

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1           AN ORDINANCE amending Title 10 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to  
2 Vehicles and Traffic by amending Section 10.12.030 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, Traffic-Control  
3 Signal Legend, to add a definition for Red Arrow; amending Section 10.14.220 of the Lincoln  
4 Municipal Code relating to turns at intersections with automatic signals, to prohibit right-hand turns  
5 by vehicles facing a steady red turn arrow; and repealing Sections 10.12.030 and 10.14.220 of the  
6 Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

7           BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

8           Section 1. That Section 10.12.030 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to  
9 read as follows:

10   **10.12.030   Traffic-Control Signal Legend.**

11           Whenever traffic is controlled by an automatic traffic signal or other official traffic-control  
12 device exhibiting different colored lights or colored, lighted arrows successively, one at a time or  
13 in combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow shall be used, except for pedestrian signals,  
14 and said lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

15           GREEN: Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal may proceed straight through or  
16 turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. Vehicular traffic facing a  
17 circular green signal, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other  
18 vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such  
19 signal is exhibited. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal, pedestrians facing any

1 green signal, except when the sole green signal is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway  
2 within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

3 GREEN ARROW: Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal shown alone may enter the  
4 intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow or arrows. Such vehicular traffic  
5 shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully using the intersection. Unless otherwise directed  
6 by an automatic pedestrian-control signal, as hereinafter provided, pedestrians facing any green  
7 signal, except when the sole green signal is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway within  
8 any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

9 GREEN FLASHING: Upon the display of a flashing or intermittently lighted green light  
10 by such signal, vehicular traffic facing it is warned that the signal is about to change to yellow and  
11 shall enter such intersection only if such vehicle can proceed through the intersection safely; and  
12 pedestrians facing it shall not enter or cross the intersection unless such pedestrian started to cross  
13 before such flashing or intermittently lighted green signal was first displayed.

14 YELLOW: Upon the display of a yellow light by such signal, vehicular traffic facing it shall  
15 stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection unless such stop cannot be  
16 made safely, in which event the vehicle may be driven cautiously through the intersection and be  
17 given the right-of-way to clear the intersection. Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter or  
18 cross the roadway unless such pedestrian started to cross before such yellow light was first  
19 displayed.

20 RED: Upon the display of a red light by such signal, vehicular traffic facing it shall stop  
21 before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection and remain stopped until a green  
22 light is displayed, except as otherwise permitted in this title, and pedestrians facing such signal shall

1 not enter or cross the roadway except as otherwise provided at intersections controlled by automatic  
2 pedestrian-control signals.

3 RED ARROW: Upon display of a steady red turn arrow by such signal, vehicular traffic  
4 intending to turn in the direction indicated by the arrow shall stop before entering the crosswalk on  
5 the near side of the intersection and remain stopped until a signal indication permitting the  
6 movement indicated by such red arrow is displayed. Unless otherwise directed by a separate  
7 pedestrian signal, pedestrians facing a steady red turn arrow shall not start to cross the intersection.

8 RED WITH GREEN ARROW: Upon the display of a red light in combination with a green  
9 arrow, vehicular traffic facing it may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement  
10 indicated by such arrow, but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and to other traffic lawfully  
11 within the intersection. Pedestrians facing such signal shall not start to cross the intersection.

12 RED FLASHING: Upon the display of the flashing or intermittently lighted red light by  
13 such signal, vehicular traffic facing it shall come to a complete stop at such signal before entering  
14 the nearest crosswalk, and regardless of the direction shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles and  
15 pedestrians upon the street to be entered or crossed.

16 YELLOW FLASHING: Upon the display of a flashing or intermittently lighted yellow light  
17 by such signal, vehicular traffic facing it may proceed through the intersection past such signal only  
18 with caution.

19 Section 2. That Section 10.14.220 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 **10.14.220 Turns Restricted at Intersections With Automatic Signals.**

22 Except as otherwise provided in this section, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle  
23 to turn such vehicle at any intersection where an automatic traffic signal is installed and actually  
24 functioning, except when such signal is displaying a green light.

1 Except where a traffic control device is in place prohibiting a turn, the operator of a vehicle  
2 facing a steady red signal may cautiously drive his vehicle into the intersection to make a right turn  
3 after stopping. Such operator shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent  
4 crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

5 Except where a traffic control device is in place prohibiting a turn, the operator of a vehicle  
6 traveling on a one-way street facing a steady red signal may, after stopping, cautiously drive such  
7 vehicle into the intersection to make a left turn onto another one-way street on which all traffic is  
8 moving to said vehicle's left. Such operator shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully  
9 within the adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection

10 No turn shall be permitted when the operator of a vehicle is facing a steady red arrow.

11 Section 3. That Sections 10.12.030 and 10.14.220 of the Lincoln Municipal Code  
12 as hitherto existing be and the same are hereby repealed.

13 Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
14 passage and publication according to law.

Introduced by:  
  
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Approved as to Form & Legality:  
  
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City Attorney

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2007:  _____ Mayor
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