

CHAPTER 71: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

§ 71.01 RIDING ON PORTION OF VEHICLE NOT INTENDED FOR PASSENGERS.

No person shall ride on any vehicle upon any portion thereof not designed or intended for the use of passengers. This provision shall not apply to any employee engaged in the necessary discharge of a duty or to persons riding within truck bodies in space intended for merchandise.

(`97 Code, § 15-7) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.02 BOARDING OR ALIGHTING FROM MOVING VEHICLES.

No person shall board or alight from any vehicle while the vehicle is in motion.
(`97 Code, § 15-8) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.03 USE OF ROLLER SKATES, COASTERS AND THE LIKE ON ROADWAY.

No person upon roller skates or riding in or by means of any coaster, skateboard, toy vehicle or similar device shall go upon any roadway, except while crossing a street on a crosswalk, and when so crossing, the person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to pedestrians.
(`97 Code, § 15-9) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.04 PROHIBITED TURNS AT INTERSECTIONS.

(A) The Superintendent of Public Works is authorized, subject to approval by the City Council, to determine those intersections at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right or left turn and/or U-turn and shall place proper signs at the intersections. The making of the turns may be prohibited between certain hours of any day and permitted at other hours, in which event the same shall be plainly indicated on the signs or they may be removed when the turns are permitted. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left turn or U-turn is permitted, no driver shall disobey the directions of the signs.

(B) No driver of any vehicle shall make a U-turn at any intersection within the city where there is suspended and operating a traffic-control signal light.
(`97 Code, § 15-56) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.05 MARKERS, BUTTONS AND THE LIKE REQUIRING CERTAIN TURNS.

The Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of the City Council, may cause markers, buttons or signs to be placed within or adjacent to intersections and thereby require and direct that a different course than that prescribed by this chapter be traveled by vehicles turning at an intersection, and when the markers, buttons or signs are so placed, no driver of a vehicle shall turn the same other than as directed and required by the markers, buttons or signs.
(`97 Code, § 15-57) Penalty, see § 70.99

Statutory reference:

Authority of city to regulate turning at intersections, see Tex. Transp. Code, § 545.101

§ 71.06 ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS GENERALLY.

(A) Whenever the City Council designates a one-way street or alley, the Superintendent of Public Works shall place and maintain signs giving notice thereof, and no such regulation shall be effective unless the signs are in place. Signs indicating the direction of lawful traffic movement shall be placed at every intersection where the movement of vehicular traffic in the opposite direction is prohibited.

(B) Upon those streets and alleys or parts of streets and alleys designated as one-way streets or alleys, vehicular traffic shall move only in the indicated direction, and it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle in any other direction, when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and established at every intersection thereon, where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited.

(`97 Code, § 15-59) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.07 OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC GENERALLY.

It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, drive or propel a vehicle in such manner as to block or obstruct the traffic on any street or alley of the city.

(`97 Code, § 15-61) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.08 OBSTRUCTING INTERSECTION OR CROSSWALK.

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 or she is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to proceed.

(`97 Code, § 15-62) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.09 FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.

Every funeral procession shall be marked with appropriate pennants or some other device or method, such as burning headlights in daytime, sufficient to show the nature of the procession, and any person who, as the driver of any vehicle, shall cross through or interrupt any funeral procession shall be deemed guilty of a violation.

(`97 Code, § 15-63) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.10 DRIVING ON FRESH PAVEMENT.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle upon any portion of any street in the city that has been freshly paved, unless all barriers or signal lights have been lawfully removed therefrom indicating that the street is ready for travel.

(`97 Code, § 15-64) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.11 IDENTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ZONES.

Flashing yellow lights shall be placed in conspicuous places in each school zone to advise motorists that a school zone is currently in effect.

(`97 Code, § 15-103) (Ord. 1984-B, passed 7-10-84)

SPEED REGULATIONS**§ 71.25 MAXIMUM LIMITS GENERALLY.**

(A) No person shall operate or drive any vehicle on any street within the city at a greater speed than 30 miles per hour, unless signs are erected designating another speed in accordance with this chapter.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, no person shall drive a vehicle on a street at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event, speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the street in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

(C) The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of division (B), drive at an appropriate reduced speed when approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway and when a special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or street or highway conditions.

(`97 Code, § 15-81)

§ 71.26 MAXIMUM LIMITS ON SPECIFIC STREETS.

The City Council may alter the maximum speed limit of 30 miles per hour, as established by § 71.25, on any street or portion thereof within the city in accord with the provisions of Tex. Transp.

Code, § 545.356. Whenever signs are posted giving notice of the maximum legal speed limit so established for a particular street or portion thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of such limit.

(`97 Code, § 15-82(A)) (Ord. 1988-A, passed 6-28-88) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.27 RACING.

Any person who shall race or engage in a contest for speed between motor vehicles of any kind upon any public street or alley within the city shall be deemed guilty of a violation. The fact that the actual speed attained by any vehicle engaged in racing or a contest for speed is less than the prima facie legal speed limit shall be no defense to a complaint of racing or engaging in a contest for speed in violation of this section.

(`97 Code, § 15-83) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.28 MAXIMUM SPEED IN SCHOOL ZONES.

The prima facie maximum speed limit for operation of motor vehicles on all public streets or highways within school zones as set forth in this division shall be 20 miles per hour, and any speed in excess thereof shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful.

(`97 Code, § 15-84) (Ord. 1984-B, passed 7-10-84) Penalty, see § 70.99

