

Chapter 10-04

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

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Section 10-04-01 AUTHORITY TO INSTALL

The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to place upon the public streets, appropriate signs, signals, markings, and devices for the purposes of regulating, warning, guiding and directing traffic.

Section 10-04-02 SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES

All traffic-control signs, signals and devices shall, so far as practical, conform to the "Manual on Uniform Traffic-Control Devices for Street and Highways", and shall so far as practical be uniform as to type and location throughout the City.
(Ord. 2864, 4-1-68)

Section 10-04-03 TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNAL LEGEND

Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrow, successively one at a time, or in combination, only the colors green, red and yellow shall be used except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:
(Ord. 3825, 5-3-76)

A. Green Indication:

1. Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. 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 adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.
2. Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or in combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such other movement as is permitted by other indication shown at the same time. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

3. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in Section 10-4-4, pedestrians facing any green signal, except when the sole green signal is turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

(Ord. 2917, 1-69)

B. Steady yellow indication:

1. Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal is thereby warned that the related green or red (or "stop") signals will be exhibited immediately thereafter, and such vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection when the red or "stop" signal is exhibited.
2. Pedestrians facing a steady yellow signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in Section 10-4-4, are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown and no pedestrian shall then start to cross the roadway.

(Ord. 3825, 5-3-76)

C. Steady red indication:

1. Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal alone 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 a green indication is shown.
2. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in Section 10-4-4, pedestrians facing a steady red signal alone shall not enter the roadway.
3. Vehicular traffic facing a steady red indication when only one lane of traffic is facing the signal and, if two (2) or more lanes of traffic are facing the signal in the same direction, vehicular traffic in the right lane only, may, after stopping, cautiously proceed to make a right turn, with proper care to avoid accident, but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk, and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
4. Vehicular traffic facing a steady red indication when only one lane of traffic is facing the signal and, if two (2) or more lanes of traffic are facing the signal in the same direction, vehicular traffic in the left lane only may, after stopping, enter upon streets designated as one-way streets, cautiously proceed to make a left turn, with proper care to avoid accident, but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk, and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

- D.** 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.

(Ord. 3003, 11-10-69)

Section 10-04-04 PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS

Whenever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting a walking person, a flashing upraised hand or a steady upraised hand are in place such signals shall indicate as follows:

- A. Walking Person:** Pedestrians facing such signals may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal but shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully within the intersection at the time the signal is first shown.

- B. Flashing Upraised Hand: Pedestrians facing such signals may not enter the roadway in the direction of the indication, but any pedestrian who has partially completed crossing at the time the signal displays shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety island.
- C. Steady Upraised Hand; No pedestrian shall enter the roadway in the direction of such signal.
(Ord 32-13 Amended, 08/27/2013)

Section 10-04-05 FLASHING SIGNALS

- A. 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:
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. 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.
- B. This Section shall not apply at railroad grade crossings. Conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching railroad grade crossings shall be governed by the rules as set forth in Section 10-9-8 of this Title.

Section 10-04-06 DISPLAY OF UNAUTHORIZED TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES

- A. No person shall place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any highway an unauthorized sign, signal, marking, or device which purports to be or is an imitation of 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. Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the authority having jurisdiction over the highway is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.

Section 10-04-07 PLAY STREETS

The City Traffic Engineer shall have authority to declare any street and alley or parts thereof as a play street and to place appropriate signs or devices in the roadway indicating and helping to protect the same.

Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating any street and alley or parts 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 such street or portion thereof.

Section 10-04-08 DESIGNATION OF CROSSWALKS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SAFETY ZONES

The City Traffic Engineer is hereby 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.

(Ord. 2864, 4-1-68)

Section 10-04-09 TRAFFIC LANES

- A. The City Traffic Engineer is hereby 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 shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep such vehicle within the boundaries of any such lane except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement.
- C. Upon a roadway where traffic is permitted to move in both directions, whenever the center lane of said roadway is bounded by solid lines, vehicles shall travel upon said center lane only for the purposes of turning to the left or entering a designated traffic lane after completion of a left turn. Vehicles shall not use said center lane as a passing lane nor shall any vehicle travel upon said center lane for a distance of more than one hundred feet (100') prior to turning to the left or following completion of a left.

(Ord. 4087, 10-11-77)