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- 13557 (3/20/97) - Designated Certain Streets as Snow Routes
- 13639 (2/5/98) - Adds the 200 Block of North 19th Street to the Residential Parking System
- 13700 (10/8/98) - Enhances to Scofflaw Provisions
- 13901 (4/19/01) - Increases the fines for a number of violations and allows the City or Parking Authority to recoup costs for the towing of vehicles
- 14656 (11/21/08) – Deleted the sunset provision on street cleaning.

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ARTICLE 501 DEFINITIONS

CROSS REFERENCES

- Vehicle Code Definitions - See Vehicle Code §102
- Snow Route Definitions -- See Traffic Article 527.01
- Parking Meter Definitions -- See Traffic Article 533.01
- Abandoned Vehicle Definitions – See Traffic Article 537.01
- Bicycle Defined – See Traffic Article 541.01

501.01 DEFINITIONS

In this Traffic Code, the terms used shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except as otherwise defined in this section:

1. **Street or highway** shall mean every way or place of whatever nature, open to the use of the public as a matter of right, for purpose of vehicular travel. "Highway" shall not include a roadway or driveway upon grounds owned by private persons, colleges, universities or other institutions.
2. **Police officer** shall mean every officer of the Municipal Bureau of Police or any officer authorized by the Municipality to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violation of traffic regulations.
3. **Traffic code** shall mean the provisions of this Part Five - Traffic Code.
4. **Traffic control device** shall mean any sign, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with this Traffic Code, placed or erected as herein provided, or any temporary warning signs placed by authority of recognized agencies for the purpose of guiding, directing, safeguarding, warning or regulating traffic.
5. **Vehicle Code** shall mean the Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (9898 §2 9/18/62)

ARTICLE 503 TRAFFIC DIVISION

- 503.01 Establishment; Officer in Charge
- 503.02 Duties of Division
- 503.03 Investigation of Accidents; Prosecution of Violators
- 503.04 Traffic Accident Studies
- 503.05 Filing or Accident Reports
- 503.06 Drivers' Records Files; Division to Study
- 503.07 Annual Traffic Safety Report

CROSS REFERENCES

- Powers of Local Authorities – See Vehicle Code §6109
- Submission of Local Traffic Changes – See Traffic §507.02
- Accident Reports Required – See Traffic §509

503.01 ESTABLISHMENT; OFFICER IN CHARGE

There is established in the Department of Police, a Traffic Division to be under the supervision and control of a police officer appointed by the Chief of Police. (9898 §3 9/18/62; 13258 §1 5/19/94)

503.02 DUTIES OF DIVISION

It shall be the duty of the Traffic Division, with such aid as may be rendered by other members of the Department of Police, to enforce the highway traffic regulations of the City and all of the State vehicle laws applicable to highway traffic in the City, to investigate accidents and to cooperate with the City Engineer and other officers of the City in the administration of traffic laws and in developing ways and means to improve traffic conditions, and to carry out those duties specially imposed upon the Traffic Division by this Traffic Code. (9898 §3 9/18/62)

503.03 INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENTS; PROSECUTION OF VIOLATORS

It shall be the duty of the Traffic Division, assisted by other police officers, to investigate traffic accidents and to assist in the prosecution of those persons charged with violations of law causing or contributing to such accidents. (9898 §3 9/18/62)

503.04 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STUDIES

Whenever the accidents at any particular location become numerous, the Traffic Division shall cooperate with the City Engineer in conducting studies of such accidents and determining remedial measures. (9898 §3 9/18/62)

503.05 FILING OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

The Traffic Division shall maintain a suitable system for filing traffic accident reports. Such reports shall be available for the use and information of the City Engineer for a minimum period of three (3) years. (9898 §3 9/18/62)

503.06 DRIVERS' RECORDS FILES; DIVISION TO STUDY

A. The Bureau of Police or the Traffic Division thereof shall maintain a suitable record of all traffic warnings, arrests and convictions reported for each driver, which record shall be filed alphabetically under the name of the driver concerned.

B. The Division shall study the cases of all drivers charged with frequent or serious violations of traffic laws, involved in frequent traffic accidents or any serious accident and shall attempt to discover the reasons therefor. The Traffic Division shall take whatever steps are lawful and reasonable to prevent the recurrence of such violations and accidents. (9898 §3 9/18/62)

503.07 ANNUAL TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORT

The Traffic Division shall prepare annually a traffic report which shall be filed with the Mayor. Such report shall contain information on traffic matters in the City as follows:

A. The number of traffic accidents, the number of persons killed, the number of persons injured and other pertinent traffic accident data;

B. The number of Traffic accidents investigated and other pertinent data on the safety activities of the police (9898 §3 9/18/62)

ARTICLE 505 TEMPORARY REGULATIONS

505.01 Authorization of Mayor

505.02 Temporary Regulations Authorized

505.03 Written Notice to Council

505.04 Public Posting of Signs

505.05 Disapproval by Council

505.01 AUTHORIZATION OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor is authorized to establish any traffic regulation not provided for by ordinance by written executive order for a temporary period not to exceed ninety (90) days subject to the provisions of this article. (9898 §4 9/18/62)

505.02 TEMPORARY REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED

Temporary regulations for multi-way stop intersections shall not be instituted for speed control but may be instituted where any of the conditions specified in Engineering and Traffic Studies, 67 PA Code, Chapter 201, Section 201.52 (3) multiway stop installation warrants, are satisfied. Any of the following conditions may warrant a multiway stop installation. (12692 §1 11/7/84)

A. Where traffic signals are warranted and urgently needed, the multiway stop is an interim measure that can be installed to control traffic while arrangements are being made for the signal installation. (12629 §1 11/7/84)

B. Where an accident problem is indicated by five (5) or more accidents in a twelve (12) month period of a type susceptible to correction by a multiway stop installation. Such accidents would include right turn and left turn collisions as well as right angle collisions. (12629 §1 11/7/84)

C. Minimum Traffic Volume:

1. The total vehicular volume entering the intersection from all approaches averages at least five hundred (500) vehicles per hour for any eight (8) hours of an average day; and

2. The combined vehicular and pedestrian volume from the minor street or highway averages at least two hundred (200) units per hour for the same eight (8) hours, with an average delay to minor street vehicular traffic of at least thirty (30) seconds per vehicle during the maximum hour; but

3. When the eighty-fifty (85th) percentile approach speed of the major street traffic exceeds forty (40) miles per hour, the minimum vehicular volume warrant is seventy (70%) percent of the requirements of clauses (1) and (2). (12629 §1 11/7/84)

D. When the traffic volume on either of the roadways is over four hundred (400) vehicles per day and both of the following provisions are satisfied:

1. The available corner sight distance for the driver on the minor road as defined in Engineering and Traffic Studies, 67 PA Code, Chapter 201, Section 201, 6(16)(ii) (relating to engineering and traffic study elements) is less than the appropriate stopping sight distance value for traffic on the major roadway as specified in Engineering and Traffic Studies, 67 PA Code, Chapter 201, Section 201.6(16)(v).

2. There is no practical method of improving the corner sight distance or reducing the speed limit to satisfy the minimum stopping sight distance values.

505.03 WRITTEN NOTICE TO COUNCIL

During the first week of the temporary period, a written communication shall be sent by the Mayor to notify Council of such proposed regulation and the reasons therefore. (12629 §2 11/7/84)

505.04 PUBLIC POSTING OF SIGNS

The temporary period shall begin upon the posting of signs or other appropriate notice to the public. (12629 §2 11/7/84)

505.05 DISAPPROVAL BY COUNCIL

A. If an ordinance embodying any temporary regulation or any part thereof fails to be enacted by Council, such regulation or any part thereof shall, at the end of the temporary period of ninety (90) days, cease to be effective.

B. If Council directs that any temporary traffic regulations shall be discontinued immediately, the traffic control devices affecting such temporary regulation shall be removed at once and the regulation shall be void. (12629 §2 11/7/84)

ARTICLE 507 TRAFFIC CONTROL MAPS

- 507.01 Establishment; Preparation by City Engineer
 - 507.02 Changes in Maps by Ordinance; Exception
 - 507.03 Procedure for Recommended Amendments
 - 507.04 Preparation and Maintenance of Maps
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507.01 ESTABLISHMENT; PREPARATION BY CITY ENGINEER

There are established and adopted Traffic Control Maps as prepared by the City Engineer, showing the City's lawfully authorized traffic control and restricted parking areas as follows:

- A. One-way streets
 - B. Through streets and stop intersections
 - C. Parking meter zones
 - D. No parking or stopping at any time
 - E. Restricted parking
 - F. Traffic control lights
- (9898 §5 9/18/62)

507.02 CHANGES IN MAPS BY ORDINANCE; EXCEPTION

A. Amendments to the Traffic Control Maps shall be made by ordinance.

B. This section shall not restrict the authority of the Mayor to establish any traffic regulations for a temporary period not exceeding ninety (90) days, in conformity with Article 505. (9898 §5 9/18/62)

507.03 PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS

A. The Traffic Division shall submit to Council specific recommendations, whenever necessary, for additions, changes or deletions to the Traffic Control Maps.

B. The Traffic Division shall include in such recommended additions, changes or deletions any permanent change in traffic control or parking areas requested by the Chief of Police.

C. Subsections (A) and (B) above shall not restrict the power of Council to amend the Traffic Control Maps by ordinance at any time without prior recommendation or study by the Chief of Police. (9898 §5 9/18/62)

507.04 PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MAPS

City Traffic Control Maps shall be prepared and maintained by the Traffic Division. At least one set of such maps as currently amended shall be kept on file in the office of the Traffic Division of the Bureau of Police. The Traffic Division may combine information for two (2) or more Traffic Control Maps upon a single map. All Traffic Control Maps shall be public records, but the keeping of these maps to date shall not be a requisite condition for the prosecution of any violation of this Traffic Code. (9898 §5 9/18/62)

**ARTICLE 508
TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AMENDMENTS**

Pursuant to Section 507.02 ordinance amendments to the Traffic Control Maps as adopted in Section 507.01 are as follows:

<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>Passage Date</u>	<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>Passage Date</u>
10217	9/24/63	10375	4/ 7/64
10652	3/16/65	10656	3/23/65
10760	8/10/65	10853	11/23/65
10922	3/ 8/66	11068	11/22/66
11118	2/28/67	11211	9/ 5/67
11338	2/27/68	11437	8/13/68
11580	3/ 4/69	11625	6/ 3/69
11679	8/19/69	11791	3/10/70
11805	5/ 5/70	11807	5/19/70
11811	7/ 7/70	11816	8/18/70
11822	9/ 1/70	11834	11/24/70
11835	11/24/70	11840	12/ 1/70
11859	1/ 5/71	11862	2/16/71
11864	3/ 2/71	11872	6/ 1/71
11882	7/20/71	11889	8/17/71
11893	9/ 7/71	11899	10/19/71
11902	11/16/71	11917	12/ 7/71
11924	2/ 6/72	11936	5/17/72
11940	5/17/72	11947	8/16/72
11948	8/16/72	11952	9/ 6/72
11960	9/20/82	11965	11/ 1/72
11968	11/15/72	11992	2/21/73
12002	4/ 4/73	12005	5/16/73
12026	8/15/73	12029	9/ 5/73
12037	9/19/73	12039	11/19/73
12040	11/19/73	12057	12/19/73
12072	5/15/74	12076	6/19/74
12081	7/17/74	12089	9/18/74
12091	10/ 2/74	12100	11/ 6/74
12119	2/ 5/75	12126	2/19/75
12132	5/21/75	12136	8/ 6/75
12138	8/ 6/75	12143	10/15/75
12148	11/26/75	12168	1/21/76
12174	3/ 3/76	12186	6/16/76
12201	8/18/76	12213	10/ 6/76
12234	2/ 2/77	12240	3/ 2/77
12253	6/ 1/77	12259	8/17/77
12263	10/19/77	12268	11/23/77
12284	2/ 1/78	12298	4/ 5/78
12308	7/ 5/78	12318	10/ 4/78
12324	12/ 6/78	12352	3/21/79
12366	6/ 6/79	12377	9/19/79
12393	12/18/79	12414	3/ 5/80
12416	5/21/80	12424	8/20/80
12434	10/ 1/80	12446	1/ 7/81
12452	2/ 4/81	12459	4/15/81
12464	5/20/81	12466	6/17/81
12476	9/ 2/81	12483	12/ 2/81
12498	1/20/82	12566	8/ 3/83
12571	10/ 5/83	12588	1/ 4/84

12598	3/ 7/84	12606	6/20/84
12647	2/ 6/85	12651	4/ 3/85
12662	6/ 5/85	12668	7/17/85
12670	9/ 4/85	12677	11/ 6/85
12695	2/ 5/86	12706	5/ 7/86
12720	7/16/86	12728	10/ 1/86
12746	12/17/86	12762	4/ 1/87
12777	7/15/87	12791	9/ 2/87
12806	11/ 4/87	12826	2/17/88
12859	8/ 3/88	12872	10/ 5/88
12892	12/14/88	12930	11/ 1/89
12939	11/20/89	12960	3/ 7/90
12986	7/18/90	12990	8/ 1/90
13011	11/ 7/90	13032	2/ 6/91
13045	4/ 3/91	13071	8/ 8/91
13085	11/ 7/91	13109	2/ 6/92
13113	2/19/92	13125	5/21/92
13149	9/ 3/92	13179	2/ 4/93
13183	3/ 4/93	13206	7/22/93
13218	10/ 7/93	13247	2/ 3/94
13261	5/19/94	13278	9/22/94
13316	3/ 2/95	13326	5/ 4/95
13345	8/17/95	13378	2/22/96
13380	2/22/96	13408	6/20/96
13411	8/ 8/96	13414	8/22/96
13419	9/18/96	13421	10/24/96
13422	10/24/96	13448	2/24/97
13645	2/5/98	13666	4/23/98
13688	8/6/98	13671	5/7/98
13690	9/3/98	13743	3/18/99
13758	6/3/99	13807	1/20/00
13851	8/17/00	13883	12/21/00
13887	2/8/01	13888	2/8/01
13909	6/25/01	13934	11/8/01
13962	3/21/02	14007	8/1/02
14028	11/21/02	14081	5/8/03
14114	9/4/03	14168	4/8/04
14175	4/23/04	14206	8/20/04
14227	11/18/04	14275	3/17/05
14292	6/6/05	14349	12/22/05
14374	3/16/06	14470	2/27/07
14565	2/8/08		

**ARTICLE 509
ACCIDENT REPORTS**

- 509.01 Operator's Duty to Report Accidents
- 509.02 Occupant's Duty to Report for Injured Operator

CROSS REFERENCES

Accident Reports - See Vehicle Code §3744 et seq.

509.01 OPERATOR'S DUTY TO REPORT ACCIDENTS

The operator of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in bodily injury or death to any person, or damage to the property of any one person in excess of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars shall, if such accident was not then and there personally investigated by a police officer of the City, within five (5) days after such accident, make a report of such accident to the Bureau of Police. (11939 §1 5/17/72)

509.02 OCCUPANT'S DUTY TO REPORT FOR INJURED OPERATOR

Whenever the operator of a vehicle is physically incapable of making a required accident report and there was another occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident capable of making a report, such occupant shall, if such accident was not then and there personally investigated by a police officer of the City, within five (5) days after such accident, make a report of such accident to the Bureau of Police. (11939 §2 5/17/72)

ARTICLE 513 ENFORCEMENT; PENALTY

- 513.01 Obedience to Traffic Direction
- 513.02 Obedience to Official Traffic Equipment; Exception
- 513.03 Damage to Traffic Control Devices, Tags, Notices or Summons
- 513.99 General Penalty

CROSS REFERENCES

Local Traffic Control Devices – See Vehicle Code §6109(c), 6122
Enforcement of Local Ordinances – See Vehicle Code §6301, 6305
Enforcement by Police Officers -- See Vehicle Code §6304
Fines and Forfeitures - See Vehicle Code §6501 et seq.

513.01 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC DIRECTION

No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a police officer or any appropriately attired person authorized by the Chief of Police to direct, control or regulate traffic. (12567 §1 8/3/83)

513.02 OBEDIENCE TO OFFICIAL TRAFFIC EQUIPMENT; EXCEPTION

No person shall fail to comply with the indication of any official traffic equipment unless otherwise directed by a police officer. (9898 §6 9/18/62)

513.03 DAMAGE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, TAGS, NOTICES OR SUMMONS

No person shall deface, damage, move, obstruct, destroy, change the wording of, alter or otherwise interfere with any traffic control device. No person shall deface, change the wording of, discard, destroy or throw away any traffic tag, notice or summons. (9898 §6 9/18/62)

513.99 GENERAL PENALTY

Whoever violates any provisions of this Traffic Code, where another penalty is not provided, shall be fined not more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars and, in default of payment of fines and costs, imprisoned not more than ten (10) days. (9898 §6 9/18/62)