

TITLE 6

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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CHAPTER 1

UNIFORM TRAFFIC PROVISIONS; DEFINITIONS

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6-1-1: **SHORT TITLE:** This title may be cited as *CITY OF SENECA UNIFORM TRAFFIC ORDINANCE*. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)

6-1-2: **APPLICABILITY OF STATE TRAFFIC LAWS:** Violation of Oregon Revised Statutes chapters 801 and 811 as now or hereafter constituted shall be an offense against the city. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970; amd. 2007 Code)

6-1-3: **DEFINITIONS:** In addition to those definitions contained in the Oregon Revised Statutes chapters listed in section 6-1-2 of this chapter, the following words or phrases, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning, shall mean:

- BICYCLE:** A vehicle that:
- A. Is designed to be operated on the ground on wheels;
 - B. Has a seat or saddle for use of the rider;
 - C. Is designed to travel with not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground;
 - D. Is propelled exclusively by human power;
- and

- E. Has every wheel more than fourteen inches (14") in diameter or two (2) tandem wheels either of which is more than fourteen inches (14") in diameter.
- BUS STOP:** A space on the edge of a roadway designated by sign for use by buses loading or unloading passengers.
- HOLIDAY:** New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and any other day proclaimed by the city council to be a holiday.
- LOADING ZONE:** A space on the edge of a roadway designated by sign for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or materials during specified hours of specified days.
- MOTOR VEHICLE:** Every vehicle that is self-propelled or designed to be self-propelled.
- PARK OR PARKING:** The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers.
- PEDESTRIAN:** A person on the public right of way except:
- A. The operator or passenger of a motor vehicle or bicycle.
 - B. A person leading, driving, or riding an animal or animal drawn conveyance.
- PERSON:** A natural person, firm, partnership, association or corporation.
- STAND OR STANDING:** The stopping of a motor vehicle while occupied by its operator with the engine running, except stopping in obedience to the instructions of a traffic officer or traffic control device or for other traffic.
- STOP:** Complete cessation of movement.

**STREET AND OTHER
PROPERTY OPEN TO
PUBLIC TRAVEL:**

A. Street: The terms "highway", "road", and "street", when used in this title or in the Oregon Revised Statutes chapters incorporated herein, shall be considered synonymous, unless the context precludes such construction. "Street", as defined in this title and the Oregon Revised Statutes chapters incorporated by reference herein, includes alleys, sidewalks, and parking areas and accessways owned or maintained by the city.

B. Other Property Open To Public Travel: Property, whether publicly or privately owned and whether publicly or privately maintained, upon which the public operates motor vehicles either by express or implied invitation other than streets as defined in subsection A of this definition and excepting public school property, county property, or property under the jurisdiction of the state board of higher education. Other property open to public travel shall include, but not be limited to, parking lots, service station lots, shopping center and supermarket parking lots, and other accessways and parking areas open to general vehicular traffic, whether or not periodically closed to public use.

TAXICAB STAND:

A space on the edge of a roadway designated by sign for use by taxicabs.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL
DEVICE:**

A. Any sign, signal, marking or device placed, operated or erected by authority under Oregon Revised Statutes 810.210 for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning or regulating traffic.

B. Any device that remotely controls by electrical, electronic, sound or light signal the operation of any device identified in subsection A of this definition and installed or operated under authority of Oregon Revised Statutes 810.210.

C. Any stop sign that complies with specifications adopted under Oregon Revised Statutes 810.200 that is held or erected by a member of a highway maintenance or construction crew working in the highway.

TRAFFIC LANE:

That area of the roadway used for the movement of a single line of traffic.

VEHICLE:

Any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway and includes vehicles that are propelled or powered by any means. "Vehicle" does not include a manufactured structure. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970; amd. 2007 Code)

CHAPTER 2

GENERAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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6-2-1: **RULES OF THE ROAD:** In addition to state law, the following shall apply to the operation of vehicles upon the streets of the city:

- A. **Backing Vehicle:** The operator of a vehicle shall not back the vehicle unless the movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic, and shall yield the right of way to moving traffic and pedestrians.
- B. **Right Of Way:** The operator of a vehicle in the traffic lane shall have the right of way over an operator of a vehicle departing from a parking space.
- C. **Signal When Pulling Away From Curb:** No operator of a vehicle shall pull away from a curb or other parking area without giving an appropriate turn signal when other traffic may be affected.
- D. **Stopping At Stop Sign:** Where a stop sign is erected at or near the entrance to an intersection, the operator of a vehicle approaching shall bring the vehicle to a stop before crossing a stop line or

crosswalk; or, if none, then before entering the intersection. Stopping at a point which does not yield an unobstructed view of traffic on the intersecting street shall not constitute compliance with the requirements of this subsection.

E. **Entering Intersection Or Crosswalk:** Notwithstanding an indication by a traffic control device to proceed:

1. No operator of a vehicle shall enter an intersection unless there is sufficient space on the opposite side of the intersection to accommodate his vehicle without obstructing the passage of other vehicles.

2. No operator of a vehicle shall enter a marked crosswalk, whether or not at an intersection, unless there is sufficient space on the opposite side of the crosswalk to accommodate his vehicle without obstructing the passage of pedestrians. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)

6-2-2: **CROSSING PRIVATE PROPERTY:** No operator of a vehicle shall proceed from one street to an intersecting street by crossing private property. This provision shall not apply to the operator of a vehicle who stops on the property for the purpose of procuring or providing goods or services. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)

6-2-3: **EMERGING FROM VEHICLE:** No person shall open the door of a motor vehicle into a traffic lane without first ascertaining that it can be done in safety. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)

6-2-4: **UNLAWFUL RIDING:**

A. No operator shall permit a passenger and no passenger shall ride on a vehicle upon a street except on a portion of the vehicle designed or intended for the use of passengers. This provision shall not apply to an employee engaged in the necessary discharge of a duty, or to a person riding within a truck body in space intended for merchandise.

B. No person shall board or alight from a vehicle while the vehicle is in motion upon a street. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)

6-2-5: **CLINGING TO VEHICLES:** No person riding upon a bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, or other device shall attach the device or himself to a moving vehicle upon a street. Nor shall the operator of a vehicle upon a street knowingly allow a person riding on any of the above vehicles or devices to attach himself, the vehicle, or the device to his vehicle. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)

6-2-6: **SLEDS ON STREETS:** No person shall use the streets for traveling on skis, toboggans, sleds, or similar devices, except where authorized. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)

6-2-7: **DAMAGING SIDEWALKS AND CURBS:**

- A. The operator of a vehicle shall not drive upon a sidewalk or roadside planting strip except to cross at a permanent or temporary driveway.
- B. No unauthorized person shall place dirt, wood, or other material in the gutter or space next to the curb of a street with the intention of using it as a driveway.
- C. No person shall remove a portion of a curb or move a motor vehicle or device moved by a motor vehicle upon a curb or sidewalk without first obtaining authorization and posting bond, if required. A person who causes damage shall be held responsible for the cost of repair. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)

6-2-8: **OBSTRUCTING STREETS:**

- A. No unauthorized person shall obstruct the free movement of vehicles or pedestrians using the streets.
- B. No person shall park or stand a vehicle in such a manner or location that it constitutes a hazard to public safety or an obstruction on the street. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)

6-2-9: **REMOVING GLASS AND DEBRIS:** A party to a vehicle accident or a person causing broken glass or other debris to be upon a street shall remove the glass and other debris from the street. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)

6-2-10: **TRAINS BLOCKING STREETS:** No person shall direct or operate a train or permit railroad cars to block the use of any street for a period of time longer than five (5) minutes, except that this provision shall not apply to trains or cars in motion other than those engaged in switching. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)

6-2-11: **FUNERAL PROCESSIONS:**

- A. Permit Not Required: A permit shall not be required to conduct a funeral procession.
- B. Procession Regulations:
1. The procession shall proceed to the place of interment by the most direct route which is both legal and practicable.
 2. The procession shall be accompanied by adequate escort vehicles for traffic control purposes.
 3. All motor vehicles in the procession shall be operated with their lights turned on.
 4. No person shall unreasonably interfere with a funeral procession.
 5. No person shall operate a vehicle that is not a part of the procession between the vehicles of a funeral procession. (Ord. 2, 10-6-1970)