

CHAPTER 4 REGULATORY SIGNS AND SIGNALS

400 Definitions

Crosswalks: Any portion of a roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrians crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

Stop: A complete cessation of movement of any vehicle in order that traffic may pass from another direction.

Traffic Control Device: Any electric or electronic device designed to regulate or want traffic as to the movement on a public way.

Yield: A cessation of movement of any vehicle in order that traffic may pass from another direction.

401 Stop Signs and Signals

The movement of traffic at intersections may be indicated by stop signs, signals or the direction of a police officer.

401.1 Every driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection marked by a STOP sign, shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, in the event there is no crosswalk, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, then a point nearest the intersection roadway from which the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection.

401.2 Every driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection not marked by a regulatory sign shall operate such vehicle to a reasonable and prudent speed so as to have complete control of the vehicle in the event of the approach of another vehicle(s) from either direction. In the event other traffic is observed from either direction, the vehicle on the thruway shall have the right of way. In the event no thruway exists, the vehicle on the right shall have the right of way.

401.3 Every driver of a vehicle approaching a traffic signal shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if there is neither crosswalk or stop line, then at a point nearest the intersecting roadway but not block any portion of the intersecting roadway.

401.4 (a) Every driver of a vehicle approaching a traffic signal displaying a yellow or flashing yellow signal shall slow said vehicle to a reasonable and prudent speed in expectation of a stop traffic signal or a hazardous condition on the roadway.

(b) Every driver of a vehicle approaching a traffic signal displaying a green

arrow light signal shall proceed through an intersection only in the direction as indicated by the arrow.

402 Yield Signs

The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign, if required for safety to stop, shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if there is neither crosswalk or stop line, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway.

402.1 Private Ways

The driver of a vehicle about to enter or cross a highway from a private road or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said highway.

403 Pedestrians

Pedestrians shall mean any persons traveling on foot or in a wheelchair on or adjacent to any public way.

403.1 Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals at intersections as provided by this Chapter unless otherwise directed by a police officer in the lawful performance of his/her duties.

403.2 When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need to be yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon that half of the roadway which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

- a. No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.
- b. Whenever any vehicle is stopped at marked crosswalk or at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.
- c. Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any other point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

404 Left Turns

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left within an intersection or into an alley, private road or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction and within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.

404.1 Prohibition of Left Turns

It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to make a left turn from the following public ways:

Clifford Street onto Water Street
String Bridge onto Water Street

405 Display of Signs

No person shall place, maintain or display upon, or in view of any highway, any sign which purports to be an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control sign or signals.

405.1 Without lawful authority, no person shall attempt, or shall actually alter, deface, injure, knock down or remove any official traffic-control signs or signals.

409 Exemptions

The provisions set forth in this Chapter shall not apply to emergency vehicles when operated with due regard for safety under the direction of law enforcement officers in chase or apprehension of violators of the law or of persons charged with or suspected of such violation, or to fire department or fire patrol vehicles when traveling in response to a fire alarm, or to public or private ambulances or other emergency vehicles when traveling in emergencies. This exemption shall not, however, protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

410 Penalties

A person violating any provision of Chapter 4 of this code shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each offense.