

Chapter 10.44 - TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ¹

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10.44.010 Installation authority.

The chief of police shall place and maintain traffic control signs, signals and devices when and as required under the traffic regulations of the municipality to make effective the provisions of said regulations, and may place and maintain such additional traffic control devices as he may deem necessary. (Prior code §10-2-3 (A))

10.44.020 Specifications.

All traffic control signs, signals and devices shall conform to the approved specifications. All signs and signals required hereunder for a particular purpose shall so far as practicable are uniform as to type and location throughout the municipality. All traffic control devices so erected and not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter shall be official traffic control devices. (Prior code §10-2-3 (B)).

10.44.030 Required for enforcement purposes when.

No provisions of this chapter for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that signs are required, such section shall be effective even though no signs are erected or in place. (Prior code §10-2-3(D)).

10.44.040 Driver obedience required–Exceptions.

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 municipality, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle. (Prior code §10-2-3(C)).

10.44.050 Signal lights—Colors to indicate traffic procedures.

Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution" or "Stop" or exhibiting different colored lights successively one at a time or with arrows, the following colors only shall be used and said terms and lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

- A. Green alone or "Go":
 - 1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal, except when prohibited herein, 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.
 - 2. Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- B. Yellow alone or "Caution" when following the green or "Go" signal:
 - 1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal is thereby warned that the red or "Stop" signal will be exhibited immediately and such vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection when the yellow or "Caution" signal is exhibited.
 - 2. Pedestrians facing such signal are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway and any pedestrian then starting to cross shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.
 - 3. Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway until the green or "Go" is shown alone unless authorized to do so by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.
- C. Red alone or "Stop"
 - 1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal 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 green or "Go" is shown alone.
 - 2. No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway until the green or "Go" is shown alone unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.
- D. Fled with green arrow:
 - 1. Vehicular traffic facing such signal may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
 - 2. No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway until the green or "Go" is shown alone unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.
- E. 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. (Prior code §10-2-3(E)).

10.44.060 Pedestrian control signals-Obedience required.

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

- A. "Walk": Pedestrians facing such a signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way.
- B. "Wait" or "Don't Walk": It is unlawful for any pedestrian to start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety zone while the wait signal is showing. (Prior code §10-2-3(F)).

10.44.070 Flashing signals–Colors to indicate traffic procedures–Exception.

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:

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

This section shall not apply at railroad grade crossings; conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching railroad grade crossings shall be governed by the rules set forth in Section 10.40.070, (Prior code §10-2-3(G)).

10.44.080 Crosswalks and safety zones.

The chief of police is authorized:

- A. To designate and maintain, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where in his opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway and at such other places as he may deem necessary;
- B. To establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as he may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians. (Prior code §10-2-3(L)).

10.44.090 Traffic lanes–Authorized when–Driver obedience required.

- A. The chief of police is 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 is unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep such vehicle within the boundaries of such lane except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement. (Prior code §10-2-3(M)).

10.44.100 Play streets—Establishment authority.

The chief of police shall have authority to declare any street or part thereof a play street and to place appropriate signs or devices in the roadway indicating the same. (Prior code §10-2-3(J)).

10.44.110 Play streets—Vehicles prohibited when.

Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating any street or part thereof as a play street, it is unlawful for any person to 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 §10-2-3(K)).

10.44.120 Unauthorized signs, signals or markings—Designated—Prohibited and removal authorized—When.

- A. It is unlawful for any person to place, maintain or display upon or in view of any highway any unauthorized signs, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation 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.
- B. It is unlawful for any person to place or maintain, nor shall any public authority permit, upon any highway any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising.
- C. This section shall not be deemed to prohibit the erection upon private property adjacent to highways of signs giving useful directional information and of a type that cannot be mistaken for official signs.
- D. Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is declared to be a public nuisance and the authority having jurisdiction over the highway is empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice. (Prior code §10-2-3(H)).

10.44.130 Interference with traffic control devices or railroad signals prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person, without lawful authority, to 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 part thereof. (Prior code §10-2-3(I)).

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(1)For statutory provisions allowing local authorities to maintain traffic control devices, see Idaho Code 49-603.