

CHAPTER 70: MOVING OF VEHICLES; GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§ 70.01 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) All vehicles, of whatsoever nature, kind or character, and howsoever propelled or drawn, traversing the streets, avenues or highways of the borough, shall be driven and propelled at all times at a moderate and reasonable rate of speed, and in a careful and cautious manner at street intersections.

(1) In approaching street intersections the drivers, chauffeurs or operators of all vehicles shall have their cars or vehicles completely under control, and proceed in a careful and cautious manner; and where police officers or traffic officers are stationed, or signal or traffic lights installed, shall move, stop or proceed according to instructions and signals then and there given.

(2) A red light shall mean "stop", and all traffic proceeding in the direction of the red light shall come to a standstill; a green light shall indicate that traffic is to be resumed, or continued. If the red stop light is standing against vehicles the driver or operator of such vehicle shall immediately bring his or her vehicle to a complete stop, and shall not cross the line of the sidewalk, or the white line painted across the street at such intersection, until the red signal light has changed to green, or a signal given by the traffic officer when the said driver or operator may proceed on his or her way.

(B) The appearance of the orange or yellow light between the green light above and the red light below on the signal lights, shall be notice to chauffeurs and drivers that a change is to be made from the one to the other. The appearance of the orange or yellow light, when the red light has been standing shall not indicate authority to proceed immediately, but to prepare to proceed as soon as the green light shall appear. When traffic is moving on a green light, the display of the orange or yellow light shall be notice that the red light will very soon appear, and shall be a signal to drivers or chauffeurs to prepare to stop. No right- or left-hand turns shall be made by the driver or operator of any vehicle when facing a red

light, but all vehicles shall be brought to a complete stop before crossing the white lines mentioned in division (A) above, and before entering upon the square formed by the intersection of the two streets, so as to leave sufficient crossing space for pedestrians on the same lines with the sidewalks at the street intersections.

(C) Right- and left-hand turns may be made on to cross streets on a green light, but the drivers and operators of all vehicles making such turns, shall proceed in a careful and cautious manner, so as not to interfere with pedestrians proceeding with traffic on the green light.

(D) No car, truck, wagon or other vehicle shall be stopped, parked or left standing on any street, alley, avenue or highway of the borough within the lines of the sidewalk crossing such street, alley, avenue or highway so that the same shall interfere with the free passage of pedestrians over and across such street, alley, avenue or highway on the line of the sidewalk crossing the same.

(Ord. 31, passed 4-5-1926) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.02 OPERATION OF UNLICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES.

(A) No person shall operate, nor shall any owner permit to be operated on the sidewalks of the borough, any unlicensed motorcycle of the kind commonly called "mini-bike" or "trail-bike", or similar type, or any snowmobile or all terrain vehicle, or any other unlicensed motor vehicle.

(B) No person shall operate, nor shall any owner permit to be operated on any public or private ground in the borough, any unlicensed motorcycle of the kind commonly called "mini-bike" or similar type, or any snowmobile or all terrain vehicle, or any other unlicensed motor vehicle, except when the permission of the owner of the land has been expressly obtained by such person.

(C) Every owner of a motor vehicle of the type described in divisions (A) and (B) above who shall knowingly permit any person, minor or adult, to operate such motor vehicle in violation of the terms of this section shall be jointly and severally liable with such person for any damages caused by such person in operating such vehicle.

(Ord. 78, passed 7-7-1975) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.03 ENGINE BRAKES.

(A) The Borough Council hereby finds as a fact that the operation of an engine brake on a motor vehicle with an internal combustion engine not equipped with the proper exhaust mufflers creates an excessive noise by use of the said engine brake and therefore adversely affects the public health and is therefore a nuisance in fact.

(B) No person shall operate, or allow to be operated, a vehicle, which is powered by an internal combustion engine, on the public ways situate within the borough while utilizing in said operation an engine brake without exhaust mufflers sufficient enough to prevent the creation of excessive noise by the said vehicle.

(Ord. 111, passed 10-9-1991) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.04 SPEED LIMITS.

(A) From and after the enactment of this section, the maximum speed limit for motor vehicles traversing upon, over and through all public streets, alleys, roadways and other public accessways located within and either owned, controlled or maintained by, the borough, is hereby set and limited to 15 mph.

(B) The Borough Council is hereby authorized to post and place appropriate, approved signage regarding the above speed limit, as may be required by the laws of the commonwealth, or by regulations of the State Department of Transportation, or any other legislative or regulatory body exercising control over the subject matter. This provision shall include, but is not limited to, the authority to place such warning signs as may be required by law or regulation informing motorists of the change in the speed limit.

(C) Provisions of all previous ordinances regulating the speed or speed limit of motor vehicles traversing various public streets, alleys, roadways and other accessways located within and owned, controlled or maintained by the borough, are hereby repealed to the extent that same are inconsistent with this section.

(Ord. 136, passed 3-13-2002) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99.

(B) Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of § 70.01 shall, upon conviction thereof forfeit and pay the sum of not less than \$1, and not more than \$25, to be recovered according to law.

(C) Any person who shall violate the provisions of § 70.02 shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs of prosecution, or in default of the payment thereof shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five days.

(D) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of § 70.03 shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300 and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment, for not more than 30 days.

(E) Any person or party violating any provision of § 70.04 shall be deemed guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of no less than \$35. Any person exceeding the maximum speed limit established under § 70.04 by more than five mph shall pay an additional fine of \$2 per mile for each mile in excess of the five mph in excess of the maximum speed limit. (Ord. 31, passed 4-5-1926; Ord. 78, passed 7-7-1975; Ord. 111, passed 10-9-1991; Ord. 136, passed 3-13-2002)