

Chapter 76 -- Municipal Traffic Code

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76.010 Definitions — The following words and phrases when used in this ordinance mean:

All-terrain vehicle (ATV): any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is fifty inches or less in width, with an unladen dry weight of one thousand five hundred pounds or less, traveling on three, four or more nonhighway tires.

Funeral Director: a person licensed as a funeral director pursuant to the provisions of RSMo Chapter 333.

Funeral lead vehicle or lead vehicle: any motor vehicle equipped with at least one lighted circulating lamp exhibiting an amber or purple light or lens or alternating flashing headlamps visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of five hundred feet from the front of the vehicle. A hearse or coach properly equipped may be a lead vehicle.

Golf Cart: a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty miles per hour.

Low Speed Vehicle (LSV): any vehicle that is two-wheeled, three-wheeled, or four-wheeled, whose speed is attainable not more than thirty (30) miles per hour on a paved level surface, and whose GVWR is less than three-thousand (3,000) pounds, including motorized wheelchairs.

Organized funeral procession: two or more vehicles accompanying the remains of a deceased person from a funeral establishment, church, synagogue or other place where a funeral service has taken place to a cemetery, crematory or other place of final disposition, or a funeral establishment, church, synagogue or other place where additional funeral services will be performed, if directed by a licensed funeral director from a licensed establishment.

Traffic Engineer: Public Works Superintendent and/or the Board of Aldermen.

Traffic Violations Bureau: Judge of Division IV of the Circuit Court of Jasper County, Missouri. The Court Clerk shall assist the court with the clerical work of traffic cases. The bureau shall be in charge of such person or persons and shall be open at such hours as the municipal judge may designate.

Utility Vehicle (UTV): any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is more than fifty inches but no more than sixty-seven inches in width, with an unladen dry weight of two thousand pounds or less, traveling on four or six wheels, to be used primarily for landscaping, lawn care, or maintenance purposes.

76.020. Chapter 300, consisting of Sections 300.010 through 300.600, Revised Statutes of Missouri, commonly known as the "Model Traffic Ordinance", is hereby adopted as and for the traffic ordinance of this City with like effect as if recited at length herein, with the exception of the following Sections of said Model Traffic Ordinance, which are not so adopted and which are expressly deleted. Said sections are 300.015, 300.020, 300.025, 300.030, 300.035, 300.040, 300.045, 300.050, 300.055, 300.065, 300.070, 300.110, 300.115, 300.120, 300.125, 300.185, 300.190, 300.265, 300.270, 300.275, 300.348, 300.360, 300.470, 300.475, 300.480, 300.485, 300.485, 300.490, 300.495, 300.500, 300.505, 300.510, 300.515, 300.540, and 300.550.

76.030 Chapter 301, consisting of Sections 301.002 through 301.707, Revised Statutes of Missouri, commonly known as the "Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles", is hereby adopted as and for the traffic ordinance of this City with like effect as if recited at length herein, with the exception of the following Sections of said Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles, which are not so adopted and which are expressly deleted. Said sections are 301.025, 301.029, 301.030, 301.031, 301.032, 301.035, 301.040, 301.041, 301.050, 301.055, 301.057, 301.058, 301.059, 301.061, 301.062, 301.063, 301.064, 301.065, 301.066, 301.067, 301.069, 301.070, 301.071, 301.072, 301.073, 301.075, 301.080, 301.090, 301.100, 301.110, 301.112, 301.114, 301.116, 301.117, 301.119, 301.120, 301.121, 301.125, 301.132, 301.134, 301.135, 301.136, 301.139, 301.144, 301.145, 301.146, 301.147, 301.160, 301.175, 301.190, 301.191, 301.192, 301.193, 301.196, 301.197, 301.213, 301.215, 301.216, 301.217, 301.218, 301.219, 301.221, 301.223, 301.225, 301.226, 301.227, 301.229, 301.230, 301.240, 301.260, 301.265, 301.267, 301.279, 301.280, 301.290, 301.301, 301.302, 301.330, 301.340, 301.344, 301.350, 301.351, 301.360, 301.370, 301.390, 301.400, 301.401, 301.441, 301.442, 301.443, 301.444, 301.445, 301.447, 301.448, 301.449, 301.451, 301.452, 301.453, 301.454, 301.455, 301.456, 301.457, 301.458, 301.459, 301.461, 301.462, 301.463, 301.464, 301.465, 301.466, 301.467, 301.468, 301.469, 301.471, 301.472, 301.473, 301.474, 301.475, 301.477, 301.481, 301.550, 301.553, 301.555, 301.557, 301.558, 301.559, 301.560, 301.561, 301.562, 301.563, 301.564, 301.565, 301.566, 301.567, 301.568, 301.569, 301.570, 301.571, 301.573, 301.580, 301.600, 301.610, 301.620, 301.630, 301.640, 301.642, 301.644, 301.650, 301.660, 306.465, 301.675, 301.677, 301.679, 301.681, 301.682, 301.684, 301.190, 301.440, 301.700, 301.705 and 301.707.

76.040 Chapter 302, consisting of Sections 302.010 through 302.780, Revised Statutes of Missouri, commonly known as the "Drivers' and Commercial Drivers' license", is hereby adopted as and for the traffic ordinance of this City with like effect as if recited at length herein, with the exception of the following Sections of said Drivers' and Commercial Drivers' license, which are not so adopted and which are expressly deleted. Said sections are 302.067, 302.080, 302.110, 302.120, 302.130, 302.132, 302.133, 302.134, 302.135, 302.137, 302.140, 302.150, 302.160, 302.169, 302.170, 302.171, 302.172, 302.173, 302.174, 302.175, 302.176, 302.177, 302.178, 302.179, 302.180, 302.181, 302.182, 302.184, 302.185, 302.186, 302.187, 302.188, 302.190, 302.200, 302.220, 302.225, 302.228, 302.230, 302.233, 302.260, 302.272, 302.273, 302.274, 302.275, 302.276, 302.281, 302.286, 302.291, 302.292, 302.301, 302.302,

302.303, 302.304, 302.306, 302.308, 302.309, 302.311, 302.312, 302.341, 302.342, 302.345, 302.347, 302.400, 302.405, 302.410, 302.415, 302.420, 302.425, 302.426, 302.440, 302.441, 302.442, 302.454, 302.456, 302.458, 302.460, 302.462, 302.505, 302.510, 302.515, 302.520, 302.525, 302.530, 302.535, 302.536, 302.540, 302.541, 302.545, 302.580, 302.584, 302.592, 302.600, 302.605, 302.730, 302.735, 302.740, 302.745, 302.750, 302.756, 302.760, 302.765, 302.768, 302.769, 302.770 and 302.775.

76.050 Chapter 303, consisting of Sections 303.010 through 303.406, Revised Statutes of Missouri, commonly known as the “Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law”, is hereby adopted as and for the traffic ordinance of this City with like effect as if recited at length herein, with the exception of the following Sections of said Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, which are not so adopted and which are expressly deleted. Said sections are 303.026, 303.030, 303.041, 303.042, 303.044, 303.045, 303.050, 303.051, 303.060, 303.070, 303.080, 303.090, 303.100, 303.110, 303.120, 303.130, 303.140, 303.150, 303.160, 303.170, 303.175, 303.180, 303.190, 303.200, 303.210, 303.220, 303.230, 303.240, 303.250, 303.260, 303.270, 303.280, 303.290, 303.300, 303.310, 303.315, 303.320, 303.340, 303.350, 303.360, and 303.390.

76.060 Chapter 304, consisting of Sections 304.001 through 304.894, Revised Statutes of Missouri, commonly known as the “Motor Vehicle, Watercraft, and Aviation”, is hereby adopted as and for the traffic ordinance of this City with like effect as if recited at length herein, with the exception of the following Sections of said Motor Vehicle, Watercraft, and Aviation, which are not so adopted and which are expressly deleted. Said sections are 304.014, 304.027, 304.028, 304.060, 304.180, 304.181, 304.184, 304.190, 304.200, 304.210, 304.220, 304.230, 304.232, 304.235, 304.240, 304.373 and 304.705.

76.061 Operation of ATVs and UTVs on Streets

1. No person shall operate an ATV or UTV, as defined in section 76.010, on any City street or City adopted highway, except as follows:
 - (1) The operator shall maintain proof of financial responsibility in accordance with RSMo section 303.160 or maintain any other insurance policy providing equivalent liability coverage for an ATV or UTV;
 - (2) The operator shall have a valid operator's license;
 - (3) The operator shall observe all traffic laws and local ordinances regarding the rules of the road, with exception on the requirements per RSMo sections 307.350 to 307.402 for purposes of titling and registration.
2. No persons shall operate an ATV or UTV:
 - (1) In any careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another;
 - (2) While under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance;
3. No operator of an ATV or UTV shall carry a passenger, except for agricultural purposes. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any ATV or UTV in which the seat of such vehicle is designed to carry more than one person.
4. All vehicles pursuant to this section shall be equipped with the following safety requirements:
 - (1) Adequate brakes kept in good working order;
 - (2) At least one approved headlamp mounted no higher than forty-two inches above the level on which the vehicle stands, to be so lighted when lighted lamps are required, per RSMo section 307.020;
 - (3) At least one rear lamp, mounted no higher than forty-two inches above the level on which the vehicle stands, which when lighted will exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of three hundred feet to the rear, and maintained to be clearly visible during the times when lighted lamps are required, per RSMo section 307.020;
 - (4) One mirror fastened to the vehicle to reveal the road behind and be visible from the operator's seat.
 - (5) The provisions pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (3) in this subsection in regards to lighting equipment shall be exempt for daytime use, unless required by weather road conditions, per RSMo Section 307.020.
5. The following shall be exempt from the requirements as expressively stated in this section:
 - (1) ATVs or UTVs owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use;
 - (2) ATVs or UTVs operated for agricultural purposes or industrial on-premises purposes between the official sunrise and sunset on the day of operation.

76.062 Operation of Golf Carts or Low Speed Vehicles on Streets

1. No person shall operate a golf cart or LSV, as defined in section 76.010, on any City street or City adopted highway, except as follows:
 - (1) The operator shall maintain proof of financial responsibility in accordance with RSMo section 303.160 or maintain any other insurance policy providing equivalent liability coverage for an all-terrain vehicle;
 - (2) The operator shall have a valid operator's license;
 - (3) The operator shall observe all traffic laws and local ordinances regarding the rules of the road, with exception on the requirements per RSMo sections 307.350 to 307.402 for purposes of titling and registration.
2. No persons shall operate a golf cart or LSV:
 - (1) In any careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another;
 - (2) While under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance;
 - (3) On any state-maintained highway with a posted speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour or more, nor shall they cross any state-maintained highway at any intersection where the highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than forty-five miles per hour.
3. No operator of a golf cart or LSV shall carry a passenger, except for agricultural purposes. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any golf cart or LSV in which the seat of such vehicle is designed to carry more than one person.
4. All vehicles pursuant to this section shall be equipped with the following safety requirements:
 - (1) Adequate brakes kept in good working order;
 - (2) At least one approved headlamp mounted no higher than forty-two inches above the level on which the vehicle stands, to be so lighted when lighted lamps are required, per RSMo section 307.020;
 - (3) At least one rear lamp, mounted no higher than forty-two inches above the level on which the vehicle stands, which when lighted will exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of three hundred feet to the rear, or carry at the rear at least two approved red reflectors, at least one at each side mounted on the vehicle and maintained to be clearly visible during the times when lighted lamps are required, per RSMo section 307.020;
 - (4) One mirror fastened to the vehicle to reveal the road behind and be visible from the operator's seat.
 - (5) The provisions pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (3) in this subsection in regards to lighting equipment shall be exempt for daytime use, unless required by weather road conditions.

5. The following shall be exempt from the requirements as expressively stated in this section:
 - (1) Golf carts or LSVs owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use;
 - (2) Golf carts or LSVs operated for agricultural purposes or industrial on-premises purposes between the official sunrise and sunset on the day of operation.

76.065 One-Way Streets so designated:

1. Center Street between 5th Street and 6th Street, with the direction of travel going east.
2. Cross Street between 5th Street and 6th Street, with the direction of travel going west.
3. 5th Street between Center Street and Cross Street, with the direction of travel going north.
4. 6th Street between Center Street and Cross Street, with the direction of travel going south.

76.070 Chapter 307, consisting of Sections 307.005 through 307.402, Revised Statutes of Missouri, commonly known as the "Vehicle Equipment Regulations", is hereby adopted as and for the traffic ordinance of this City with like effect as if recited at length herein, with the exception of the following Sections of Vehicle Equipment Regulations, which are not so adopted and which are expressly deleted. Said sections are 307.128, 307.250, 307.255, 307.260, 307.265, 307.270, 307.275, 307.280, 307.285, 307.290 and 307.295.

76.080 Penalty

1. The Judge shall specify suitable schedules fines for first, second and subsequent traffic offenses. Additional guidance on fines is provided in Chapter 13 – Penalties and Chapter 72 – Municipal Court of the City Code.

76.090 Names of some state roads are interchangeable:

1. Highway 37, from the intersection of High Street south to the Newton / Jasper County boundary is also identified as 14th Street.
2. Business Loop 44, through the city is also identified as High Street and/or the county road designation of Blackberry Road. The portion starting at County Road 60 running east to N 17th Street / County Road 40 is also designated as Highway 37.

76.100 Speed limits

1. No vehicle shall be driven at any other place in the City in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour, except as follows:
 - (1) Any street adjacent to the City Square in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour:
 - (a) Center Street between 5th Street and 6th Street.
 - (b) Cross Street between 5th Street and 6th Street.
 - (c) 5th Street between Center Street and Cross Street.
 - (d) 6th Street between Center Street and Cross Street.
 - (2) Any street adjacent to a public school in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour, on school days between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., while school is in session; These sections of the roadways shall also be classified as a school zone and marked with posted signs accordingly:
 - (a) Center Street between 14th Street and 17th Street.
 - (b) Clarence Street between 14th Street and 17th Street.
 - (c) 11th Street between Joplin St and Clarence Street.
 - (d) 17th Street between Franklin Street and High Street.
 - (3) Speed limits on High Street and 14th Street as defined and posted by the Missouri Department of Transportation.
 - (4) Center Street from 6th Street going west to 14th Street is thirty (30) mph.
 - (5) Joplin Street from 1st Street west to the City Limits is thirty (30) mph.
 - (6) Highway 37 from Franklin St. to Business Loop 44 is twenty-five (25) mph when the school zone marker lights are so activated in correspondence with the Missouri Department of Transportation, while school is in session. This section of the roadway shall also be classified as a school zone.
 - (a) The school zone marker lights as mentioned in subdivision (6) of this subsection shall display a clear flashing amber light during activation, signaling operators on the roadway the school zone restrictions are in effect.
 - (7) 17th Street from Bridgeview Road north to the City Limits is thirty-five (35) mph.

76.110. Stop required where signs erected

1. A current list of all stop sign locations shall be kept in the City Clerk's Office.
 - (1) The City Council, by ordinance, may add or delete signs from the list.
 - (2) All such locations shall be marked with a standard octagon-shaped sign, clearly displaying the word STOP.
2. All operators of motor vehicles shall bring their vehicle to a full and complete stop at all stop signs, and then yield the right-of-way before proceeding.

76.120. Parking

1. No person shall, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law, or the directions of a police officer, or official traffic control device, park any vehicle at any of the following locations:
 - (1) Upon a city street for the purpose of displaying it for sale.
 - (2) The north side of Center Street to 14th Street.
 - (3) Both sides of Church Street.
 - (4) Both sides of 3rd Street.
 - (5) Both sides of Olive Street.
 - (6) Missouri Highway 37 (14th Street) from the south city limits north to High Street.
 - (7) The east side of 5th Street from Cross Street to High Street.
 - (8) The south side of Wildwood Lane.
 - (9) That all or any part so designated of the City square may be closed to parking upon the decision of the Mayor, or designate, for special events or for any other circumstance deemed necessary or expedient, and in the best interests of the City of Sarcoxie.

76.130 Temporary Ban on the Operation of Motorized and Non-Motorized Vehicles

1. The Chief of Police and/or Mayor may, in the interest of public safety, temporarily prohibit the use and operation of motorized and/or non-motorized vehicles on the streets and sidewalks of the City during any festival, parade or other public assembly. For purposes of this ordinance, non-motorized includes bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, etc. The Chief of Police may temporarily confiscate non-motorized vehicles in violation of this section to be returned to the owner on request following the conclusion of the event.
2. Bicycles or other motorized vehicles being operated in an official parade or other organized events as approved by the City of Sarcoxie shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

76.140 Funeral Processions

1. Except as otherwise provided for in this subsection, pedestrians and operators of all other vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle which is a part of an organized funeral procession.
2. Notwithstanding any traffic control device or right-of-way provision prescribed by state or local law, when the funeral lead vehicle in an organized funeral procession lawfully enters an intersection, all vehicles in the procession shall follow the lead vehicle through the intersection. The operator of each vehicle in the procession shall exercise the highest degree of care toward any other vehicle or pedestrian on the roadway.

3. An organized funeral procession shall have the right-of-way at all intersections regardless of any traffic control device at such intersections, except that operators of vehicles in an organized funeral procession shall yield the right-of-way to any approaching emergency vehicle pursuant to the provisions of RSMo section 304.022 or when directed to do so by a law enforcement officer.
4. All vehicles in an organized funeral procession shall follow the preceding vehicle in the procession as closely as is practical and safe under the conditions. No person shall operate any vehicle as part of an organized funeral procession without the flashing emergency lights and high beams of such vehicle being lighted.
5. Any person who is not an operator of a vehicle in an organized funeral procession shall not:
 - (1) Drive between the vehicles comprising an organized funeral procession while such vehicles are in motion and have the flashing emergency lights lighted pursuant to subsection (4) of this section;
 - (2) Join a funeral procession for the purpose of securing the right-of-way granted in subsection (4) of this section;
 - (3) Attempt to pass any vehicle in an organized funeral procession, except where a passing lane has been specifically provided.