Traffic Regulations

Detroit Police Department
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DETROIT STREET
TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

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LAW LICENSING ALL DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN MICHIGAN

(a) IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE without having obtained a license to drive. (Effective August 14, 1919.)
(b) ALL PERSONS WHO DRIVE FOR HIRE must secure a Chauffeur’s license, fee for which is $2.00.

CAUSES FOR REVOCATION LICENSES MAY BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED FOR

(a) Reckless driving.
(b) Driving while under the influence of liquor or drugs.
(c) Leaving the scene of an accident without giving name and address after causing injury to any person or property.

RECORD OF ALL COMPLAINTS AGAINST DRIVERS SHALL BE KEPT BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SUITABLE ACTION.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSES

Registration of every motor vehicle in the office of Secretary of State, and payment of the tax due January 1st of each year, is required by state law.

PARKS AND BOULEVARDS—COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Chapter 177, Section 26, Compiled Ordinances City of Detroit. No person, firm or corporation shall operate or cause to be operated, upon or within any park or boulevard, any motor truck, as that term is or may be defined by the Michigan Motor Vehicle law, or any other vehicle used for the hauling or distribution of merchandise, freight, or material; Provided, however, That such a truck or vehicle may be operated upon or within said parks or boulevards for the shortest possible distance, when necessary to serve any property located within or upon said park or boulevard or contiguous thereto or when it is necessary to cross any boulevard. The provisions of this section shall not apply to vehicles operated by the Department.

A commercial vehicle is one that is used for commercial purposes regardless of whether or not it was originally designed or used as a passenger car. The use of solid or pneumatic tires would have no bearing in the matter. When a passenger car is altered by attaching a box in place of tonneau, it is reasonable to suppose that the carrying of merchandise is intended.
CONDENSED TRAFFIC ORDNANCE

The following "Condensed Traffic Ordinance" is not the complete traffic ordinance. It is a short statement of the most important rules. The section number after each statement in this condensed ordinance refers to the complete ordinance on pages 13 to 34.

CHANGES IN TRAFFIC RULES

Regulations in this kind of type are rules new to Detroit and have never been in force here before. These should be read carefully.

GENERAL

Compliance to Regulations
These rules are made for your protection, and provide for safe and orderly movement of traffic. Your compliance to these rules, to Police Officers and Police Department signs, will assist in making the streets of Detroit safer for everyone. (Sec. 2.)

Penalty
Violators of this ordinance may be fined up to $500.00, given a jail sentence of ninety days, or both. (Sec. 3.)

SPEED

Different Speed Limits
Vehicles shall be driven CAREFULLY at all times, and never more than:
15 MILES PER HOUR IN BUSINESS DISTRICTS.
20 MILES PER HOUR IN RESIDENCE DISTRICTS.
10 MILES PER HOUR IN ALLEYS.
10 MILES PER HOUR WHEN TURNING CORNERS. (Sec. 14.)

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Meaning of Colored Lights
RED means STOP.
AMBER means STOP (indicates change in traffic).
GREEN means GO.
The amber light is for the protection of both motorists and pedestrians and MUST be obeyed. (Sec. 15.)

RULES OF THE ROAD

Overtaking
When overtaking another vehicle, pass to the left and do not turn to the right until SAFELY CLEAR of it, but DO NOT overtake and pass another moving vehicle at an intersection. (Sec. 16a and 21.)

Meeting
When meeting another vehicle pass to the right. (Sec. 16b.)

Slow Moving Vehicles
Slow moving vehicles keep as near the right hand curb as possible. (Sec. 16c.)

Passing Street Cars
Pass to the right of street cars, except on one-way streets, when you may pass to the left of a street car going in the same direction. (Sec. 16f.)

Divided Roadways
When the roadway is divided into two parts, keep to the right side. (Sec. 20.)

TURNING AND BACKING RULES

Hand Signals
Before turning around, turning to the right or left or before leaving the curb or backing, first see that the movement can be made safely, and give a warning signal to other vehicles by holding the arm outside the car in a horizontal position. (Sec. 28 and 29a.)

How to Make Right Turn
Keep as near the right-hand curb as possible. Before making a right-hand turn against a red traffic signal, come to a COMPLETE STOP. (Sec. 16d and 17.)

How to Make Left Turn
Keep as near the center of the street as possible. Do not make a left turn into another street when the red traffic signal shows on the street you are on, except into one-way streets, when you must come to a COMPLETE STOP. (Sec. 16e and 18.)
Turn Around
Do not turn around at any street intersection. Do not turn around on Woodward Avenue inside the loop. (Sec. 19 and 51b.)

Special Turning Prohibitions
At certain places right or left turns are prohibited by signs. Obey all such regulations.

Backing
Do not back more than sixty (60) feet. Do not back around a corner unless preceded by an observer. (Sec. 29b and 29c.)

AUTOMOBILE AND STREET CAR RULES

Safety Zones and Car Stops
Street car stops without protection posts are called "car stops." All protected street car stops are known as "safety zones." Do not drive through them when they are occupied or about to be occupied. (Sec. 27.)

Express Stops; Not to drive to left of. (Sec. 27b.)

Passing Stopped Street Car at Traffic Signal
You may pass stopped street cars where there is a TRAFFIC SIGNAL when it shows GREEN. (Sec. 26.)

Wait Behind Street Car at Car Stops with No Traffic Signal
At CAR STOPS where there is NO traffic signal STOP behind the street car and wait until all persons have either boarded the street car or persons going to the curb have reached there safely. (Sec. 26.)

Wait Behind Street Cars at Safety Zones with No Traffic Signal
At SAFETY ZONES where there is NO TRAFFIC SIGNAL wait until all persons have boarded or alighted from the street car. (Sec. 26.)

Following Street Cars
When following a street car do not turn to the right and drive through a car stop or safety zone, whether occupied or not. (Sec. 39.)

Street Cars Have Right-of-Way
Do not cross a street if a street car has already started to cross the street you are on. When on a street car track you must drive off if a street car wishes to pass. (Sec. 24 and 25.)

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

Stop on Leaving Alleys
Motorists must come to a FULL STOP before leaving an alley or driveway. (Sec. 30.)

No Obstructing Highway or Crosswalk
Vehicles are not allowed to obstruct the highway or crosswalk. (Sec. 22 and 23a.)

Remove Stalled Vehicles
Stalled vehicles must be removed from the street promptly. (Sec. 25b.)

Cars Must Be Locked
A car left at the curb unattended must have the motor shut off and be locked, but not in such a manner as to prevent its being moved. This does not apply to commercial vehicles. (Sec. 31.)

Right-of-Way to Be Given Fire and Police Vehicles
Motorists must drive to the curb and remain standing upon the approach of Fire, Police Department or other emergency vehicles. Do not start until the vehicles are at least 500 feet away. You cannot park within 500 feet of Fire Department apparatus at a fire. (Sec. 32.)

Two Others in Seat with Driver
Only two persons beside the driver are allowed on the driver's seat. (Sec. 33a.)

Lap Driving
No driver may have another person in his lap nor may he sit in the lap of another person when the car is in motion. (Sec. 33b.)

One-Arm Driving
No driver shall have his arm around another person nor shall any other person have his arm around the operator. (Sec. 33c.)
Ride Inside Vehicle
All persons must ride INSIDE the car—not on the running board, fenders, hood, etc. (Sec. 34.)

Windshield to Be Kept Clear
Windshield must be kept clear of snow and ice or opened so as to afford clear vision, and a clear view must be had to the rear. (Sec. 35a.)

Stickers
No stickers are allowed on windshield or rear window except one 4 inches by 12 inches, on lower right-hand corner of windshield. (Sec. 35b.)

Objects Not to Interfere with Operation
Do not pile any objects in or on the vehicle so that they interfere with your view of the road or the safe operation of the vehicle. (Sec. 33c.)

No Needless Sounding of Horns
Horns shall not be sounded while a vehicle is standing still, except to avoid accident. (Sec. 46.)

Hitching On
Do not climb, or hitch, on any moving vehicle. (Sec. 36.)

No Advertising Vehicles
Vehicles used for advertising purposes are not allowed to enter the loop district or operate on streets with car lines. (Sec. 37.)

Loading
Always load or unload merchandise with car parallel to curb. (Sec. 68.)

Projecting Loads
No load shall project more than 3 feet to the front or 12 feet to the rear of the car. (Sec. 70c.)

Flag at End of Load
When the load projects more than 2 feet to the rear, a red flag 12 inches by 12 inches must be used in the day, and a red light at night. (Sec. 71.)

Towing
When towing another car, the connection shall not be over 16 feet long, and a white flag 12 inches by 12 inches must be hung in the center. (Sec. 72a.)

DRUNK DRIVING
No Driving While Drunk
No person shall drive a car while under the influence of liquor or drugs, and no person shall knowingly allow another to drive a car while in this condition. (Sec. 43.)

Minimum Penalty
The minimum penalties for violation of this section are very strict. (Sec. 44.)

RECKLESS DRIVING
No Reckless Driving
Do not drive at any time in such a manner as to endanger any person or property. (Sec. 38.)

PARKING RULES
Parallel to Curb
Park parallel to curb and not more than 6 inches from it, unless directed otherwise by signs. (Sec. 53.)

Abandoned Vehicles
Vehicles parked in the street continuously for forty-eight hours will be towed away by the Police Department as abandoned. (Sec. 54.)

Double Parking
Not permitted. (Sec. 55.)

At Safety Zones
Do not stop or park between a car stop or safety zone and the curb. (Sec. 56.)

In Alleys
Do not park in alleys unless loading or unloading goods and never in such a way as to obstruct traffic. (Sec. 57.)
Fire Hydrants
Do not park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. (Sec. 58.)

Fire Stations
Do not park within 50 feet of the entrance to any fire station. (Sec. 58.)

In Front of Public Buildings
Do not park in front of the entrance of any theatre, church, office building or similar building, nor any driveway. (Sec. 59.)

Stop Streets
Do not park within 35 feet of a stop street intersection. (Sec. 61.)

Cross Walks
Do not park so any portion of the car is in a crosswalk. (Sec. 22.)

"For Sale" Cars
"For sale" cars shall not be parked in the street. (Sec. 60.)

Other Places
Parking in places other than those mentioned is regulated by the signs posted on the street. (Sec. 65.)

Parked Horsedrawn Vehicles
Horsedrawn vehicles parked to the curb must have horses turned in the direction traffic is moving. (Sec. 69.)

ACCIDENTS

Stop at Once
In case of an accident, STOP, AT ONCE; give such assistance as is possible, show your driver's license, give your present address, and name and address of the owner of the car, if you are driving another car. (Sec. 40.)

Report to Police
If persons are injured, or cars damaged so they will not run, report the accident IMMEDIATELY to the Police Department. (Sec. 42.)

VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

Brakes
Must be able to lock both rear wheels. (Sec. 45a.)

Horn
Must be in working condition. (Sec. 45b.)

Cut-out
Cut-outs are not permitted. (Sec. 45c and 46.)

License Plates
Must be kept clean and illuminated at night. (Sec. 45d.)

LIGHTS

When to Be Used
Headlights, tail lights or parking lights and clearance lights must be used from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, and at other times when conditions require. (Sec. 47a.)

Headlights
Automobiles must have two headlights bright enough to clearly illuminate the roadway 200 feet in front of the car, unless the roadway is sufficiently lighted by street lights, when dimmers may be used. Always dim when approaching another vehicle. (Sec. 47c and 47d.)

Tail Lights
Must have red light visible 200 feet to the rear. (Sec. 47e.)

Parking Lights
Must use dim headlights and tail light, except that parking light, mounted on left side showing white light to front and red light to rear, both visible 200 feet, may be used. (Sec. 47f.)

Clearance Lights
Trucks and trailers over 6 feet 6 inches wide must have a green light on the left side visible 200 feet to front and rear. (Sec. 47g.)

Motorcycles
Obey the above requirements except that only one headlight is required. (Sec. 47h.)

Other Vehicles
Must have white light in front and red light in rear, both visible 200 feet. (Sec. 47i.)
Complete Traffic Ordinance

Effective November 13, 1928.

Ordinance No. 254-B

An ordinance to regulate the use and operation of vehicles on the public highways within the City of Detroit, Michigan, to provide for the arrest of and penalties to be imposed upon persons violating the provisions of this ordinance, and to repeal all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

It is ordained by the People of the City of Detroit:

Definitions

Section 1. The following words when used herein shall be deemed to have or include the meanings given below:

Vehicle

every description of carriage or other contrivance used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on land, except street car or railroad rolling stock operated on tracks.

Motor Vehicle

every vehicle which is self propelled.

Commercial Vehicle

All vehicles used for the transportation of passengers for hire and those constructed or used for transportation of merchandise.

Person

every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

Operator

Any person driving or operating a vehicle, and, with reference to parking provisions, any person parking or moving a vehicle, whether remaining in such parked vehicle or not.

Owner

Any person owning or renting a motor vehicle or having the exclusive use thereof, under a lease or otherwise, for a period greater than thirty days.
Highway
Any street, alley, avenue, boulevard, or other road, square or public place open to public travel.

One-Way Streets
A street where vehicular traffic is permitted to move in one direction only.

Stop Street
A highway so designated by the Council and marked by the Department, at which vehicles must stop before turning into or crossing.

Cross Walk
That part of the highway connecting sidewalks at or near street intersections and at such other places as may be indicated by “limit lines.”

Limit Lines
Visible markings on the highway pavement establishing bounds for traffic.

Street Car Stop
A street car stop is the usual place designated and plainly marked by the Department for street cars to stop to load and unload passengers, other than safety zones.

Safety Zone
That portion of the highway so constructed or protected as to provide a refuge for the exclusive use of pedestrians.

Loading
The expeditious taking on or discharging of passengers or merchandise from vehicles.

Parking
Standing a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a highway, when not loading.

Double-Parking
The standing of a vehicle upon a highway outside of another vehicle which is parked at the curb.

Sign
Any suitable Departmental device advising the public of a traffic regulation.

Traffic Signal
Any device using words or colored lights or a combination thereof, either manually or automatically operated by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and proceed.

Day-Time
Time between thirty minutes before sunrise and thirty minutes after sunset.

Night Time
Time between thirty minutes after sunset and thirty minutes before sunrise.

Loop District
That section bounded on the south by the south line of Jefferson Avenue; on the east by the east line of St. Antoine Street; on the north by the north line of Columbia Street; and on the west by the west line of First Street.

Business District
The territory contiguous to a highway when fifty percent or more of the frontage thereon for a distance of three hundred feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business.

Residence District
The territory contiguous to a highway not comprising a business district.

Council
The municipal legislative body.

Department
Department of Police.

Commissioner
The Commissioner of Police or the ranking official in charge of the Police Department.

POLICE AND GENERAL PROVISIONS
All Shall Obey
Sec. 2. This ordinance is adopted in the interest of public safety, convenience and welfare. Every person shall comply with, observe and obey, when applicable to him, all the provisions, requirements and regulations contained herein, and the regulations and orders of the Commissioner adopted or issued in pursuance hereof. No person shall disobey or refuse to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a police officer.
Penalty for Violation

Sec. 3. Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this ordinance or any regulation or order of the Commissioner, adopted or issued in pursuance hereof, shall, upon conviction be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars, or to imprisonment in the Detroit House of Correction for a period not to exceed ninety days, or to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court, unless otherwise provided in this ordinance.

Powers of Commissioner

Sec. 4. (a) The Commissioner shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance and the regulations adopted by him hereunder. Subject to the provisions hereof, it shall be the duty of the Department to direct and control the traffic of vehicles and pedestrians.

(b) The Commissioner shall have power, by rules adopted by him, to:

- Designate street intersections that shall be known as special stop intersections.
- Designate the streets or parts of streets upon which there shall be no parking of vehicles or upon which there shall be parking for a limited time;
- Exclude or restrict parking on designated streets during certain hours;
- Permit angle parking in designated places;
- Establish one-way streets;
- Cause limit lines to be marked upon pavements and sidewalks for the direction of pedestrians and operators;
- Prohibit left-hand turns by vehicles at street corners designated;
- Designate fire routes upon certification to him by the Fire Chief that such highway is especially required for use in attending fires, and prohibit parking thereon;
- Temporarily close any highway or portion of same or restrict the use thereof, when required by public safety and convenience.

(c) The rules of the Commissioner adopted in pursuance of this section shall be effective upon the erection of signs by, or authorized by the Department sufficient in number to apprise the ordinarily observant person of the existence of the regulation upon the highway or in the district affected.

Shipping Entrances

Sec. 5. Special "no-parking" loading spaces may be provided and established by compliance with the following conditions. Any owner or occupant of a building adjacent to a street or alley, desiring a certain "no-parking" loading space immediately in front of a shipping entrance to such building, shall make application to the Commissioner for the foot frontage desired and give requisite information. The Commissioner shall have authority to grant the same or a lesser frontage, and if granted, shall issue to the applicant a permit. Such permit may at any time be withdrawn or limited by the Commissioner. To aid in enforcing the provisions of such permit, the holder of the same shall have the right to place "no-parking" signs on the sidewalk marking the limits of such "no-parking" space. Such signs shall be of exact size, character and description required by the Commissioner and shall be provided at the expense of the holder of the permit and shall bear the number of the permit issued by the Department. No operator shall park in any such special "no-parking" space.

May Use Traffic Devices

Sec. 6. To assist in the control of traffic, the Department may employ traffic signals, signs, safety zones, and other necessary devices.

Police Control of Traffic

Sec. 7. Traffic shall be directed by officers of the Department or by traffic signals.

Emergency Powers

Sec. 8. In case of a fire, an emergency, a parade or other concourse of people, traffic may be directed as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance.

Police Accident Records and Reports

Sec. 9. (a) In case of any accident, the Department, where the public interest requires, shall fully investigate the causes of such accident.

(b) The Department shall keep records embracing all pertinent accident information and shall make complete monthly reports, drawn from such records, to the Council.

Signs Not to Be Molested

Sec. 10. (a) No person shall wilfully move or alter any sign or limit line established by the Department or by authority thereof.

(b) No person shall establish or maintain a sign or limit line except as hereinafter provided.
Proclamations
Sec. 11. Processions are permitted only by authority of and as directed by the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 34 of the Compiled Ordinances of the City of Detroit, 1920.

Police to Publish Ordinance
Sec. 12. The Department shall provide copies of this ordinance for free public distribution, including display posters for those requiring such.

Garages to Post Ordinances
Sec. 13. All managers of public garages and of places where vehicles for hire are kept shall keep prominently displayed therein such copy of this and other pertinent ordinances as the Commissioner shall designate and furnish.

DRIVING PROVISIONS

Legal Speeds
Sec. 14. (a) Vehicles shall be driven at a careful and prudent rate of speed, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of roadway, and in no event shall exceed fifteen miles per hour in business districts or twenty miles per hour in residence districts.
(b) No vehicle shall be driven in an alley faster than ten miles per hour.
(c) No operator shall turn any corner at a rate of speed exceeding ten miles per hour.

Traffic Signal Lights
Sec. 15. (a) Traffic signal lights shall be obeyed by operators of vehicles and street cars. When colored lights are employed as traffic signals, they shall be deemed to have the following meanings. The display of red means "stop"; green means "proceed"; amber in combination with red or green means "stop-
(b) The amber light displayed alone on Safety Zone post or Traffic Signal means "proceed with caution."

Rules of the Road
Sec. 16. All operators shall:
(a) When overtaking and passing a vehicle, pass to the left side of such vehicle and shall not turn toward the right until safely clear thereof except when the preceding vehicle is about to make a left hand turn.

(b) In meeting vehicles, pass to the right.
(c) When operating slow moving vehicles, keep as near the right curb as is practicable.
(d) When about to make a right hand turn, keep as near the right curb as is practicable.
(e) When approaching a street intersection to make a left hand turn, keep as near the center of the street as is practicable.
(f) Pass to the right of a street car when going in the same direction as such street car; Provided, That an operator proceeding in the proper direction upon a one-way street, may pass to the left of a street car going in the same direction.

When Right Hand Turn May Be Made
Sec. 17. Operators may make a right hand turn at all times when proceeding with traffic, except where prohibited by signs or traffic officers. A right hand turn may be made against the stop signal, providing the operator comes to a complete stop before entering the intersection.

When Left Hand Turn May Be Made
Sec. 18. No operator shall drive into an intersection for the purpose of making a left hand turn when the stop signal is displayed in the direction in which he was originally proceeding; Provided, that an operator may make a left hand turn into a one-way street against the stop signal if the operator comes to a complete stop before entering the intersection.

No Turn at Intersection
Sec. 19. No operator shall turn a vehicle around at any highway intersection.

Keep to Right
Sec. 20. On any highway divided longitudinally by a parkway, center walk, sunken way or viaduct, operators shall keep to the right of such division.

No Passing at Intersection
Sec. 21. No operator shall pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction at a highway intersection, except where such passed vehicle is making a left hand turn.

Cross Walks Not to Be Obstructed
Sec. 22. No operator shall stop or park in such a manner as to obstruct a cross walk.
MAP OF LOOP DISTRICT—This shows the "Loop District" of Detroit. The streets shaded dark are the "loop streets." The arrows show the direction of one way streets. If motorists will use them when entering or going around the downtown district, considerable time will be saved. These streets are wide and well paved and traffic on them moves more freely than in the center of the business district.
Highway Not to Be Obstructed
Sec. 23. (a) No operator shall block or obstruct a highway.
(b) Whenever a vehicle becomes stalled or for any reason cannot be moved by its own power, and in consequence obstructs a highway, the owner or the operator shall cause the prompt removal of same by towing or otherwise.

No Crossing Ahead of Street Car
Sec. 34. When a street car has started to cross a highway, no operator shall attempt to cross such highway before the street car has crossed the intended path of such vehicle.

Operator to Yield Right of Way to Street Cars
Sec. 25. The operator of any vehicle proceeding upon a street car track in front of a street car shall immediately turn out on a warning signal being given by the operator of the street car.

Passing Stopped Street Cars
Sec. 26. The operator of a vehicle overtaking any street car stopped or about to stop for the purpose of receiving or discharging any passenger, shall bring such vehicle to a full stop at the rear of such street car, and remain standing until any such passenger has boarded or alighted from such car, or any pedestrian moving toward the adjacent curb has reached said curb, except that where traffic is being controlled by police officers or traffic signals, then a vehicle may be driven past such street car and with due caution for the safety of pedestrians.

Driving Through Car Stops and Safety Zones
Sec. 27. (a) No operator shall drive upon or through any street car stop or safety zone when occupied or about to be occupied by any person or persons.
(b) No operator of any vehicle except motor busses used for the purpose of transporting passengers to or from street cars, shall drive to the left of any street car stop or safety zone located at the following street intersections:
Lillibridge and Jefferson.
Parkview and Jefferson.
Parker and Jefferson.
E. Grand Blvd. and Jefferson.

Chene and Jefferson.
St. Antoine and Jefferson.
Bonaparte and Grand River.
Joy Road and Grand River.
Maplewood and Grand River.
Quincy and Grand River.
Grand Blvd. West and Grand River.
McGraw and Grand River.
Warren and Grand River.
Forest and Grand River.
Buchanan and Grand River.
Fourteenth and Grand River.
Canfield and Grand River.
Myrtle and Grand River.
Trumbull and Grand River.
Hamilton and Grand River.
Temple and Grand River.
Henry and Grand River.

Provided, further, that the Police Department shall cause to be placed in front of each safety zone a suitable sign informative of this regulation.

Driver to Signal Change in Course or Speed
Sec. 28. (a) Before turning to the right or the left, to leave a street, and before turning around or stopping thereon or before materially varying the course in which the vehicle is proceeding, the operator shall first ascertain that such movement can be made in safety, and shall give a warning signal to other operators, by extending the arm beyond and outside the vehicle, holding the same in a horizontal position for a sufficient time to apprise approaching operators of his intention to change his course or stop, as the case may be. Provided, however, that in lieu of such signal, signals may be given by a mechanical or electrical device which conveys an intelligible warning to another driver approaching from the rear.

Operator to Give Warning Before Leaving Curb
(b) A standing vehicle about to start shall give moving vehicles the right of way and the operator thereof shall give a timely and visible warning signal in some unmistakable manner before so starting. No vehicle shall start or pull away from the curb while a street car is passing such vehicle.
Other Operators to Obey Signals
(c) In all cases the driver of a vehicle to whom a warning signal has been given, as required in this and the following sections, shall bring and keep his vehicle under such control as to be able to avoid an accident resulting from any misunderstanding of such signals, and shall in all cases heed any such warnings as shall have been given him.

Backing Restrictions
Sec. 29 (a) No operator shall back unless he shall first ascertain that it can be done safely. No vehicle shall be backed without first giving an unmistakable warning signal to pedestrians and approaching vehicles.
(b) In no case shall a vehicle be backed a distance of more than sixty feet.
(c) No vehicle shall be backed around a corner at an intersection of highways, unless preceded by an observer to safely direct the movement.

To Stop on Leaving Alley
Sec. 30. Operators when driving a vehicle out of an alley, driveway or building onto the highway, shall come to a complete stop before crossing the sidewalk.

Unattended Vehicles to Be Locked
Sec. 31. No operator, except those of commercial vehicles, shall leave a vehicle standing at the curb unattended unless the operator shall first shut off the motor and lock the vehicle or some part thereof so as to prevent the starting and operation of the vehicle by an unauthorized person. No vehicle shall be locked in such a manner as to prevent it from being towed or moved.

Clear Way to Be Given Fire and Police Vehicles
Sec. 32. (a) Upon the approach of any vehicle of the Fire Department, Police Department or Police authorized vehicles, when on an emergency call, sounding a siren or bell, all operators of other vehicles shall immediately drive as closely as possible to the right hand curb and stop, and shall not follow any vehicle or apparatus of the Fire Department or Police Department until same shall be at least five hundred (500) feet away, or has stopped.
(b) No vehicle other than those of the Fire Department or Police Department, except by direction of the officer in charge, shall approach or park within six hundred (600) feet of any fire apparatus responding to a call after such fire apparatus shall have reached the scene of the fire.

Only Three Persons in Driver's Seat
Sec. 33. (a) No operator shall drive a motor vehicle with more than two other persons in the seat with him.

Lap Driving
(b) No operator shall have in his lap any other person, adult or minor, nor shall he be seated in the lap of any person, while the vehicle is in motion.

No One-Arm Driving
(c) No operator shall have either arm around another person nor shall another person have either arm around the operator while the vehicle is in motion.

Ride Inside Vehicle
Sec. 34. No person shall ride in or operate any motor vehicle unless all portions of such person's body are entirely within that portion of the vehicle designed for the carrying of passengers or merchandise, or as otherwise permitted by this ordinance; Provided, however, that this section does not apply to any person whose employment makes it necessary to ride otherwise.

Operator's View to Be Unobscured
Sec. 35. (a) Operators shall have an unobstructed view to the rear of their vehicle by direct view or by mirror. Windshields in front of a driver shall be kept reasonably clear of snow and ice or opened so that the driver's view is unobscured.

No Stickers Allowed on Windshield or Rear Window
(b) Vehicles shall not carry stickers, cards, signs or obstructions posted upon windshields or rear window, except that one sign or sticker, not to exceed four (4) inches by twelve (12) inches may be permitted at the extreme lower right hand corner of such windshield, placed with longer dimensions horizontal. Provided, however, that this limitation of size does not apply to vehicles in a funeral procession.

Objects Not to Interfere With Operator
(c) No person shall operate any vehicle in which or upon which any object or objects are so placed as to interfere with the vision of the operator or the safe and careful operation of the vehicle.

Hitching On
Sec. 36. No person shall climb onto or hitch-on any moving vehicle with or without the operator's consent, and no operator shall knowingly permit such action.
Advertising Vehicles Prohibited
Sec. 37. Vehicles operated solely or principally for the purpose of advertising are hereby prohibited from entering the Loop District and from operating upon Stop Streets, and highways upon which there are street car lines.

Vendor's Vehicles
Sec. 38. Vendor's vehicles when standing at the curb where parking is allowed, shall move therefrom at the request of a police officer or operator wishing to park there.

Reckless Driving
Sec. 39. No operator shall drive recklessly. The operation of any vehicle or street car on any highway in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger the life or limb of any person or the safety of any property shall be deemed to be reckless driving. The term "reckless driving" shall also specifically include the driving of any vehicle when it is not under control; turning a corner in a manner endangering the safety of pedestrians or property; the turning of a vehicle when closely following a street car from the street car tracks to the right and driving through a car stop or safety zone whether the same is occupied or not; driving a vehicle past a red traffic signal light.

Operator Not to Leave Scene of Accident
Sec. 40. In case of an accident to persons or property upon a highway, due to the operation of any vehicle, the persons involved shall stop and give such reasonable assistance as can be given, and shall identify themselves to the other parties to such accident by giving their names and addresses, and showing their operator's license. If the operator of such vehicle is not the owner thereof, the said operator shall, in addition, give the name and address of the owner of such vehicle.

Identity Not to Be Concealed
Sec. 41. No person shall conceal or attempt to conceal his identity or falsely identify himself to any police officer or to any person entitled under this ordinance to such information.

Accidents to Be Promptly Reported
Sec. 42. Every operator of a vehicle or of any street railway or railroad car involved in any accident which causes injury to any person or which results in a vehicle becoming so disabled as to be incapable of being pro-
pelled in the usual manner, shall give immediate notice and make full report thereof to the Department upon blanks furnished by the Department upon application thereto. If an operator of a vehicle involved in an accident is so incapacitated as to be unable to make such report, it shall be the duty of every other occupant of such vehicle to see that such report is made.

Driving Under Influence of Liquor or Drugs
Sec. 43. (a) No person under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or any exhilarating or stupefying drug shall operate or have in charge any vehicle upon a highway.

No Owner to Permit
(b) No owner of any vehicle, or any person having such vehicle in charge or in control, shall authorize or knowingly allow the same to be driven or operated by any person under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or any exhilarating or stupefying drug.

Minimum Penalty for
Sec. 44. (a) Any person violating the provisions of the preceding section of this ordinance shall, for the first offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to a fine of not less than Fifty ($50.00) Dollars, nor more than Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars, or to imprisonment in the Detroit House of Correction for a term of not more than ninety days, or to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

Subsequent Offense
(b) Any person violating the provisions of the preceding section, shall, for a second or subsequent conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars, nor more than Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment in the Detroit House of Correction not to exceed ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

Required Motor Vehicle Equipment
Sec. 45. No operator shall drive a motor vehicle which is not equipped with the following:
(a) BRAKES. Every motor vehicle operated upon the public highway shall be provided with service and emergency brakes, each of which shall be capable of locking both rear wheels.
(b) A HORN, or other suitable device for audible signaling; provided that no operator shall use any device that gives an audible signal similar to those used by fire and police vehicles.

(c) A MUFFLER, which shall minimize the exhaust noises from the motor.

(d) LICENSE PLATES, which shall be unobscured and maintained clean, legible and undefaced.

Noises and Gases Prohibited
Sec. 46. No motor vehicle operator shall run his motor with cut-out open, or make any other unnecessary sound disturbance or operate a vehicle emitting from any source an unreasonable quantity of smoke, noxious gases or vapor. This shall prohibit the sounding of any warning device while the vehicle is not in motion, except when necessary to avoid accident.

Required Lights; When to Be Lighted
Sec. 47. (a) All lights required by this section must be lighted while the vehicle is upon the highway during the night time, and at such other times when there is insufficient light to render clearly discernible any person on the highway at a distance of two hundred feet ahead.

Visibility
(b) Whenever lights are required by this section to be visible or reveal objects a certain distance ahead, it shall be deemed to mean under normal atmospheric conditions.

Head Lamps
(c) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with two head lamps, no more and no less, at the front of and on opposite sides of the motor vehicle, projecting a white driving light sufficient to render clearly discernible a person two hundred feet ahead, but shall not project a glaring or dazzling light to any approaching operator.

When to Be Dimmed
(d) The head lamps shall be dimmed when the highway is sufficiently lighted to reveal a person on the highway at a distance of two hundred (200) feet ahead of the vehicle; and within a reasonable distance when approaching another vehicle traveling in the opposite direction.

Rear Lights
(e) Every motor vehicle and every trailer or semi-trailer which is being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles shall carry at the rear a lamp exhibiting a red light visible for a distance of two hundred (200) feet to the rear of such vehicle and so constructed and placed that the license plate on the rear shall be so illuminated by a white light as to be read from a distance of fifty (50) feet to the rear.

Parking Lights
(f) Whenever a vehicle is parked upon the highway during the night time it shall have displayed thereon toward the front two (2) white lights, and toward the rear one red light, all of which shall be visible for two hundred (200) feet, provided, however, a parking light may be used when mounted on the left rear fender displaying a white light toward the front and a red light toward the rear, each of which shall be visible for two hundred (200) feet.

Clearance Lights
(g) At night time any truck or trailer over six feet, six inches (6'-6") in width, shall have a green light on the left side visible two hundred (200) feet to the front and rear thereof.

Motorcycles
(h) Every motorcycle must comply with all the requirements of this section, with the exception that they shall be equipped with only one head lamp.

All Other Vehicles
(i) All other vehicles except as herein provided shall be equipped with one (1) white lamp visible two hundred (200) feet to the front and one (1) red lamp visible two hundred (200) feet to the rear thereof.

Acetylene Lamps
Sec. 48. Motor vehicles equipped with acetylene head lamps shall be deemed to have complied with the provisions of this ordinance, anything to the contrary notwithstanding, when such head lamps are fitted with six (6") inch bright spherical mirrors, five-eighths (5/8") foot burners and clear plain glass fronts, and nothing herein contained shall be considered as prohibiting the use of acetylene lighting systems on motor vehicles.
Spot Lights
Sec. 49. One spot light may be used if placed not higher than the center of the windshield, and so adjusted that the rays are always directed downward and to the right of the vehicle.

All Other Lights Prohibited
Sec. 50. "All other lights on vehicles, except those required by state law, are prohibited, except commercial vehicles for hire may use additional lights for advertising purposes, provided the use of the same does not interfere with traffic or prove a menace to safety."

Woodward Avenue Restrictions
Sec. 51. (a) It shall be unlawful for any operator to make a right turn or a left turn from Woodward Avenue onto any street or from any street onto Woodward Avenue at any place from the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Woodward Avenue to the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Woodward Avenue. Provided, that a right turn may be made by vehicles going in a northerly direction on Woodward Avenue at Cadillac Square and Witherell St. and that vehicles going in a southerly direction on Woodward Avenue may make a right hand turn at Clifford Street and Fort Street, and that vehicles going in a westerly direction on Adams Avenue may make a right turn onto Woodward Avenue.

(b) No person shall turn a vehicle around on Woodward Avenue at any place from its intersection with Columbia Street to its intersection with Jefferson Avenue.

(c) Provided, that the provisions of this section shall be applicable from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. only and not on Sundays or Legal Holidays.

Stop Streets
Sec. 52. Any operator approaching a highway herein- after designated as a "Stop Street," shall come to a complete stop before turning into or starting to cross such highway; Provided, that this regulation shall not apply at any intersection where traffic is being directed by a traffic officer or traffic signal, nor shall it apply to operators proceeding on Grand Boulevard, East or West, except when directed by traffic signals or officers.

Traffic Ordinance

The following streets are hereby designated as "Stop Streets":
Baker St., Sixth St. to West Grand Blvd.
Brush St., north line of Jefferson Ave. to City Limits.
Buchanan St., Grand River Ave. to Livernois Ave.
Cass Ave., north from Jefferson Ave.
Charlevoix Ave.
Congress St., from Woodward Ave. to Meldrum Ave.
Chene St., Jefferson Ave. to East Grand Blvd.
Dexter Blvd., West Grand Blvd. to Fenkell Ave.
Fort St. West.
Fourteenth Ave., from south line of Baker St.
Grand River Ave. West.
Gratiot Ave.
Grand Blvd., East and West.
Hamilton Ave., Grand River Ave. to Webb Ave.
John R. St., from Woodward to Webb Ave.
Jefferson Ave., East and West.
Kercheval Ave., Mt. Elliott Ave. to Alter Road.
Lafayette Ave. East.
Lafayette Blvd., Griswold to Springwells.
McGraw Ave., West of Grand River Ave.
Michigan Ave.
Mack Ave., Gratiot Ave. to City Limits.
Myrtle Ave., Trumbull Ave. to West Grand Blvd.
Second Blvd. and Ave., north of Jefferson Ave.
Six Mile Road, East and West.
Third Ave., Grand River Ave. to Webb Ave.
Twelfth St., from Ferry Park Ave. to Fenkell Ave.
Vernor Highway, East and West.
Warren Ave., East and West.
Woodward Ave.
Washington Blvd., Michigan Ave. to Park Ave.

PARKING PROVISIONS

Park Parallel to Curb
Sec. 53. Unless otherwise ordered by signs, vehicles shall be parked parallel to the curb and shall be so placed that neither right wheel shall be more than six (6") inches from the curb.

Abandoned Vehicles
Sec. 54. Continuous standing of a vehicle on the highway for a period of forty-eight (48) hours shall be deemed prima-facie evidence of abandonment, and the provisions of Ordinance No. 165-B, Compiled Ordinances of the City of Detroit, 1920, shall be applicable.
No Double Parking
Sec. 55. No operator shall double park on a highway.

No Parking or Loading Opposite Safety Zones
Sec. 56. No operator shall park or load between a car stop or safety zone and the curb nearest thereto at any time.

Alley Parking
Sec. 57. No operator shall park in a public alley. Provided, That a commercial vehicle may load in a public alley, but shall not obstruct other vehicles from passing.

No Parking at Fire Hydrants
Sec. 58. No operator shall park in front of, or within fifteen (15) feet of any fire hydrant or fire cistern, or within fifty (50) feet of the entrance to any fire station.

Driveways and Building Entrances
Sec. 59. No vehicle shall be permitted to park in front of the entrance of any theatre, church, office building, public dance hall, driveway, public or private, or building in which a large number of people are accustomed to gather.

No Parking “For Sale” Cars
Sec. 60. No person shall park a motor vehicle upon which or near which any sign, wording or legend is printed or attached indicating that this or any other motor vehicle is offered for sale.

Stop Street Intersections
Sec. 61. No operator shall park within 35 feet of any Stop Street intersection.

Parked—Loop District
Sec. 62. (a) No operator shall park within the Loop District between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. and between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

(b) Where parking is permitted within the Loop District, it shall be for a period of one hour between the hours of 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

(c) Provisions of this section shall not, however, apply on Sundays and Legal Holidays.

Parking on Stop Streets Having Car Lines
Sec. 63. (a) On Stop Streets outside the Loop District bearing car lines, where parking is permitted, it shall be for a period of one hour between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. Provided, however, that no operator shall park on the side of the street carrying traffic bound for the Loop District between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m., nor on the side of the street carrying traffic bound from the Loop District between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Without Car Lines
(b) On Stop Streets outside the Loop District without car lines, where parking is permitted, it shall be for a period of one hour, between the hours of 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Provided, however, that no operator shall park between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. and between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

(c) Provisions of this section shall not, however, apply on Sundays and Legal Holidays.

Parking on Other Car Line Streets
Sec. 64. Parking on streets, outside the Loop District, bearing car lines, other than Stop Streets, shall be regulated by the Commissioner so as to permit as unimpeded a movement of vehicles past street cars as is practicable.

Enforcement
Sec. 65. Provisions of Sections Nos. 62, 63 and 64 shall be effective upon the erection of signs by or authorized by the Department sufficient in number and size to apprise the ordinarily observant person of the existence of the regulation upon the highway or in the district affected.

SPECIAL STREET CAR AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PROVISIONS

Street Car Operation
Sec. 66. The operator of a street car shall take on or discharge passengers on the near side of intersecting streets except where deemed impracticable by the Commissioner.

Warning of Motorman
Sec. 67. The operator of a street car shall give timely warning by sounding the gong before starting his car.
Loading—Use of Nearest Curb
Sec. 68. When practicable, merchandise and freight shall be discharged and loaded from the side of the vehicle nearest the curb. When such handling is impracticable because of the size of or weight of the packages or merchandise or freight, the vehicle may back to the curb, but it shall not stand at an angle which will obstruct the operation of other vehicles or street cars.

Parked Horse-drawn Vehicles
Sec. 69. When a horse-drawn vehicle is backed to the curb, the operator shall turn the horses in the direction in which the traffic is proceeding with the horses' heads at right angle to the vehicle.

Size of Vehicle and Load
Sec. 70. (a) No vehicle shall exceed a total outside width, including load thereon, of eight feet six inches.
(b) No vehicle laden or unladen shall exceed a height of thirteen (13) feet.
(c) No vehicle shall exceed a length of thirty (30) feet, and no combination of vehicles coupled together shall exceed a total length of sixty-five (65) feet.
(d) No operator shall use on a vehicle any appliance extending beyond the maximum width of the vehicle proper.
(e) No vehicle shall carry thereon any load projecting more than three feet beyond the front, nor more than thirteen feet to the rear of the bed or body thereof.
(f) Provided, however, that any person desiring to move any vehicle of greater size than that permitted by this section shall make application to the Commissioner, who may lay out a route and specify the time of day of travel.

Flag or Light at End of Load
Sec. 71. Whenever the load of any vehicle shall extend more than two (2) feet to the rear of the bed or body thereof, there shall be displayed on the end of such load in such a position as to be plainly visible at all times, a red flag not less than twelve inches in both length and width during the day time; and during the night time, a red light, so displayed as to be plainly visible at least two hundred (200) feet to the rear of such vehicle.

Towing
Sec. 72. No operator shall tow more than one motor vehicle nor more than two (2) trailers.
(a) When towing a motor vehicle, the connection shall not be over sixteen (16) feet long, provided that if such connection is over three (3) feet long, there shall be attached thereto and in the center thereof a white flag not less than twelve (12) inches in both width and length.
(b) Trailers shall be attached to the preceding vehicle by means of suitable coupling. Two chains, one on each side of the coupling, must also be used. Both chains must be attached to the same part of the chassis as is the coupling. Each chain to be of sufficient strength to pull the trailer or trailers attached to it when loaded to maximum capacity.
(c) No operator shall tow a trailer which does not track within six inches of the preceding vehicle.

Provisions Severable
Sec. 73. This ordinance and the various parts, sections and clauses are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Repeal of Prior Traffic Ordinances
Sec. 74. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance specifically repeals all of Part I and Part II of Chapter 35 of the Compiled Ordinances of the City of Detroit, 1920, and all amendments thereto.
Approved, October 12, 1926.

John W. Smith,
Mayor.

Attest:
Richard W. Reading,
City Clerk.

The above ordinance will take effect on the 13th day of November, 1926.

Richard W. Reading,
City Clerk.

Michigan Laws Relating to Motor Vehicles—Revision of 1951
No. 4808—Sec. 12. "No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle on public highways of this State unless such vehicle shall have the number plates assigned to it by the Secretary of State conspicuously displayed—one on front and one on rear."
LICENSE PLATES

Must Be:
"Attached at least 16 inches above the ground."
"Secured in horizontal position."
"Kept clean."

Must Not:
"Swing."
"Obstruct clear view by bumpers or other attachments."
"Suspend from front or ear axles."

No. 4800—Sec. 4. If lost, a duplicate may be obtained from Secretary of State. Fee, $1.00.
Penalty for using any other number plate than one supplied by Secretary of State, $500.00.

No. 4801—Sec. 5. Must be obtained annually, January 1.

No. 4807—Sec. 11. When Car is Sold—"Purchaser must report sale, giving number of License Plate, within 10 days of purchase. Secretary of State will then issue certificate. Fee, $1.00.

No. 4809—Sec. 13. Temporary Number Plate furnished by a manufacturer or dealer when selling a car must be dated, and is good for direct trip from point of sale to destination only, and must not exceed 5 days.

Sec. 2. Will Not Be Issued unless application is accompanied by Certificate of Title.

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

Sec. 2. "Every owner of a motor vehicle must make application on forms furnished by the Secretary of State, which may be obtained at Traffic Division of the Police Department for a Certificate of Title to his car. Fee, $1.00.

Sec. 3. When Car is Sold owner must fill in assignment on back of Certificate of Title and deliver it to the purchaser, who must forward it to the Secretary of State for registration within 10 days. Fee, $1.00.

Sec. 4. Penalty For Sale of car without first obtaining Certificate of Title $1,000.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 10 years.

Penalty for Driving without Certificate of Title $25.00 to $1,000.00.

Sec. 5. Receipt of Registration must be carried by operator as it is subject to inspection by any peace officer on demand.

Sec. 6. When Car is Sold person selling must send Receipt of Registration to Secretary of State within 10 days, showing on it the name of purchaser with his address. Penalty $5.00 to $50.00.

Sec. 11. If Lost Secretary of State will supply a duplicate certificate. Fee, $1.00.
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