

CHAPTER 73: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

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§ 73.01 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 or she may deem necessary to regulate traffic under the traffic ordinances of the city or under state law or to guide or warn traffic.

(Prior Code, § 315.010)

§ 73.02 MANUAL AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

(A) 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.

(B) 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.

(C) All traffic control devices so erected and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Title shall be official traffic control devices.

(Prior Code, § 315.020)

§ 73.03 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the provisions of this Title, unless otherwise directed by a traffic or police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in this Title.

(Prior Code, § 315.030)

§ 73.04 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.

(Prior Code, § 315.040)

§ 73.05 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.

(Prior Code, § 315.050)

§ 73.06 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.

(Prior Code, § 315.060) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 73.07 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.

(Prior Code, § 315.070) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 73.08 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.

(Prior Code, § 315.080)

§ 73.09 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.

(Prior Code, § 315.090) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 73.10 CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO DESIGNATE CROSSWALKS AND ESTABLISH SAFETY ZONES.

The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized:

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

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

(Prior Code, § 315.100)

§ 73.11 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.

(Prior Code, § 315.110) Penalty, see § 10.99