Traffic Ordinance No. C-23-48 City Of Farmington

The City of Farmington Ordains:

An Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of Vehicles on Streets and Highways of the City of Farmington; Providing for Traffic Signs and Signals; Defining the Power of the Police Department of the City of Farmington to Enforce this Ordinance, and the Rules and Regulations Contained Herein; Providing for the Enforcement of this Ordinance and for Penalties for Violation thereof; and to Repeal Ordinance Number C-22-41 of the City of Farmington and all Amendments thereto and all other Ordinances and Sections of Ordinances in conflict herewith.

ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. Definition of Words and Phrases. The following words and phrases when used in this ordinance shall, for the purpose of this ordinance, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this article.

Sec. 2(a). Vehicle. Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway.

(b) Motor Vehicle. Every vehicle, as herein defined, which is self-propelled.

(c) Authorized Emergency Vehicle. Vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, ambulances and such emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the City Commission of this City.

(d). Commercial Vehicles. All vehicles used for the transportation of passengers for hire and those constructed or used for transportation of merchandise.

(e) Motorcycle. Every motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground, except any such vehicle as may be included within the term "tractor".

Sec. 3. Traffic. Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles and other conveyances either singly or together while using any street for purposes of travel.

Sec. 4. Right-Of-Way. The privilege of the immediate use of the roadway.

Sec. 5. (a) Stop. When required means complete cessation of movement.

(b) Stop or Stopping. When prohibited means any stopping of a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control sign or signals.

(c) Standing. Any stopping of vehicle, whether occupied or not.

(d) Park. The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading.

(e) Double Parking, Double Standing and Double Stopping. The parking, standing or stopping of a vehicle upon the roadway side of another vehicle parking, standing or stopping.

Sec. 6. Official Time Standard. Whenever certain hours are named herein they shall mean standard time or daylight saving time as may be in current use in this City.

Sec. 7 (a). Person. Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

(b) Operator. The word "operator" shall mean and include every person or individual who shall operate a vehicle as the owner thereof or as the agent, employee, or permittee of the owner; and with reference to parking provisions, any person parking or moving a vehicle whether remaining in such parked vehicle or not.

(c) Owner. A person who holds the legal title of a vehicle or in event a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the condition stated in the agreement with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, or in the event a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee, lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this ordinance.

(d) Pedestrian. Any person afoot.

Sec. 8. Police Officer. Every officer of this City's police department or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

Sec. 9. (a). Street or Highway. The entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular traffic, except those hereinafter defined as alleys.

(b) Private Road or Driveway. Every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.

(c) Roadway. That portion of a street, improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

(d) Sidewalk. That portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians.

(e) Alley. The entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular traffic, and shown as an alley on any plat of public record.

Sec. 10. (a) Intersection. The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at or approximately at right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any angle may come in conflict.

Sec. 11 (a). Crosswalk. That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection of lateral lines of sidewalks at intersections.

(b). Any portion of a roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

Sec. 12. Safety Zone. The area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

Sec. 13 (a). Official Traffic Control Devices. All signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with this ordinance placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

(b) Official Traffic Signals. Any device, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

Sec. 14 (a). Business District. The territory contiguous to and including a highway when fifty per cent or more of the frontage for a distance of 300 feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business.

(b) Residence District. The territory contiguous to and including a highway not comprising a business district when the property on such highway for a distance of 300 feet or more is in the main improved with dwellings or dwellings and buildings in use for business.

Sec. 15. City Commission or Commission. The legislative body of the City of Farmington.

ARTICLE II

REQUIRED OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Sec. 16. Powers of the Police Department. The Chief of Police and the police officers shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance and such regulations and amendments as may be adopted by the City Commission hereunder. It shall be the duty of the Police Department to direct and control the traffic of vehicles and pedestrians.

Sec. 17. Required Obedience To Traffic Ordinance. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden, or fail to perform any act required in this ordinance, or to wilfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of a police officer.

Sec. 18. Public Employees To Obey Traffic Regulations. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the driver of any vehicle owned by or used in the service of the United States Government, this state, county or city, and it shall be unlawful for any said driver to violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, except as otherwise permitted in this ordinance or by State statute.

Sec. 19 (a) Exemptions To Authorized Emergency Vehicles. The provisions of this ordinance regulating the operation, parking, and standing of vehicles shall apply to authorized emergency vehicles, as defined in this ordinance, except as follows:

A driver when operating any such vehicle in an emergency, except when otherwise directed by a police officer, may —

(1) Park or stand notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance;

(2) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop signs, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;

(3) Exceed the speed limits so long as he does not endanger life or property;

(4) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions so long as he does not endanger life or property.

(b) The foregoing exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequence of his reckless disregard of the safety of others.

Sec. 20. Persons Propelling Push Carts or Riding Bicycles or Animals To Obey Traffic Regulations. Every person propelling any push cart or riding a bicycle or any animal upon a roadway, and every person driving any animal-drawn vehicle, shall be subject to the provisions of this ordinance applicable to the driver of any vehicle, except those provisions of this ordinance which by their very nature have no application.

ARTICLE III.

OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Sec. 21 (a). Obedience to Official 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 traffic ordinances of this City, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in this ordinance.

(b). No provision of this ordinance 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 without signs being erected to give notice thereof.

Sec. 22. Obedience to No-Turn Signs and Turning Markers. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or "U" turn is permitted no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any such sign, and when authorized marks, buttons, or other indications are placed within an intersection indicating the course to be travelled by vehicles turning thereat, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of such indications.

Sec. 23. Zone of Quiet. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating a zone of quiet, no person operating a motor vehicle within any such zone shall sound the horn or other warning device of said vehicle except in an emergency.

Sec. 24. 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 said street or portion thereof.

Sec. 25. Traffic Control Signal Legend. 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, the following colors only shall be used and said terms and lights shall indicate as follows;

(a) Green alone or "Go".

1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. But vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection at the time such signal is exhibited.

2. Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any unmarked crosswalk.

(b) Amber alone or "Caution" when shown following the green or "Go" signal.

1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at the intersection, but if such stop cannot be made in safety a vehicle may be driven cautiously through the intersection.

2. Pedestrians facing such signal are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross a roadway and any pedestrian then starting to cross shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.

(c) Red alone or "Stop".

1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at such other point as may be indicated by a clearly visible line, and shall remain standing until green or "Go" is shown alone.

2. No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway unless he can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.

(d) Red 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 not interfere with other traffic.

2. No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway unless he can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.

Sec. 26 (a). Display of Unauthorized Signs, Signals, or Markings. No person shall place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any highway any unauthorized sign, signal, marking, or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic control device or 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 sign or signal, and no person shall place or maintain, nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising. This 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.

(b) Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and the Police Department is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.

Sec. 27 (a). Interference With Official Traffic Control Devices, 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 signal, or any inscription, shield, or insignia thereon, or any part thereof.

(b) Whenever signs, authorized by the City Commission, are erected indicating that any street or part thereof is closed to traffic of trucks of a certain size or weight, no person shall drive such a truck upon any such street or portion thereof except drivers of trucks having business or whose residences are within such closed area.

ARTICLE IV.

STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

Sec. 28. Parking Prohibited on Streets. When signs prohibiting parking are erected on streets no person shall park a vehicle in any such designated place.

Sec. 29. No Stopping or Parking Near Hazardous or Congested Places. When signs are erected upon approach to hazardous or congested places no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any such designated place.

Sec. 30. Parking Adjacent To Schools. When signs are erected indicating no parking or parking for a limited time, upon that side of the street adjacent to any school property, no person shall park a vehicle in any such designated place in violation thereof.

Sec. 31 (a). Parking Prohibited in Certain Places. No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle upon a street, other than an alley, in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than 10 feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic, except that a driver may stop temporarily during the actual traffic regulations or traffic signs of a police officer.

(b) No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than 10 feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic.

Sec. 32. Parking Prohibited in Designated Places. When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle within the district or upon any of the streets described in Schedule I attached to and made a part of this ordinance.

Sec. 33. Parking Time Limited in Designated Places. When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than the period designated in said notice within the district or upon any of the streets described in Schedules II, III, and IV attached to and made a part of this ordinance.

Sec. 34 (a). Standing For Loading Only. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers in any place marked as a passenger zone during hours when the regulations applicable to such passenger zone are effective, and then only for a period not to exceed 3 minutes.

(b) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time other than for the expeditious unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of materials in any place marked as a loading zone during hours when the provisions applicable to loading zones are in effect. In no case shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials exceed 30 minutes.

Sec. 35 (a). Bus and Taxicab Stands. The driver of a bus or taxicab shall not stand or park upon any street in any business district at any place other than at a bus stop, or taxicab stand respectively, except that this provision shall not prevent the driver of any such vehicle from temporarily stopping in accordance with other stopping or parking regulations at any place for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers.

(b) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle other than a bus in a bus stop, or other than a taxicab in a taxicab stand when any such stop or stand has been officially designated and appropriately signed expect that the driver of a passenger vehicle may temporarily stop therein for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers when such stopping does not interfere with any bus or taxicab waiting to enter or about to enter such a zone.

Sec. 36. Standing or Parking Close To Curb. No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, heading in the direction of the traffic, and with the curb-side of the vehicle within 12 inches of the edge of the roadway, except as provided in the following paragraphs:

(a). Upon those streets which have been marked or signed for angle parking, vehicles shall be parked at an angle to the curb indicated by such mark or signs.

(b). In places where and at hours when stopping for the loading or unloading of merchandise or materials is permitted, vehicles used for the transportation of merchandise or materials may back into the curb to take on or discharge loads when the owner of such vehicle holds a permit granting him such privilege, and such permit shall be either in the possession of the driver or on the vehicle at the time such vehicle is backed against the curb to take on or discharge a load, and it shall be unlawful for any owner or driver to violate any of the special terms or conditions of any such special permit.

Sec. 37. Unlawful Parking. No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of;

1. Displaying it for sale.

2. Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

3. No trailers shall be parked on any of the streets of the City for a longer period than one (1) hour at any one time.

4. Streets in a business district may be designated on which no trailer shall be stopped, parked or allowed to stand between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sec. 38. Using Vehicle for Primary Purpose of Advertising Prohibited. No person shall operate or park on any street any vehicle for the primary purpose of advertising.

Sec. 39 (a). Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:

1. On a sidewalk;

2. In front of a public or private driveway;

3. Within an intersection;

4. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;

5. On a crosswalk;

6. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;

7. Within 10 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of the roadway;

8. Between safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the traffic authority indicates a different length by signs or markings;

9. Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side street opposite the entrance of any fire station within 75 feet of said entrance (when properly sign-posted);

10. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, or parking would obstruct traffic;

11. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of curb of a street;

12. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway;

13. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;

14. No person shall move a vehicle not owned by such person into any prohibited area or away from a curb such a distance as is unlawful.

Sec. 40. The Chief of Police, subject to the control of the City Commission, shall cause signs to be posted regulating, limiting, or prohibiting stopping, standing, or parking to the extent set forth in this Article IV. The fact that the places designated by such signs, or the regulations as to the time of such stopping, standing or parking are fixed by the Chief of Police shall not be construed so as to negative a violation of the particular section involved, as long as such places are within the areas designated in this ordinance, and the regulations, limitations or prohibitions do not create offenses other than those created in the specific sections of this article.

ARTICLE V.

OPERATION OF VEHICLES

Sec. 41 (a). Stop Before Entering a Through Street. Those streets and parts of streets described in Schedule V attached hereto and made a part hereof are hereby declared to be through streets for the purpose of this section.

(b) When stop signs are erected upon highways intersecting a through street at the entrances thereto or at the entrance to any intersection, every driver of a vehicle shall stop at every such sign or at a clearly marked stop line before entering the intersection except when directed to proceed by a police officer or traffic control signal.

Sec. 42. Stop When Traffic Obstructed. No driver shall enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

Sec. 43. Driving Through Procession. No driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated as required in this ordinance. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic signals or police officers.

Sec. 44. Permits for Parades and Processions. No funeral, procession, or parade containing 75 or more persons or 15 or more vehicles excepting the forces of the United States Army or Navy, the military forces of this state, and the forces of the police and fire departments, shall occupy, march, or proceed along any street except in accordance with a permit issued by the Chief of Police and such other regulations as are set forth herein which may apply.

Sec. 45 (a). Funeral and Other Processions. A funeral shall be identified as such by the display upon the outside of each vehicle of a pennant of a type designated by the traffic division of the Police Department.

(b) Each driver in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right-hand edge of the roadway as practical and follow the vehicle ahead as close as is practical and safe.

Sec. 46. Limitations on Turning Around. The driver of any vehicle shall not turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street in a business district and shall not upon any other street so turn a vehicle unless such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic.

Sec. 47. Limitations on Backing. The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same into an intersection or over a crosswalk and shall not in any event or at any place back a vehicle unless such movement can be made in safety.

Sec. 48. Emerging From Alley or Private Driveway. The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway, or building shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk on into the sidewalk area extending across any alley-way, and upon entering the roadway, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

Sec. 49. Vehicles Shall Not Be Driven on Sidewalks. The driver of a vehicle shall not drive within any sidewalk area except at a permanent or temporary driveway.

Sec. 50. Clinging To Moving Vehicles. Any person riding upon any bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, sled, roller skate, or any toy vehicle shall not attach the same or himself to any moving vehicle upon any roadway.

No operator of a vehicle shall permit any person or persons to perform any of the acts mentioned in this section except an employee in the discharge of his or her duty.

Sec. 51. Use of Coasters, Roller Skates, and Similar Devices Restricted. No person upon roller skates or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device, shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk and except upon streets set aside as play streets when and as authorized by ordinance of this city.

Sec. 52 (a). Lights on Parked Vehicles. Whenever a vehicle is lawfully parked on a street during the time between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise and there is sufficient light to reveal to any person within a distance of 500 feet upon such a street, no lights need be displayed upon such a parked vehicle.

(b) When during said times or at any other time there is not sufficient light upon a street to reveal a person at a distance of 500 feet a parked vehicle shall be equipped with one or more lamps which shall exhibit a light on the roadway side visible for a distance of 500 feet to the rear. Any lighted headlamps upon a parked vehicle shall be depressed or dimmed.

Sec. 53. Persons Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Narcotic Drugs, Barbital or any Derivative of Barbital. It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided in Section 81 (c) - Article XIII of this ordinance for any person whether licensed or not who is an habitual user of narcotic drugs, barbital or any derivative of barbital, or any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs, barbital or any derivative of barbital, to drive, or be in actual physical control of, any vehicle upon any street or any other place open to the general public within the City of Farmington.

It shall also be unlawful and punishable as provided in Section 81 (c) - Article XIII of this ordinance, for the owner of any motor vehicle, or any person having such in charge or in control thereof to authorize or knowingly permit the same to be driven or operated upon any street or any other place open to the general public within the City of Farmington by any person who is an habitual user of narcotic drugs, barbital or any derivative of barbital, or any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs, barbital or any derivative of barbital.

It shall be the duty of the Municipal Judge or Justice of the Peace before accepting a plea of guilty under this section to advise the accused of the statutory consequences possible as the result of a plea of guilty in respect to revocation of his operator's or chauffeur's license, financial responsibility, the penalty imposed for violation of this section, and the limitation on his right of appeal.

Sec. 54. Reckless Driving. Any person who drives any vehicle upon a street carelessly and heedlessly in wilful or wanton disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution and circumspection and at a speed or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property, shall be guilty of reckless driving and upon conviction shall be punished as provided in Section 81 (d) - Article XIII of this ordinance.

Sec. 55. Speed Restrictions. Any person driving a vehicle on any street in the City of Farmington shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed, not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway and of any other condition then existing; and no person shall drive any vehicle upon such street at a speed greater than will permit him to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

(b) Where no special hazards exist, the following speeds shall be lawful but any speed in excess of said limits shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and is unlawful.

1. Twenty-five (25) miles per hour on all streets in business districts; twenty-five (25) miles on all streets in residence districts, and twenty-five (25) miles per hour in public parks, unless a different speed is fixed by the City Commission and duly posted.

2. The limits set forth in 1 above shall not apply to State trunk line highways upon which the limits shall be as fixed from time to time by State officials pursuant to State Laws, which limits shall be clearly posted. Where no such limits have been fixed upon State Trunk line Highways, the provisions of this ordinance shall apply.

3. The above limits shall not be applicable to through streets, when signs are posted indicating other speed limits, which posted limits shall apply. Otherwise the provisions of this ordinance shall apply.

Sec. 56. Rules of the Road. No person shall drive a vehicle on streets within the City of Farmington in violation of the following rules:

1. When one vehicle overtakes another, it shall pass to the left side of the overtaken vehicle and not pull over to the right until clear thereof.

2. All vehicles meeting shall pass each other to the right.

3. Vehicles shall keep to the right side of the street except when necessary to turn to the left in crossing or in overtaking another vehicle.

4. Vehicles turning to the right into another street shall pass and turn the corner as near the right hand curb as possible.

5. Vehicles turning to the left into another street shall pass to the right of and beyond the center of the street intersection before turning.

6. No person shall stop a vehicle with its left side to the curb on any street. No person shall stop a vehicle in such a position as to obstruct the free passage of the streets, or otherwise when within one (1) foot of and parallel with the right hand curb thereof except when compelled to do so temporarily by congestion of traffic, or except when otherwise provided herein.

7. A vehicle waiting at the curb shall promptly give place to a vehicle to load or unload.

8. No vehicle shall back to make a turn in any street if by so doing it interferes with other vehicles, but shall go around the block or to a street sufficiently wide to turn without interfering with traffic.

9. Drivers or operators of vehicles before turning, stopping, backing, leaving curb, or changing their course shall have made sure that such movement can be made in safety and shall give a plain signal to others on the street by extending the hand and arm horizontally from and beyond the left side of the vehicle. In turning, stopping, or changing course such signal should be given at a point at least fifty (50) feet before so turning, stopping, or changing course.

Sec. 57 (a). Operation of Vehicles on Approach of Authorized Emergency Vehicles. Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle, when the driver is giving audible signals by siren, exhaust whistle, or bell, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the highway, 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.

(b) This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.

ARTICLE VI.

MOTORCYCLES; RESTRICTIONS ON USE

Sec. 58 (a). The operator of a motorcycle shall not ride other than upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, nor carry any other person than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, nor shall any person ride upon a motorcycle other than as above authorized.

(b) No motorcycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(c) The operator of a motorcycle shall at no time race the motor and all motorcycles shall be quietly operated at all times.

(d) Operators of motorcycles upon a highway shall not drive more than two abreast.

(e) No operator of a motorcycle shall carry any package, bundle, or other articles which prevent the operator from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.

ARTICLE VII.

HORSEBACK RIDING ON SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED

Sec. 59. Horseback riding, or leading horses or cattle, upon any sidewalk or area between the curb and the sidewalk is strictly prohibited.

ARTICLE VIII.

OPERATION OF BICYCLES

Sec. 60 (a). A person operating a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, nor carry any other person upon such bicycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, nor shall any person ride upon a bicycle other than as above authorized.

(b) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it was originally designed and equipped.

(c) No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

(d) Every person operating a bicycle shall ride as near the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(e) The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building, shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alley-way, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

(f) Persons operating bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast.

(g) Racing of bicycles on the roadway or sidewalk is strictly prohibited.

(h) No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or other article which prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebar.

(i) No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle or against a building in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrians.

(j) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, and shall give audible signal before overtaking or passing such pedestrian.

(k) No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

(l) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the brake-wheel skid on a dry, level, clean pavement.

(m) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall be subject to the provisions of this traffic ordinance of this City applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as to the special regulations in this Article, and except to those provisions of this ordinance which by their nature are not applicable.

(n) Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the official traffic signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(o) Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or "U" turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

Sec. 61. Every bicycle, when in use at night time, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front, and with a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear, except that a red reflector may be used in lieu of a red light.

61 (a). License Required. No person who resides within this City shall ride or propel a bicycle on any street, sidewalk or highway

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