

CHAPTER 2

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

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9-2-1: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES:

A. Authority to Install. The Street Commissioner shall place and maintain traffic control signs, signals and devices when as required under this Chapter, to make effective the provisions of this Title.

B. Manual and Specifications. All traffic control signs, he manual and signals and devices shall conform to the specifications approved by the State. All signs and signals required hereunder for a particular purpose shall so far as practicable be uniform as to type and location throughout the Village. All traffic control devices so erected and not inconsistent with the provisions of law or this Chapter shall be official traffic control devices.

C. Obedience to Devices. The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device, applicable thereto, placed in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter unless otherwise directed by a traffic or police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle.

D. Traffic Signs Required. No provisions of this Chapter for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that signs are required, such sections shall be effective even though no signs are erected or in place. (1963 Code, * 36.13)

9-2-2: TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL LEGEND: Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting different colored lights successively one at a time, or with arrows, only the following colors shall be used and said terms and lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

A. Circular Green (alone):

1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal, except when prohibited, may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. But vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection at the time such signal is exhibited.
2. Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk unless directed otherwise by a pedestrian signal.

B. Steady Yellow:

1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal is thereby warned that the red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter or the related green movement is being terminated, and shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at the intersection, but if such stop cannot be made in safety, a vehicle, may be driven cautiously through the intersection.
2. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal, pedestrians facing such signal are thereby advised that there is sufficient time to cross the roadway, and any pedestrian then starting to cross shall yield the right of way to all vehicles.

C. Steady Red (alone):

1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at such other point as may be indicated by a clearly visible line or if none, before entering the intersection, and shall remain standing until the green indication is shown unless otherwise directed by a sign or arrow.
2. No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway unless he can do so safely without interfering with any vehicular traffic or unless a separate "Walk" indication is shown.

D. Green Straight-Through Arrow (alone):

1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through, but shall not turn right or left. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to other vehicles and to pedestrians legally within the intersection at the time such signal is exhibited.
2. Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within the appropriate marked or unmarked crosswalk unless directed otherwise by a pedestrian signal.

E. Green Turn Arrow (alone or with circular green, with steady yellow, with steady red, or with green straight through arrow):

1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall comply with the meaning of the circular green, steady yellow, steady red, or green straight through arrow indication as if it were shown alone, except

that such vehicular traffic may cautiously enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by the green turn arrow. Vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within the crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

2. Pedestrians facing such signal shall comply with the meaning of the circular green, steady yellow, steady red, or straight through arrow indication as if it were shown alone, unless directed otherwise by a pedestrian signal.

F. In the event an official traffic control signal or flashing red signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this Section or Section 9-5-6 shall be applicable except as to provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made at the signal.

G. A temporary stop sign may be erected, or a permanent traffic control suspended by the order of the President whenever a detour is established because of street repairs or any reason causing the barricading of a street or alley. Such stop sign shall be erected in the manner of any other stop sign in the Village.

9-2-3: PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS: Whenever special pedestrians control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk" are in place such signals shall indicate as follows :

A. Walk: While the "Walk" indication is illuminated, pedestrians facing the such signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal, and shall be given the right of way by the drivers of all vehicles.

B. Don't Walk: While the "Don't Walk" indication is illuminated, either steady or flashing, no pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of the signal, but any pedestrian who has partly completed his crossing during the "Walk" indication shall proceed to a sidewalk, or to safety island if one is provided. (Ord. 706; 11-15-66)

9-2-4: FLASHING SIGNALS: Whenever flashing red or yellow signals are used they shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

A. Flashing Red (Stop Signal): When a red lens is illuminated by rapid intermittent flashes drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked or, if none, then before entering the intersection and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

B. Flashing Yellow (Caution Signal): When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution. (1963 Code, * 36.16)

9-2-5: UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS OR MARKINGS: No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any highway any authorized 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, nor shall any person place, maintain or display upon or in view of any highway any other sign which hides from view or interferes with the movement of traffic or the effectiveness of any traffic control devices or any railroad sign or signal, and no person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising, and the Street Commissioner or Chief of Police may remove or cause to be removed any such sign or signal. (Ord. 706; 11-15-66)

9-2-6: INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES; RAILROAD 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. (1963 Code, * 36.18)

9-2-7: CROSSWALKS AND SAFETY ZONES: The Street Commissioner is hereby authorized to maintain, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where in his opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at such other places as he may deem necessary. (1963 Code, * 36.19)

9-2-8: TRAFFIC LANES:

- A. The Street Commissioner is hereby authorized to mark traffic lanes upon the roadway of any street or highway where a regular alignment of traffic has been adopted by the Board of Trustees.
- B. Where such traffic lanes have been marked, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep such vehicle within the boundaries of any such lane except when lawfully passing another vehicle preparatory to making a lawful turning movement. (1963 Code, * 36.20)