ORDINANCE NO. B 101

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTS OR COMMANDING THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN ACTS IN THE CITY OF MAX, MCLEAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS AND PROVIDING OR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

- 1.01 DEFINITIONS Words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have the meaning and be defined as provided in the North Dakota Century Code in Title 39, and NDCC Section 39-01-01 and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance.
- 1.31 TRAFFIC The following sections of the North Dakota Century Code and any amendments thereto relative to the Title "Motor Vehicles" are incorporated by reference into this ordinance:

Section 39-01-01 - Sub-sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 22, 23, 24, 26, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43, 44, 49, 50, 52, 54, 56, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66 and 72

Section 39-07-03

Section 39-09-01, 39-09-02

Section 39-10-08, 39-10-09, 39-10-11, 39-10-12, 39-10-13, 39-10-14, 39-10-18, sub-section 1, 39-10-22, 39-10-23, 39-10-24, 39-10-25, 39-10-26, 39-10-35, 39-10-37, 39-10-38, 39-10-39, 39-10-40, 39-10-44, 39-10-45, 39-10-49, 39-10-52, 39-10-54.1, 39-10-58, 39-10-59.

It shall be unlawful for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by the provisions of this section.

- 1.32 PERSONS UNDER INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR NARCOTIC DRUGS: It shall be unlawful and punishable for any person, whether licensed or not, who is an habitual user of narcotic drugs or any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs to drive any vehicle upon any highway within this city.
- 1.33 RECKLESS DRIVING: Any person who drives any vehicle upon the streets of the city carelessly and heedlessly in willful or wanton disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution and circumspection or at a speed or in a manner to endanger or likely to endanger any person or property of another shall be guilty of reckless driving.
- 1.34 NO STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING NEAR HAZARDOUS OR CONGESTED PLACES
- (a) The City Mayor is hereby authorized to determine and designate by proper signs places not exceeding 100 feet in length in which the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles would create an especially hazardous condition or would cause unusual delay to traffic.
- (b) When official signs are erected at hazardous or congested places as authorized herein no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any such designated place.

- 1.35 STANDING OR PARKING CLOSE TO CURB: No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with the right hand wheels of the vehicle within eighteen (18) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway except as otherwise provided in this ordinance.
- 1.36 OBEDIENCE TO ANGLE PARKING SIGNS OR MARKINGS: Upon those streets which have been signed or marked by the City Mayor for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings.

1.37 ANGLE PARKING SHALL BE PERMITTED ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS:

- (a) On both sides of Main Street
- (b) On both sides of 2nd Avenue South

1.38 FORMS AND RECORDS OF TRAFFIC CITATION AND ARRESTS:

- (a) The City Auditor shall provide books to include traffic citation forms for notifying alleged violators to appear and answer to charges of violating traffic laws and ordinances in the Municipal Judge and the Chief of Police.
- (b) The City Auditor shall issue such books to the chief of police or his duly authorized agent and shall maintain a record of every book so issued and shall require a written receipt for every such book.
- (c) The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the issuance of such books to individual members of the police department. The chief of police shall require a written receipt for every book so issued and shall maintain a record of every such book and each set of citations contained therein.
- 1.39 PROCEDURE OF POLICE OFFICERS: Except when authorized or directed under State law to immediately take a person before a magistrate for the violation of any traffic laws, a police officer who halts a person for such violation of any traffic laws, other than for the purpose of giving him a warning notice and does not take such person into custody under arrest. Hs shall take the name, address and operator's license number of said person, the registered number of the motor vehicle involved and such other pertinent information. A traffic citation may be issued containing a notice to answer to the charge against him in the Municipal Judge Court for this City on the next available court date.
- 1.40 FAILURE TO OBEY CITATION: It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his written promise to appear given to an officer upon the issuance of a traffic citation regardless of the disposition of the charge for which such citation was originally issued.
- 1.41 CITATION ON ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE: Whenever any motor vehicle without driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restriction imposed by ordinance of this city or by State law, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its registration number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a traffic citation, on a form provided by the City Auditor for the driver to answer to the charge against him within five days during the hours and at a place specified in the citation.

1.41.1 STOPPING - PARKING- OVER 48 HOURS:

It shall be unlawful for anyone to park or leave standing on any public street or highway in the City any vehicle for a period longer than forty-eight (48) hours consecutively, provided this section shall not include any area where a shorter time is provided for parking.

1.41.2 STREET CLEANING - SNOW REMOVAL:

Whenever, in the judgment of the governing body or the city engineer or street commissioner of the City, it shall be necessary that streets, alleys or public ways in the City shall be cleared of snow or ice or be cleaned by the use of street sweepers or other methods of cleaning such streets, or for marking for traffic purposes, The ordinances of the City regulating the parking of automobiles, trucks and other motor vehicles shall be suspended and it shall be unlawful for any automobile, truck or other motor vehicle to be parked or left standing between the hours hereinafter mentioned and during the period of time during which the said parking ordinances are suspended.

1.42 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH TRAFFIC CITATION ATTACHED TO PARKED VEHICLE:

If a violator of the restrictions on stopping, standing, or parking under the traffic laws or ordinances does not appear, the Municipal Judge shall send the owner of the motor vehicle to which the traffic citation was affixed a letter informing him of the violation and warning him that in the event such letter is disregarded a warrant of arrest will be issued.

1.43 PRESUMPTION IN REFERENCE TO ILLEGAL PARKING

- (a) In any prosecution charging a violation of any provision of this chapter on governing the standing, parking, or operative of a vehicle, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked or operated in violation of the provisions of this chapter, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time of such parking or operating, the registered owner of such vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked, placed or operated such vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, such violation occurred.
- 1.44 WHEN WARRANT TO BE ISSUED: In the event any person fails to comply with a traffic citation given to such person or attached to a vehicle or fails to make appearance pursuant to a summons directing an appearance in the Court of Municipal Judge, or if any person fails or refuses to deposit bail as required and within the time permitted by ordinance, the police department shall secure and issue a warrant for his arrest.

1.45 AUTHORITY TO IMPOUND VEHICLES:

- (a) Members of the police department are hereby authorized to remove a vehicle from a street or highway to the nearest garage or other place of safety, or a garage designated or maintained by the police department, or otherwise maintained by this city under the circumstances hereinafter enumerated.
- (1) When any vehicle is left unattended upon any bridge, viaduct, or causeway, or in any tube or tunnel where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic.
- (2) When a vehicle upon a highway is so disabled as to constitute an obstruction to traffic and the person or persons in charge of the vehicle are by reason of physical injury incapacitated to such an extent as to be unable to provide for its custody or removal.
- (3) When any vehicle is left unattended upon a street and is so parked illegally as to constitute a definite hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic.

- (4) Abandoned Vehicles- The abandoned vehicle is:
 - 1. More than seven (7) model years of age, or
 - 2. Is lacking vital component parts, or
 - 3. Does not display a license plate which is currently valid.

It is immediately eligible for disposition.

If all of the preceding conditions are not present, then the procedure is as follows:

- 1. A notice of the taking shall be sent within ten (10) days containing:
 - a) Date and place of taking
 - b) and the year, make, model, and serial number
 - c) and where the vehicle is being held
 - d) and the state the right to reclaim the vehicle upon payment of the fees incurred.
- 2. This notice should be sent to any owner, co-owner, lienholder or secured party.
- 3. If the owners, lienholders, etc. fail to assert the claim with fifteen (15) days, it is deemed a waiver.
- 4. Owner is responsible for towing fee and all other charges incurred.

If it is impossible to identify the owners or lienholders a notice must be published in the newspaper one time. Notices can be grouped together for convenience and economy.

- (b) Whenever an officer removes a vehicle from a street as authorized in this section and the officer knows or is able to as certain from the registration records in the vehicle the name and address of the owner thereof, such officer shall immediately give or cause to be given notice in writing to such owner of the fact of such removal and the reasons therefor and of the place to which such vehicle has been removed. In the event any such vehicle is stored in a public garage, a copy of such notice shall be given to the proprietor of such garage.
- (c) Whenever an officer removes a vehicle from a street under this section and does not know and is not able to ascertain the owner as hereinbefore provided, and in the event the vehicle is not returned to the owner within a period of three (3) days, then and in that event the officer shall immediately send or cause to be sent written report of such removal by mail to the State department whose duty it is to register motor vehicles, and shall file a copy of such notice with the proprietor of any public garage in which the vehicle may be stored. Such notice shall include a complete description of the vehicle, the date, time and place from which removed, the reasons for such removal, and name of the garage or place where the vehicle is stored.
- 1.46 GENERAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION: Any person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment for not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court; the Court to have the power to suspend said sentence and to revoke the suspension thereof.

- COMMITMENT OF GUILTY PERSON: Any person upon whom any fine or penalty shall be imposed for a violation of a municipal ordinance may be committed, upon the order of the court before whom the conviction is had, to the county jail, city prison, workhouse, house of correction, or other place provided by the municipality for the incarceration of offenders until the fine, penalty, and costs shall be fully paid in money or discharged by labor as is hereinafter provided. Each person so committed shall be required to work for this municipality at such labor as his strength will permit, not exceeding ten hours in each working day, and for such work the person so imprisoned shall be allowed for each day, exclusive of his board, five dollars on account of the fines and costs.
- All ordinances adopted prior to this ordinance and which conflict with this ordinance are 1.48 REPEAL: herewith repealed.
- If any sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any INVALIDITY OF PART: 1.50 reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not effect the validity of any other section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof.
- EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after it passes, and 1.51 approval, and publication as provided by law.

First Reading: March 25, 1969

Second Reading: April 8, 1969

Final Passage: April 8, 1969

APPROVED: Richard Kostenko

Mayor

ATTEST: C. T. Jacobson

Auditor

AMENDED:

First Reading: August 4, 2003

Second and Final Passage: September 2, 2003

APPROVED

Auditor

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Max:

Ordinance No B 101 Section 1.41.1 – Stopping – Parking – Over 48 Hours, is hereby amended and replaced as follows:

Section 1.41.1 – Stopping – Parking – Over 72 Hours:

It shall be unlawful for anyone to park or leave standing on any public street, highway or alleyway in the City any vehicle for a period longer than seventy-two (72) hours consecutively, provided this section shall not include any area where a shorter time is provided for parking.

First Reading Oct 1, 2012

Second Reading and Final Passage Nov 5, 2012

Approved:

Richard Seklecki, Mayor

Attest:

Tonya Balaban, Auditor

ATTACHMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. B 101

Chapter 39-01

Definitions and General Provisions

39-01-01. Definitions. In this title, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

- 1. "Appropriate licensed addiction treatment program" means an addiction treatment program conducted by an addition facility licensed by the department of human services or conducted by a licensed individual specifically trained in addiction treatment.
- 2. Authorized emergency vehicles:
- a. Class A authorized emergency vehicles means:
 - (1) Vehicles of a governmentally owned fire department.
 - (2) Vehicles when operated by or under the control of a police officer having authority to enforce the provisions of this title or by a salaried employee of a municipal police department within the municipality or by a sheriff or deputy sheriff not including special deputy sheriffs, or by the director of the department of corrections and rehabilitation and the director's authorized agents who have successfully completed training in the operation of class A authorized emergency vehicles.
 - (3) Vehicles clearly identifiable as property of the department of corrections and rehabilitation when operated or under the control of the director of the department of corrections and rehabilitation.
 - (4) Ambulances.
 - (5) Vehicles operated by or under the control of the director, district deputy director or a district deputy game warden of the game and fish department.
 - (6) Vehicles owned or leased by the United States and used for law enforcement purposes.
 - (7) Vehicles designated for the use of the adjutant general or assistant adjutant general in cases of emergency.
 - (8) Vehicles operated by or under the control of the director of the parks and recreation department.
 - (9) Vehicles operated by or under the control of a licensed railroad police officer and used for law enforcement purposes.

- b. Class B authorized emergency vehicles means wreckers and such other emergency vehicles as are authorized by the local authorities.
- c. Class C authorized emergency vehicles means:
 - (1) Vehicles authorized by state and local division of emergency management organizations.
 - (2) Vehicles used by volunteer firefighters while performing their assigned disaster and emergency responsibilities.
 - (3) Vehicles, other than ambulances, used by emergency medical services personnel.
- 3. "Bicycle" means every device propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels either of which is more than twenty inches [50.8 centimeters] in diameter.
- 4. "Bus" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying more than ten passengers and used for the transportation of persons, and every motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation. Provided, every motor vehicle designed for carrying not more than fifteen persons and used for a ride sharing arrangement, as defined in section 8-02-07, is not a "bus".
- 9. "Controlled-access highway" means every highway, street, or roadway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have no legal right of access to or from the same except at such points only and in such manner as may be determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over such highway, street, or roadway.
- 22. "Gross weight" means the weight of a vehicle without load plus the weight of any load thereon.
- 23. "Guest" means and includes a person who accepts a ride in any vehicle without giving compensation therefor.
- 24. "Highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel and of every way privately maintained within a mobile home park, trailer park, or campground containing five or more lots for occupancy by mobile homes, travel trailers, or tents when any part thereof is open for purposes of vehicular travel.
- 26. "Implement of husbandry" means every vehicle designed and adapted exclusively for agricultural, horticultural, or livestock raising operations or for lifting or carrying an implement of husbandry and in either case not subject to registration if used upon the highway.

- 32. "Local authorities" includes every county, municipal, and other local board or body having authority to adopt local police regulations under the constitution and laws of this state.
- 36. "Metal tires" includes all tires the surface of which in contact with the highway is wholly or partly of metal or other hard, nonresilent material except that this provision does not apply to pneumatic tires.
- 37. "Modular unit" includes every factory fabricated transportable building unit designed to be incorporated with similar units at a building site into a modular structure to be used for residential, commercial, educational, or industrial purposes.
- 38. "Motor vehicle" includes every vehicle that is self-propelled, every vehicle that is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails, and, for purposes of motor vehicle registration, title registration, and operator's licenses, motorized bicycles. The term does not include a snowmobile as defined in section 39-024-01.
- 39. "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding implements of husbandry.
- 40. "Motorized bicycle" means a vehicle equipped with two or three wheels, foot pedals to permit muscular propulsion or footrests for use by the operator, a power source providing up to a maximum of two brake horsepower having a maximum piston or rotor displacement of 3.05 cubic inches [49.98 milliliters] if a combustion engine is used, which will propel the vehicle, unassisted, at a speed not to exceed thirty miles [48.28 kilometers] per hour on a level road surface, and a power drive system that functions directly or automatically only, not requiring clutching or shifting by the operator after the drive system is engaged, and the vehicle may not have a width greater than thirty-two inches[81.28 centimeters].
- 43. "Official traffic-control devices" means all signs, signals, markings, and devices not inconsistent with this title placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.
- 44. "Operator" means every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle upon a highway or who is exercising control over or steering a vehicle being towed by a motor vehicle.
- 49. "Pedestrian" means any person afoot.
- 50. "Person" includes every natural person, firm, copartnership, association, corporation, or limited liability company.

- 52. "Pole trailer" means every vehicles without motive power designed to be drawn by another vehicle and attached to the towing vehicle by means of a reach or pole, or by being boomed or otherwise secured to the towing vehicle, and ordinarily used for transporting long or irregularly shaped loads such as poles, pipes, or structural members capable, generally, of sustaining themselves as beams between the supporting connections.
- 54. "Private road or driveway" means every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.
- 56. "Railroad" means a carrier of persons or property upon cars, other than streetcars, operated upon stationary rails.
- 59. "Recreational vehicle" means any motorcycle not qualified for registration, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, vessel, or personal watercraft.
- 61. "Right of way" means the privilege of the immediate use of a roadway.
- 62. "Road tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon either independently or any part of the weight of a vehicle or load so drawn.
- 63. "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder. In the event a highway includes two or more separate roadways, the term "roadway" as used herein refers to any such roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.
- 64. "Saddle mount" means placing the front wheels of the drawn vehicle upon the bed of the drawing vehicle.
- 66. "Salvage of certificate of title" means a document issued by the department for purposes of proof of ownership of a salvage or destroyed vehicle and not acceptable for motor vehicle registration purposes.
- 72. "Specially constructed vehicle" means any vehicle which was not constructed originally under the distinct name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles.

Chapter 39-07

General Regulations Governing Traffic

39-07-03. Through highways designated by director and local authorities - Stop and yield intersections. The director with reference to state highways, and local authorities, with reference to highways under their jurisdiction, may, by proclamation, designate as through highways, any highway, street, or part thereof, and erect stop signs or yield signs at specified entrances thereto, or may designate any intersection as a stop intersection or as a yield intersection and erect stop signs or yield signs at one or more entrances to such intersection.

Chapter 39-09

Speed Restrictions

39-09-01. Basic rule - Penalty for violation. No person may drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. Consistent with the foregoing, every person shall drive at a safe and appropriate speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or railroad grade crossing, when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, and when special hazards exist with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions. Any person who drives a vehicle upon a highway or private or public property open to the public for the operation of motor vehicles without heed to the requirements or restrictions of this section has committed careless driving and must be assessed a fee of thirty dollars.

39-09-02. Speed limitations.

- 1. Subject to the provisions of section 39-09-01 and except in those instances where a lower speed is specified in this chapter, it presumable is lawful for the driver of a vehicle to drive the same at a speed not exceeding:
 - a. Twenty miles [32.19 kilometers] an hour when approaching within fifty feet [15.24 meters] of a grade crossing an any steam. electric, or street railway when the driver's view is obstructed. A driver's view is deemed to be obstructed when at any time during the last two hundred feet [60.96 meters] of the driver's approach to such crossing, the driver does not have a clear and uninterrupted view of such railway crossing and of any traffic on such railway for a distance of four hundred feet [121.92 meters] in each direction from such crossing.
 - b. Twenty miles [32.19 kilometers] an hour when passing a school during school recess or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours, unless a lower speed is designated or posted by local authorities.

- c. Twenty miles [32.19 kilometers] an hour when approaching with fifty feet [15.24 meters] and in traversing an intersection of highways when the driver's view is obstructed. A driver's view is deemed to be obstructed when at any time during the last fifty feet [15.24 meters] of the driver's approach to such intersection, the driver does not have a clear and uninterrupted view of such intersection and of the traffic upon all of the highways entering such intersection for a distance of two hundred feet [60.96 meters] from such intersection.
- d. Twenty miles [32.19 kilometers] an hour when the driver's view of the highway ahead is obstructed with a distance of one hundred feet [30.48 meters].
- e. Twenty-five miles [40.23 kilometers] an hour on any highway in a business district or in a residence district or in a public park, unless a different speed is designated and posted by local authorities.
- f. Fifty-five miles [88.51 kilometers] an hour on gravel, dirt, or loose surface highways and on paved two-lane county and township highways if there is no speed limit posted, unless otherwise permitted, restricted, or required by conditions.
- g. Sixty-five miles [104.61 kilometers] an hour on gravel, dirt, or loose surface highways and on paved two-lane county and township highways if there is no speed limit posted, unless otherwise permitted, restricted, or required by conditions.
- h. Seventy miles [112.65 kilometers] an hour on paved and divided multilane highways unless otherwise permitted, restricted, or required by conditions.
- Seventy-five [120.70 kilometers] an hour on access-controlled, paved and divided, multilane interstate highways, unless otherwise permitted, restricted, or required by conditions.
- 2. The director may designate and post special areas of state highways where lower speed limits apply.
- 3. Except as provided by law, it is unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed that is unsafe or at a speed exceeding the speed limit prescribed by law or established pursuant to law.
- 4. In charging a violation of the provisions of this section, the complaint must specify the speed at which the defendant is alleged to have driven and the speed which this section prescribes is prima facie lawful at the time and place of the alleged offense.

39-10-08. Drive on right side of roadway - Exceptions.

- 1. Upon all roadways of sufficient width a vehicle must be driven upon the right half of the roadway, except as follows:
 - a. When overtaking an passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing such movement;
 - b. When an obstruction exists making it necessary to drive to the left of the center of the highway; provided, any person so doing shall yield the right of way to all vehicles traveling in the proper direction upon the unobstructed portion of the highway within such distance as to constitute an immediate hazard;
 - c. Upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes for traffic under the rules applicable thereon; or
 - d. Upon a roadway restricted to one-way traffic.
- 2. Upon all roadways any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing must be driven in the right-hand lane then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn in an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
- 3. Upon any roadway having four or more lanes for moving traffic and providing for two-way movement of traffic, no vehicle may be driven to the left of the centerline of the roadway, except when authorized by official traffic-control devices designating certain lanes to the left side of the center of the roadway for use by traffic not otherwise permitted to use such lanes, or except as permitted under subdivision b of subsection1. However, this subsection may not be construed as prohibiting the crossing of the centerline in making a left turn into or from an alley, private road, or driveway.
- **39-10-09. Passing vehicles proceeding in opposite directions.** Drivers of vehicles proceeding in opposite directions shall pass each other to the right, and upon roadways having width for not more than one line of traffic in each direction each driver shall give to the other at least one-half of the main-traveled portion of the roadway as nearly as possible.
- **39-10-11. Overtaking a vehicle on the left.** The following rules govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to those limitations, exceptions, and special rules hereinafter stated:
- 1. The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and may not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle.

2. Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and may not increase the speed of that driver's vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

39-10-12. When overtaking on the right is permitted.

- 1. The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle only under the following conditions:
 - a. When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn; or
 - b. Upon a roadway with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width for two or more lines of vehicles moving lawfully in the direction being traveled by the overtaking vehicle.
- 2. The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only under conditions permitting such movement in safety. Such movement may not be made by driving off the roadway.
- 39-10-13. Limitations on overtaking on the left. No vehicle may be driven to the left side of the center of the roadway in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction or any vehicle overtaken. In every event the overtaking vehicle must return to an authorized lane of travel as soon as practicable, and in the event the passing movement involves the use of a lane authorized for vehicles approaching from the opposite direction, before coming within two hundred feet [60.96 meters] of any approaching vehicle.

39-10-14. Further limitations on driving on left of center of roadway.

- 1. No vehicle may be driven to the left side of the roadway under any of the following conditions:
 - a. When approaching or upon the crest of a grade or a curve in the highway where the driver's view is obstructed within such distance as to create a hazard in the event another vehicle might approach from the opposite direction.
 - b. When approaching within one hundred feet [30.48 meters] of or traversing any intersection or railroad grade crossing.
 - c. When the view is obstructed upon approaching within one hundred feet [30.48 meters] of any bridge, viaduct, or tunnel.

39-10-15. No-passing zones.

- 1. The director and local authorities are hereby authorized to determine those portions of any highway under their respective jurisdiction where overtaking and passing or driving on the left side of the roadway would be especially hazardous and may by appropriate signs or markings on the roadway indicate the beginning and end of such zones and when such signs or markings are in place and clearly visible to an ordinarily observant person, every driver of a vehicle shall obey the directions thereof.
- 2. Where signs or markings are in place to define a no-passing zone as set forth in subsection 1, no driver may at any time drive on the left side of the roadway within such no-passing zone, or on the left side of any pavement striping designed to mark such no-passing zone throughout its length.
- 3. This section does not apply under the conditions described in section 39-10-08 nor to the driver of a vehicle turning left into or from an alley, private road, or driveway.

39-10-18. Following too closely.

1. The driver of a motor vehicle may not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

39-10-22. Vehicle approaching or entering intersection.

- 1. When two vehicles approach or enter an intersection not controlled by an official traffic-control device from different highways at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right. If the intersection is T-shaped and not controlled by an official traffic-control device, the driver of the vehicle on the terminating street or highway shall yield to the vehicle on the continuing street or highway.
- 2. The right-of-way rule declared in this section is modified at through highways and otherwise as stated in this chapter.
- **39-10-23. Vehicle turning left.** 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 which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.

39-10-24. Stop signs and yield signs.

1. Preferential right of way may be indicated by stop signs or yield signs as authorized in section 39-07-03.

- 2. Except when directed to proceed by a police officer, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering it. After having stopped, the driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such driver is moving across or within the intersection or junction of roadways.
- 3. The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign shall in obedience to such sign slow down to a speed reasonable for the existing conditions and, if required for safety to stop, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, or, if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering it. After slowing or stopping, the driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time such driver is moving across or within the intersection or junction of roadways. Provided, however, that if a driver is involved in a collision with a vehicle in the intersection or junction of roadways after driving past a yield sign without stopping, such collision is deemed prima facie evidence of the driver's failure to yield the right of way.

39-10-25. Vehicle entering roadway. The driver of a vehicle about to enter or cross a roadway from any place other than another road shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway to be entered or crossed.

39-10-26. Operation of vehicle on approach of authorized emergency vehicle - Penalty.

- 1. Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle displaying a visible flashing, revolving, or rotating blue, white, or red light, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in that position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.
- 2. If an authorized emergency vehicle is parked or stopped at the scene of an emergency and is displaying a flashing, revolving, or rotating blue, white, or red light, approaching traffic shall move to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway and shall stop, but once having stopped, traffic may proceed past the scene at its own risk when the roadway is clear, except when otherwise directed by a police officer. If an authorized emergency vehicle is otherwise parked or stopped on a multilane highway outside the limits of a city unless the highway is part of the interstate system, and the authorized emergency vehicle is displaying a flashing, revolving, or rotating amber, blue, white, or red light, the driver of an approaching vehicle shall proceed with caution and yield the right of way by moving to a lane that is not adjacent to the authorized emergency vehicle if the move may be made

- with due regard to safety and traffic conditions or if not, the driver shall proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle, and maintain a safe speed for the road conditions.
- 3. This section does not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.
- 4. Any individual who violates subsection 2 and causes an accident with an authorized emergency vehicle while the authorized emergency vehicle is displaying a visible flashing, revolving, or rotating amber, blue, white, or red light is guilty of an infraction.

39-10-35. Required position and method of turning. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn shall do so as follows:

- 1. Right turns. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn must be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.
- 2. Left turns. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn left shall approach the turn in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle. Whenever practicable, the left turn must be made to the left of the center of the intersection and so as to leave the intersection or other location in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the same direction as such vehicle on the roadway being entered.
- 3. The director and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may cause official traffic-control devices to be placed and thereby require and direct that a different course from that specified in this section be traveled by turning vehicles, and when such devices are so placed, no driver of a vehicle may turn it other than as directed and required by such devices.

39-10-37. Starting parked vehicle. No person may start a vehicle which is stopped, standing, or parked unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety.

39-10-38. Turning movements and required signals.

- 1. No person may turn a vehicle or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety without giving an appropriate signal in the manner hereinafter provided.
- 2. A signal of intention to turn or move right or left when required must be given continuously during not less than the last one hundred feet [30.48 meters] traveled by the vehicle before turning.
- 3. No person may stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such signal.

4. The signals required on vehicles by subsection 2 of section 39-10-39 may not be flashed on one side only on a disabled vehicle, flashed as a courtesy or "do pass" signal to operators of other vehicles approaching from the rear, nor be flashed on one side only of a parked vehicle except as may be necessary for compliance with this section.

39-10-39. Signals by hand and arm or signal lamps.

- 1. Any stop or turn signal when required herein must be given either by means of the hand and arm or by signal lamps, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2.
- 2. Any motor vehicle in use on a highway must be equipped with, and required signals must be given by, signal lamps when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of the body, cab, or load of such motor vehicle exceeds twenty-four inches [60-96 centimeters], or when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or load thereof exceeds fourteen feet [4.27 meters]. The latter measurement applies to any single vehicle and to any combination of vehicles.

39-10-40. Method of giving hand-arm signals. All signals herein required given by hand and arm must be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner and such signals must indicate as follows:

- 1. Left turn: hand and arm extended horizontally.
- 2. Right turn: hand and arm extended upward.
- 3. Stop or decrease speed: hand and arm extended downward.

39-10-44. Stop signs and yield signs.

- 1. Preferential right of way at an intersection may be indicated by stop signs or yield signs as authorized in section 39-07-03.
- 2. Every stop sign and every yield sign must 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 roadway.
- 3. Except when directed to proceed by a police officer or traffic control signal, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated 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, but if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway.

- 4. 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, in the event there is no crosswalk, at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway.
- **39-10-45.** Emerging from alley, driveway, private road, or building. The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway, private road, or building within a business or residence district shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across such alley, building entrance, road, or driveway, or in the event there is no sidewalk area, shall stop at the point nearest the street to be entered where the driver has a view of approaching traffic thereon.
- **39-10-49. Stopping, standing, or parking prohibited in specified places.** No person may stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:
- 1. On a sidewalk.
- 2. In front of a public or private driveway.
- Within an intersection.
- 4. Within ten feet [3.05 meters] of a fire hydrant.
- 5. On a crosswalk.
- 6. Within ten feet [3.05 meters] of a crosswalk at an intersection.
- 7. Within fifteen feet [4.57 meters] upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway.
- 8. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within fifteen feet [4.57 meters] of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the department or local authority indicates a different length by signs or markings.
- 9. Within fifteen feet [4.57 meters] of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.
- 10. Within twenty feet [6.10 meters] of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five feet [22.86 meters] of said entrance when properly signposted.

- 11. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.
- 12. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
- 13. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel.
- 14. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under the person's control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.

- **39-10-52.2** Riding in housetrailer. No person may be on or inside a housetrailer while it is being moved upon a public highway. Such prohibition does not apply to fifth-wheel vehicles, which are defined as mobile homes, mounted on single or tandem axles, coupled by a fifth-wheel hitch to and pivoting on a mount located immediately above or in front of the rear axle of a motor vehicle other than a passenger car.
- **39-10-54.1 Opening and closing vehicle door.** No person may open the door of a motor vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless and until it is reasonably safe to do so and can be done without interfering with the movement of other traffic, nor may any person leave a door open on the side of a vehicle available to moving traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers.
- **39-10-58.** Crossing firehose. No vehicle may be driven over any unprotected hose of a fire department when laid down on any street, private road, or driveway to be used at any fire or alarm of fire, without the consent of the fire department official in command.
- 39-10-59. Garbage, glass, rubbish, and injurious materials on highway prohibited.
- 1. No person may throw or deposit upon any highway any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, rubbish, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle.
- 2. Any person who drops, or permits to be dropped or thrown, upon any highway any destructive or injurious material shall immediately remove the same or cause it to be removed.
- 3. Any person removing a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a highway shall remove any glass or other injurious substance dropped upon the highway from such vehicle.