

TITLE 5
MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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CHAPTER 1
VEHICLE REGULATIONS

SECTION:

5-1-1: Adoption

5-1-1: **ADOPTION:** The uniform act regulating traffic on highways in title 31, Wyoming Statutes, 1977, as amended, is hereby adopted in its entirety, as applicable, along with the following:

Statute Section	
24-1-110	Exhibition of acceleration
31-4-101	Vehicle registration
31-4-103	Compulsory auto insurance
31-7-110	Instruction and temporary driver's permit
31-7-116	Carrying and displaying
31-7-117	Restricted licenses
31-7-133	Unlawful use of license
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6-3-107	Throwing burning substance from vehicle; penalties
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(Ord. 60, 12-11-2014)



CHAPTER 1

OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND BICYCLES¹

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5-1-1: **DEFINITIONS:** As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

BICYCLE: Every vehicle propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride, having two (2) tandem wheels except scooters and similar devices.

MOTOR VEHICLE: Every vehicle which is self-propelled except vehicles moved solely by human power, motorized skateboards and golf carts as defined in Wyoming Statutes section 31-5-102(a)(ix). (Ord. 8, 2-3-1948, eff. 2-3-1948; amd. 2011 Code)

5-1-2: **USE OF ROADWAY:**

A. Driving On Right Side Of Roadway; Exceptions:

1. Exceptions: Upon all roadways of sufficient width, a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway, except as follows:

1. See title 6, chapter 1 of this code for traffic regulations regarding a fire.

a. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing the movement;

b. When a stationary obstruction exists making it necessary to drive to the left of the center of the highway, but any person so doing shall yield the right of way to all vehicles traveling in the proper direction upon the unobstructed portion of the highway within such distance as to constitute an immediate hazard;

c. Upon a roadway divided into three (3) marked lanes for traffic under the rules applicable thereon; or

d. Upon a roadway designated and signposted for one-way traffic.

2. Driving In Right Hand Lane: Upon all roadways except one-way streets, any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be driven in the right hand lane then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into an alley, private road or driveway.

3. Two-Way Movement Of Traffic: Upon any roadway having four (4) or more lanes for moving traffic and providing for two-way movement of traffic, no vehicle shall be driven to the left of the centerline of the roadway except when authorized by official traffic control devices designating certain lanes to the left side of the center of the roadway for use by traffic not otherwise permitted to use the lanes, or except as permitted under subsection A1b of this section. This subsection does not prohibit the crossing of the centerline in making a left turn into or from an alley, private road or driveway.

B. Turning At Intersections: The driver of a vehicle intending to turn shall do so as follows:

1. Right Turns: Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway.

2. Left Turns: The driver of a vehicle intending to turn left shall approach the turn in the extreme left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of the vehicle. Whenever practicable, the left turn shall be made to the left of the center of the

intersection and so as to leave the intersection or other location in the extreme left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the same direction as the vehicle on the roadway being entered.

3. Two-Way Left Turn Lanes: Where a special lane for making left turns by drivers proceeding in opposite directions has been indicated by official traffic control devices:

a. A left turn shall not be made from any other lane.

b. A vehicle shall not be driven in the lane except when preparing for making a left turn from or onto the roadway or when preparing for a U-turn when otherwise permitted by law.

4. Traffic Control Devices Placed: The highway department and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may cause official traffic control devices to be placed and thereby require and direct that a different course from that specified in this subsection be traveled by turning vehicles and when the devices are so placed, no driver shall turn a vehicle other than as directed and required by the devices.

C. Turning Movements And Required Signals:

1. No person shall turn a vehicle or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until the movement can be made with reasonable safety nor without giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided by this subsection.

2. A signal of intention to turn right or left when required shall be given continuously during not less than the last one hundred feet (100') traveled by the vehicle before turning.

3. No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal required by this section to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give the signal.

4. The signals required on vehicles by Wyoming Statutes section 31-5-218(b) shall not be flashed on one side only on a disabled vehicle, flashed as a courtesy or "do pass" signal to operators of other vehicles approaching from the rear, nor be flashed on one side only of a parked vehicle except as may be necessary for compliance with this section.

5. No person shall drive a motor vehicle upon private or public property to gain access to another roadway for the purpose of avoiding a traffic control device.

D. Signals By Hand And Arm Or Signal Lamps:

1. Any stop or turn signal when required under this section shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by signal lamps, except as otherwise provided in subsection D2 of this section.

2. Any motor vehicle in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and required signal shall be given by, signal lamps when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of the body, cab or load of the motor vehicle exceeds twenty four inches (24"), or when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or load thereof exceeds fourteen feet (14'). The latter measurement shall apply to any single vehicle and to any combination of vehicles.

E. Manner Of Giving Hand And Arm Signals: All signals required under this section given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner and the signals shall indicate as follows:

1. Left turn: Hand and arm extended horizontally;

2. Right turn: Hand and arm extended upward;

3. Stop or decrease speed: Hand and arm extended downward. (2011 Code)

5-1-3: **EXCESSIVE SPEED:** Every person who shall drive or operate an automobile in the town at a speed to exceed twenty five (25) miles an hour, except at intersections of streets, which shall not exceed twenty (20) miles an hour, shall be subject to penalty as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code. (Ord. 3, 1-7-1969; amd. 2011 Code)

5-1-4: **RECKLESS DRIVING¹:**

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle upon the streets in a careless or heedless manner, or without due caution, or

1. WS § 31-5-229.

at a speed or in such manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property. (Ord. 3, 1-7-1969; amd. 2011 Code)

5-1-5: **DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE¹**: It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substance to a degree which renders him incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle, to drive any vehicle within the town. (Ord. 3, 1-7-1969; amd. 2011 Code)

5-1-6: **PARKING:**

A. Method Of Parking: Every motor vehicle and/or bicycle shall be parked at an angle headed towards the curb and when parked shall be brought to a stop not more than twelve inches (12") from the right front wheel to the curb. No such vehicle shall park closer than three feet (3') from any other vehicle. All vehicles parking shall park toward the curb to the right hand of said vehicle.

B. Double Parking: No vehicle shall be permitted to remain or stand parallel to the curb and in the line of traffic. (Ord. 8, 2-3-1948, eff. 2-3-1948)

5-1-7: **LEAVING CURB:** When parked at a curb, no driver shall drive therefrom until the line of traffic from the rear, proceeding in the same direction, is sufficiently clear to permit him to enter traffic without accident. (Ord. 8, 2-3-1948, eff. 2-3-1948)

1. WS § 31-5-233.



CHAPTER 2
BICYCLES¹ AND MOTORCYCLES

SECTION:

5-2-1: Riding On Sidewalks

5-2-1: **RIDING ON SIDEWALKS:**

- A. Prohibited: No person shall operate, drive or ride a bicycle propelled by muscular power or motorcycle propelled by motor power upon any sidewalk within the town except at designated street crossings.
- B. Penalty: Any person violating any terms of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to penalty as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code. (Ord. 7, 10-7-1946; amd. 2011 Code)

1. WS § 31-5-701 et seq.



CHAPTER 3
THROUGH AND STOP STREETS

SECTION:

5-3-1: Designated
5-3-2: Stop Required

5-3-1: **DESIGNATED:** The following thoroughfares or portions thereof are hereby designated as through or stop streets:

- A. Second Avenue from "A" Street north to and including "D" Street.
- B. The county road from Second Avenue east to and including Sixth Avenue. (Ord. 25, 1-7-1969)

5-3-2: **STOP REQUIRED:** Every driver of a vehicle shall stop before entering any through street. (Ord. 25, 1-7-1969)

