

Chapter 10.12 - ENFORCEMENT AND OBEDIENCE TO REGULATIONS

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10.12.010 Police and fire department officials–Authority.

- 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 state and the municipality
- B. Officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned by the chief of police are authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal; 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.
- 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. (Prior code §10-2-2 (A)).

10.12.020 Traffic regulations–Obedience required.

It is unlawful for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required herein. (Prior code §10-2-2(B)).

10.12.030 Police and fire department officials–Compliance to orders required.

It is unlawful for any person willfully to fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of a police officer or fire department official. (Prior code §10-2-2(C)).

10.12.040 Pushcarts and animal-drawn vehicles–Regulations applicable.

Every person propelling any push cart or driving any animal- drawn vehicle or riding an animal upon a roadway shall be subject to the provisions of this title applicable to the driver of any vehicle, except those provisions which by their very own nature can have no application. (Prior code §10-2-2(0)).

10.12.050 Roller skates and toy vehicles prohibited on roadways when.

It is unlawful for any person upon roller skates or riding any coaster, toy vehicle or similar device to go upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk and when 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. (Prior code §10-2-2(E)).

10.12.060 Applicability to public employees.

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, state, county or municipality, and it is unlawful for any such driver to violate any of the provisions of this title, except as otherwise permitted. (Prior code §10-2-2 (F))

10.12.070 Authorized emergency vehicles-Special privileges granted when.

- A. The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle when responding to an emergency call or when in the pursuit of an actual 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 act;
 - 2. Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operations;
 - 3. Exceed the prima facie speed limits so long as he does not endanger life or property;
 - 4. Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions.

The exemption herein granted to an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any said vehicle while in motion sounds audible signal or bell, siren or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of such vehicle; except that an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with or display a red light visible from in front of the 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 reckless disregard for the safety of others. (Prior code §10-2-2(G)).

10.12.080 Procedures required on approach of authorized emergency vehicle.

Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle equipped with at least one lighted lamp exhibiting red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of such vehicle other than a police vehicle when operated as an authorized emergency vehicle, and when the driver is giving audible signal, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield

the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel, 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. (Prior code §10-2-2 (H)).

10.12.090 Accident–Notice required when.

The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or property damage to an apparent extent of fifty dollars or more shall immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice of such accident to the police department. (Prior code §10-2-2 (I))

10.12.100 Accident–Written report required when.

The driver of a vehicle which is in any manner involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or total property damage to an apparent extent of fifty dollars or more shall within five days after such accident forward a written report of such accident to the police department or a copy of any report he is required to forward to the state. 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. (Prior code §10-2-2(J)).

10.12.110 Accident–Procedure when driver unable to notify or report.

- A. Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of giving immediate notice of an accident as required herein 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 herein 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 learning of the accident make such report not made by the driver. (Prior code §10-2-2(K)).

10.12.120 Accident–Written report to be confidential.

All written accident reports made by drivers, owners or occupants of vehicles involved in accidents as required herein 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 of the records for accident prevention purposes, except that the police department may disclose the identity of a person involved in an accident when such identity is not otherwise known or when such person denies his presence at such accident. No such report shall be used as evidence in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident except that the department shall furnish upon demand of any person who has or claims to have made such a report or upon demand of any court, a certificate showing that a specified report has or has not been made to the police department solely to prove a compliance or a failure to comply with the requirements that such a report be made to the department. (Prior code §10-2-2(L))