

Chapter 300

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 300.010. Model Traffic Code—Adoption and Exceptions.

Chapter 300, RSMo., consisting of Sections 300.010 through 300.600, as herein amended and amended from time to time by the State legislature, commonly known as the "Model Traffic Ordinance" is hereby adopted as and for the traffic ordinance of this City with the exception of the following Sections: 300.010(40), 300.015, 300.020, 300.035, 300.070, 300.105.1(2) and 300.310. All references to Traffic Division in the Model Traffic Ordinance are changed to read Police Department. All references to streetcars have been deleted.

Section 300.020. Definitions.

The following words and phrases, when used in this Title, mean:

ALLEY OR ALLEYWAY — Any street with a roadway of less than twenty (20) feet in width.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE — Any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is fifty (50) inches or less in width, with an unladen dry weight of six hundred (600) pounds or less, traveling on three (3), four (4) or more low pressure tires, with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control.

AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE — A vehicle publicly owned and operated as an ambulance, or a vehicle publicly owned and operated by the State Highway Patrol, Police or Fire Department, Sheriff, Constable or Deputy Sheriff, traffic officer or any privately owned vehicle operated as an ambulance when responding to emergency calls.

BUSINESS DISTRICT — The territory contiguous to and including a highway when within any six hundred (600) feet along the highway there are buildings in use for business or industrial purposes including, but not limited to, hotels, banks or office buildings and public buildings which occupy at least three hundred (300) feet of frontage on one (1) side or three hundred (300) feet collectively on both sides of the highway.

CENTRAL BUSINESS (OR TRAFFIC) DISTRICT — All streets and portions of streets within the area described by City ordinance as such.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE — Every vehicle designed, maintained or used primarily for the transportation of property.

CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY — Every highway, street or roadway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have no legal right of access to or from the same except at such points only and in such manner as may be determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over the highway, street or roadway.

CROSSWALK —

1. That part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway.
2. Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

CURB LOADING ZONE — A space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials.

DRIVER — Every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

FREIGHT CURB LOADING ZONE — A space adjacent to a curb for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of freight (or passengers).

HIGHWAY — The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

INTERSECTION —

1. The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two (2) highways which join one another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict; or
2. Where a highway includes two (2) roadways thirty (30) feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate intersection. In the event such intersecting highway also includes two (2) roadways thirty (30) feet or more apart, then every crossing of two (2) roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection.

LANED ROADWAY — A roadway which is divided into two (2) or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

MOTOR VEHICLE — Any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively upon tracks, except farm tractors and motorized bicycles.

MOTORCYCLE — Every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a tractor.

MOTORIZED BICYCLE — Any two-wheeled or three-wheeled device having an automatic transmission and a motor with a cylinder capacity of not more than fifty (50) cubic centimeters which produces less than three (3) gross brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the device at a maximum speed of not more than thirty (30) miles per hour on level ground.

OFFICIAL TIME STANDARD — Whenever certain hours are named herein, they shall mean standard time or daylight-saving time as may be in current use in the City.

OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES — All signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with this Title placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

PARK OR PARKING — The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

PASSENGER CURB LOADING ZONE — A place adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers.

PEDESTRIAN — Any person afoot.

PERSON — Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

POLICE OFFICER — Every officer of the municipal Police Department or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

PRIVATE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY — Every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.

RESIDENCE DISTRICT — The territory contiguous to and including a highway not comprising a business district when the property on such highway for a distance of three hundred (300) feet or more is in the main improved with residences or residences and buildings in use for business.

RIGHT-OF-WAY — The right of one (1) vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching under such circumstances of direction, speed and proximity as to give rise to danger of collision unless one (1) grants precedence to the other.

ROADWAY — That portion of a highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder. In the event a highway includes two (2) or more separate roadways, the term "*roadway*" as used herein shall refer to any such roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.

SAFETY ZONE — The area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

SIDEWALK — That portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for use of pedestrians.

STAND OR STANDING — The halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

STOP — When required, complete cessation from movement.

STOP OR STOPPING — When prohibited, any halting even momentarily of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a Police Officer or traffic control sign or signal.

STREET OR HIGHWAY — The entire width between the lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the uses of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. "*State Highway*", a highway maintained by the State of Missouri as a part of the State Highway system.

THROUGH HIGHWAY — Every highway or portion thereof on which vehicular traffic is given preferential right-of-way, and at the entrances to which vehicular traffic from intersecting highways is required by law to yield right-of-way to vehicles on such through highway in obedience to either a stop sign or a yield sign, when such signs are erected as provided in this Title.

TRAFFIC — Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles and other conveyances either singly or together while using any highway for purposes of travel.

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL — Any device, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

VEHICLE — Any mechanical device on wheels designed primarily for use, or used, on highways, except motorized bicycles, vehicles propelled or drawn by horses or human power, or vehicles used exclusively on fixed rails or tracks, cotton trailers or motorized wheelchairs operated by handicapped persons.