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Motor Vehicles and Traffic

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General Provisions

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Sec. 8-1-1 Uniform Rules of the Road adopted.

Pursuant to Chapter 6 of Title 40, of the Georgia Code, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-372 through § 40-6-397 of that chapter, commonly known as the "Uniform Rules of the Road", are hereby adopted as and for the traffic regulations of the City with like effect as if fully set out herein.

Sec. 8-1-2 Temporary traffic regulations.

In cases where traffic upon the streets of the City may become congested upon occasions of parades, festivals and other public assemblages where large numbers of vehicles are assembled, the Police Chief may make temporary rules directing and regulating the traffic in these congested districts, and any person, after being warned of the temporary traffic regulations, who shall violate the regulations shall be liable therefore as for other violations of this code.

Sec. 8-1-3 Vehicle cover required.

No person shall operate or load any vehicle on the public streets and roads of the City unless the vehicle is constructed, loaded and securely covered so as to prevent any of its load from dropping, escaping or shifting in such a manner as to create a safety hazard or in such a manner so as to litter the streets and roads of the City.

Sec. 8-1-4 Traffic, speed, truck, parking and other zones, signs and traffic control devices; schedule.

- a. The Police Chief or a designee thereof, upon approval by ordinance of the mayor and council, is authorized to designate and maintain with appropriate traffic control signs, markings and devices after engineering and traffic investigations:

1. speed zones;

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2. truck routes and streets to be designated specifically to prohibit various classes of trucks;
 3. one-way streets and other directional control devices;
 4. freight loading zones and regulations;
 5. parking and no parking zones and regulations thereon;
 6. stop, yield and other right-of-way signs; and
 7. stop signals and other traffic signals.
- b. The Police Chief or a designee thereof is authorized to issue written orders designating by appropriate traffic control signs, markings and devices after engineering and traffic investigations:
1. pedestrian crosswalks;
 2. other safety zones for pedestrians;
 3. traffic lanes; and
 4. any other sign, marking or zone necessary for orderly and safe conditions on the streets of the City.
- c. The Police Chief shall maintain or cause to be recorded a current schedule of all traffic rules, regulations and orders under this section, which record shall be available for inspection by the public. For items listed in this chapter, this schedule, and any amendments thereto, shall become effective only upon approval thereof by ordinance of the mayor and council and this schedule is hereby incorporated herein and copies thereof shall be available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.
- d. All traffic control signs, signals, devices and markings shall conform to specifications in the *Manual on Uniform Traffic-Control Devices* adopted by the state transportation board. All signs and signals required hereunder for a particular purpose shall, so far as practicable, be uniform as to type and location throughout the City. All traffic control devices so erected and not inconsistent with the provisions of state law or this code shall be official traffic control devices of the City.
- e. Any violation of any traffic zone, marking, sign or other traffic control device established hereunder shall be a violation of this chapter.

Sec. 8-1-5 Obstruction of view and use by trees and shrubs; notice.

- a. No person owning, occupying or in anyway controlling property in this City shall permit any tree, bush or shrub on the property to project over any street or

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sidewalk of this City so as to obstruct or interfere with the view and use of persons walking or riding in a vehicle on the street or sidewalk or of other persons or vehicles approaching from cross or intersecting streets.

- b. It shall be unlawful for any person, whether the owner, tenant, agent or person controlling property in the City to fail to remove any tree, bush or other obstruction from the streets or sidewalks of this City following 10 days notice by the City to perform such task.

Sec. 8-1-6 Insurance requirements.

The provisions of O.C.G.A. § 40-6-10 are hereby adopted by reference and are made a part of this code as fully as if set out at length herein. A copy of O.C.G.A. § 40-6-10 shall be maintained on file in the office of the City Clerk. An owner or any other person who knowingly operates or knowingly authorizes another to operate a motor vehicle within the City without effective insurance thereon or without an approved plan of self-insurance as required by the Georgia Motor Vehicle Accident Reparations Act, shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided for in section 1-1-5 of this code.