

CHAPTER 71: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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§ 71.01 U-TURNS PROHIBITED.

It is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle by turning so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street except at a street intersection, and then only if the street is otherwise controlled by a traffic signal, provided that any person making a permitted U-turn shall yield the right-of-way to all other vehicles. The penalty for violation of the provisions of state statutes adopted by reference in this section shall be identical with the penalty provided for in the statutes for the same offense. (1981 Code, § 1105.09) Penalty, see §10.99

§ 71.02 CERTAIN LEFT TURNS PROHIBITED.

(A) It is unlawful for any person to turn across an oncoming lane of traffic to park in an angle parking space without making a lawful U-turn.

(B) It is unlawful for any person to back a vehicle from an angle parking space so as to head in a direction generally opposite from that of the angle parking space in which the traffic was parked. (1981 Code, § 1105.10) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.03 TRUCK TRAFFIC.

(A) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future; words in the plural include the singular, the words in the singular include the plural. The word shall is always mandatory and not merely directory.

(B) *Truck travel restricted.* All trucks operating within the city shall be operated only over and along the truck routes established in division (C) of this section, except that this section shall not prohibit:

- (1) The operation of trucks upon any street where necessary to the conduct of business at a destination point, provided streets upon which such traffic is permitted are used until reaching the intersection nearest the destination point;
- (2) The operation of emergency vehicles upon any street in the city;
- (3) The operation of trucks owned or operated by the city, public utilities and contractor or material man while engaged in the repair, maintenance or construction of streets, street improvements or street utilities within the city;
- (4) The operation of trucks upon any officially established detour in any case where such truck could be lawfully operated on the street for which such detour is established;
- (5) Except when permission is granted by the city in the manner hereinafter provided, when it becomes necessary for such heavy trucks to use any street,

avenue or alleys. Written application, which application specifies the route intended to be used and the time such route is intended to be used, shall be submitted to the Chief of Police or the City Administrator. If the Chief of Police or the City Administrator approves such application by endorsing his or her approval, the route may be used by the time specified on application. The Chief of Police and the City Administrator shall approve the application after considering the route, the time, the traffic on the proposed route, the conditions of the surface of the thoroughfare and any other relevant factors. It is, in the opinion of either of them, unduly hazardous, harmful to the thoroughfare or better routes are available within the city.

(C) *Streets designated for truck use.* The following streets or truck routes are established or designated within the city.

- (1) Highway 61 from the north end of the city limits to the south end of the city limits;
- (2) Highway 63 from Highway 61 to the west end of the city limits;
- (3) Lakewood Avenue from Highway 61 to the west end of the city limits;
- (4) 10th Street from Highway 63 to Lakewood Avenue;
- (5) 8th Street from Walnut Street to Lakewood Avenue;
- (6) 7th Street from Highway 63 to Monroe Street;
- (7) Monroe Street from 8th Street to Highway 61;
- (8) 7th Street from Lakewood Avenue to Iowa Street.

(D) Enforcement.

- (1) The Police Department of the city shall cause all truck routes and streets upon which truck traffic is permitted to be clearly sign-posted.
- (2) Any police officer shall have the authority to require any person driving or in control of any truck not proceeding over a truck route or street upon which truck traffic is permitted to proceed shall be directed to any public or private scale available for the purpose of weighing and determining whether this chapter has been complied with.
- (3) No dynamic engine brake (Jake brakes) shall be used or applied anywhere within the city limits of the city. Appropriate signs prohibiting such brake use shall be erected at or near the Highway 61 and 63 entrances to the city.

- (4) The driver or operator shall be liable for any violation of the provisions of this chapter. (1981 Code, §1105.11) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.04 UNREASONABLE ACCELERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE

(A) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

MOTOR VEHICLE. Any self-propelled motor vehicle or other vehicle on wheels which would ordinarily travel on public streets.

PUBLIC or PRIVATE WAY. Any street, avenue, highway, alley or other public way, private driveway or other private way in the city. (1981 Code, § 1115.01)

(B) *Violation.* No person shall turn, accelerate, decelerate or otherwise operate a motor vehicle on any public private way within the city in a manner which causes unnecessary engine noise or backfire, squealing tires, skidding, sliding, swaying, throwing of sand or gravel or in a manner simulating a race. Squealing or screeching sounds emitted by tires or the throwing of sand or gravel by the tires is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. (1981 Code, § 1115.03) Penalty, see § 10.99