may be removed when such turns are permitted.
- B. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or U-turn is permitted, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any such sign.

Sec. 11 - 2 - 7 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.

Sec. 11 - 2 - 8 One-Way Streets and Alleys

- A. The council shall by resolution designate any streets or alleys which are to be limited to one-way traffic.
- B. When any resolution of the council designates any one-way street or alley, the Marshal 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.

Sec. 11 - 2 - 9 Regulation of Traffic at Intersections

- A. The council shall by resolution designate through streets, intersections where stops are required, and intersections where vehicles shall yield the right of way.
- B. When any resolution of the council shall designate any through street or intersection where vehicles are to stop or yield the right of way, the Marshal shall erect and maintain the appropriate signs at every location where a vehicle must stop or yield the right of way.

Sec. 11 - 2 - 10 Drivers to Obey Signs

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

Sec. 11 - 2 - 11 Processions

- A. No procession or parade, except funeral processions, shall be held without first securing a permit from the Marshal, and all such requests for permits shall state the time, place of formation, proposed line of march, destination and such other regulations as the Marshal may set forth therein.
- B. A funeral procession composed of a procession of vehicles shall be identified by such methods as may be determined and designated by the Marshal.
- C. 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. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or a police officer.
- D. Each driver in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right hand edge of the roadway as practical and shall follow the vehicle ahead as close as is practical and safe.

Article 11 - 3 PARKING

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Section 11 - 3 - 1 Definitions

In this article unless the context otherwise requires:

- A. "Authorized emergency vehicle" means any vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the state or local authorities
- B. "Inoperative vehicle" means any vehicle not immediately functional or in such a state of condition as to render said vehicle unsafe for use upon public highways.
- C. "Operator" means a person who drives or is in actual physical control over a vehicle upon a highway or who is exercising control over or steering a vehicle being towed by a motor vehicle.
- D. "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle or, if a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, the conditional vendee or lessee, or if a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, the mortgagor.
- E. "Public property" means any real property owned by the town which is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel or vehicular parking.
- F. "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.
- G. "Vehicle" means a device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

Sec. 11 - 3 - 2 Parking Regulations

- A. Except as otherwise provided by this article, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a street shall be so stopped or parked with the right hand wheels of such vehicle parallel to and within eighteen inches of the right hand boundary line of the street.
- B. Right-angle and forty-five degree angle parking shall be permitted where practicable upon streets, provided that no portion of any vehicle shall extend upon the paved or main-traveled part of the street.
- C. It is unlawful for any operator or owner to park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon any public property, except where signs have been posted designating parking regulations or when special permission has been granted by the mayor and council issued in writing.
- D. It is unlawful for any operator or owner to park or leave standing any inoperative vehicle upon any street or public property including any vehicle of which the registration has lapsed.
- E. It is unlawful for any operator or owner to park or leave standing any vehicle in such a manner as to constitute a vision obscurement for other vehicular traffic or as to constitute any other hazard to other vehicular traffic.
- F. It is unlawful for any operator or owner to park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street or public property for a period of time in excess of twenty four hours.
- G. Nothing in this section shall apply to authorized emergency vehicles deployed in an official capacity.
- H. It is unlawful for any operator or owner to leave any motorized vehicle with running engines, generators or compressors between 8:00 P. M. and 6:00 A. M.

Sec. 11 - 3 - 3 Authorized Removal

- A. Any police officer of the town is authorized to remove or cause to be removed to the nearest garage or other place of safety any vehicle found to be in violation of this article.
- B. Any and all towing, impound or storage fees incurred subsequent to any such authorized removal shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or operator.

Sec. 11 - 3 - 4 Handicapped Parking Zone

- A. Handicapped parking zones may be designated within the town limits pursuant to A.R.S. 28-883 and related provisions of Arizona law in addition to the conditions herein specified. In order to designate a handicapped parking zone as defined in

the Arizona law, the owner of the property upon which the designation shall apply shall:

1. Submit specific drawings of the exact location thereof to the town planning and zoning commission for their official approval.
  2. Adequately post, designate and sign same so that the public can reasonably identify and observe said notices.
  3. Obtain said designation by resolution of the town council.
- B. The designation on public rights of way shall follow steps 2 and 3 of subsection A of this section only.
- C. Omission of any of the above steps shall leave the designated area in question and unenforceable under this section.

Sec. 11 - 3 - 5 Penalties

An operator or owner who violates any of the provisions of this article shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.