

Chapter 10.12

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

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10.12.010 Authority to Install Traffic-Control Devices.

The Director of Public Works and Utilities shall place and maintain traffic-control signs, signals, and devices when and as required under this title, and may place and maintain such additional traffic-control devices as deemed necessary to regulate, guide, or warn traffic under the traffic ordinances of this city or under state law. (Ord. 16951 §59; March 11, 1996; prior Ord. 15633 §1; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.24.010; Ord. 8282 §15; December 16, 1963: Ord. 7794 §5; July 16, 1962: Ord. 5699 §501; April 12, 1954).

10.12.020 Obedience to Official Traffic-Control Devices.

It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the instruction of any official traffic-control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the provisions of this title, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not less than \$75.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or both. The penalty herein provided shall be cumulative with and in addition to the revocation, cancellation, or forfeiture of any license, permit, or right elsewhere in this title provided for violation thereof. (Ord. 17756 §1; November 6, 2000: prior Ord. 15633 §2; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.24.030; Ord. 8282 §16; December 16, 1963: Ord. 5699 §503; April 12, 1954).

10.12.030 Traffic-Control Signal Legend.

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

GREEN: 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 facing a

circular green signal, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal, pedestrians facing any green signal, except when the sole green signal is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

GREEN ARROW: Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal shown alone may enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow or arrows. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully using the intersection. Unless otherwise directed by an automatic pedestrian-control signal, as hereinafter provided, pedestrians facing any green turn arrow may not proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

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

RED: Upon the display of a red light by such signal, vehicular traffic facing it shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection and remain stopped until a green light is displayed, except as otherwise permitted in this title, and pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter or cross the roadway except as otherwise provided at intersections controlled by automatic pedestrian-control signals.

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

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

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

YELLOW FLASHING ARROW: Upon the display of a flashing or intermittently lighted yellow arrow light by such signal, vehicular traffic facing it may proceed through the intersection past such signal only with caution and shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other vehicles lawfully using the intersection. (Ord. 19966 §1; December 16, 2013: prior Ord. 15633 §3; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.24.040: Ord. 12552 §1; April 9, 1979: Ord. 8282 §17; December 16, 1963: Ord. 5699 §504, as amended by Ord. 6433; January 14, 1957).

10.12.040 Display of Unauthorized Signs, Signals or Markings.

(a) **LIMITATIONS.** No person shall place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any street 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) **COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING.** No person shall place or maintain, nor shall any public authority permit, upon any street any traffic sign or signal or meter or other structure bearing thereon any commercial advertising.

(c) **ADVERTISING SIGN OVER STREET.** No advertising sign or device shall be erected on, maintained or located upon or over, any divided street or any portion thereof.

(d) **FLOOD LIGHT.** No flood light or spot light shall be erected or operated when the beam of any such light adversely affects the vision of operators of vehicles or of pedestrians, or when the beam of any such light is directed or concentrated upon or over the street.

(e) **NUISANCE.** Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and any police officer is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed. (Ord. 15633 §4; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.24.050; Ord. 7949 §1; January 21, 1963: Ord. 7836 §1; August 13, 1962: Ord. 5699 §505; April 12, 1954).

10.12.050 Interference With Official Traffic-Control Devices or Railroad Signs or Signals.

No person shall, without lawful authority, attempt to, or in fact, alter, deface, injure, knock down or remove any official traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal or any inscription, shield or insignia thereon, or any part thereof. (Ord. 15633 §5; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.24.060; Ord. 8282 §19; December 16, 1963: Ord. 5699 §506; April 12, 1954).

10.12.055 Mobile Infrared Transmitters; Unlawful; Exceptions.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Possess a mobile infrared transmitter;
- (2) Use a mobile infrared transmitter;
- (3) Sell a mobile infrared transmitter to a person other than a person specified in subsection (b); or
- (4) Purchase a mobile infrared transmitter for use other than a duty described in subsection (b).

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the operator, passenger, or owner of any of the following authorized emergency vehicles in the course of such person's emergency duties:

- (1) Publicly owned fire department vehicles;
- (2) Publicly owned police vehicles; or
- (3) Motor vehicles operated by ambulance services duly authorized by an appropriate governmental unit. (Ord. 18335 §2; April 5, 2004).

10.12.060 Signs Required on Arterial Streets.

Whenever any ordinance designates and describes an arterial street, the Director of Public Works and Utilities shall, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, place a stop sign or yield right-of-way sign on each and every street intersecting such arterial street unless traffic at any such intersection is controlled at all times by traffic-controlled signals; provided, however, that at the intersection of two such arterial streets or at the intersection of an arterial 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 Director of Public Works and Utilities upon the basis of an engineering and traffic study. (Ord. 16951 §60; March 11, 1996: prior Ord. 15633 §6; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.24.070; Ord. 7900 §1; October 15, 1962: Ord. 5699 §507; April 12, 1954).

10.12.070 Other Intersections Where Stop or Yield Right-of-Way Required.

The Director of Public Works and Utilities is hereby authorized to determine and designate intersections where particular hazard exists upon other than arterial streets and to determine:

(a) That vehicles shall stop at one or more entrances to any such intersection, in which event said Director shall place a stop sign at such entrances, or

(b) That vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles on a different street at such intersection as prescribed in paragraph (a) of Section 10.14.020, in which event the Director of Public Works and Utilities shall cause to be erected a yield right-of-way sign at every place where obedience thereto is required. (Ord. 16951 §61; March 11, 1996: prior Ord. 15633 §7; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.24.080: Ord. 7900 §2; October 15, 1962).

10.12.080 Stop Signs and Yield Right-of-Way Signs.

Every stop sign and every yield right-of-way sign shall be erected as near as practicable to the nearest line of the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if there is no crosswalk, then as near as practicable to the nearest line of the intersecting street. (Ord. 15633 §8; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.24.090: Ord. 7900 §3; October 15, 1962).