

CHAPTER 7-5 SIGNS AND SIGNALS

7-5-1 SIGNS AND SIGNALS

1. The City Council shall by resolution determine and designate the character or type and location of all official traffic signs and signals, except as otherwise provided herein; provided, that all traffic signs and signals nor erected and in operation are hereby designated official traffic signs and signals. Subject to this selection, the Street Superintendent is hereby authorized and as to those signs and signals required hereunder, it shall be his duty to place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained all official traffic signs and signals. All signs and signals required hereunder for a particular purpose shall be as approved by the City Council, and as far as practicable, standard throughout the City.
2. No provisions of this title for which signs are required shall be enforceable against an alleged violator if, at the time and place of the alleged violation, the sign herein required is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person.

7-5-2 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS

It shall be unlawful for any operator to disobey the instructions of any official traffic sign or signal upon the street placed in accordance with the provisions of this title, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

7-5-3 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS

Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals, exhibiting successively one at a time, the color green for go, yellow or amber of caution, red for stop, or flashing signals, traffic shall be regulated and controlled thereby as follows:

1. Green means go. Vehicular traffic facing a green signal may proceed straight through or may turn right or left if said traffic control signal is at an intersection, unless such turn at such place be otherwise prohibited, but vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and pedestrians, lawfully within the roadway intersection or crosswalk controlled by said signal at the time such signal is exhibited. Pedestrians facing the green signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.
2. Yellow or amber, when used following the green signal means caution. Vehicular traffic facing the yellow or amber signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk, except that if such stop cannot be made in safety, a vehicle may be driven cautiously through the roadway, intersection or crosswalk controlled by said signal. Pedestrians facing the yellow or amber signal are thereby advised that there is not enough time to cross the roadway and they shall remain on the curb line and not proceed across the roadway controlled by said signal until the next green signal appears.

3. Red means stop. Vehicular traffic facing the red signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked, and shall remain standing and shall not enter the intersection or at a limit line when marked, and shall remain standing and shall not enter the intersection or roadway to the front until the green signal is shown. Pedestrians facing the red signal shall not proceed across the roadway to the front until the next green signal appears.
4. A flashing red signal means stop. Vehicular traffic facing the flashing red signal shall first stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked, and then proceed with caution and with regard to the rules of right-of-way.
5. A flashing yellow or amber signal means caution. Vehicular traffic facing the flashing yellow or amber signal may proceed through the intersection or pass such signal only with caution.

7-5-4 UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS AND SIGNALS

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or maintain or to display upon or in view of any street any unofficial sign, signal or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic sign or signal or which purport to regulate or to curtail parking or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or for any person to paint markings or legends upon any curb or curbing purporting to indicate a restricted or limited parking zone and every such prohibited sign, signal, device or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and the Sheriff is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.

7-5-5 INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNS AND SIGNALS

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully deface, injure, move, obstruct or interfere with any official traffic sign or signal.

7-5-6 DESIGNATION OF CROSSWALKS

The Mayor, with the consent of the Council, is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and to designate and shall thereafter maintain, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks approximately equal in width to the adjacent sidewalk at all intersections where in his opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway.

7-5-7 DESIGNATION OF SAFETY ZONES AND LANES

1. The Mayor, with the consent of the Council, is hereby empowered to establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as he may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians.
2. The Mayor, with the consent of the Council, is also authorized to mark lanes for traffic on street pavements at such places as he may deem advisable, consistent with the provisions of this title.

7-5-8 CURB MARKINGS

Wherever in any street or avenue the curb is painted with a solid yellow stripe by or under the direction of the Mayor, such stripe or marking shall indicate a "No Parking" area or zone, and it shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle adjacent to such marking. Wherever in any street or avenue the curb is painted with a broken yellow stripe by or under the direction of the Mayor, such broken stripe or marking shall indicate a limited parking area or zone, the extent of such limitation to be indicated by signs at the end of each such limited area or zone and it shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle adjacent to such limited parking zone for a longer period than indicated upon said signs.

7-5-9 NO LEFT TURN SIGNS

The Mayor, with the consent of the Council, is hereby authorized to place or have placed under his direction at any intersection and at such hours as he deems proper, signs indicating no left turn, and it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to make a left turn at such intersection when such signs are in place.