

Chapter 10.04

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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10.04.010 **Obedience to Police Officer.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey any instruction, order, or signal of a police officer directing traffic or enforcing any of the provisions of this title. (Ord. 15629 §1; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.16.010: Ord. 12519 §1; March 12, 1979: Ord. 5699 §401; April 12, 1954).

10.04.020 **Emergency Vehicles and Post Office Vehicles Exempt.**

The provisions of this title regulating the movement, parking, and standing of vehicles shall not apply to emergency vehicles as defined in this title while the driver of such vehicle is operating it in the necessary performance of public duties. The provisions of this title regulating the parking and standing of vehicles shall not apply to vehicles of the United States Post Office Department during the time that such vehicles are being used for the expeditious delivery or collection of mail. The exemptions above specified shall not relieve the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard for the safety of others. (Ord. 15629 §2; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.16.040: Ord. 5699 §405, as amended by Ord. 7595; October 30, 1961).

10.04.030 **Street Maintenance, Public Utility, and Service Vehicles Partially Exempt from Requirements of This Title.**

(a) The driver of a street maintenance vehicle, whether owned or contracted by the city, when engaged in the operation of maintaining streets or other public ways, may:

- (1) Park or stand irrespective of the provisions of this title;
- (2) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may

be necessary for safe operation;

(3) Disregard ordinances and regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions.

(b) The driver of a public utility vehicle, when engaged in the maintenance of a public utility, and the driver of a service vehicle or a towing service vehicle, when engaged in rendering emergency vehicle service, or emergency towing service, may park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this title.

(c) The exemptions granted by this section shall apply only when the vehicle has in operation at least one lighted lamp displaying a flashing or revolving amber light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet in all directions from the vehicle.

(d) The foregoing provisions of this section shall not relieve the driver of any such vehicle from the duty to drive, stop, and park any such vehicle with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of the driver's reckless disregard for the safety of others. (Ord. 15629 §3; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.16.050: Ord. 10022 §1; July 13, 1970: Ord. 8356 §1; April 6, 1964).

10.04.040 Title Not to be Construed as Justifying Injury or Damage.

Nothing in this title shall be construed or pleaded as justifying, absolving, or rendering blameless, either directly or indirectly, any person in charge of or owning any vehicle for any injury or damage to person or property due to recklessness, incompetency, or negligence in the operation of any vehicle. (Ord. 15629 §4; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.60.300: Ord. 5699 §1430; April 12, 1954).