

TITLE XI
TRAFFIC CODE

CHAPTER 1

11-1-1: **STATE STATUTE PROVISIONS ADOPTED.** That certain code in book form known as Utah State Traffic Rules and Regulations, compiled by the State Department of Public Safety, and as amended or superseded from time to time, is hereby adopted by reference as if fully set out at length herein. All laws, rules, and regulations contained therein, where applicable and within the jurisdictional authority of Syracuse City shall be in full force and effect within the limits of the City, except as hereinafter specified. Not less than three (3) copies of said book shall remain on file in the office of the City Recorder. (2004) (Ord. 06-08)

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11-2-1: DUTY OF POLICE DEPARTMENT. It shall be the duty of the Police Department to enforce the street traffic regulations of the City and all of the State vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in the City, to make arrests for traffic violations, to investigate accidents, and to cooperate with the officials of the City in the administration of the traffic laws and in developing ways and means to improve traffic conditions, and to carry out those duties specifically imposed upon the Police Department by the Ordinances of the City. (1979)

11-2-2: FORMS AND RECORDS OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND ARRESTS. The City shall provide books to include traffic citation forms for notifying alleged violators to appear and answer to charges of violating traffic laws and ordinances in the Justice Court of this City. Said books shall include serially-numbered sets of citations in triplicate in the form prescribed and approved jointly by the City Justice Court Judge and the Chief of Police. (2004)

11-2-3: ISSUANCE OF FORMS. The City shall issue such books to the Chief of Police or his duly authorized agent, and shall maintain a record of every book so issued and shall require a written receipt for every such book.

The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the issuance of such books to individual members of the Police Department. The Chief of Police shall require a written receipt for every book so issued and shall maintain a record of every such book and each set of citations contained therein. (1979) (2004)

11-2-4: RECORDS OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. The Police Department may keep such records of local violations of the traffic ordinances of this City or of the State vehicle laws of which any person has been charged as the Chief of Police shall determine necessary and advisable as an aid to traffic regulation or enforcement. (2004)

11-2-5: INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENTS. The members of the Police Department shall investigate traffic accidents, arrest those persons charged with the violation of law causing or contributing to accidents, and assist in the prosecution of such persons. (2004)

11-2-6: TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS. The Police Department shall receive and properly file all accident reports made to it under State law or under the Ordinances of the City, but all such accident reports made by drivers shall be for the confidential use of the Police Department or City Traffic Engineer, and no such reports shall be admissible in any civil or criminal proceedings, other than upon the request of the court having jurisdiction to prove compliance with the laws requiring the making of any such report. (2004)

11-2-7: DRIVERS' FILES. The Police Department may maintain such records of local traffic accidents, warnings, arrests, convictions, or complaints reported as the Chief of Police shall determine reasonable and necessary to assist in the enforcement of the traffic laws of the City.

The Police Department may also, as the Chief of Police may determine necessary, study the cases of drivers charged with frequent or serious violations of the traffic laws or involved in frequent traffic accidents or any serious accident, and attempt to discover the reason for all such accidents. If reasonable, the Police Department shall take whatever steps are lawful to have suspended or revoked the licenses of such drivers. (2004)

11-2-8: CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER. Any and all references in this Code to the "City Traffic Engineer" shall be deemed to mean the Chief of Police or such other person as he shall designate with the approval of the City Council. The City Council shall provide the City Traffic Engineer with such assistance as may be necessary for the proper performance of the functions of this office. (2004)

11-2-9: STOP SIGNS AT THROUGH STREETS. Whenever any ordinance of the City designates and describes a through street, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to place and maintain a stop sign on each and every street intersecting such through street unless traffic control signals are being maintained at such intersections; provided, however, that at the intersection of two such through streets or at the intersection of a through street and a heavy traffic street not so designated, stop signs shall be erected at the approaches of either of said streets as may be determined by the Chief of Police. (2004)

11-2-10: AUTHORITY TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES. The Chief of Police shall place and maintain such traffic control devices as may be required by the Ordinances of this City or, subject to approval of the City Council, as he may deem necessary to regulate, guide or warn traffic under the Traffic Ordinances of this City.

The Chief of Police shall place and maintain traffic-control signs, signals, and devices when and as required under the Traffic Ordinances of this City to make effective the provisions of said Ordinances, and may place and maintain such additional traffic-control devices as he may deem necessary to regulate traffic under the Traffic Ordinances of the City or under State law or to guide or warn traffic.

All traffic-control signs, signals and devices shall conform to the manual and specifications approved by the State Road Commission. All signs and signals required hereunder for a particular purpose shall, so far as practicable, be uniform as to type and location throughout the City. All traffic-control devices so erected and not inconsistent with the provisions of State law or City Ordinances shall be official traffic-control devices. (2004)

11-2-11: AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE CROSSWALKS AND TRAFFIC LANES. The Chief of Police 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 mark lanes for traffic on street pavements at such places as he may deem advisable, consistent with the Traffic Ordinances of the City.
- (C) To establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as he may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians. (1979)

11-2-12: AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE HAZARDOUS OR CONGESTED PLACES. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to determine and designate by proper signs areas, not exceeding 100 feet in length, in which the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles would create an especially hazardous condition or would cause unusual delay to traffic. (1979)

11-2-13: AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE TEMPORARY REGULATIONS.

- (A) The Chief of Police is hereby empowered to make regulations necessary to make effective the provisions of the Traffic Ordinances of the City and to make and enforce temporary or experimental regulations to cover the emergency or special conditions. No such temporary or experimental regulations shall remain in effect for more than 90 days.
- (B) The Chief of Police may test traffic control devices under actual conditions of traffic. (1979)

11-2-14: AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH TURNING MARKINGS. The Chief of Police is authorized to place islands, markers, or signs within or adjacent to intersections indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning at such intersections, and such course shall be traveled irrespective of any other provisions of this Title.

The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to determine those intersections at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right, left, or U turn, and shall place proper signs at such intersections. The making of such 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 such turns are permitted. (1979)

11-2-15: AUTHORITY TO LIMIT PARKING TIME. The City Council may cause proper signs or traffic markings to be erected or placed upon any street in this City limiting the time a vehicle may remain parked on such street. (1979)

11-2-16: AUTHORITY TO PERMIT ANGLE PARKING. The Chief of Police shall determine upon what streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark or sign such streets, but such angle parking shall not be indicated upon any Federal-aid or State highway within this City unless the State Road Commission has determined by resolution or order entered in its minutes that the roadway is of sufficient width to permit angle parking without interfering with the free movement of traffic.

Angle parking shall not be indicated or permitted at any place where passing traffic would thereby be caused or required to drive upon the left side of the street or upon any tracks. (1979)

11-2-17: PERMITS FOR LOADING OR UNLOADING AT AN ANGLE TO THE CURB. The Chief of Police is authorized to issue special permits to permit the backing of a vehicle to the curb for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise or materials, subject to the terms and conditions of such permit. Such permits may be issued either to the owner or lessee of real property, or to the owner of the vehicle and shall grant to such person the privilege as therein stated and authorized herein. It shall be a Class C misdemeanor for any permittee or other person to violate any of the special terms or conditions of any such permit. (1979)

11-2-18: REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS IMPAIRING VIEW. The Police Department may remove from any street, gutter, sidewalk, or any other City-owned or controlled property all brush, foliage, and other obstructions which interfere with or impair the view of an intersection or a railroad grade crossing or which create a traffic hazard. (2004)

11-2-19: DUTY OF OWNER TO REMOVE OBSTRUCTIONS IMPAIRING VIEW – PENALTY.

- (A) It shall be the duty of the owner of real property to remove from such property any tree, plant, shrub, or other obstruction, or part thereof, which, by obstructing the view of any driver, constitutes a traffic hazard.
- (B) When the City Council determines, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that such a traffic hazard exists, it shall notify the owner and order that the hazard be removed within 10 days.
- (C) The failure of the owner to remove such traffic hazard within 10 days shall constitute an infraction, and every day said owner shall fail to remove it shall be a separate and distinct offense. (2004)

CHAPTER 3

ADDITIONAL DRIVING REGULATIONS

11-3-1: Proper Lookout Required

11-3-2: Reasonable Care Required When Driving

11-3-1: PROPER LOOKOUT REQUIRED. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on the streets of the City in such a manner as to endanger life or property by failing to keep a safe and proper lookout for other traffic, objects, fixtures, or property thereon or adjacent to. (1997) (Ord. 06-08)

11-3-2: REASONABLE CARE REQUIRED WHEN DRIVING. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle without the care and caution of a reasonable prudent person under the circumstances then and there existing, or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property. (1997) (Ord. 06-08)

CHAPTER 4

ADDITIONAL STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING REGULATIONS

11-4-1: Off-street Parking During Winter Months

11-4-2: Parking of Heavy Duty Vehicles in Residential Zones Regulated.

11-4-3: Parking of Trailer, Recreational Vehicles.

11-4-1: OFF-STREET PARKING DURING WINTER MONTHS. In order to allow for the orderly and timely removal of snow during winter months, it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle within the public right-of way of any street within the corporate limits of Syracuse City at any time during the accumulation or removal of snow unless special permission is granted by the Syracuse Police Department. Violation of this ordinance shall be a Class C misdemeanor, punishable in accordance with all the provisions of law. (1999) (Ord. 06-08) (Ord. 10-01)

11-4-2: PARKING HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES REGULATED.

(A) The driver of a motor vehicle having a total gross weight, loaded or unloaded, in excess of 50,000 pounds, or having a total length in excess of 24 feet from the most forward point of the vehicle or its load to the most rear point of said vehicle or its load, shall not park said vehicle or allow it to stand upon any City street located within a residential zone for longer than two hours.

(B) In determining the total gross weight or total length as provided in Subsection (A), the length or weight of a trailer connected or attached to or in tandem with the motor vehicle, shall also be included in making such determination. (1979) (Ord. 06-08)

11-4-3: PARKING OF TRAILERS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

It shall be unlawful for any person or business to park, place, store, or otherwise leave standing on any public street, public roadway, public alley or city property, any unattached trailer of any type, whether for the occupancy of people, storage of items or for towing purposes; any boat, whether the same is loaded or not on an unattached trailer or otherwise; any camper not mounted on a vehicle; any motor home or mini-motor home of any length; and any combination of a pulling or towing vehicle with an attached trailer for a period longer than 24 hours. Such vehicle shall be considered to be in violation of this Section if parked in any one location for longer than twenty-four (24) hours or if the vehicle has been parked in one or more locations within Syracuse City for longer than twenty-four (24) hours, except that a permit may be obtained from the Police Department for a period not to exceed seven (7) days for out-of-town visitors.

Parking of any such trailer or recreational vehicle on private property must not impede visibility of sidewalks and streets from adjacent driveways, nor impede vision on a corner lot for a distance of 40 feet from each of the intersecting streets. (Ord. 06-08)