

Chapter 10.08

ENFORCEMENT AND ACCIDENTS

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Section 10.08.010 Authority of police and fire department officials.

It shall be the duty of the officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned by the chief of police to enforce all street traffic laws of this city and all of the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in this city. (Ord. 16 § 50(a), 1949: prior code § 10301 (part))

Section 10.08.020 Police officers to direct traffic in conformance with laws.

Officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned by the chief of police are authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal in conformance with traffic laws; provided, that in the event of a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers of the police department may direct traffic as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws. (Ord. 16 § 50(b), 1949: prior code § 10301(a))

Section 10.08.030 Traffic direction by fire department officers.

Officers of the fire department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity. (Ord. 16 § 50(c), 1949: prior code § 10301(b))

Section 10.08.040 Required obedience to traffic title.

It is a misdemeanor, punishable pursuant to section 21.01.050, for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this Title.(Ord. 16 § 51, 1949: prior code § 10302)
(Ord. 2006-07, Amended, 06/06/2006)

Section 10.08.050 Obedience to police and fire department officials.

No person shall wilfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order of a police officer or fire department official when directing traffic. (Ord. 16 § 52, 1949: prior code § 10303)

Section 10.08.060 Unauthorized persons directing traffic prohibited.

No person other than an officer of the police department or a person deputized by the chief of police or person authorized by law shall direct or attempt to direct traffic by voice, hand or other signal. (Ord. 16 § 53, 1949: prior code § 10304)

Section 10.08.070 Public employees to obey traffic regulations.

The provisions of this title shall apply to the driver of any vehicle owned by or used in the service of the United States Government, this state, any county or city and it is unlawful for any said driver to violate any of the provisions of this title except as otherwise permitted in this title or by state statute. (Ord. 16 § 54, 1949: prior code § 10305)

Section 10.08.080 Exemptions to certain vehicles.

A. The provisions of this title regulating the operation, parking and standing of vehicles shall not apply to any vehicle of the police or fire department, any public ambulance or any private ambulance or any public utility vehicle, which public utility vehicle or private ambulance has qualified as an authorized emergency vehicle, when any vehicle mentioned in this section is operated in the manner specified in the Vehicle Code in response to an emergency call.

B. The foregoing exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of his wilful disregard of the safety of others.

C. The provisions of this title regulating the parking or standing of vehicles shall not apply to any vehicle of a city department or public utility while necessarily in use for construction or repair work or any vehicle owned by the United States while in use for the collection, transportation or delivery of United States mail. (Ord. 16 § 55, 1949: prior code § 10306)

Section 10.08.090 Report of damage to certain property.

A. The driver of a vehicle or the person in charge of any animal involved in any accident resulting in damage to any property publicly owned or owned by a public utility, including but not limited to any fire hydrant, ornamental lighting post, telephone pole, electric light or power pole, or resulting in damage to any ornamental shade tree, traffic-control device or other property of a like nature located in or along any street, shall within twenty-four hours after such accident make a written report of such accident to the police department of this city.

B. Every such report shall state the time when and the place where the accident took place, the name and address of the person owning and of the person driving or in charge of such vehicle or animal, the license number of every such vehicle, and shall briefly describe the property damage in such accident.

C. A driver involved in an accident shall not be subject to the requirements or penalties of this section if and during the time such driver is physically incapable of making a report, but in such event the driver shall make a report as required in subsection A of this section within twenty-four hours after regaining ability to make such report. (Ord. 16 § 56, 1949: prior code § 10307)