City of Littleton

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2255 West Berry Avenue
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Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 | **6:30 PM** | **Council Chamber**

Study Session

1. Study Session Topics

a) ID# 24-201 Proposed Updates to Public Way and Property Regulations

Attachments:
1. ROW Ordinance_DRAFT
2. Presentation_Right-of-Way Draft Ordinance

b) ID# 24-208 Updates to Title 9 of the City Code: Traffic Regulation, including the Model Traffic Code

Attachments:
1. Traffic Code Ordinance_DRAFT
2. MTC 2020-2024_Redline
3. Presentation_MTC and Title 9

2. Administrative Updates

a) City Manager

b) City Attorney

3. Adjournment

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Staff Communication

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Subject:
Proposed Updates to Public Way and Property Regulations

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PURPOSE:
The purpose of this study session to provide council with information regarding the City's process and operations authorizing work activities in the public right-of-way and to propose a comprehensive update to the city's municipal code, which will codify Public Work's current practice and afford the city and the public greater protections in the right-of-way. Many of the city's current practices will remain substantially unchanged and will simply be codified for uniformity and a more streamlined process.

A draft right-of-way ordinance is attached to the agenda packet for council's review and consideration.

LONG-TERM OUTCOME(S) SERVED:
Safe Community; High-Quality Governance

DISCUSSION:
Public and private uses of public rights-of-way for location of facilities and work activities employed in the provision of public services should, in the interests of the general welfare, be accommodated; however, the city must ensure that the primary purpose of the rights-of-way, passage of pedestrian, bicyle, and vehicular traffic, is maintained to the greatest extent possible. In addition, the value of other public and private installations, roadways, facilities, and properties should be protected, competing uses must be reconciled, and the public safety preserved. The use of the rights-of-way by permanent and temporary private users is secondary to these public objectives and the movement of traffic. The city has a significant interest in ensuring that work activities conducted within the public rights-of-way are completed in a timely and cost-effective manner. The proposed code amendments are intended to provide a balance between the public need for efficient, safe transportation routes and the use of rights-of-way for location of facilities by public and private entities.

As such, it is necessary to require permits of permanent and temporary private users of the public rights-of-way, to establish permit procedures and to fix and collect fees and charges, to establish a means to regulate and enforce use of public rights-of-way, and to implement Section 118 of the City Charter by permitting temporary use of city property. The proposed code amendments will accomplish these goals.

BACKGROUND:
A right-of-way ("ROW") permit is a license that allows individuals or entities to use the City of Littleton's public property for temporary or permanent work, activities, or improvements. A ROW permit is required prior to any work activities being performed or temporary obstructions or occupations in the public ROW to ensure it meets the City's standards and to assure safety for the traveling public, minimize delay, and which maximizes the efficient use of the City's public ROW. Work activities include, but are not limited to, private utility connections, repairs, and new installations; tree removal and trimming; installation of fiber use facilities; street and alley paving, cuts, and repairs; temporary storage of moving pods or dumpsters. Prior to work in the public ROW, an application for the permit must be submitted online, within the City of Littleton's eTRACKiT portal.

The City's ROW regulations, which were last updated in 2011, in Littleton Municipal Code Section 8-1-1 state:

A. Permit Required: No person shall dig any hole, trench, ditch or other excavation in or upon any street, alley, sidewalk or public place within the city without having first obtained a written permit from the city manager or his authorized representative.
B. Bond Furnished by Applicant: Each applicant shall post a noncancelable bond in the amount required by the public services bond or cash deposit schedule, payable to the city or shall deposit a like amount in cash, which shall assure recovery by the city of any expenses flowing from the street cuts made by the applicant within one year following the date of the permit.

All ROW permits are reviewed internally and upon issuance, contain conditions placed on the work activities being performed, including but not limited to: i) notifying adjacent property owners and maintaining or providing alternative access during the work; ii) assuming liability and holding the city harmless for any work that may damage both public and private property; iii) warranting work for a minimum of one to two years subsequent to the city's inspection and acceptance of the work activities performed; iv) providing adequate insurance and financial security; as well as v) performing work activities in accordance with certain standards and specifications.

The comprehensive update being proposed will not only codify each of the permit conditions but will establish permit procedures, fix and collect fees and charges, establish a means to regulate and enforce use of public rights-of-way, and implement Section 118 of the City Charter by permitting temporary use of city property.

Specifically, the following outlines the substantive updates being proposed to Section 8, of the Littleton Municipal Code:

1) Create a section compiling relevant definitions.

2) Restate the requirement for a ROW permit prior to work activities beginning in the public ROW.
3) Outline a clear application process for issuance and approval of ROW permits, including annual utility maintenance permits (blanket permits).
4) Restate requirements for insurance, indemnification, and financial security.
5) Clearly state warranty requirements and contractor obligations should work activities require repair, restoration, or replacement of public and private improvements.
6) Restate standards for work activities, including engineering regulations, construction specifications, and design standards.
7) Restate requirements for safety of the public and minimizing work impacts, including work hours, protection of both public and private property, and traffic control.
8) Include contractor obligations when improvements require relocation or removal of private

infrastructure due to public safety or health concerns; change in street grades; relocation or vacation of streets; installation, removal, or repair of utilities or other public apparatuses.

9) Clearly state enforcement actions and penalties.

In addition to the comprehensive updates to the ROW regulations, staff will also be bringing forth necessary updates to Sections 8-1-4 through Section 8-1-6, Revisions are summarized as follows:

Section 8-1-4 - Public Ways Kept Clear - Proposed code amendment to update subsection (B) to make reference to Section 1-4-1 of the Littleton Municipal Code on general penalties, rather than a separate fine amount.

Section 8-1-5 - Prohibitions and Restrictions - Proposed code amendments to broaden the prohibition on structures within the public right-of-way by combining the existing section on temporary outdoor displays (Section 8-1-5(E)) with Subsection (B) on encroachments.

Proposed code amendments to move forestry obstructions, as outlined within Section 8-1-6, into Title 8, Chapter 4 on Trees.

Prior Actions or Discussions
N/A

FISCAL IMPACTS:
N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that council direct staff to complete and finalize updates to the Chapter 8 on Public Ways and Property.

ALTERNATIVES:
N/A

CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. XX

Series, 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, REPEALING AND REENACTING CHAPTER 1 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, GENERAL REGULATIONS OF TITLE 8, PUBLIC WAYS AND PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Public and private use of public rights-of-way for location of facilities and work activities employed in the provision of public services should, in the interests of the general welfare, be accommodated; and

WHEREAS, the city must ensure that the primary purpose of the rights-of-way, passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, is maintained to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the city must also ensure that the value of both public and private installations, roadways, facilities, and properties should be protected, competing uses be reconciled, and the public safety preserved; and

WHEREAS, the city must provide a balance between the public need for efficient, safe transportation routes and the use of rights-of-way for location of facilities and infrastructure by private and public entities; and

WHEREAS, to properly address competing uses and establish a means to regulate and enforce use of public rights-of-way, the city's right-of-way regulations must be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1: Littleton City Code, Title 8, Chapter 1, "Streets and Sidewalks, General Regulations," is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Chapter 1. Streets and Sidewalks, General Regulations

8-1-1: Purpose and Objectives

A. This chapter provides the procedures for the placement of structures and facilities, construction, excavation encroachments, and work activities within or upon any public right-of-way, and to protect the integrity of the city's right-of-way. To achieve these purposes, it is necessary to require permits of permanent and temporary private users of the public rights-of-way, to establish permit procedures and to fix and collect fees and charges, to establish a means to regulate and enforce use of public rights-of-way, and to implement Section 118 of the City Charter by permitting temporary use of city property.

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B. Public and private uses of public rights-of-way for location of facilities employed in the provision of public services should, in the interests of the general welfare, be accommodated; however, the city must ensure that the primary purpose of the rights-of-way, passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, is maintained to the greatest extent possible. In addition, the value of other public and private installations, roadways, facilities, and properties should be protected, competing uses must be reconciled, and the public safety preserved. The use of the rights-of-way corridor by permanent and temporary private users is secondary to these public objectives and the movement of traffic. The city has a significant interest in ensuring that the construction uses of the public rights-of-way are completed in a timely and cost-effective manner. This article is intended to provide a balance between the public need for efficient, safe transportation routes and the use of rights-of-way for location of facilities by public and private entities.

C. Nothing in this chapter shall vest, or be deemed to vest, any property right, estate, or interest in persons using public property under this chapter. The temporary uses and occupations permitted hereunder are authorized only to enhance the general public welfare and interests.

8-1-2 Definitions

Bikeway or bike path means any road, street, path, or way that is designated for bicycle travel, regardless of whether such facilities are designated for the exclusive use of bicycles or are to be shared with other transportation means.

City shall mean the City of Littleton, Colorado.

City property or public property shall mean any real property owned, leased, managed, operated, or otherwise under the control of the city, excepting the interior of city-owned buildings.

Contractor, as used in this Title, shall mean any person or legal entity who undertakes to construct, install, alter, move, remove, trim, demolish, repair, replace, excavate, or add any improvements which require any work, as stated herein, to be done in the public right-of-way

Developer shall mean any person or legal entity who is improving a parcel of land within the city or who is legally responsible to the city for the construction of improvements within a subdivision or as a condition of a building permit.

Director shall mean the Director of Public Works and Utilities, or their assigned designee.

Emergency shall have the meaning ascribed to it within Article I, Section 7 of the City Charter.

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Excavate shall mean to dig into or in any way remove or penetrate any part of a right-of-way.

Facility or facilities shall mean, including, without limitation, any pipes, conduits, wires, cables, amplifiers, transformers, fiber optic lines, antennae, poles, ducts, and other like equipment, fixtures, and appurtenances used in connection with transmitting, receiving, distributing, offering, and providing utility and other services.

Highway shall have the meaning ascribed to it within Title 10 Unified Land Use Code (ULUC), as adopted in section 10-12-2 of this Code, and includes bike and pedestrian lanes or paths and for purposes of this chapter includes any street or highway under the jurisdiction of this State or any political subdivision thereof.

Infrastructure shall mean any public facility, system, or improvement including, without limitation, water and sewer mains and appurtenances, storm drains and structures, streets and sidewalks, and public safety equipment.

Landscaping shall have the meaning ascribed to it within Title 10 Unified Land Use Code (ULUC), as adopted in section 10-12.2 of this Code.

Permit shall mean any authorization for use of the public rights-of-way granted in accordance with the terms of this Title, and the laws and policies of the city.

Permittee shall mean the holder of a valid permit issued pursuant to this article.

Public improvements shall means those rights-of-way, easements, access rights, and physical improvements which, upon formal acceptance by the city, shall become the responsibility of the city for ownership and/or maintenance and repair, unless otherwise provided, and shall include, but not be limited, to the following: curb and gutter, asphalt pavement, concrete pavement, streets of all types, survey monuments, pavement stripping, sidewalks, pedestrian/bike paths, traffic signals, street lights, highways, freeways, rights-or-way, easements, access rights, construction plans, medians, bridges, acceleration and deceleration lanes, culverts, storm drainage facilities including necessary structures, channels, water lines, sanitary sewer lines, and all other improvements, which upon acceptance by the city, are intended to be for the use of and enjoyment of the public. Private storm infrastructure is expressly excluded from this definition.

Restoration shall have the meaning ascribed to it within Title 10 Unified Land Use Code (ULUC), as adopted in section 10-12.2 of this Code.

Routine maintenance means maintenance of facilities or landscaping in the public right-of-way which does not involve excavation, installation of new facilities, lane closures, sidewalk closures or alteration to any portion of the public right-of-way.

Specifications shall mean engineering regulations, construction specifications, and design standards adopted by the city.

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Utilities shall have the meaning ascribed to it within Title 10 Unified Land Use Code (ULUC), as adopted in section 10-12.2 of this Code.

Work shall mean any labor performed on, or any use or storage of, equipment or materials, including, but not limited to, construction of streets and all related appurtenances, fixtures, improvements, sidewalks, driveway openings, bus shelters, bus loading pads, street lights, and traffic control devices. It shall also mean construction, maintenance, and repair of all underground structures such as pipes, conduits, ducts, tunnels, manholes, vaults, buried cable, wires, or any other similar structure located below surface, and installation of overhead poles used for any purpose, as well as tree trimming, that uses all or a portion of a public right-of-way. It also includes set-up, mobilization of equipment, cleanup, barricade set-up and removal, spoils removal, and replacement of driving surface conducted within the right-of-way.

8-1-3 Right-of-Way Permit

A. *Permit Required.*

1. No person, except an employee of the city or a person exempted by contract with the city, shall undertake or permit to be undertaken any construction, excavation, occupation, or work in the public rights-of-way without first obtaining a written permit from the city as set forth in this Chapter. A copy of each permit obtained, along with associated documents, including a traffic control plan, shall be maintained on the job site and available for inspection upon request by any officer or employee of the city.

    a. Exceptions:

        i. *City Employee or Contractor of the City.*

        ii. *By Contract.*

        iii. *Emergency work.* Any person maintaining facilities in the public way may proceed with work upon the existing facility without a permit when emergency circumstances demand the work be done immediately, providing a permit could not practicably and reasonably be obtained beforehand. All emergency work shall require prior notification to the director of public works or appropriate designee, and the appropriate fire and rescue agency. Any person commencing such emergency work in the public way without a permit shall apply for a permit within 48 hours or give notice on the first business day after commencement of such work.

2. *Annual Utility Maintenance Permit.*

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a. To expedite the process for ongoing and routine maintenance, as that term is defined with section 8-1-2, owners of facilities within the public right-of-way may, at their sole option and in the alternative to obtaining individual public right-of-way permits, apply for, and pay all applicable fees for, an annual utility maintenance permit.

b. An annual utility maintenance permit shall be valid from the date of issuance of the permit through December 31 of the same year and shall not, under any circumstances, authorize any disturbance, excavation, or installation of new facilities.

B. Permit Application; Fee.

1. Application.

a. An applicant for a permit to allow for work in the right-of-way shall:

i. Submit a complete application in the form prescribed by the city;

ii. Include with the application:

a. engineering plans, specifications and sketches showing the proposed work in sufficient detail to permit determination of compliance to applicable regulations and standards;

b. construction plans shall provide adequate information showing the location and extent of the work and adjacent public and private improvements and shall comply with applicable specifications;

c. traffic control plan; and

d. erosion control plan, if applicable

b. In addition to the requirements stated in subsection _____, an applicant for an annual utility maintenance permit shall also include the following information:

i. A general description of the routine maintenance operations;

ii. Any location of maintenance operations known at the time of application;

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iii. Traffic Control Plan(s) as required within this Chapter; and

iv. Other information as may be requested by the Director related to proposed routine maintenance operations.

2. Permit Fee.

a. Before a permit is issued pursuant to this, the applicant shall pay to the city a permit fee, which shall be determined annually in accordance with a fee schedule adopted by the city council by resolution. Said fee shall include reasonable costs and expenses of any engineering review and inspection.

b. Any person or utility found to be conducting any activity within the public right-of-way without having first obtained the required permit(s), except as provided for in this Chapter, shall immediately cease all activity (exclusive of actions required to stabilize the area) and be required to obtain a permit before work may be restarted. The City reserves the right to charge a surcharge set by City Council.

C. Insurance

1. Prior to the issuance of any permit, the permittee shall carry, maintain, and file with the city an insurance policy or certificate with coverage, held by an A.M. Best Company financial strength rating of at least B++, and in a form and amount as acceptable to the city's public works director, in full effect, at all times during the term of the permit. At a minimum, coverage shall include the following:

a. Commercial general liability policy, including broad form property damage, completed operations, and contractual liability for limits in an amount acceptable to the City, but not less than $1,000,000.00 each occurrence for damages of bodily injury or death to one or more persons; and $1,000,000.00 each occurrence for damage to or destruction of property;

b. Special hazards coverage, as may be applicable, such as, but not limited to, property damage as a result of explosion hazard, collapse hazard, underground property damage hazard, commonly known as XCU, added by endorsement to the hereinabove required liability policies.

c. Worker's compensation and employers' liability insurance as required by state law.

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d. Any additional coverage as may be requested by the City Attorney's Office or City Engineer in relation to the work activities being performed.

2. City departments or divisions shall be relieved of the obligation of submitting proof of coverage under this subsection.

3. Certificate(s) of coverage, except for workers' compensation and employers' liability, shall list the "City of Littleton, Colorado" as an additional named insured.

4. Whenever any person has filed with the city evidence of insurance as required, any additional or subsequent permit holder in the employ of said initial person may, at the discretion of the city, be excused from depositing or filing any additional evidence of insurance, if such employee is fully covered by the permittee's insurance policy.

D. Indemnification.

1. Each permittee shall construct, maintain, and operate its facilities in a manner that provides protection against injury or damage to persons or property.

2. The permittee, for itself and its related entities, agents, employees, subcontractors, and the agents and employees of said subcontractors, shall save the city harmless, defend, and indemnify the city, its successors, assigns, officers, employees, agents, and appointed and elected officials from and against any and all liability or damage and all claims or demands, whatsoever in nature, and reimburse the city for all its reasonable expenses, as incurred, arising out of the installation, maintenance, operation, or any other work or activity in the public right-of-way or by the permittee related to its use thereof, including, but not limited to, the actions of the permittee, its employees, agents, contractors, related entities, successors, and assigns, or the securing of and the exercise by the permittee of the permit rights granted in the permit, including any third party claims, administrative hearings, and litigation, whether or not any act or omission complained of is authorized, allowed, or prohibited by this article or other applicable law. The permittee shall not be obligated to hold harmless or indemnify the city for claims or demands to the extent that they are due to the gross negligence, or any intentional and/or willful acts of the city or any of its officers, employees, or agents.

3. The terms of each contract awarded by the permittee for activities pursuant to a permit shall contain indemnity provisions whereby the contractor shall indemnify the city to the same extent as described above.

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4. In the event the city institutes litigation against the permittee for a breach of the permit or for an interpretation of this chapter, and the city is the prevailing party, the permittee shall reimburse the city for all costs related hereto, including reasonable attorney's fees.
5. In the event the permittee is a public entity, the indemnification requirements of this section shall be subject to the provisions of the state Governmental Immunity Act.

6. This section shall not apply to franchise entities that have already posted a certificate of insurance and have a franchise agreement that sets forth indemnification requirements.

E. Financial Security Furnished By Applicant:

1. Before the first permit required by this Chapter is issued to, or on behalf of, any permit applicant, there shall be posted with the City, as security for said permit, a surety bond, cash escrow or a letter of credit in the amount of the total cost for the acquisition, installation, construction or reconstruction of the public improvements and private storm infrastructure, or in an amount as determined by the Director. This security may be refunded to the applicant if the applicant has no public improvements under performance warranty.

2. The surety bond, cash escrow or letter of credit shall be executed by the applicant as principal, or by at least one surety upon whom service of process may be based in the state. The surety bond, cash escrow or letter of credit shall be conditioned upon the applicant fully complying with all provisions of the city ordinances, rules, and regulations, and upon payment of all judgments and costs rendered against the applicant for any material violation of the city ordinances or state statutes that may be recovered against the applicant by any person for damages arising out of any negligent or wrongful acts of the applicant in the performance of work done pursuant to the permit. The city may bring an action on the surety bond, cash escrow or letter of credit on its own behalf or on behalf of any person so aggrieved as beneficiary. The city attorney, as to form and as to the responsibility of the surety thereon, and prior to the issuance of the permit, must approve the surety bond, cash escrow or letter of credit.

3. The surety bond, cash escrow, or letter of credit shall remain at the amount specified herein until the city has issued initial warranty acceptance and at that time the amount of cash escrow or letter of credit shall be reduced to 25 percent of the actual construction costs through the final warranty acceptance. In the event the city draws against the security, the applicant in question shall replenish the security to the amount required within 30 days after notice by the city to do so.

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4. This section shall not apply to franchise entities that have already posted a construction bond or letter of credit or governmental entities.

5. Should the applicant fail to complete any warranty work in a timely manner, upon written notice by the city, the city may perform the work at the applicant's expense. If the costs of the warranty work performed by the city exceeds the amount of financial security, the applicant shall be liable for any additional costs. If there is a dispute as to the amount owed, the applicant may provide financial security to the city to fully secure such payment until resolution of any appeal under this chapter.

F. Performance and warranty of work.

1. *Warranty.*

a. The applicant, by acceptance of the permit, expressly warrants and guarantees complete performance of the work in accordance with submitted and approved plans. Any warranty made hereunder shall serve as security for the performance of work necessary to repair the public right-of-way if the applicant fails to make the necessary repairs or to complete the work under the permit.

b. The applicant warrants and guarantees all the work done for a period of two (2) years following completion of the work.

c. This warranty shall include all repairs and actions needed as a result of defects in workmanship or materials, settlement of fills or excavations, any unauthorized deviations from the approved plans and specifications, failure to barricade, failure to clean up during and after the performance of the work, and correction of any violation of this chapter or this Code. The city may withhold any additional permits the applicant requests under this chapter, until all costs the city incurs are paid by the applicant.

d. At any time prior to completion of the two-year warranty period, the city may notify the applicant of any needed repairs. Such repairs shall be completed within 24 hours if the defects are determined by the city to be an imminent danger to the public health, safety, and welfare. Nonemergency repairs shall be completed within 14 calendar days after notice.

2. *Standards for Repairs and Restoration*.

a. Permittee responsibility. The permittee shall be fully responsible for the cost and actual performance of all work in the public way. The permittee shall do all work in conformance with any and all

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engineering regulations, construction specifications, and design standards adopted by the city. These standards shall apply to all work in the public way unless otherwise indicated in the permit.

b. Repair standards. In the event that the public right-of-way or any other public or private property is damaged by the permittee's work, the permittee, shall, at its sole cost and expense, repair or cause to be repaired the damage and return all affected property to a safe and satisfactory condition. If the Director determines that any damage poses a risk to the safety and/or health of the public, such damage shall be repaired within twenty (24) hours; any damage to public infrastructure, including roadways, sidewalks, drainage or utility infrastructure, and associated items, or irrigation systems, shall be repaired within ten (10) days; any other damage to private property shall be repaired within thirty (30) days.

c. Restoration standards. All restoration shall result in a work site condition equal to or better than that which existed prior to construction.

G. Standards for work:

1. Any physical alteration to a street, alley, sidewalk or public place shall conform to any and all engineering regulations, construction specifications, and design standards adopted by the city.

2. *Construction, Excavation or Work Area.* No person shall perform work in an area larger or at a location different, or for a longer period of time than that specified in the permit or permit application. If, after the work is commenced under an approved permit, it becomes necessary to perform construction, excavation, or work in a larger or different area than originally requested under the application or for a longer period of time, the permittee shall notify the Director immediately and within twenty-four (24) hours shall file a supplementary application for the additional construction, excavation, or work, and the permittee shall be billed for the additional amount owed.

H. Inspections.

1. The City shall have the right to make periodic inspections at any time, to reject any work or materials which are defective or do not conform with the requirements of this Code, the approved plans, or specifications. The inspector reserves the right to require a pre-construction meeting with the permittee and any applicable parties related to the work.

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2. Permittee is to notify the engineering division twenty-four (24) hours before work begins to schedule an inspection. Inspection hours must fall between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Inspections requested outside of these hours are subject to after hour fees.

3. Approximately thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the warranty period as outlined in Section 8-1-3.F, the city shall conduct a final inspection of the completed work. If the work is satisfactory upon inspection, the surety bond, cash escrow, or letter of credit shall be returned or allowed to expire with a letter of final acceptance, less any amounts needed to complete work not done by permittee. If the final inspection does not occur within the warranty period, the city shall be deemed to have accepted the work.

4. Upon review of the application for a permit, the director shall determine how many additional inspections, if any, may be required. For work that does not involve material disturbance in the rights-of-way, the director may waive the final inspection and the surety, cash escrow, or letter of credit.

I. Minimizing Impacts of Work.

1. Work Hours. Each permittee shall conduct work in such a manner as to avoid unnecessary inconvenience to the general public and occupants of neighboring property. No work is permitted on Saturday, Sunday or City/Federal Holidays, without written approval by the City. Work shall be limited to the following hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on residential streets/alleys and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on collector and arterial streets, unless otherwise noted and approved by the City. No work, cleanup, set-up, or other work-related activity will be allowed outside of these hours, unless approval is granted by the Director. Working outside of the permitted hours may result in fines or suspension of the ability to acquire permits.

2. Preservation and Maintenance of Work Site.

a. *Protection of property.* Each permittee shall protect from injury any adjoining property by providing adequate support and taking other necessary measures. The permittee shall, at its own expense, shore up and protect all buildings, walls, fences, or other property likely to be damaged during the work, and shall be responsible for all damage to public or private property resulting from failure to properly protect and carry out work in the public way.

b. *Clean Work Site.* Each permittee shall maintain the work site so that i) trash and construction materials are contained; ii) trash does not become a health, fire, or safety hazard; and iii) trash receptacles or general storage and trailers are not placed within the right-of-way

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without city approval. As the work progresses, all public rights-of-way and private property shall be thoroughly cleaned of all rubbish, excess dirt, rock, and other debris. All cleanup operations shall be done at the expense of the permittee.

c. *Protection of Trees and Landscaping.* Each permittee, at its sole cost and expense, shall take necessary protective measures to preserve and protect trees, landscape, and landscape features as required by the city. These features may be identified during the preconstruction meeting.

d. *Protection of Paved Surfaces.* Backhoe equipment outriggers shall be fitted with rubber pads whenever outriggers are placed on any paved surface. Tracked vehicles are not permitted on paved surfaces unless specific precautions are taken to protect the surface. The permittee will be responsible for any damage caused to the pavement by the operation of such equipment and, shall repair such surfaces to the approval of the Director. Failure to do so will result in the use of the applicant's performance/warranty guarantee by the city to repair any damage, and, possibly, the requirement of additional warranty.

e. *Preservation of Monuments.* A permittee shall not disturb any surface monuments or survey hubs and points found on the line of work unless approval is obtained from the director. A Colorado Registered Land Surveyor, at the permittee's expense, will replace any monuments, hubs, and points disturbed.

f. *Parking.* Each permittee shall make provisions for employee and construction vehicle parking so as to not impact neighborhood parking or the health, safety, and welfare of roadway and sidewalk users.

g. *Snow/ice hazards*. Each permittee shall clear all snow and ice hazards from public sidewalks at the work site following a snowfall in conformance with the city code.

3. Traffic Control.

a. When it is necessary to obstruct motorized, non-motorized, or pedestrian traffic or work within the right-of-way, a traffic control plan shall be submitted to the city traffic engineer at the time of permit application. The traffic control plan shall conform to all requirements of the most current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, city requirements, rules, ordinances, and regulations or as modified by the city traffic engineer in writing.

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b. The following requirements shall apply, unless as modified by the city traffic engineer in writing:

i. No permittee shall block access to and from private property, block emergency vehicles, block access to fire hydrants, fire stations, fire escapes, water valves, underground vaults, valve housing structures, or any other vital equipment unless the permittee coordinates with the city public works department and fire department with verification of written notice delivered to the owner or occupant of the facility, equipment, or property at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance.

ii. No traffic control devices are to be placed on lawn areas without prior approval of the property owner/occupant. All cones and other traffic control devices are to be removed by the above noted hours immediately after work is completed on arterial roadways, and within forty-eight (48) hours after work is completed on minor streets.

iii. If a street closing is desired, the applicant shall obtain the written approval of the traffic engineer. Nonemergency work requiring complete road closure may necessitate advance notice to adjacent or nearby property owners and road users. Permittees shall consult with the city traffic engineer no later than 30 days in advance of the road closure to ensure that adequate notice is provided. Failure to do so may result in a delay of the project.

iv. It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to notify and coordinate all work in the public way with police, fire, ambulance, other government entities, transit organizations, residents, and others as directed by the city traffic engineer.

v. Illumination and traffic control for night work must conform to the city's requirements as set forth by the city traffic engineer.

c. Traffic control devices must conform to the most current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Work Zone Traffic Control, and must be used whenever it is necessary to close a traffic lane or sidewalk or work in any right-of-way. Traffic control devices shall be supplied by the permittee. If used at night, they must be reflectorized and must be illuminated or have

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barricade warning lights in accordance with the director or the city traffic engineer.

d. The contractor shall be responsible for maintaining all work area signing and barricading during construction operations, as well as any signs and barricades that are needed to protect roadway users and pedestrians during nonwork hours. All traffic control signs that are not applicable to the given circumstance shall be removed, covered, or turned around so that they do not face traffic and do not pose a hazard. The contractor shall correct any deficiencies noted by the city immediately.

e. If the contractor does not comply following forty-eight (48) hours' notice, is not available, or cannot be found, the city may make such corrections and the contractor shall pay the actual cost plus a penalty of fifty percent (50%) of the amount thereof. The contractor must remove all traffic control within forty-eight (48) hours after job completion. Any traffic control not removed by the contractor shall be removed by the city, with such work being billed to the permittee at overtime rates. The permittee shall pay all charges within thirty (30) days of the statement date. If the permittee fails to pay such charges within the prescribed time period, the city may, in addition to taking other collection remedies, seek reimbursement through the warranty guarantee.

f. A permittee may undertake routine maintenance on existing facilities as described in section 8-1-3.A, under an annual utility maintenance permit, if a traffic control plan is on file in the office of the city traffic engineer. The traffic control plan shall be maintained on the job site and available for inspection upon request by any officer or employee of the city.

J. Relocation or Removal of Infrastructure.

1. *Relocation.* The city may require the permittee to remove or relocate its work, improvements, or infrastructure upon ninety (90) days' written notice, for the following purposes: i) change in street grade; ii) relocation or vacation of the street; iii) to improve, repair, construct, reconstruct or maintain the street or utilities; iv) installation, removal or relocation of utilities or other public apparatus; v) burial of above-ground utilities or public apparatus; or vi) public health or safety concerns. The permittee shall, at its expense, remove or relocate the infrastructure within a reasonable time from the date of notification, but no later than three working days before the city intends to commence its work. If the permittee fails to remove or relocate the infrastructure, the city may perform such work at the

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permittee's expense. The permittee shall then reimburse the city for all expenses within thirty (30) days after receipt of a written invoice.

2. *Relocation in Emergency.* In case of an emergency, the city may require the permittee, at permittee's expense, to relocate the infrastructure without providing advance written notice as required in section 8-1-3.J.1. The permittee shall immediately remove or relocate the infrastructure as the Director may require. If the permittee fails to remove or relocate the infrastructure, the city may perform such work at the permittee's expense. The permittee shall then reimburse the city for all expenses within thirty (30) days after receipt of a written invoice.

3. *Restoration following Removal.* The permittee, by accepting the permit, expressly warrants and guarantees, upon relocating, removing or abandoning the work, to restore the surface area, in a manner acceptable to the city. If the permittee fails to do so, at the permittee's expense, the city may restore the surface area and the permit holder shall be responsible to pay the city all reasonable costs of restoration.

K. Abandonment.

1. Notification of abandoned facilities. Any permittee that intends to discontinue use of any facilities within the public rights-of-way shall notify the director, in writing, of the intent to discontinue use. Such notice shall describe the facilities for which the use is to be discontinued, a date of discontinuance of use, which date shall not be less than 30 days from the date such notice is submitted to the director, and the method of removal and restoration. The permittee may not remove, destroy, or permanently disable any such facilities during said 30-day period without written approval of the director. After 30 days from the date of such notice, the permittee shall remove and dispose of such facilities as set forth in the notice, as the same may be modified by the director, and shall complete such removal and disposal within six months, unless additional time is requested from and approved by the director.

2. Conveyance of facilities. At the discretion of the city, and upon written notice from the director within 30 days of the notice of abandonment, the permittee may abandon the facilities in place, and shall further convey full title and ownership of such abandoned facilities to the city. The consideration for the conveyance is the city's permission to abandon the facilities in place. The permittee is responsible for all obligations as owner of the facilities, or other liabilities associated therewith, until the conveyance to the city is completed.

L. Stop Work Orders; Suspension, Revocation, or Denial; Appeal.

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1. *Stop Work Order(s).* A stop work order may be issued by the city to any person doing or causing any work to be done in the public right-of-way without a permit, or in violation of any provision of this article, other applicable city code, or the permit itself.

2. *Permit Revocation or Suspension.* Any permit may be revoked or suspended, and any application denied, by the Director, and such revocation, suspension or denial shall take effect immediately after notice to the applicant or person performing work for any of the following:

    i. Violation of any condition of the permit;

    ii. Violation of any provision of this chapter or any other ordinance or law relating to the work; or

    iii. The existence of any condition or performance of any act which constitutes or causes a condition endangering life or damage to property.

b. A permit holder or permit applicant may appeal suspension or revocation of a permit, or denial of a permit application, by the Director, as provided for in Title 1, Chapter 20 of the city code.

M. Penalty. If any person, firm or corporation, including but not limited to the officers and agents of a corporation responsible for its actions or inaction, and the partners of a partnership, firm or joint venture, shall violate or cause the violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter, they shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which a violation is committed, continues or is permitted, and upon conviction of any such violation such person, firm or corporation, including but not limited to such partners or officers or agents, shall be punished by a fine in accordance with the provisions of Title 1, Chapter 4 of this Code.

8-1-4: Public Ways Kept Clear.

A. The owner, occupant or agent of the owner of any building, property or vacant lot in the city shall maintain the sidewalks, the parking and curbs, that is, the area from the property line to the gutter adjoining such building, property or vacant lot, in a clean condition.

B. Violations of this Section shall be punishable with the penalties provided for in Section 1-4-1 of the code. The imposition of any penalty pursuant to section 1-4-1 of this Code shall not preclude any legal action or proceeding to require compliance with the provisions of this section, including injunctive relief, or with administrative regulations, orders and determinations made hereunder.

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C. Any person in violation of this section shall be civilly liable for damages to any other person who suffers injuries or damages as a result thereof provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be deemed to preclude the assertion of defenses or be deemed a waiver of limitations on liability which apply pursuant to the laws of this state.

8-1-5: Prohibitions and Restrictions:

A. [Reserved]

B. Encroachments On Public Rights Of Way:

1. Except as herein provided, no person shall erect, place, or have or cause to be placed or erected any building, fence, wall, ditch, temporary outdoor displays of merchandise, or other obstruction in whole or in part upon any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, or public ground of the city.

2. The Director, is hereby authorized to issue permits for the purpose of erecting, placing, or causing to be placed fences, retaining walls, or like structures on public rights of way. The Director, is hereby further authorized to issue permits for the purpose of placing, or causing to be placed, planters, benches and other seating, on public rights of way provided such rights of way are located within the area bounded by West Berry Avenue on the north, South Rio Grande and Bega Streets on the east, Church Avenue on the south and South Santa Fe Drive on the west. For purposes of this subsection, the boundary of West Berry Avenue shall be treated as if it extended to South Santa Fe Drive and South Rio Grande and Bega Streets shall be treated as if they extended to Church Avenue.

3. Said permits may be issued only to owners of property which abut public rights of way, or, in the case of planters, benches and other seating, their authorized lessees, and shall be limited to that portion of the right of way defined by the property's projected lot lines.

4. Application for a permit shall be filed with the Director, and shall include the following:

    i. Site Plan: A plan of the portion of public right of way proposed for use by the permittee. Said plan shall be drawn to scale and shall include dimensions; location of the proposed use; description of the proposed use, including height, types of material, and general character; and a legal description of the area proposed for use. The Director may require further information as necessary to adequately determine the safety of the proposed use.

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ii. Indemnification and Insurance:

a. The permittee, for itself and its related entities, agents, employees, subcontractors, and the agents and employees of the subcontractors, shall hold the city harmless, defend, and indemnify the city, its successors, assigns, officers, employees, agents, and appointed and elected officials from and against any claims, liabilities, damages or lawsuits arising from the permittee's use of the public right of way, including but not limited to, the actions of the permittee, its employees, agents, contractors, related entities, successors and assigns. If permittee is a public entity or agency, the indemnification requirements of this section shall be subject to the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act and state constitution.

b. Each permittee shall, during the term of the permit, maintain appropriate liability insurance coverage, as acceptable to the City Attorney, naming the city as an additional insured sufficient to cover liability limits under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, as evidenced by a certificate of insurance.

iii. Special Conditions for Temporary Outdoor Display(s) of Merchandise.

a. Outdoor displays of merchandise on public rights of way may only be approved for non-residential properties, where the primary entrance to the building associated with the merchandise for sale is within six feet (6') from the public right-of-way, measured from the building's entrance threshold to the closet part of the sidewalk.

b. An unobstructed portion of the sidewalk measuring not less than six feet (6') shall be continuously maintained for pedestrian access where the display is located and no point of access or egress from the property shall be blocked at any time.

5. Outdoor displays shall not be attached in any way to the sidewalk or other right of way structure, such as, but not limited to, bike racks, news racks, trees or planters and shall not be located in designated parking areas.

6. Approved applications shall be forwarded to the chief building official for the issuance of a building permit, if required, subject to the payment of required fees by the applicant.

7. Any permit issued for a permitted use on public right of way shall continue at the pleasure of the city, and shall be subject to immediate revocation if said right of way is used for any purpose other than for the installation of the approved use, or

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if the owner/applicant fails to keep said use in a state of good repair. This permit shall immediately cease if the approved use is removed and is replaced by a different use or the same use of different design without prior approval of an amendment to the permit for such different use or design.

8. In the event that it is deemed necessary to the health, safety, or general public welfare, the city may remove or cause to be removed any use of public right of way, permitted under the provisions of these regulations, for the purpose of widening, constructing, or otherwise improving any street, alley, sidewalk or other public way or use without compensation to the owner of said permitted use.

C. Injuring, Marking Pavement: No person shall injure, mark, disfigure, deface or destroy any pavement or sidewalk in the city or assist in doing the same.

D. Engaging In Sports In Streets: No person in or on any highway or street within the corporate limits of the city shall indulge in any sport or other activity likely to or calculated to injure vehicles or pedestrians, or interfere with the passage of vehicles or pedestrians along the highways or streets.

Section 2: Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.

Section 3: Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Littleton on the ___ day of _____, 2024, passed on first reading by a vote of ___ FOR and ___ AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the __ day of _____, 2024, in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

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PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of ___ FOR and ___ AGAINST on the ___ day of _____, 2024 and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

ATTEST:

_____	_____
Colleen L. Norton	Kyle Schlachter
CITY CLERK	MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

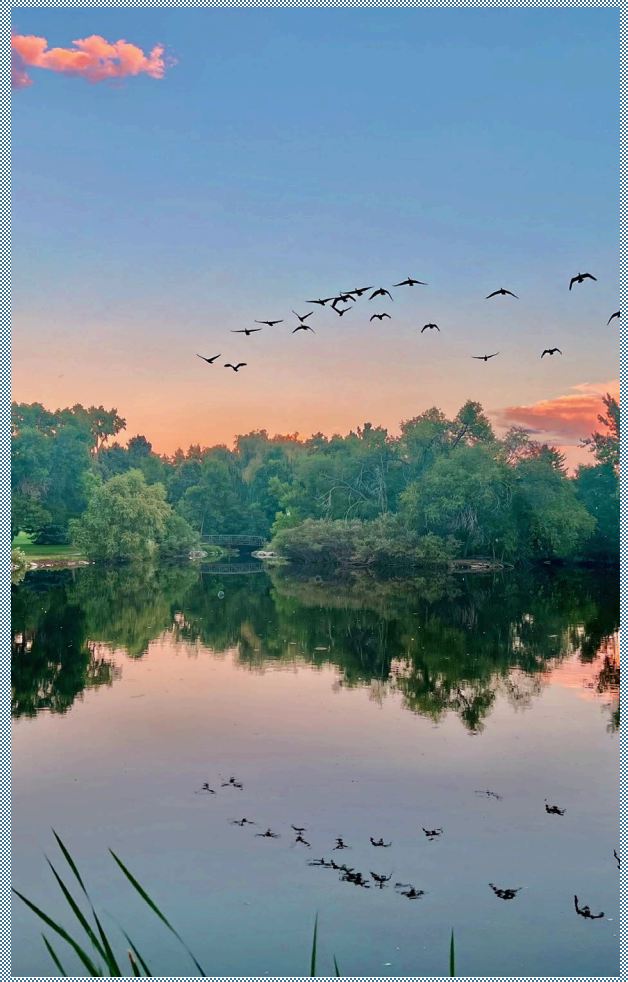
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PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND PROPERTY REGULATIONS

Reid Betzing, City Attorney
Brent Soderlin, Director of Public Works

AUGUST 27, 2024



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AGENDA

Right-of-Way Permits

Current Process

Proposed Amendments to 8-1-1

Clean-Up Amendments to 8-1-4, 8-1-5

Questions/Comments

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RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) PERMITS

- Public right-of-way is property owned and regulated by the City of Littleton, including streets, alleys, sidewalks, bike paths in addition to utilities and other public infrastructure.
- Per 8-1-1 of the Littleton Municipal Code, permits are required prior to work activities in the city's right-of-way:
  - *A. Permit Required: No person shall dig any hole, trench, ditch or other excavation in or upon any street, alley, sidewalk or public place within the city without having first obtained a written permit from the city manager or his authorized representative.*

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RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) PERMITS

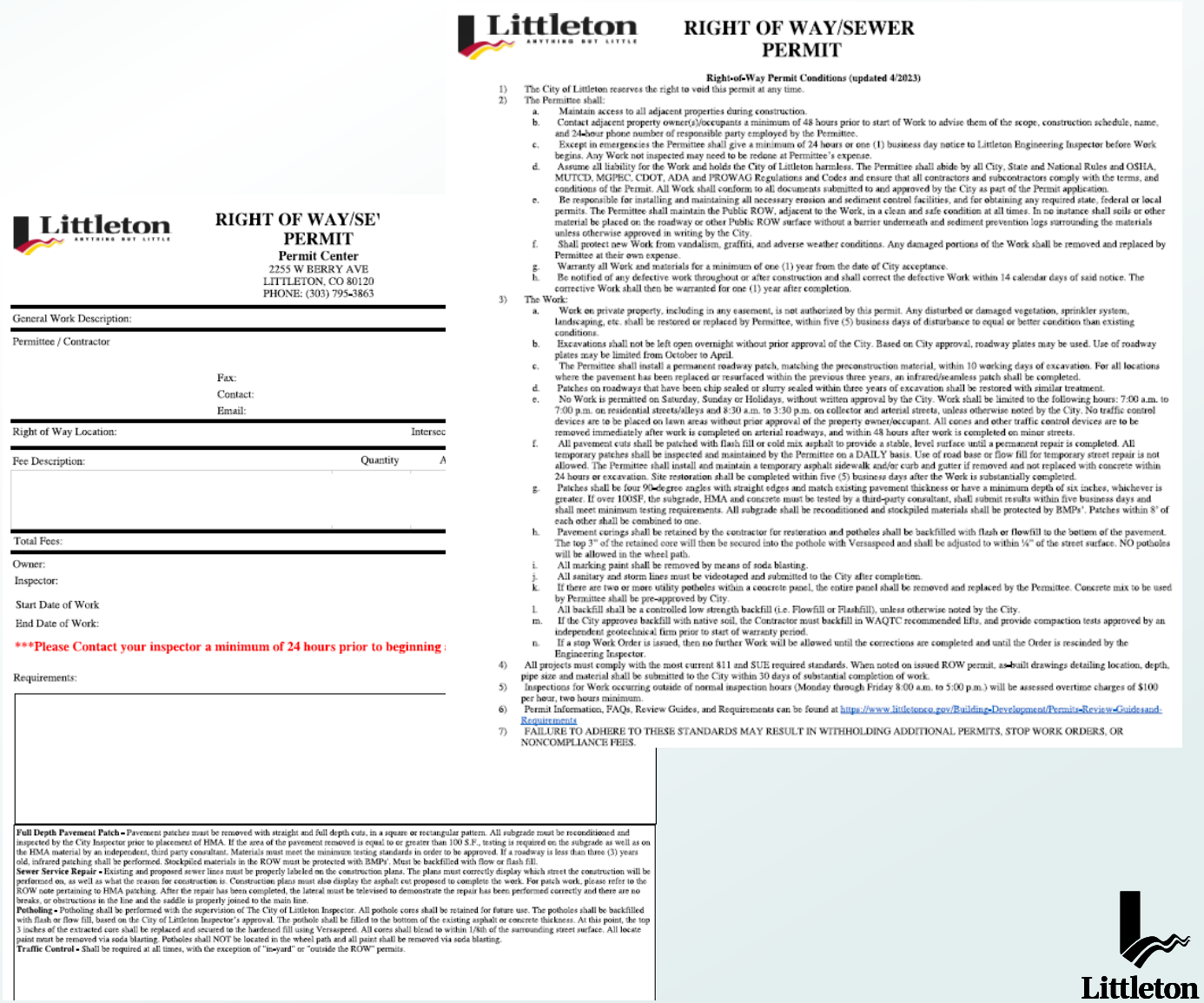
- Examples of work activities:
  - Street and alley paving, cuts and repairs
  - Curb, gutter, ramp driveway, and sidewalk repairs and/or installations;
  - Public and private utility connections, repairs, and installations;
  - Tree removal and trimming
  - Temporary obstructions, including storage containers (PODS) and dumpsters

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RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) PERMITS CURRENT PROCESS

1. File an application for ROW permit within eTRAKiT portal online
2. Engineering staff will review application and proposed work activity
   - Standard conditions are placed within permit
   - Special conditions may be added by engineering review staff
   - Check whether contractor is licensed
3. Upon approval, permit fees will be due
4. Upon payment of permit fees, ROW permit will be issued

Example of Blank ROW Permit



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RIGHT OF WAY/SE'
PERMIT
Permit Center
2255 W BERRY AVE
LITTLETON, CO 80120
PHONE: (303) 795-3863

General Work Description:

Permittee / Contractor

Fax:
Contact:
Email:

Right of Way Location: Intersec

Fee Description: Quantity A

Total Fees:

Owner:

Inspector:

Start Date of Work

End Date of Work:

***Please Contact your inspector a minimum of 24 hours prior to beginning

Requirements:

Full Depth Pavement Patch - Pavement patches must be removed with straight and full depth cuts, in a square or rectangular pattern. All subgrade must be reconditioned and inspected by the City Inspector prior to placement of HMA. If the area of the pavement removed is equal to or greater than 100 S.F., testing is required on the subgrade as well as on the HMA material by an independent, third party consultant. Materials must meet the minimum testing standards in order to be approved. If a roadway is less than three (3) years old, infrared patching shall be performed. Stockpiled materials in the ROW must be protected with BMPs'. Must be backfilled with flow or flash fill.
Sewer Service Repair - Existing and proposed sewer lines must be properly labeled on the construction plans. The plans must correctly display which street the construction will be performed on, as well as what the reason for construction is. Construction plans must also display the asphalt cut proposed to complete the work. For patch work, please refer to the ROW note pertaining to HMA patching. After the repair has been completed, the lateral must be televised to demonstrate the repair has been performed correctly and there are no breaks, or obstructions in the line and the saddle is properly joined to the main line.
Potholing - Potholing shall be performed with the supervision of The City of Littleton Inspector. All pothole cores shall be retained for future use. The potholes shall be backfilled with flash or flow fill, based on the City of Littleton Inspector's approval. The pothole shall be filled to the bottom of the existing asphalt or concrete thickness. At this point, the top 3 inches of the extracted core shall be replaced and secured to the hardened fill using Versaspeed. All cores shall blend to within 1/8th of the surrounding street surface. All locate paint must be removed via soda blasting. Potholes shall NOT be located in the wheel path and all paint shall be removed via soda blasting.
Traffic Control - Shall be required at all times, with the exception of "in-yard" or "outside the ROW" permits.

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RIGHT OF WAY/SEWER PERMIT

Right-of-Way Permit Conditions (updated 4/2023)

1) The City of Littleton reserves the right to void this permit at any time.
2) The Permittee shall:
   a. Maintain access to all adjacent properties during construction.
   b. Contact adjacent property owner(s)/occupants a minimum of 48 hours prior to start of Work to advise them of the scope, construction schedule, name, and 24-hour phone number of responsible party employed by the Permittee.
   c. Except in emergencies the Permittee shall give a minimum of 24 hours or one (1) business day notice to Littleton Engineering Inspector before Work begins. Any Work not inspected may need to be redone at Permittee's expense.
   d. Assume all liability for the Work and holds the City of Littleton harmless. The Permittee shall abide by all City, State and National Rules and OSHA, MUTCD, MGPEC, CDOT, ADA and PROWAG Regulations and Codes and ensure that all contractors and subcontractors comply with the terms, and conditions of the Permit. All Work shall conform to all documents submitted to and approved by the City as part of the Permit application.
   e. Be responsible for installing and maintaining all necessary erosion and sediment control facilities, and for obtaining any required state, federal or local permits. The Permittee shall maintain the Public ROW, adjacent to the Work, in a clean and safe condition at all times. In no instance shall soils or other material be placed on the roadway or other Public ROW surface without a barrier underneath and sediment prevention logs surrounding the materials unless otherwise approved in writing by the City.
   f. Shall protect new Work from vandalism, graffiti, and adverse weather conditions. Any damaged portions of the Work shall be removed and replaced by Permittee at their own expense.
   g. Warranty all Work and materials for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of City acceptance.
   h. Be notified of any defective work throughout or after construction and shall correct the defective Work within 14 calendar days of said notice. The corrective Work shall then be warranted for one (1) year after completion.
3) The Work:
   a. Work on private property, including in any easement, is not authorized by this permit. Any disturbed or damaged vegetation, sprinkler system, landscaping, etc. shall be restored or replaced by Permittee, within five (5) business days of disturbance to equal or better condition than existing conditions.
   b. Excavations shall not be left open overnight without prior approval of the City. Based on City approval, roadway plates may be used. Use of roadway plates may be limited from October to April.
   c. The Permittee shall install a permanent roadway patch, matching the preconstruction material, within 10 working days of excavation. For all locations where the pavement has been replaced or resurfaced within the previous three years, an infrared/seamless patch shall be completed.
   d. Patches on roadways that have been chip sealed or slurry sealed within three years of excavation shall be restored with similar treatment.
   e. No Work is permitted on Saturday, Sunday or Holidays, without written approval by the City. Work shall be limited to the following hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on residential streets/alleys and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on collector and arterial streets, unless otherwise noted by the City. No traffic control devices are to be placed on lawn areas without prior approval of the property owner/occupant. All cones and other traffic control devices are to be removed immediately after work is completed on arterial roadways, and within 48 hours after work is completed on minor streets.
   f. All pavement cuts shall be patched with flash fill or cold mix asphalt to provide a stable, level surface until a permanent repair is completed. All temporary patches shall be inspected and maintained by the Permittee on a DAILY basis. Use of road base or flow fill for temporary street repair is not allowed. The Permittee shall install and maintain a temporary asphalt sidewalk and/or curb and gutter if removed and not replaced with concrete within 24 hours or excavation. Site restoration shall be completed within five (5) business days after the Work is substantially completed.
   g. Patches shall be four 90-degree angles with straight edges and match existing pavement thickness or have a minimum depth of six inches, whichever is greater. If over 100SF, the subgrade, HMA and concrete must be tested by a third-party consultant, shall submit results within five business days and shall meet minimum testing requirements. All subgrade shall be reconditioned and stockpiled materials shall be protected by BMPs'. Patches within 8' of each other shall be combined to one.
   h. Pavement cutings shall be retained by the contractor for restoration and potholes shall be backfilled with flash or flowfill to the bottom of the pavement. The top 3" of the retained core will then be secured into the pothole with Versaspeed and shall be adjusted to within ¼" of the street surface. NO potholes will be allowed in the wheel path.
   i. All marking paint shall be removed by means of soda blasting.
   j. All sanitary and storm lines must be videotaped and submitted to the City after completion.
   k. If there are two or more utility potholes within a concrete panel, the entire panel shall be removed and replaced by the Permittee. Concrete mix to be used by Permittee shall be pre-approved by City.
   l. All backfill shall be a controlled low strength backfill (i.e. Flowfill or Flashfill), unless otherwise noted by the City.
   m. If the City approves backfill with native soil, the Contractor must backfill in WAQTC recommended lifts, and provide compaction tests approved by an independent geotechnical firm prior to start of warranty period.
   n. If a stop Work Order is issued, then no further Work will be allowed until the corrections are completed and until the Order is rescinded by the Engineering Inspector.
4) All projects must comply with the most current 811 and SUE required standards. When noted on issued ROW permit, as-built drawings detailing location, depth, pipe size and material shall be submitted to the City within 30 days of substantial completion of work.
5) Inspections for Work occurring outside of normal inspection hours (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) will be assessed overtime charges of $100 per hour, two hours minimum.
6) Permit Information, FAQs, Review Guides, and Requirements can be found at https://www.littletonco.gov/Building-Development/Permits-Review-Guides-and-Requirements
7) FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THESE STANDARDS MAY RESULT IN WITHHOLDING ADDITIONAL PERMITS, STOP WORK ORDERS, OR NONCOMPLIANCE FEES.

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CONCERNS WITH CURRENT CODE

- Unclear (unstated) requirements for protection of public and private properties, and insurance and bonding requirements for financial coverage over work activities in the event of issues
- Lack of standardization in application of general conditions to all work activities (applicants requesting customized conditions; waivers)

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- Will provide requirements for application and submission of appropriate insurance and bonding to financially cover the work activities
- Will establish work activity standards, including provisions for repair, replacement, or restoration
- Will provide for the protection of both public and private properties, including provisions for repair, replacement, and restoration;
- Will provide consistent application and standardization of general conditions to work activities within the right-of-way

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 8, CHAPTER 1

- Create a section dedicated to definitions
  - Clarify the meaning of terms;
  - Help to interpret regulations properly; and
  - Ensure uniformity in application

- Outline clear application process for issuance and approval of ROW permits, along with requirements such as insurance and bonding.

8-1-2 Definitions

Bikeway or bike path means any road, street, path, or way that is designated for bicycle travel, regardless of whether such facilities are designated for the exclusive use of bicycles or are to be shared with other transportation means.

City shall mean the City of Littleton, Colorado.

City property or public property shall mean any real property owned, leased, managed, operated, or otherwise under the control of the city, excepting the interior of city-owned buildings.

B. Permit Application; Fee.
1. Application.
   a. An applicant for a permit to allow for work in the right-of-way shall:
      i. Submit a complete application in the form prescribed by the city;
      ii. Include with the application:
         a. engineering plans, specifications and sketches showing the proposed work in sufficient detail to permit determination of compliance to applicable regulations and standards;
         b. construction plans shall provide adequate information showing the location and extent of the work and adjacent public and private improvements and shall comply with applicable Specifications;
         c. temporary traffic control plan;
         d. erosion control plan, if applicable
   b. In addition to the requirements stated in subsection _____, an applicant for an annual utility maintenance permit shall also include the following information:
      i. A general description of the routine maintenance operations;
      ii. Any location of maintenance operations known at the time of application;
      iii. Traffic Control Plan(s) as required within this Chapter; and
      iv. Other information as may be requested by the Director related to proposed routine maintenance operations.
2. Permit Fee.
   a. Before a permit is issued pursuant to this, the applicant shall pay to the city a permit fee, which shall be determined annually in

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 8, CHAPTER 1

- Codify **existing** practice for warranty requirements and standards for work
  - Specifying work hours
  - Protecting public and private property (including paved surfaces, trees, landscaping, monuments)
  - Requiring clean work sites (proper receptacles, minimizing public health, fire, and safety hazards)
  - Requiring appropriate traffic control, including adequate
- Providing city with an avenue for repair, restoration, relocation or removal of installed infrastructure for emergency purposes or for public purposes.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 8-1-4

- Update ‘violation’ provision for consistency and reference to the City’s general penalty provisions (last update in 1988)
  - Current:

B. Any person who pleads guilty, no contest, or is convicted of violating this section shall be liable for punishment by fine in an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars ($300.00).

  - Proposed:

B. Violations of this Section shall be punishable with the penalties provided for in Section 1-4-1 of the code. The imposition of any penalty pursuant to section 1-4-1 of this Code shall not preclude any legal action or proceeding to require compliance with the provisions of this section, including injunctive relief, or with administrative regulations, orders and determinations made hereunder. ~~Any person who pleads guilty, no contest, or is convicted of violating this section shall be for punishment by fine in an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars ($300.00).~~

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 8-1-5

- Update multiple provisions to modernize language (last substantive update in 1971)
  - Remove references to old zoning code, will update on final version
  - Remove redundant nuisance-type violations (which are encompassed within new nuisance code)
  - Update provisions on temporary and permanent encroachments within the public right-of-way
    - Added indemnification provision
    - Added insurance provision

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QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS?

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Littleton Center
2255 West Berry Avenue
Littleton, CO 80120

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Staff Communication

File #: ID# 24-208, **Version:** 1

Agenda Date: 08/27/2024

Subject:
Updates to Title 9 of the City Code: Traffic Regulation, including the Model Traffic Code

From:	James L. Becklenberg, City Manager
Prepared by:	Reid Betzing, City Attorney
Presentations:	Reid Betzing, City Attorney

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this study session is to discuss changes to the City's Traffic Regulations contained in Title 9 as well as the adoption of the 2024 Model Traffic Code.

LONG-TERM OUTCOME(S) SERVED:
Safe Community; High Quality Governance

DISCUSSION:
Since 1952 the Department of Transportation has published traffic regulations in an effort to establish uniformity across state and local jurisdictions. Updates are done every few years to address changes that have occurred in state law, address technological advances that have occurred with vehicles, and establish rules and regulations for new types of transportation. These updates serve to provide consistency in traffic enforcement as drivers travel from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and help ensure the safety of those using our public streets and rights of way.

Previously the City had adopted the 2020 version and prior to that the 2010 version.

Some of the major updates in the Model Traffic Code from 2020 to 2024 include:

- New definitions to better address the types of vehicles utilizing our roadways such as electric scooters and autocycles.
- New regulations concerning passing of snowplow vehicles in echelon formations.
- New guidance and regulations concerning the use of automated vehicle identification systems (red light camera/speed cameras).
- Expanded safety rules for emergency vehicles and other vehicles such as those with hazard lights on (move over law).
- Regulations for not yielding rights of way to bicyclists in bike lanes.
- Greater protections for vulnerable road users.

Other updates include adjusting weight restrictions on vehicles which has not been done since the early 1970s.

FISCAL IMPACTS:
N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends providing direction to schedule a future public hearing to adopt the latest version of the Model Traffic Code and the updates to Title 9 Traffic Regulations.

ALTERNATIVES:
Council could provide direction to not adopt the 2024 Model Traffic Codes and updates to Title 9 Traffic Regulations.

CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. XX

Series, 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, REPEALING AND REENACTING TITLE 9, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Littleton ("City") is authorized, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 31-15-401 and 42-4-110(1)(b), to adopt and enforce police power regulations in furtherance of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, and specifically, to adopt a model traffic code that encompasses the rules of the road and vehicle requirements set forth in Article 4 of Title 42, C.R.S.; and;

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to adopt Colorado statute or any standard published codes pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-16-201, *et seq*,; and

WHEREAS, since 1952, the Colorado Department of Transportation has published and regularly updated a Model Traffic Code for Colorado, which is modeled after the applicable state statutes and adopted by municipalities to ensure the uniformity and standardization of traffic regulations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado Department of Transportation has promulgated a 2024 edition of the Model Traffic Code for the Colorado which City Council desires to adopt to remain consistent with changes in the Model Traffic Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that adoption of the 2024 Model Traffic Code is necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public and desires to adopt such code by reference, as amended and set forth herein, and to adopt penalties for violations thereof. the City Council of the City of Littleton desires to update the Littleton Municipal Code to reflect the Current Model Traffic Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1: Title 9 of the Littleton City Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

9-1-1: ADOPTION OF MODEL TRAFFIC CODE:

Pursuant to section 44 of the charter of the city, there is hereby adopted by reference the 2024

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edition of the "Model Traffic Code" for Colorado municipalities, promulgated and published by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Traffic Engineering and Safety Branch, 2829 W Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204. The subject matter of the Model Traffic Code relates primarily to comprehensive traffic control regulations for the city. The purpose of this chapter and the code adopted herein is to provide a system of traffic regulations consistent with state law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the state and the nation. Three (3) copies of the Model Traffic Code adopted herein are now filed in the office of the clerk of the city, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, CO 80125, and may be inspected during regular business hours.

A. Deletions: The 2024 edition of the Model Traffic Code is adopted as if set out at length save and except the following articles and/or sections which are declared to be inapplicable to this municipality and are therefore expressly deleted:

1701 and 1702 and any other enumerated reference to penalties throughout the Model Traffic Code.

9-1-2 : LOW SPEED VEHICLES, GOLF CARS, AND EPAMDs:

A. Definitions: When undefined in City code the definitions set forth in C.R.S. 42-1-102 *et seq* shall apply.

B. ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE OR EPAMD: A self-balancing, non tandem two (2) wheeled device, designed to transport only one person, that is powered solely by an electric propulsion system producing an average power output of no more than seven hundred fifty (750) watts as set forth in Colorado Revised Statutes section 42-1-102(28.7).

C. GOLF CAR: A self-propelled vehicle not designed primarily for operation on roadways and that has:
1. A design speed of less than twenty (20) miles per hour;
2. At least three (3) wheels in contact with the ground;
3. An empty weight of not more than one thousand three hundred (1,300) pounds; and
4. A carrying capacity of not more than four (4) persons as set forth in Colorado Revised Statutes section 42-1- 102(39.5).

D. LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLE: A vehicle that:
1. Is self-propelled utilizing electricity as its primary propulsion method;
2. Has at least three (3) wheels in contact with the ground;
3. Does not use handlebars to steer; and
4. Exhibits the manufacturer's compliance with 49 CFR 565 or displays a seventeen (17) character vehicle identification number as provided in 49 CFR 565, as set forth in Colorado Revised Statutes 42-1-102(48.6).

B. Regulation Of Low Speed Electric Vehicles, Golf Cars, EPAMDs:

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1. No person shall operate a low speed electric vehicle, golf car, and/or EPAMD on the roadway of a street within the city of Littleton, except as provided in this section.

2. An operator of a low speed electric vehicle, golf car, and/or EPAMD shall have been issued and possess a currently valid driver's license or minor driver's license.

3. All low speed electric vehicles and/or golf cars shall be equipped with:
   a. Headlamps;
   b. Front and rear turn signal lamps;
   c. Taillamps and stop lamps;
   d. A rearview mirror or mirrors;
   e. A parking brake.

C. Number Of Persons In Vehicle: The number of persons in the golf car and/or low speed electric vehicle shall be limited to the number of seats in the vehicle.

D. Permitted Streets: Low speed electric vehicles, golf cars, and EPAMDs are permitted on all city streets with a speed limit equal to or less than thirty five (35) miles per hour except for the following streets:

Alamo Avenue
Belleview Avenue
Bowles Avenue
Broadway Boulevard
County Line Road
Dry Creek Road
Federal Boulevard
Littleton Boulevard
Main Street
Mineral Avenue

A low speed electric vehicle, golf car and/or EPAMD may be operated to directly cross a roadway that has a speed limit greater than thirty five (35) miles per hour at an at grade crossing to continue traveling along a roadway with a speed limit equal to or less than thirty five (35) miles per hour; provided, however, that no golf cars are permitted on state highways and low speed electric vehicles, golf cars and EPAMDs are not permitted on limited access highways.

D. Insurance: Before operating or permitting the operation of such low speed electric vehicles, golf cars and/or EPAMDs, each owner shall obtain and carry a liability insurance policy, issued by an insurance carrier authorized to do business in the

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state of Colorado, which covers golf carts and/or neighborhood electric vehicles operating on public streets with a minimum sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) for damages to property of others; a minimum sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) for damages for or on account of bodily injury or death of one person as a result of any one accident; and, subject to such limit as to one person, a minimum sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000.00) for or on account of bodily injury to or death of all persons as a result of any one accident. (Ord. 13, Series of 2010)

E. Emissions Inspections:

1. No person shall operate a motor vehicle registered or required to be registered in this state, nor shall any person allow such a motor vehicle to be parked on public property or on private property available for public use, without such vehicle having passed any necessary emissions test. The owner of any motor vehicle that is in violation of this section shall be responsible for payment of any penalty imposed under this section unless such owner proves that the motor vehicle was in the possession of another person without the owner's permission at the time of the violation.

2. In any prosecution for an alleged violation of any of the provisions of this section, proof that the vehicle described in the complaint was driven, parked or stopped in violation of this section, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was, at the time of such driving, stopping or parking, a registered owner of the vehicle, shall constitute prima facie evidence that the defendant was the person who drove, parked, stopped, or knowingly permitted to be driven, stopped or parked, such vehicle at the place where and for the time which such violation occurred.

3. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a municipal criminal offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars ($50.00), payable within thirty (30) days after conviction.

4. Any law enforcement officer observing a vehicle in the city which is in apparent violation of this section, may place upon such vehicle, or serve upon the owner or operator of any such vehicle, a summons and complaint or a penalty assessment notice. Such notice shall indicate the offense and direct the owner or operator of such vehicle to either remit a penalty assessment of fifty dollars ($50.00) to the city or to appear at the Littleton municipal court violations bureau within seven (7) days of the date of issuance of the penalty assessment notice to begin proceedings to protest the charge.

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F. Comply With State And Federal Laws: It is the duty of the operator of any vehicle as set forth in title 42 of the Colorado Revised Statutes to comply with all of the requirements of state and federal laws, regulations and standards including, without limitation, licensing, registration, and equipment. (Ord. 13, Series of 2010; amd. Ord. 16, Series of 2012)

9-1-3 : TRUCK WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:

All trucks weighing over sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds empty weight are prohibited from traveling on all streets, alleys, viaducts, bridges or other public ways in the city except on designated truck routes. Trucks of larger sizes may use prohibited streets to make deliveries on such street or nearby streets, provided that such trucks use the shortest route between an established truck route and point of delivery. Whichever provision is more restrictive, that contained in Part 5section 18-2 of the model traffic code, or herein contained, shall govern in the case of apparent conflict between the two (2).

9-1-4 : MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE:
(Rep. by Ord. 13, Series of 2004)

9-1-5 : UNAUTHORIZED PARKING PROHIBITED:

A. No vehicle shall be parked upon any private property without the authority or consent of the owner, lessee, or occupant of the property or for a time period in excess of or in a manner other than that for which consent was given by such person. (Ord. 19, Series of 2011)

B. Where an owner or occupant of private property posts a sign, or marks the pavement stating conditions on which a motor vehicle may be parked or left on the property, or prohibiting the parking or leaving of a motor vehicle on the property, a motor vehicle parked or left on the property contrary to such conditions or prohibitions shall be deemed to have been parked or left without authority or consent. Said sign or marking shall:

1. Indicate, in not less than one inch (1") lettering on a sign, or twelve inch (12") lettering or symbols on the pavement, the limitation, prohibition, or fee schedule and method of payment;
2. Be located in or near the area where the limitation, prohibition or fee applies; and
3. Be located so as to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. (Ord. 7, Series of 2012)

C. No complaint shall issue for a violation of this section unless signed by the owner or lessee of the entire real property or any agent authorized by the owner or lessee.

D. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be subject to a fine not

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exceeding fifty dollars ($50.00).

9-1-6 : TRUCKS, OVERSIZED VEHICLES AND TRAILER PARKING PROHIBITED:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or stand a commercial trailer, semitrailer or trailer or to permit same to be parked on any public street, highway, road, alley or other right of way, whether attached to a motor vehicle or not, except when said trailer is being expeditiously used to render services, such as, but not limited to, deliveries, pick ups or construction activities, to property located within two hundred feet (200') of where said trailer is parked.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection [Repealed] 10-4-9(A)3 of this code, it shall be unlawful for any person to park or stand a dump truck, truck exceeding seven sixteen thousand (17,000) pounds' empty weight, commercial trailer, semitrailer or truck tractor, or to permit same to be parked anywhere within the City in any residential zone district, except when said vehicles are being expeditiously used to render services, such as, but not limited to, deliveries, pickups or construction activities, to property located within two hundred feet (200') of where said vehicle is parked.

C. It shall be unlawful to park or stand an oversized vehicle upon any street in any residential zone district, except when said vehicle is parked for the purposes of loading or unloading and so long as it is not so parked for periods in excess of forty eight (48) hours.

E. It shall be unlawful to park or permit to stand any recreational trailer or mobile home upon any street, highway, road, alley or other such right of way for more than forty eight (48) hours.

F. A certified copy from the State of Colorado of the registration of any vehicle, recreational trailer or trailer alleged to be in violation of any section of this Title or any section adopted by this Title shall be prima facie evidence of the ownership and empty weight of said vehicle, recreational trailer or trailer. Further, a prima facie presumption shall exist that the registered owner of the vehicle, recreational trailer or trailer alleged to be unlawfully parked, was the person who so parked, or permitted to be parked, said vehicle, recreational trailer or trailer.

G. Testimony that any truck tractor or truck alleged to be in violation of this Section has its company name, empty weight and Public Utilities Commission or Interstate Commerce Commission number printed thereon as required by law, shall constitute prima facie evidence of the ownership and empty weight of said vehicle.

H. Upon the application of a resident of the City, a special permit may be issued by the Department of Community Development for a nonresident journeying in an oversized vehicle used for recreational purposes, or a recreational trailer, to park such vehicle on the public right of way at the applicant's residence for not more than seven (7) days.

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The special permit shall specify the address where the vehicle will be parked and the expiration date of the permit, and shall be prominently displayed on the vehicle.

I. Definitions: For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

COMMERCIAL TRAILER: Any wheeled vehicle, without motive power, which is designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle and to carry its cargo load wholly upon its own structure and which is generally and commonly used to carry and transport property over the public highways and which is registered under the State's ton-mile tax laws.

DUMP TRUCK: A truck having a bed that tilts to dump its cargo or contents.

OVERSIZED VEHICLE: Any car, truck, van, recreational vehicle, or other motorized vehicle which exceeds seven feet in width or twenty two feet in length (7' x 22').

RECREATIONAL TRAILER OR MOBILE HOME: Any wheeled vehicle that is a single self-contained unit, without motive power, and is designed and generally and commonly used for occupancy by persons for residential purposes, in either temporary or permanent locations, and which may be drawn over the public highways by a motor vehicle or truck.

SEMITRAILER: Any wheeled vehicle, without motive power, that is designed to be used in conjunction with a truck tractor so that some part of its own weight and that of its cargo rests upon or is carried by such truck tractor, and is generally and commonly used to carry and transport property over the public highways.

TRAILER: Any wheeled vehicle, without motive power, that is designed to be drawn by a truck or motor vehicle and to carry its cargo load wholly upon its own structure and which is generally and commonly used to carry and transport property over the public highways.

TRUCK: Any motor vehicle equipped with a body designed to carry property and is generally and commonly used to carry and transport property over the public highways.

TRUCK TRACTOR: Any motor vehicle that is generally and commonly designed and used to draw a semitrailer and its cargo load over the public highways.
(Ord. 49, Series of 1984; amd. Ord. 31, Series of 1992)

9-1-7: Bikeways

A. Bikeways Created: Public streets and rights of way or portions thereof may be designated as bikeways. When marked by paint striping, reflective buttons, no parking signs, bikeway signs, or other traffic devices or signs, the portions so marked shall not be used for driving, parking, stopping, standing or turning of motorized vehicles, except when necessary, in accordance with subsection (B) herein. The City administration shall determine the

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location of bikeways and the appropriate type of marking on each street or right of way based upon good traffic engineering practice. (Ord. 13, Series of 1985)

B. Operation Of Motor Vehicles When Necessary To Cross Bikeways: Whenever a lane of traffic on any street or highway is indicated by pavement marking or by a sign, as being assigned solely as a bikeway or bike path, a driver may cross such lane to make a lawful turning movement yielding the right-of-way to bicyclists occupying such lane. Whenever a lane on any street or highway is indicated by pavement marking or by a sign as being assigned as a combined bikeway or bike path and vehicle parking lane, it shall be unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to occupy such combined lane except for the purpose of entering or leaving a parking space, or to reach traffic lanes on the other side of such lane, or to make lawful turning movements yielding the right-of-way to bicyclists occupying such lane.

9-1-8 : OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND RECREATION VEHICLES IN CERTAIN AREAS:

A. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

MOTOR VEHICLE: Any self-propelled vehicle which is designed primarily for travel on the public highways and which is generally and commonly used to transport persons and property over the public highways.

PERMIT: A letter on official stationery of the City which sets out the authorization to use specific property for the operation of certain motor vehicles and recreational vehicles within the City.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE: A self-propelled wheeled or tracked vehicle primarily designed to be operated for recreational purposes on land, or on land and water, other than roads or highways. This definition shall include, but is not limited to motorcycles, motor bikes, motor scooters, motor bicycles, trail bikes, mini-bikes, tote-goats, dune buggies, go-carts, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any licensed or unlicensed motor vehicle or recreational vehicle, whether registered or unregistered, in any of the following places, unless said property is posted for the specific use of motor vehicles and recreational vehicles as a recreational area:

1. On any public property within the corporate limits of the City unless such operation is specifically authorized by the City Manager or his designee. This provision is not intended to prevent the operation of motorized vehicles on these properties by a public employee or agent for the purpose of

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maintaining, repairing or patrolling said properties.

2. On any property located within the City and owned or maintained by the Counties of Arapahoe, Douglas, or Jefferson, except upon roadways specifically designated for the operation of motor vehicles, unless such operation is specifically authorized by the respective County Commissioners or their designee and a permit has been obtained therefor.

3. On any park land or other property located within the City and owned or maintained by South Suburban Park and Recreation District except upon roadways specifically designated for the operation of motor vehicles, unless such operation is specifically authorized by the executive director or his designee and a permit has been obtained therefor.

4. On any property located within the City owned or maintained by Arapahoe County School District No. Littleton Public Schools or any college or university, except upon roadways specifically designated for the operation of motor vehicles, except where such operation is specifically authorized by the superintendent or chief executive officer of said school or school district or his designee and a permit has been obtained therefor. This prohibition shall not apply to the movement of school buses or other vehicles duly authorized to be operated or moved in or upon any school grounds.

5. On any railroad right of way.

6. On any private property within the city, except by the property owner only, unless said property is conspicuously posted at least every two hundred fifty feet (250') designating said property as a motor vehicle and recreational vehicle area or park. The city manager or his designated representative shall issue a permit for such use and may set out rules and regulations for said usage that may be in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the users and the citizens of the city. Said permit shall set forth the effective date of said use, hours of said use, the name of the property owner or his agent, and any specific conditions attached to said permit. A copy of said order is to be delivered to the Littleton police department prior to the effective date of said authorization, together with a telephone number where the property owner or his agent may be reached on a twenty-four (24) hour basis.

7. On any other publicly or privately owned parks, ball fields, recreation areas, bike trails, horse trails, lake areas, easements, sidewalks, areas dedicated to or commonly used for pedestrian traffic.

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8. Nothing in this section is intended to prevent the lawful operation of any motor vehicle or recreational vehicle on any public street, highway or alley in accordance with other applicable ordinances of the city or statutes of the state.

C. It shall be unlawful for the parent or legal guardian of any person under the age of eighteen (18) to permit such minor to act in violation of the provisions of this section.

D. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars ($300.00).

9-1-9 : SPEED HUMPS:

A. Speed humps are hereby declared to be permissible roadway design features in the city.

B. Speed humps may only be constructed on residential streets within the city when the posted speed limit is no greater than thirty (30) miles per hour. Speed humps shall not rise more than four inches (4") above the normal pavement surface and shall have a chord distance (width) of at least twelve feet (12') in the direction of vehicular traffic. Further, the placement, construction, marking and removal of speed humps shall be done in conformance with the procedures and criteria adopted by the city manager as authorized in subsection (C) of this section.

C. The city manager is hereby authorized to promulgate procedures and criteria for determining when or if speed humps are warranted in any particular residential location, the methods by which they are to be constructed or when warranted removed, and criteria concerning the signing and marking of speed humps so as to give the public reasonable notice of their presence. Such procedures and criteria shall be based upon a consideration by the city manager of factors such as, but not limited to:

1. The needs and desires of residents.
2. An evaluation of traffic conditions and road usage information.
3. An evaluation of roadway dimensions and conditions.
4. An evaluation of the neighborhood as to such factors as, for example, the proximity of schools, churches, playgrounds, residences, daycare centers, crosswalks, businesses, etc.

(Ord. 11, Series of 1989; amd. Ord. 6, Series of 1996)

9-1-10 : RESERVED:
(Ord. 103, Series of 2015)

9-1-11 : NEIGHBORHOOD PERMIT PARKING ZONES:

A. Permit Parking Permissible: Upon receipt of a request signed by at least fifty

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percent (50%) of property owners of an area proposing a neighborhood permit parking zone, the city manager or designee will conduct studies to determine if a neighborhood permit parking zone should be established in that neighborhood, and what its boundaries should be. The city manager or designee may, if the city manager or designee concludes it is in the public interest to do so, initiate this process without any request. The city manager or designee may consider, without limitation, the extent to which parking spaces are occupied during working or other hours, the extent to which parked vehicles are registered to persons not apparently residing within the neighborhood, the impact that businesses and facilities located within or outside the neighborhood have upon neighborhood parking within the neighborhood, such other factors as the city manager or designee deems relevant to determine whether parking by nonresidents of the neighborhood substantially impacts the ability of residents of the proposed permit parking zone to park their vehicles on the streets of the proposed zone with reasonable convenience, and the extent to which a neighborhood permit parking zone would significantly reduce this impact. The city manager or designee shall also determine the need for reasonable public access to parking in the area, and the manner and extent that it should be provided, along with the hours and days on which parking restrictions should apply. No such parking restrictions shall apply on Sundays or holidays.

B. Permit Parking Zone Proposal: If the city manager or designee determines that establishing a neighborhood permit parking zone is in the public interest, or that altering an existing residential parking zone is in the public interest, the city manager or designee shall prepare a proposal for the zone, specifying the boundaries, the hours and days on which parking restrictions will apply, and the provisions, if any, for nonresident permit parking. The city manager or designee may hold such public meetings as he deems advisable to assist in formulating such proposal.

C. Traffic Control Devices: Upon establishment of a zone, the city manager or designee shall, subject to the availability of funds appropriated for the purpose, install the necessary traffic control devices within the zone and issue neighborhood parking zone permits.

D. Additional Standards If Warranted: The city manager or designee may promulgate additional procedures and criteria, not inconsistent with those set out in this section, which must be met before a neighborhood permit parking zone is designated or an established zone modified.

E. Program Monitoring: The city manager or designee shall monitor the neighborhood permit parking zone program and provide a report on the program if requested by city council.

F. Parking Permit Issuance, Use, Revocation And Fees:

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1. Upon designation of a neighborhood permit parking zone, residents living within the defined zone shall obtain a parking permit prior to parking any vehicle on public streets during the days and times parking restrictions are in effect within such a zone.

2. Application for parking permit shall be made to the city manager or designee. The applicant shall be required to show proof of residency within the zone in the form of a valid Colorado driver's license, a prior year's property tax statement for property within the zone, or a valid lease for a residence or property within the zone or another proof of residency deemed appropriate by the city manager or designee. For each vehicle that the application is requesting a permit, the applicant shall provide a current Colorado vehicle registration which shall include the same address of the applicant's place of residency.

3. Applicants deemed eligible to receive parking permits shall also receive two (2) guest parking permits. Guest parking permits shall be indelibly marked with the address associated with the primary parking permit and shall be valid for the same term as the primary parking permit. No more than two (2) guest parking permits may be issued to the occupants of a single-family residence. Guest parking permits shall be displayed upon the dashboard or rearview mirror of the vehicle while it is parked within the neighborhood permit parking zone. The city manager or designee may define by additional policy the circumstances under which additional guest permits may be issued in cases of reasonable need consistent with residential use of the dwelling.

4. Upon application to the city manager or designee, any person licensed or registered as a contractor in the city may obtain at no cost a reasonable number of temporary contractor permits for the vehicles of the contractor and the contractor's employees for the period of time that the contractor is engaged in work within a neighborhood permit parking zone for which a city building permit has been issued and a parking permit has been issued under subsection (F)2 of this section. Temporary contractor parking permits issued under this section shall be indelibly marked with the address associated with the primary parking permit/the address where the permitted work is occurring and shall be valid only for the duration of the permitted construction activity. Temporary contractor parking permits shall be displayed upon the dashboard or rearview mirror of the vehicle while it is parked within the neighborhood permit parking zone. The city manager or designee may promulgate additional procedures and criteria pertaining to the issuance of such temporary contractor permits.

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5. A vehicle displaying a lawfully issued permit pursuant to this section may be parked in the zone specified in the permit without regard to the time limits, if any, prescribed for the zone. The permit shall not be construed as authority to violate, cancel or set aside any other provisions of this code, including any other provisions relating to parking within the city.

6. Parking permits issued under this section shall be valid for two (2) years from issuance, except that permits shall immediately expire once the owner or lessee of the vehicle no longer resides within the zone or no longer owns or leases the vehicle in which the permit is affixed.

7. If the permit or the portion of the vehicle to which a parking permit has been affixed is damaged such that it must be replaced, the permittee, upon application therefor, shall be issued a replacement at a prorated cost, if any. The city manager or designee may require display of the damaged permit before a new permit is issued.

8. The city manager or designee may suspend or revoke any permit issued pursuant to this section that the city manager or designee deems misused. Revocation shall bar the permittee from holding any permit under this chapter for a period of one year thereafter.

G. Neighborhood Permit Parking Zone: Any neighborhood permit parking zone in existence as of the date of adoption hereof shall remain in effect for five (5) years following such adoption and, prior to the expiration of such five (5) year period, the city manager or designee shall reevaluate the need for such neighborhood permit parking zone.

H. Neighborhood Parking Permit Fees: Neighborhood parking permit fees, if any, shall be based upon the administrative costs associated with the program and shall be established by resolution of the city council.
(Ord. 25, Series of 2014)

9-1-12 : TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS:

A. Civil Matters: All traffic infractions are deemed and shall constitute civil matters and are not criminal violations.

B. Jury Trial; Penalty: In accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes section 13-10-114 and rule 223, municipal court rules of procedure a defendant brought to trial solely upon a traffic infraction shall have no right to a trial by jury. Trials of all traffic infractions shall be to the court. Any defendant charged with both a traffic infraction and traffic offense shall have a right to a trial by jury on all violations contained within the summons. No defendant found liable for a traffic infraction shall be punished by imprisonment for such traffic infraction.

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C. Failure To Appear: In no event should a bench warrant be issued for the arrest of any person who fails to appear for a hearing on a traffic infraction. Any failure to appear shall result in the entry of an outstanding judgment against such person.

D. Definitions:

TRAFFIC INFRACTION: Every violation of any provision of this chapter relating to traffic or any provision of the model traffic code, as adopted in section 9-1-1 of this chapter or amended by the city, except those traffic violations defined as traffic offenses.

TRAFFIC OFFENSE: The following offenses as set forth in this chapter or in the model traffic code as adopted and amended by the city:

1. Sec. 1903: Stopping For School Buses.
2. Secs. 1101, 1102, 1103: Basic [Speed] Rule--decrease of speed limits--increase of speed limits (only where the speed alleged is greater than 24 miles per hour over the posted speed limit).
3. Sec. 1105: Speed Contests.
4. Sec. 1401: Reckless Driving.
5. Sec. 1402: Careless Driving.
6. Sec. 509: Vehicles Weighed, Excess Removed.
7. Sec. 233: Alteration Of Suspension System.
8. Sec. 1413: Eluding Or Attempting To Elude Police Officer.
9. Sec. 1409: Compulsory Insurance.
10. Sec. 107: Obedience To Police Officers.
11. Sec. 235: Minimum Standards For Commercial Vehicles.

TRAFFIC VIOLATION: Any violation of this chapter, whether or not such violation is a traffic infraction or traffic offense. (Ord. 5, Series of 2009)

E. Penalties: The following penalties, as provided by section 1-4-1 of this code, shall apply to all traffic violations:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions in this chapter.
2. Traffic infractions shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000.00).
3. Traffic offenses shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed two thousand six hundred fifty dollars ($2,650.00), or by imprisonment not to exceed three hundred sixty-four (364) days, or by such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. 16, Series of 2012)

(Ord. 13, Series of 2020)

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Effective on: 5/5/2020

9-1-13 : RED LIGHT CAMERAS:

A. The city is hereby authorized to use red light cameras at signalized intersections within the city to detect violations of section 603 of the 2024 edition of the model traffic code of Colorado. (Ord. 13, Series of 2010)

B. Provisions for the enforcement of violations shall be in accordance with the 2024 provisions of the Model Traffic Code.

9-1-14 : APPLICATION:

This chapter shall apply to every street, alley, sidewalk area, driveway, park, and to every other public way or public place or public parking area, either within or outside the corporate limits of this municipality or county, the use of which this municipality or county has jurisdiction and authority to regulate. The provisions of sections 1401, 1402, 1402.5 of the adopted model traffic code, and concerning reckless driving, careless driving, eluding a police officer, and accidents and accident reports shall apply not only to public places and ways but also throughout this municipality.

Section 2: Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.

Section 3: Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Littleton on the ___ day of _____, 2024, passed on first reading by a vote of ___ FOR and ___ AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the __ day of

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_____, 2024, in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of ___ FOR and ___ AGAINST on the ___ day of _____, 2024 and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

ATTEST:

_____
Colleen L. Norton
CITY CLERK

_____
Kyle Schlachter
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Reid Betzing
CITY ATTORNEY

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MODEL TRAFFIC CODE

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FORWARD

Because of the significant mobility of today's traffic and the influx of motorists from many areas, every driver has a right to expect the rules governing the movement of vehicles and pedestrians on streets and highways are clearly defined and reasonably uniform throughout the state and the nation.

The General Assembly of the State of Colorado has recognized that conflicts between the state's traffic laws and municipal traffic ordinances lead to inconsistencies in the movement of traffic and has strengthened the requirements for uniformity of traffic regulations in the following terms:

"This article constitutes the uniform traffic code throughout the state and in all political subdivisions and municipalities therein". (Source: 42- 4-110 (1), C.R.S.)
"All local authorities may, in the manner prescribed in article 16 of title 31, C.R.S., or in article 15 of title 30, C.R.S., adopt by reference all or any part of a model traffic code which embodies the rules of the road and vehicle requirements set forth in this article and such other additional regulations as are provided for in section 42-4-111; except that, in the case of state highways, any such additional regulations shall have the approval of the department of transportation". (Source: 42-4-110 (1)(b), C.R.S.)
"No local authority shall adopt, enact, or enforce on any street which is a state highway any ordinance, rule, or resolution which alters or changes the meaning of the "rules of the road" or is otherwise in conflict with the provisions of this article. For the purpose of this section, the "rules of the road" shall be construed to mean any of the regulations on the operation of vehicles set forth in this article which drivers throughout the state are required to obey without the benefit or necessity of official traffic control devices as declared in section 42-4-603 (2)." (Source: 42- 4-110(1)(c), C.R.S.)

These provisions leave little doubt that the basic driving rules are expected to be uniform statewide for the protection of Colorado drivers and pedestrians. If state laws and local government traffic codes are to serve their purpose they must complement one another and be given the widest possible publicity as companion documents.

The National Committee on Uniform Traffic Laws and Ordinances points out that it is not the proper purpose of traffic legislation to impose unnecessary or unreasonable restrictions on street or highway traffic, but to ensure, as far as this can be done by law and its enforcement, that traffic shall move smoothly, efficiently and safely; that no legitimate user of the street or highway, whether in a vehicle or on foot, shall be killed, injured or frustrated in such use by the improper behavior of others.

Through the cooperative efforts of both state and local governments, the "Model Traffic Code for Colorado" has been developed to make available a specimen set of motor vehicle and traffic regulations that track state law.

Section 42-4-105, C.R.S., states that all traffic control devices placed or maintained by local authorities shall conform to the most recent edition of the federal "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" (MUTCD) and the state supplement thereto.

Traffic regulatory areas preempted by state law have not been made part of the Code. Local governments are urged to bring their traffic ordinances into harmony with the current Code.

Local governments that adopt the Code by reference are cautioned not to make any changes or additions which are in conflict with state law. However, the adopting local governments are at liberty to delete any parts, articles, or sections which are deemed to be inapplicable. A specimen ordinance and specimen public notices for adopting the Code by reference will be found in the Appendix.

The following official state documents work in tandem to provide a uniform system of traffic regulation and accepted traffic engineering practices for greater operational efficiency and safety:

- Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), Title 42, Article 4 - Uniform traffic code for the State of Colorado. Updated periodically to correlate with national model legislation.
- Model Traffic Code for Colorado – Model ordinance embodies provisions of Colorado Law applicable to driving in municipalities and counties in a form that can be adopted by reference.
- Colorado Drivers Manual – Drivers' handbooks authorized by Colorado statute. Issued by the Colorado Department of Revenue (Division of Motor Vehicles). Traffic control text and illustrations developed by the Colorado Department of Transportation.
- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) – Manual of Federal Highway Administration approved traffic control devices. Updated periodically and adopted by the Transportation Commission as required by Colorado Law.

PART 1
TRAFFIC REGULATION - GENERALLY

101. Short title.

102. Legislative declaration.

103. Scope and effect of Code – exceptions to provisions.

(1) This Code constitutes the model traffic code throughout this jurisdiction.

(2) The provisions of this Code relating to the operation of vehicles and the movement of pedestrians refer exclusively to the use of streets and highways except:

(a) Where a different place is specifically referred to in a given section;

(b) For provisions of sections 1401, 1402 and 1413 of this Code which shall apply upon streets and highways and elsewhere throughout the jurisdiction.

104. Adoption of traffic control manual.

- See *Appendices Part A.*

105. Local traffic control devices.

Local authorities shall place and maintain such traffic control devices upon highways under their jurisdiction as they may deem necessary to indicate and to carry out the provisions of this Code or local traffic ordinances or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic, subject in the case of state highways to the provisions of sections 42-4-110 and 43-2-135 (1) (g), C.R.S. All such traffic control devices shall conform to the state manual and specifications for statewide uniformity as provided in section 42-4-104, C.R.S.

106. Who may restrict right to use highways.

(1) Local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction may by ordinance or resolution prohibit the operation of vehicles upon any such highway or impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated upon any such highway, for a total period of not to exceed ninety days in any one calendar year, whenever any said highway by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or the permissible weights thereof reduced.

(2) After enacting any such ordinance signs designating the permissible weights shall be erected and maintained.

(3) Local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may also, by ordinance or resolution:

(a) Prohibit the operation of trucks or commercial vehicles on designated highways;

(b) Impose limitations as to the weight of trucks or commercial vehicles if the limitations are designated by appropriate signs placed on the highway;

(c) Prohibit the operation of motor or off-highway vehicles upon a roughed-in road when necessary for the protection and safety of the public; or

(d)(I) When snow-packed conditions exist on a highway or for a continuous seasonal period designated by the local authority when snow-packed conditions are, as determined by the local authority, likely to exist on a highway, designate all or a portion of a highway for over-snow use only, which the local jurisdiction may further limit to travel by human-powered or animal-powered means, or both.

(II) As used in this subsection (3)(d), "over-snow use" means travel on top of snow by human-powered or animal-powered means or by an off-highway vehicle that is primarily designed or altered for use over snow and runs without tires on a continuous belt track or on one or more skis while in use over snow. ~~This local government, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, may also, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles on designated highways or may impose limitations as to the weight thereof, which prohibitions and limitations shall be designated by appropriate signs placed on such highways.~~

(III) Nothing in this subsection (3)(d) affects or limits the provisions of section 33-14-110 governing the operation of snowmobiles on any county road, city street, or highway.

(IV) When wheeled winter access is requested along a highway, nothing in this subsection (3)(d) prohibits a local authority from entering into private winter maintenance agreements and such requests shall be considered.

(4) The department of transportation shall likewise have authority as granted in this section to local authorities to determine by resolution and to impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles operated upon any highway under the jurisdiction of said department, and such restrictions shall be effective when signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the highways or portion of any highway affected by such resolution.

(4.5) (a) The department of transportation has authority to close any portion of a state highway to public travel.

(b) (I) A person who operates a motor vehicle or vehicle combination over thirty-five feet in length on state highway 82 between mile markers 47 and 72 in violation of a closure under paragraph (a) of this subsection (4.5) is subject to an enhanced penalty as set forth in section 1701 (4) (a) (I) (F).

(II) A person who operates a motor vehicle or vehicle combination over thirty-five feet in length on state highway 82 between mile markers 47 and 72 in violation of a closure under paragraph (a) of this subsection (4.5) where the result of the violation is an incident that causes the closure of a travel lane in one or both directions, is subject to an enhanced penalty as set forth in section 1701 (4)(a)(I)(F).

(5) (a) (I)

(A) The department of transportation may close any portion of a state highway for public use during dangerous driving conditions, during construction or maintenance operations, or when necessary for the protection and safety of the public.

(B) When icy or snow-packed conditions exist on the highway, the department of transportation may restrict travel on or use of any portion of a state highway by any motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle is equipped with the following: Tire chains or an alternate traction device; four-wheel drive with tires that have a tread depth of at least three sixteenths of an inch and that are adequate for the conditions; all-wheel drive with tires that have a tread depth of at least three sixteenths of an inch and that are adequate for the conditions; or tires that are imprinted by a manufacturer with a mountain-snowflake, "MS", "M+S", or "M/S" symbol or that are all-weather rated by the manufacturer and that have a tread depth of at least three sixteenths of an inch.

(C) A closure or restriction under this subsection (5) is effective when signs, including temporary or electronic signs, that notify the public of the closure or restriction are erected upon the highway, and the restriction in subsection (5)(a)(I)(B) of this section is effective on interstate 70 between milepost 133 (Dotsero) and milepost 259 (Morrison) from September 1 through May 31 of each year. It is unlawful to proceed when a state highway is closed or to proceed when a restriction is in effect without the equipment required by this subsection (5).

(D) The Colorado state patrol shall cooperate with the department of transportation in the enforcement of a closing or restriction under this subsection (5).

(E) The driver of a commercial vehicle with four or more drive wheels, other than a bus, shall affix tire chains to at least four of the drive wheel tires when the vehicle is required to be equipped with tire chains under this subsection (5). The driver of a bus shall affix tire chains to at least two of the drive wheel tires when the vehicle is required to be equipped with tire chains under this subsection (5).

(F) A person who violates this subsection (5)(a)(I) commits a traffic infraction and is subject to the penalties in section 42-4-1701 (4)(a)(I)(F).

(II) Any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of restrictions imposed by the department of transportation or the state patrol under subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a), where the result of the violation is an incident that causes the closure of a travel lane in one or both directions, shall be subject to an enhanced penalty as set forth in section 42-4-1701 (4)(a)(I)(F).

(III) A person who violates subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a) while operating a commercial vehicle shall be subject to an enhanced penalty as set forth in section 42-4-1701 (4)(a)(I)(F).

(IV) A person who violates subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a) while operating a commercial vehicle and the violation causes a closure in a travel lane shall be subject to an enhanced penalty as set forth in section 42-4-1701 (4)(a)(I)(F).

(V) If a fine is enhanced under subparagraphs (III) and (IV) of this paragraph (a), the portion of the fine that exceeds the fine imposed under subparagraph (I) for an enhancement

under subparagraph (III), or subparagraph (II) for an enhancement under subparagraph (IV), that is allocated to the state by sections 42-1-217 and 43-4-205, C.R.S., shall be transferred to the state treasurer, who shall deposit it in the highway construction workers' safety account within the highway users tax fund created by section 42-4-1701 (4)(c)(II)(B), to be continuously appropriated to the department of transportation for work zone safety equipment, signs, and law enforcement.

(VI) Subparagraphs (III) and (IV) of this paragraph (a) shall not apply to a tow operator who is towing a motor vehicle or traveling to a site from which a motor vehicle shall be towed.

(VII) The Colorado department of transportation shall identify an appropriate place for commercial vehicles to apply chains, if necessary, to comply with subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a) and provide adequate notice to commercial vehicle operators of such places.

(b) The transportation commission may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this subsection (5).

(c) As used in this subsection (5):

(I) "Alternate traction device" means a device that is approved by the Colorado department of transportation as capable of providing traction comparable to that of metal chains or tire cables under similar conditions.

(II) "Equipped" means that a motor vehicle uses or carries the appropriate traction equipment for icy or snow-packed conditions.

(III) "Tire chains" means metal chains consisting of two circular metal loops, one on each side of the tire, connected by no fewer than nine evenly spaced chains across the tire tread.

(6)(a) Local authorities may, within their respective jurisdictions, for the purpose of road construction and maintenance, temporarily close to through traffic or to all vehicular traffic any highway or portion thereof for a period not to exceed a specified number of workdays for project completion and shall, in conjunction with any such road closure, establish appropriate detours or provide for an alternative routing of the traffic affected when, in the opinion of concerned local authorities, as evidenced by resolution or ordinance, such temporary closing of the highway or portion thereof and the rerouting of traffic is necessary for traffic safety and for the protection of work crews and road equipment. Such temporary closing of the highway or portion thereof and the routing of traffic along other roads shall not become effective until official traffic control devices are erected giving notice of the restrictions, and, when such devices are in place, no driver shall disobey the instructions or directions thereof.

(b) Local authorities, within their respective jurisdictions, may provide for the temporary closing to vehicular traffic of any portion of a highway during a specified period of the day for the purpose of celebrations, parades, and special local events or civil functions when in the opinion of said authorities such temporary closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the highway during the temporary closing.

(c) Local authorities shall enter in to agreements with one another for the establishment, signing and marking of appropriate detours and alternative routes which jointly affect local road

systems and which are necessary to carry out the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection (6). Any temporary closing of the street which is a state highway and any rerouting of state highway traffic shall have the approval of the department before such closing becomes effective.

(7) A person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

107. Obedience to police officers.

No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer invested by law with authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

108. Public officers to obey provisions - exceptions for emergency vehicles.

(1) The provisions of this Code applicable to the drivers of vehicles upon the highways shall apply to the drivers of all vehicles owned or operated by the United States, this state, or any county, city, town, district, or other political subdivision of the state, subject to such specific exceptions as are set forth in this Code with reference to authorized emergency vehicles.

(2) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the privileges set forth in this section, but subject to the conditions stated in this Code. The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may:

(a) Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this Code or State law;

(b) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;

(c) Exceed the lawful speeds set forth in section 1101(2) or exceed the maximum lawful speed limits set forth in section 1101 (8) so long as said driver does not endanger life or property;

(d) Disregard regulations governing directions of movement or turning in specified directions.

(3) The exemptions and conditions provided in paragraphs (b) to (d), in their entirety, of subsection (2) of this section for an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when such vehicle is making use of audible or visual signals meeting the requirements of section 213, and the exemption granted in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section shall apply only when such vehicle is making use of visual signals meeting the requirements of section 213 unless using such visual signals would cause an obstruction to the normal flow of traffic; except that an authorized emergency vehicle being operated as a police vehicle while in actual pursuit of a suspected violator of any provision of this title need not display or make use of audible or visual signals so long as such pursuit is being made to obtain verification of or evidence of the guilt of the suspected violator. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require an emergency vehicle to make use of audible signals when such vehicle is not moving, whether or not the vehicle is occupied.

(4) The provisions of this section shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of such driver's reckless disregard for the safety of others.

109. Low-power scooters, animals, skis, skates, and toy vehicles on highways.

(1) A person riding a low-power scooter upon a roadway where low-power scooter travel is permitted shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties and penalties applicable to the driver of a vehicle as set forth in this Code except those provisions of this Code that, by their very nature, can have no application.

(2) A person riding a low-power scooter shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

(3) No low-power scooter shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(4) No person riding upon any low-power scooter, coaster, roller skates, sled, or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

(5) A person operating a low-power scooter upon a roadway shall ride as close to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(6) Persons riding low-power scooters upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast.

(6.5) A person under the age of eighteen years may not operate or carry a passenger who is under eighteen years of age on a low-power scooter unless the person and the passenger are wearing protective helmets in accordance with the provisions of section 1502 (4.5) of this Code.

(7) For the sake of uniformity and bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, and low-power scooter safety throughout the state, the department of revenue in cooperation with the department of transportation shall prepare and make available to all local jurisdictions for distribution to bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter and low-power scooter riders a digest of state regulations explaining and illustrating the rules of the road, equipment requirements, and traffic control devices that are applicable to ~~such~~ the riders and their bicycles, electrical assisted bicycles, electric scooters, or low-power scooters. Local authorities may supplement this digest with a leaflet describing any additional regulations of a local nature that apply within their respective jurisdictions.

(8) Persons riding or leading animals on or along any highway shall ride or lead such animals on the left side of said highway, facing approaching traffic. This shall not apply to persons driving herds of animals along highways.

(9) No person shall use the highways for traveling on skis, toboggans, coasting sleds, skates, or similar devices. It is unlawful for any person to use any roadway of this state as a sled or ski course for the purpose of coasting on sleds, skis, or similar devices. It is also unlawful for any person upon roller skates or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle, or similar

device to go upon any roadway except while crossing a highway in a crosswalk, and when so crossing such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to pedestrians. This subsection (9) does not apply to any public way which is set aside by proper authority as a play street and which is adequately roped off or otherwise marked for such purpose or to any highway or portion of a highway designated for over-snow use only by a local authority pursuant to section 42-4-106(3)(d).~~(9) No person shall use the highways for traveling on skis, toboggans, coasting sleds, skates, or similar devices. It is unlawful for any person to use any roadway of this state as a sled or ski course for the purpose of coasting on sleds, skis, or similar devices. It is also unlawful for any person upon roller skates or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device to go upon any roadway except while crossing a highway in a crosswalk, and when so crossing such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to pedestrians. This subsection (9) does not apply to any public way which is set aside by proper authority as a play street and which is adequately roped off or otherwise marked for such purpose.~~

(10) Every person riding or leading an animal or driving any animal-drawn conveyance upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this Code, except those provisions of this Code which by their very nature can have no application.

(11) Where suitable bike paths, horseback trails, or other trails have been established on the right-of-way or parallel to and within one-fourth mile of the right-of-way of heavily traveled streets and highways, the department of transportation may, subject to the provisions of section 43-2-135~~, C.R.S.~~, by resolution or order entered in its minutes, and local authorities may, where suitable bike paths, horseback trails, or other trails have been established on the right-of-way or parallel to it within four hundred fifty feet of the right-of-way of heavily traveled streets, by ordinance, determine and designate, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, those heavily traveled streets and highways upon which shall be prohibited any bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, animal rider, animal-drawn conveyance, or other class or kind of nonmotorized traffic that is found to be incompatible with the normal and safe movement of traffic, and, upon such a determination, the department of transportation or local authority shall erect appropriate official signs giving notice ~~thereof~~of the prohibition; except that, with respect to controlled access highways, section 1010 (3) ~~shall apply~~applies. When ~~such~~ the official signs are erected, ~~no~~ a person shall not violate any of the instructions contained ~~thereon~~on the official signs.

(12) The parent of any child or guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any child or ward to violate any provision of this section.

(13) (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (13), any person who violates a provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

(b) Any person who violates subsection (6.5) of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

109.5. Low-speed electric vehicles.

(1) (a) A low-speed electric vehicle may be operated only on a roadway that has a speed limit equal to or less than thirty-five miles per hour; except that it may be operated to directly cross a roadway that has a speed limit greater than thirty-five miles per hour at an at-grade crossing to continue traveling along a roadway with a speed limit equal to or less than thirty-five miles per hour.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), a low-speed electric vehicle may be operated on a state highway that has a speed limit equal to forty miles per hour or cross a roadway with a speed limit equal to forty miles per hour to cross at-grade, if:

(I) Such roadway's lane width is eleven feet or greater;

(II) Such roadway provides two or more lanes in either direction; and

(III) The Colorado department of transportation has determined, in consultation with local government and law enforcement, upon the basis of a traffic investigation, survey, appropriate design standards, or projected volumes, that the operation of a low-speed electric vehicle on the roadway poses no substantial safety risk or hazard to motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, or other persons.

(2) No person shall operate a low-speed electric vehicle on a limited-access highway.

(3) Any person who violates subsection (1) or (2) of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

109.6. Class B low-speed electric vehicles - effective date - rules.

(1) A class B low speed electric vehicle may be operated only on a roadway that has a speed limit equal to or less than forty-five miles per hour; except that it may be operated to directly cross a roadway that has a speed limit greater than forty-five miles per hour at an at-grade crossing to continue traveling along a roadway with a speed limit equal to or less than forty-five miles per hour.

(2) No person shall operate a class B low speed electric vehicle on a limited-access highway.

(3) Any person who violates subsection (1) or (2) of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

(4) For the purposes of this section, “class B low-speed electric vehicle” means a low-speed electric vehicle that is capable of traveling at greater than twenty-five miles per hour but less than forty-five miles per hour.

(5) (a) The department of revenue shall not register or issue a title for a class B low-speed electric vehicle until after the United States department of transportation, through the national highway traffic safety administration, has adopted a federal motor vehicle safety standard for low-speed electric vehicles that authorizes operation at greater than twenty-five miles per hour but less than forty-five miles per hour.

(b) After the United States department of transportation, through the national highway traffic safety administration, has adopted a federal motor vehicle safety standard for low-speed electric vehicles that authorizes operation at greater than twenty-five miles per hour but less than forty-five miles per hour, the department of revenue shall promulgate rules authorizing the operation of class B low-speed electric vehicles in compliance with this section and shall notify the revisor of statutes in writing. Upon the promulgation of rules authorizing the operation of such vehicles, subsections (1) to (3) of this section shall take effect.

(6) The Colorado department of transportation may regulate the operation of a class B low-speed electric vehicle on a state highway located outside of a municipality. The regulation shall take effect when the Colorado department of transportation places an appropriate sign that provides adequate notice of the regulation.

110. Provisions uniform throughout jurisdiction.

(1) The provisions of this Code shall be applicable and uniform throughout this state and in all political subdivisions and municipalities therein. Local governments shall regulate and enforce all traffic and parking restrictions on streets which are state highways as provided in section 43-2-135 (1)(g), C.R.S. All local authorities may enact and enforce traffic regulations on other roads and streets within their respective jurisdictions. All such regulations shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) All local governments may enact, adopt, or enforce traffic regulations which cover the same subject matter as the various sections of this Code or state law and such additional regulations as are included in section 111, except as otherwise stated in paragraphs (c) to (e) of this subsection (1).

(b) All local authorities may, in the manner prescribed in article 16 of title 31, C.R.S. or in article 15 of title 30, C.R.S., adopt by reference all or any part of a model traffic code which embodies the rules of the road and vehicle requirements set forth in this article and such additional regulations as are provided for in section 111; except that in the case of state highways, any such additional regulation shall have the approval of the department of transportation.

(c) No local authority shall adopt, enact, or enforce on any street which is a state highway any ordinance, rule, or resolution which alters or changes the meaning of any of the "rules of the road" or is otherwise in conflict with the provisions of this article. For the purpose of this section, the "rules of the road" shall be construed to mean any of the regulations on the operation of vehicles set forth in this article which drivers throughout the state are required to obey without the benefit or necessity of official traffic control devices as declared in section 603(2)

(d) In no event shall local authorities have the power to enact by ordinance regulations governing the driving of vehicles by persons under the influence of alcohol or of a controlled substance as defined in section 18-18-102(5), C.R.S., or under the influence of any other drug to

a degree that renders any such person incapable of safely operating a vehicle, or whose ability to operate a vehicle is impaired by the consumption of alcohol or by the use of a controlled substance as defined in section 18-18-102(5), C.R.S., or any other drug, the registration of vehicles and the licensing of drivers, the duties and obligations of persons involved in traffic accidents, and vehicle equipment requirements in conflict with the provisions of this article; but said local authorities within their respective jurisdictions shall enforce the state laws pertaining to these subjects, and in every charge of violation the complaint shall specify the section of state law under which the charge is made and the state court having jurisdiction.

(2) The municipal courts have jurisdiction over violations of traffic regulations enacted or adopted by municipalities. However, the provisions of sections 42-4-1701, 42-4-1705, and 42-4-1707 shall not be applicable to municipalities.

(3) No person convicted of or pleading guilty to a violation of a municipal traffic ordinance shall be charged or tried in a state court for the same or similar offense.

(4) (a) Any local government located within the program area of the AIR program area as defined in section 304 may adopt ordinances or resolutions pertaining to the enforcement of the emissions control inspection requirements set forth in section 310.

(b) An officer coming upon an unattended vehicle in the program area which is in apparent violation of an ordinance or resolution adopted as authorized in paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) may place upon such a vehicle a penalty assessment notice indicating the offense and direction the owner or operator of such vehicle a penalty assessment notice indicating the offense and directing the owner or operator of such vehicle to remit the penalty assessment as set forth in such ordinance to the local jurisdiction in whose name the penalty assessment notice was issued.

(c) The aggregate amount of fines, penalties, or forfeitures collected pursuant to ordinances or resolutions adopted as authorized in paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) shall be retained by the local jurisdiction in whose name such penalty notice was issued.

(5) The general assembly declares that the adjudication of class A and class B traffic infractions through the county court magistrate system was not intended to create a conflict between the provisions of this article and municipal ordinances covering the same subject matter as this article nor was it intended to require or prohibit the decriminalization of municipal ordinances covering the same subject matter as this article. Municipalities may continue to enforce violations of such ordinances through municipal court even though similar state offenses are enforced through the magistrate system established under this article.

(6) (a) The general assembly hereby finds that the use of automated driving systems will help people who may have difficulty driving, including people who are elderly and people with disabilities, gain access to goods and services essential to daily life. This access requires traveling across and in multiple jurisdictions. Therefore, the regulation of automated driving systems is a matter of statewide concern.

(b) A state agency or a political subdivision of the state shall not adopt or enforce a policy, rule, or ordinance that sets standards for an automated driving system that are different from the standards set for a human driver.

110.5. Automated vehicle identification systems – legislative declaration - exceptions to liability - penalty - limits on use of photographs and video - definitions. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that the enforcement of traffic laws through the use of automated vehicle identification systems under this section is a matter of statewide concern and is an area in which uniform state standards are necessary.

(1.4) Nothing in this section applies to the use of automated vehicle identification systems for the purpose of collecting tolls, fees, or civil penalties in accordance with part 5 of article 4 of title 43 and section 43-4-808.

(1.5) Except as set out in (1.7), nothing in this section ~~shall apply to~~applies to a violation detected by an automated vehicle identification ~~device~~ system for driving twenty-five miles per hour or more in excess of the reasonable and prudent speed or twenty-five miles per hour or more in excess of the maximum speed limit of seventy-five miles per hour detected by the use of an automated vehicle identification ~~device~~system.

(1.7)(a)(I) Upon request from the department of transportation, the department of public safety shall utilize an automated vehicle identification system to detect speeding violations under part 11 of this article 4 within a highway maintenance, repair, or construction zone designated pursuant to section 42-4-614(1)(a), if the department of public safety complies with subsections (2) to (6) of this section. An automated vehicle identification system shall not be used under this subsection (1.7) unless maintenance, repair, or construction is occurring at the time the system is being used.

(II) The department of public safety may contract with a vendor to implement this subsection (1.7), including to:

(A) Notify violators;

(B) collect and remit the penalties and surcharges to the state treasury less the vendor's expenses;

(C) reconcile payments against outstanding violations;

(D) implement collection efforts; and

(E) Notif~~u~~y the department of public safety of unpaid violations for possible referral to the judicial system.

(III) If the department of public safety contracts with a vendor, the contract must incorporate the processing elements specified by the department of public safety.

(IV) No notice of violation or civil penalty assessment or a penalty or surcharge for a violation detected by an automated vehicle identification system under this subsection (1.7) shall be forwarded to the department for processing.

(b) The department of transportation shall reimburse the department of public safety for the direct and indirect costs of complying with this subsection (1.7).

(2) A county or municipality may adopt an ordinance authorizing the use of an automated vehicle identification system to detect violations of traffic regulations adopted by the county or municipality, or the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality may utilize an automated vehicle identification system to detect traffic violations under state law, subject to the following conditions and limitations:~~(1.7)(a) An automated vehicle identification system shall not be used under this subsection (1.7) unless maintenance, repair, or construction is occurring at the time the system is being used.~~

~~(2) A local authority may adopt an ordinance authorizing the use of an automated vehicle identification system to detect violations of traffic regulations adopted by the municipality or the local authority may utilize an automated vehicle identification system to detect traffic violations under state law, subject to the following conditions and limitations:~~

(a) (I) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2002, p. 570, § 1, effective May 24, 2002.

~~-~~(II) If the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality detects any alleged violation of a county or municipal traffic regulation or a traffic violation under state law through the use of an automated vehicle identification system, then the state, county, city and county, or municipality shall issue, or cause its vendor to issue, to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the alleged violation, by first-class mail, personal service, or by any mail delivery service offered by an entity other than the United Stated Postal Service that is equivalent to or superior to first-class mail with respect to delivery speed, reliability, and price, a notice of violation:

(A) within thirty days after the alleged violation occurred if the motor vehicle involved in the alleged violation is registered in the state; or

(B) within sixty days after the alleged violation occurred if the motor vehicle involved in the alleged violation is registered outside of the state.

(III) the notice of violation must contain:

(A) the name and address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the alleged violation;

(B) the license plate number of the motor vehicle involved in the alleged violation;

(C) the date, time and location of the alleged violation;

(D) the amount of the civil penalty prescribed for the alleged violation;

(E) the deadline for payment of the prescribed civil penalty and for disputing the alleged violation; and

(F) information on how the registered owner may either dispute the alleged violation in a hearing or pay the prescribed civil penalty.

(IV) If the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality does not receive the prescribed civil penalty or a written notice requesting a hearing to dispute the alleged violation

by the deadline stated on the notice of violation, which deadline must not be less than forty-five days after the issuance date on the notice of violation, the state, county, city and county or municipality shall issue, or cause its vendor to issue, by first-class mail, personal service, or by any mail delivery service offered by an entity other than the United Stated Postal Service that is equivalent to or superior to first-class mail with respect to delivery speed, reliability, and price, a civil penalty assessment notice for the alleged violation to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the alleged violation no later than thirty days after the deadline on the notice of violation.

(V) The civil penalty assessment notice must contain:

(A) the name and address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the alleged violation;

(B) the license plate of the motor vehicle involved in the alleged violation;

(C) the date, time, and location of the alleged violation;

(D) the amount of the civil penalty prescribed for the alleged violation;

(E) the deadline for payment of the prescribed civil penalty;

(F) information on how to pay the prescribed civil penalty.

(VI) if the registered owner of the motor vehicle fails to request a hearing to dispute the alleged violation ~~v~~by the deadline stated in the notice of violation, the registered owner waives any right to contest the violation or the amount of the prescribed civil penalty.

(VII) if the registered owner of the motor vehicle fails to pay in full the prescribed civil penalty by the deadline stated in the civil penalty assessment notice, a final order of liability shall be entered against the registered owner of the vehicle.

(VIII) Final orders may be appealed as to matters of law and fact to the county court in the county where the alleged violation or the municipal cour~~nt~~y in the municipality where the alleged violation occurred, the registered owner of the motor vehicle may assert in an appeal that a notice of violation served by first-class mail or other mail delivery service was not actually delivered. The appeal shall be a de novo hearing.

(IX) the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality shall not initiate or pursue a collection action against a registered owner of a motor vehicle for a debt resulting from an unpaid penalty assessed pursuant to this section unless the registered owner is personally served the notice of violation or the final order of liability.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the statutes to the contrary, the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality shall not report to the department any conviction or entry of judgment against a defendant for violation of a county or municipal traffic regulation or a traffic violation under state law if the violation was detected through the use of an automated vehicle identification system. ~~(II) If a local authority detects any alleged violation of a local traffic regulation or traffic violation under state law through the use of an automated vehicle identification system, then the state, county, city and county or municipality shall serve the penalty assessment notice or summons and complaint for a violation detected using an automated~~

~~vehicle on the defendant no later than ninety days after the alleged violation occurred. If a penalty assessment notice or summons and complaint for a violation detected using an automated vehicle identification system is personally served, the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality may only charge the actual costs of service of process that shall be no more than the amount usually charged for civil service of process.~~

(c) Repealed by Laws 2021, Ch. 460 (H.B. 21-1314), § 16, eff. January 1, 2022.

(d)(I) The state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality shall not use an automated vehicle identification system to detect a violation of part 11 of this article 4 or a local speed ordinance unless there is posted an appropriate temporary or permanent sign in a conspicuous place not fewer than three hundred feet before the area in which the automated vehicle identification system is to be used notifying the public that an automated vehicle identification system is in use immediately ahead. The requirement of this subsection (2)(d)(I) shall not be deemed satisfied by the posting of a permanent sign or signs at the borders of a county, city and county, or municipality, nor by the posting of a permanent sign in an area in which an automated vehicle identification system is to be used, but this subsection (2)(d)(I) shall not be deemed a prohibition against the posting of such permanent signs.

(II) Except as provided in subsection (2)(d)(I) of this section, an automated vehicle identification system designed to detect disobedience to a traffic control signal or another violation of this article 4 or a local traffic ordinance shall not be used unless the state, county, city and county, or municipality using such system conspicuously posts a sign notifying the public that an automated vehicle identification system is in use immediately ahead. The sign shall:

(A) Be placed in a conspicuous location not fewer than two hundred feet nor more than five hundred feet before the automated vehicle identification system; and

(B) Use lettering that is at least four inches high for upper case letters and two and nine-tenths inches high for lower case letters.

(e)(I) If the state, county, city and county, or municipality implements a new automated vehicle identification system after July 1, 2023, that is not a replacement of an automated vehicle identification system:

(A) the agency responsible for the automated vehicle identification system shall publicly announce the implementation of the system through its website for at least 30 days prior to the use of the system; and

(B) for the first thirty days after the system is install or deployed, only warnings may be issued for violations of a county or municipal traffic regulation or traffic violation under state law detected by the system.

(II) a state, county, city and county, or municipality may conduct an extended public information campaign or warning period for systems installed or deployed either before or after July 1, 2023.

(f) Repealed by SB 23-200.

(g)(I) The state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality shall not issue a notice of violation or civil penalty assessment notice for a violation detected using an automated vehicle identification system unless the violation occurred within a school zone, as defined in section 42-

4-615; within a residential neighborhood; within a maintenance, construction, or repair zone designated pursuant to section 42-4-614; along a street that borders a municipal park; or along a street or portion of a street that a county or municipality, by ordinance or by a resolution of its governing body, designates as an automated vehicle identification corridor, on which designated corridor the county or municipality may locate an automated vehicle identification system to detect violations of a county or municipal traffic regulation or a traffic violation under state law. Before a county or municipality begins operation of an automated vehicle identification system in an automated vehicle identification corridor, the county or municipality must:

(A) post a permanent sign in a conspicuous place not fewer than three hundred feet before the beginning of the corridor and a permanent sign not fewer than three hundred feet before each camera within the corridor thereafter or a temporary sign not fewer than three hundred feet before any mobile camera;

(B) illustrate, through data collected within the past five years, incidents of crashes, speeding, reckless driving, or community complaints on a street designated as an automated vehicle identification corridor; and

(C) coordinate between the local jurisdiction, the department of transportation, and the Colorado state patrol.

(II) As used in this subsection (2)(g) unless the context otherwise requires, "residential neighborhood" means any block on which a majority of the improvements along both sides of the street are residential dwellings and the speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour or less.

(III) This subsection (2)(g) does not apply to an automated vehicle identification system designed to detect disobedience to a traffic control signal.

(IV) a county or municipality implementing an automated vehicle identification corridor pursuant to subsection (2)(g)(I) of the section shall publish a report on its website disclosing the number of citation and revenue generated by the automated vehicle identification corridor.

(V)(A) notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2)(g)(I) of this section, the state may locate an automated vehicle identification system on a highway that is a part of the federal interstate highway system and may issue a notice of violation or a civil penalty assessment notice for a traffic violation under state law detected using the automated vehicle identification system.

(B) a county, a city and county, or a municipality shall not locate an automated vehicle identification system or create an automated vehicle identification corridor on any highway that is a part of the federal interstate highway system.

(h) the state, county, a city and county, or a municipality shall not require a registered owner of a vehicle to disclose the identity of a driver of the vehicle who is detected through the use of an automated vehicle identification system. However, the registered owner may be required to submit evidence that the owner was not the driver at the time of the alleged violation.

(3) The department has no authority to assess any points against a license under section 42-2-127 upon entry of a conviction or judgment for a violation of a municipal traffic regulation or a traffic violation under state law if the violation was detected through the use of an automated

vehicle identification system. The department shall not keep any record of such violation in the official records maintained by the department under section 42-2-121.

(4)(a) If the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality detects a speeding violation of less than ten miles per hour over the reasonable and prudent speed under a municipal traffic regulation or under state law through the use of an automated vehicle identification system and the violation is the first violation by the registered owner that the state, county, city and county, or municipality has detected using an automated vehicle identification system, then the state, county, city and county, or municipality may mail the registered owner a warning regarding the violation, but the state, county, city and county, or municipality shall not impose any penalty or surcharge for such first violation.

(b)(I) If the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality detects a second or subsequent speeding violation under a municipal traffic regulation or under state law by a driver, or a first such violation by the driver if the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) do not apply, through the use of an automated vehicle identification system, then, except as may be permitted in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (b), the maximum penalty that the state, county, city and county, or municipality may impose for such violation, including any surcharge, is forty dollars.

(II) If any violation described in subsection (4)(b)(I) of this section occurs within a school zone, as defined in section 42-4-615, the maximum penalty that may be imposed shall be doubled.

(III) Subsection (4)(b)(I) of this section does not apply within a maintenance, construction, or repair zone designated pursuant to section 42-4-614.

(4.5) If the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality detects a violation of a county or municipal traffic regulation or under state law for disobedience to a traffic control signal through the use of an automated vehicle identification system, the maximum civil penalty that the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality may impose for such violation, including any surcharge, is seventy-five dollars.

(4.7) If a registered owner fails to pay a penalty imposed for a violation of a county or municipal traffic regulation or a traffic violation under state law detected using an automated vehicle identification system, the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality shall not attempt to enforce such a penalty by immobilizing the registered owner's vehicle.

(5) If the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality has established an automated vehicle identification system for the enforcement of county or municipal traffic regulations or state traffic laws, then no portion of any fine collected through the use of such system may be paid to the manufacturer or vendor of the automated vehicle identification system equipment. The compensation paid by the state, county, city and county, or municipality for such equipment shall be based upon the value of such equipment and the value of any services provided to the state, county, city and county or municipality and may not be based upon the number of traffic citations issued or the revenue generated by such equipment.

(6)(a) As used in this section, the term "automated vehicle identification system" means a system whereby:

(I) A machine is used to automatically detect a violation of a traffic regulation and simultaneously record a photograph of the vehicle, the operator of the vehicle, and the license plate of the vehicle; and

(II) A notice of violation or civil penalty assessment notice may be issued to the registered owner of the motor vehicle.

(b) "automated vehicle identification system" includes a system used to detect a violation of part 11 of this article 4 or a local speed ordinance, a system used to detect violations of traffic restrictions imposed by traffic signals or traffic signs, and a system used to detect violation of bus lane or bicycle lane restrictions.

(7) The state, county, city and county, or municipality and any vendor operating an automated vehicle identification system shall, unless otherwise provided in this section:

(a) program the automated vehicle identification system to retain data only when a violation of a county or municipal traffic regulation or traffic violation under state law occurs;

(b) treat all photographs and video collected by the automated motor vehicle identification system as confidential and exempt from disclosure and inspection pursuant to the "Colorado Open Records Act", part 2 of article 72 of title 24;

(c) not use, disclose, sell, or permit access to photographs, video, or personal identifiable data collected by the automated motor vehicle identification system except to the extent necessary to operate the program, including for purposes of processing violations, for other law enforcement purposes, for transferring data to a new vendor or operating system, or, pursuant to a court order, for use in unrelated legal proceedings; and

(d) destroy any photographs and video of a violation collected by the automated vehicle identification system within three years after the final disposition of the violation unless the photographs or video are maintained in a separate system for other purposes allowed by law.

(III) Subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b) shall not apply within a maintenance, construction, or repair zone designated pursuant to section 42-4-614.

111. Powers of Local Authorities. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, this article 4 does not prevent local authorities, with respect to streets and highways under their jurisdiction and within the reasonable exercise of the police power, from:

(a) Regulating or prohibiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(b) Establishing parking meter zones where it is determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the installation and operation of parking meetings is necessary to aid in the regulation and control of the parking of vehicles during the hours and on the days specified on parking meter signs;

(c) Regulating traffic by means of police officers or official traffic control devices, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(d) Regulating or prohibiting processions or assemblages on the highways, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(e) Designating particular highways or roadways for use by traffic moving in one direction, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(f) Designating any highway as a through highway or designating any intersection as a stop or yield intersection, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(g) Designating truck routes and restricting the use of highways, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(h) Regulating the operation of bicycles or electrical assisted bicycles and requiring the registration and licensing of same, including the requirement of a registration fee, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(i) Altering or establishing speed limits, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(j) Establishing speed limits for vehicles in public parks, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(k) Determining and designating streets, parts of streets, or specific lanes thereon upon which vehicular traffic shall proceed in one direction during one period and the opposite direction during another period of the day, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(l) Regulating or prohibiting the turning of vehicles, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(m) Designating no-passing zones, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(n) Prohibiting or regulating the use of controlled-access roadways by nonmotorized traffic or other kinds of traffic, consistent with the provisions of this Code;

(o) Establishing minimum speed limits, consistent with the provisions of this Code;

(p) Designating hazardous railroad crossings, consistent with the provisions of this Code;

(q) Designating and regulating traffic on play streets, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(r) Prohibiting or restricting pedestrian crossing, consistent with the provisions of this Code;

(s) Regulating the movement of traffic at school crossings by official traffic control devices or by duly authorized school crossing guards, consistent with the provisions of the Code;

(t) Regulating persons propelling push carts;

(u) Regulating persons upon skates, coasters, sleds, or similar devices, consistent with the provisions of this Code;

(v) Adopting such temporary or experimental regulations as may be necessary to cover emergencies or special conditions;

(w) Adopting such other traffic regulations as are provided for by this article;

(x) Closing a street or portion thereof temporarily and establishing appropriate detours or an alternative routing for the traffic affected, consistent with the provisions of this article;

(y) Regulating the local movement of traffic or the use of local streets where such is not provided for in that article;

(z) Regulating the operation of low-powered scooters, consistent with the provisions of this article; except that local authorities shall be prohibited from establishing any requirements for the registration and licensing of low powered scooters;

(aa) Regulating the operation of low-speed electric vehicles, including, without limitation, establishing a safety inspection program, on streets and highways under their jurisdiction by resolution or ordinance of the governing body, if such regulation is consistent with this Code;

(bb) Authorizing and regulating the operation of golf cars on roadways by resolution or ordinance of the governing body, if the authorization or regulation is consistent with this title and does not authorize:

(I) An unlicensed driver of a golf car to carry a passenger who is under twenty-one years of age;

(II) Operation of a golf car by a person under sixteen years of age; or

(III) Operation of a golf car on a state highway; except that the ordinance or resolution may authorize a person to drive a golf car directly across a state highway at an at-grade sidewalk, bike path, or pedestrian path consistent with section 42-4-117(I) and (3), C.R.S.;

(cc) Authorizing, prohibiting, or regulating the use of an EPAMD on a roadway, sidewalk, bike path, or pedestrian path consistent with section 117(1) and (3);

~~(dd) Authorizing the use of the electrical motor on an electrical assisted bicycle on a bike or pedestrian path~~ (dd) Authorizing or prohibiting the use of an electrical assisted bicycle or electric scooter on a bike or pedestrian path in accordance with section 42-4-1412;;

(ee) Enacting the idling standards in conformity with section 42-14-103, C.R.S.

(2)(a) An ordinance or regulation enacted under paragraph (a), (b), (e), (f), (g), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (r), (v), (x), (y), (aa), or (cc) of subsection (1) of this section may not take effect until official signs or other traffic control devices conforming to standards as required by section 42-4-602, C.R.S., and giving notice of the local traffic regulations are placed upon or at the entrances to the highway or part thereof affected as may be most appropriate.

(ff) Regulating the operation of an electric scooter consistent with this title 42.

(b) Subsection (1) of this section does not authorize a local authority to regulate or authorize the use of vehicles and motor vehicles on the state highway system that is subject to section 43-2-135, C.R.S., except in at-grade crossings where the roadway subject to the local authority's jurisdiction crosses the state highway. The local authority may regulate vehicles within such crossings only to the extent necessary to effect the local authority's power to regulate the roadway under the local authority's jurisdiction and only if the regulation or authorization does not interfere with the normal operation of the state highway.

(3) (a) A board of county commissioners may by resolution authorize the use of designated portions of unimproved county roads within the unincorporated portion of the county for motor vehicles participating in timed endurance events and for such purposes shall make such regulations relating to the use of such roads and the operation of vehicles as are consistent with public safety in the conduct of such event and with the cooperation of county law enforcement officials.

(b) Such resolution by a board of county commissioners and regulations based thereon shall designate the specific route which may be used in such event, the time limitations imposed upon such use, any necessary restrictions in the use of such route by persons not participating in such event, special regulations concerning the operation of vehicles while participating in such event in which case any provisions of this article to the contrary shall not apply to such event, and such requirements concerning the sponsorship of any such event as may be reasonably necessary to assure adequate responsibility therefor.

112. Noninterference with the rights of owners of realty.

Subject to the exception provided in section 103 (2), nothing in this Code shall be construed to prevent the owner of real property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel by permission of the owner and not as matter of right from prohibiting such use, or from requiring other or different or additional conditions than those specified in this Code, or from otherwise regulating such use as may seem best to such owner.

113. Appropriations for administration of article.

(See §42-4-113 C.R.S.)

114. Removal of traffic hazards.

(1) Local authorities, within their respective jurisdictions, may by written notice sent by certified mail require the owner of real property abutting on the right-of-way of any highway, sidewalk, or other public way to trim or remove, at the expense of said property owner, any tree limb or any shrub, vine, hedge, or other plant which projects beyond the property line of such owner onto or over the public right-of-way and thereby obstructs the view of traffic, obscures any traffic control device, or otherwise constitutes a hazard to drivers or pedestrians.

(2) It is the duty of the property owner to remove any dead, overhanging boughs of trees located on the premises of such property owner that endanger life or property on the public right-of-way.

(3) In the event that any property owner fails or neglects to trim or remove any such tree limb or any such shrub, vine, hedge, or other plant within ten days after receipt of written notice from said local authority to do so, said local authority may do or cause to be done the necessary work incident thereto, and said property owner shall reimburse the state or local authority for the cost of the work performed.

115. Information on traffic law enforcement - collection - profiling - annual report - repeal. (Repealed)

116. Restrictions for minor drivers - definitions.

(1) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (1), a minor driver shall not operate a motor vehicle containing a passenger who is under twenty-one years of age and who is

not a member of the driver's immediate family until such driver has held a valid driver's license for at least six months.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (1), a minor driver shall not operate a motor vehicle containing more than one passenger who is under twenty-one years of age and who is not a member of the driver's immediate family until such driver has held a valid driver's license for at least one year.

(c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection (1) shall not apply if:

(I) The motor vehicle contains the minor's parent or legal guardian or other responsible adult described in section 42-2-108, C.R.S.;

(II) The motor vehicle contains an adult twenty-one years of age or older who currently holds a valid driver's license and has held such license for at least one year;

(III) The passenger who is under twenty-one years of age is in the vehicle on account of a medical emergency;

(IV) All passengers who are under twenty-one years of age are members of the driver's immediate family and all such passengers are wearing a seatbelt.

(2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2), a minor driver shall not operate a motor vehicle between 12 midnight and 5 a.m. until such driver has held a driver's license for at least one year.

(b) This subsection (2) shall not apply if:

(I) The motor vehicle contains the minor's parent or legal guardian or other responsible adult described in section 42-2-108, C.R.S.;

(II) The motor vehicle contains an adult twenty-one years of age or older who currently holds a valid driver's license and has held such license for at least one year;

(III) The minor is driving to school or a school-authorized activity when the school does not provide adequate transportation, so long as the driver possesses a signed statement from the school official containing the date the activity will occur;

(IV) The minor is driving on account of employment when necessary, so long as the driver possesses a signed statement from the employer verifying employment;

(V) The minor is driving on account of a medical emergency; or

(VI) The minor is an emancipated minor.

(3) A violation of this section is a traffic infraction, and, upon conviction, the violator may be punished as follows:

(a) By the imposition of not less than eight hours nor more than twenty-four hours of community service for a first offense and not less than sixteen hours nor more than forty hours of community service for a subsequent offense;

(b) By the levying of a fine of not more than fifty dollars for a first offense, a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for a second offense, and a fine of one hundred fifty dollars for a subsequent offense;

(c) By an assessment of two license suspension points pursuant to section 42-2-127(5)(kk), C.R.S.

(4) For the purposes of this section:

(a) “Emancipated minor” means an individual under eighteen years of age whose parents or guardian has surrendered parental responsibilities, custody, and the right to the care and earnings of such person, and are no longer under a duty to support such person.

(b) “Minor driver” means a person who is operating a motor vehicle and who is under eighteen years of age.

(5) No driver in a motor vehicle shall be cited for a violation of this section unless such driver was stopped by a law enforcement officer for an alleged violation of Codes 1 to 4 of Title 42, CRS other than a violation of this section.

117. Personal mobility devices.

(1) A rider of an EPAMD shall have all the same rights and duties as an operator of any other vehicle under this Code, except as to those provisions that by their nature have no application.

(2) Unless otherwise prohibited, an EPAMD may be operated on a roadway in conformity with vehicle use.

(3) An EPAMD shall not be operated:

(a) On a limited-access highway;

(b) On a bike or pedestrian path; or

(c) At a speed of greater than twelve and one-half miles per hour.

(4) A person who violates this section commits a class B traffic infraction.2

(7) Repealed.

118. Establishment of wildlife crossing zones - report - repeal.

(1) The department of transportation created in section 43-1-103, C.R.S., in consultation with both the Colorado state patrol created pursuant to section 24-33.5-201, C.R.S., and the division of wildlife created pursuant to section 24-1-124 (3) (h), C.R.S., in the department of natural resources, may establish areas within the public highways of the state as wildlife crossing zones.

(2) (a) If the department of transportation establishes an area within a public highway of the state as a wildlife crossing zone, the department of transportation may erect signs:

(I) Identifying the zone in accordance with the provisions of section 42-4-616; and

(II) Establishing a lower speed limit for the portion of the highway that lies within the zone.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) to the contrary, the department of transportation shall not establish a lower speed limit for more than one hundred miles of the public highways of the state that have been established as wildlife crossing zones.

(3) (a) The department of transportation may establish an area within the federal highways of the state as a wildlife crossing zone if the department of transportation receives authorization from the federal government.

(b) If the department of transportation establishes an area within the federal highways of the state as a wildlife crossing zone pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (3), the department of transportation may erect signs:

(I) Identifying the zone in accordance with the provisions of section 42-4-616; and

(II) Establishing a lower speed limit for the portion of the highway that lies within the zone.

(4) If the department of transportation erects a new wildlife crossing zone sign pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this section, it shall ensure that the sign indicates, in conformity with the state traffic control manual, that increased traffic penalties are in effect within the wildlife crossing zone. For the purposes of this section, it shall be sufficient that the sign states "increased penalties in effect".

(5) In establishing a lower speed limit within a wildlife crossing zone, the department of transportation shall give due consideration to factors including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) The percentage of traffic accidents that occur within the area that involve the presence of wildlife on the public highway;

(b) The relative levels of traffic congestion and mobility in the area; and

(c) The relative numbers of traffic accidents that occur within the area during the daytime and evening hours and involve the presence of wildlife on the public highway.

(6) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "wildlife" shall have the same meaning as "big game" as set forth in section 33-1-102 (2), C.R.S.

(7) (a) On or before March 1, 2012, the department of transportation shall prepare and submit to the transportation and energy committee of the house of representatives and the transportation committee of the senate, or any successor committees, a report concerning the implementation of this section. The report, at a minimum, shall include:

(I) The location and length of each wildlife crossing zone that the department of transportation has established pursuant to this section;

(II) The total number of miles within the public highways of the state that the department of transportation has established as wildlife crossing zones pursuant to this section;

(III) The total number of wildlife crossing zones within the state for which the department of transportation has established a lower speed limit, including identification of each wildlife crossing zone for which the department has established a lower speed limit;

(IV) The effect, if any, that the establishment of each wildlife crossing zone has had in reducing the frequency of traffic accidents within the area of the public highway that has been established as a wildlife crossing zone; and

(V) A recommendation by the department of transportation as to whether the general assembly should:

(A) Discontinue the establishment of wildlife crossing zones;

(B) Continue the establishment of wildlife crossing zones, as limited by the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section; or

(C) Expand the establishment of wildlife crossing zones beyond the limits described in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section.

(b) This subsection (7) is repealed, effective March 2, 2012.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department of transportation shall not establish any area of any interstate highway as a wildlife crossing zone.

PART 2
EQUIPMENT

201. Obstruction of view or driving mechanism - hazardous situation.

(1) No person shall drive a vehicle when it is so loaded or when there are in the front seat such number of persons, exceeding three, as to obstruct the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle or as to interfere with the driver's control over the driving mechanism of the vehicle.

(2) No person shall knowingly drive a vehicle while any passenger therein is riding in any manner which endangers the safety of such passenger or others.

(3) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle equipped with a video display visible to the driver while the motor vehicle is in motion. The provisions of this subsection (3) does not prohibit the usage of a computer, data terminal, or safety equipment in a motor vehicle so long as the computer, data terminal, or safety equipment is not used to display visual entertainment, including internet browsing, social media, and e-mail, to the driver while the motor vehicle is in motion.

(4) No vehicle shall be operated upon any highway unless the driver's vision through any required glass equipment is normal and unobstructed.

(5) No passenger in a vehicle shall ride in such position as to create a hazard for such passenger or others, or to interfere with the driver's view ahead or to the sides, or to interfere with the driver's control over the driving mechanism of the vehicle; nor shall the driver of a vehicle permit any passenger therein to ride in such manner.

(6) No person shall hang on or otherwise attach himself or herself to the outside, top, hood, or fenders of any vehicle, or to any other portion thereof, other than the specific enclosed portion of such vehicle intended for passengers or while in a sitting position in the cargo area of a vehicle if such area is fully or partially enclosed on all four sides, while the same is in motion; nor shall the operator knowingly permit any person to hang on or otherwise attach himself or herself to the outside, top, hood, or fenders of any vehicle, or any other portion thereof, other than the specific enclosed portion of such vehicle intended for passengers or while in a sitting position in the cargo area of a vehicle if such area is fully or partially enclosed on all four sides,

while the same is in motion. This subsection (6) shall not apply to parades, caravans, or exhibitions which are officially authorized or otherwise permitted by law.

(7) The provisions of subsection (6) of this section shall not apply to a vehicle owned by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or to a vehicle owned by the state of Colorado or any of its political subdivisions, or to a privately owned vehicle when operating in a governmental capacity under contract with or permit from any governmental subdivision or under permit issued by the public utilities commission of the state of Colorado, when in the performance of their duties persons are required to stand or sit on the exterior of the vehicle and said vehicle is equipped with adequate handrails and safeguards.

(8) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

202. Unsafe vehicles - penalty – identification plates.

(1) It is unlawful for any person to drive or move or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved on any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person, or which does not contain those parts or is not at all times equipped with such lamps and other equipment in proper condition and adjustment as required in this section and sections 204 to 231 and part 3 of this Code, or which is equipped in any manner in violation of said sections and part 3 or for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required under said sections and part 3.

(2) The provisions of this section and sections 204 to 231 and part 3 of this Code with respect to equipment on vehicles shall not apply to implements of husbandry or farm tractors, except as made applicable in said sections and part 3.

(3) Nothing in this Code shall be construed to prohibit the use of additional parts and accessories on any vehicle, consistent with the provisions of this Code.

(4)(a) Upon its approval, the department of revenue shall issue an identification plate for each vehicle, motor vehicle, trailer, or item of special mobile machinery, or similar implement of equipment, used in any type of construction business which shall, when said plate is affixed, exempt any such item of equipment, machinery, trailer, or vehicle from all or part of this section and sections 204 to 231 of this Code.

(b) The department of revenue is authorized to promulgate written rules and regulations governing the application for, issuance of, and supervision, administration, and revocation of such identification plates and exemption authority and to prescribe the terms and conditions under which said plates may be issued for each item as set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection (4), and the department of revenue, in so doing, shall consider the safety of users of the public streets and highways and the type, nature, and use of such items set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) for which exemption is sought.

(c) Each exempt item may be moved on the roads, streets, and highways during daylight hours and at such time as vision is not less than five hundred feet. No cargo or supplies shall be

hauled upon such exempt item except cargo and supplies used in normal operation of any such item.

(d) The identification plate shall be of a size and type designated and approved by the department. A fee of one dollar shall be charged and collected by the department for the issuance of each such identification plate. All such fees so collected shall be paid to the state treasurer who shall credit the same to the highway users tax fund for allocation and expenditure as specified in section 43-4-205(5.5)(b), C.R.S.

(e) Each such identification plate shall be issued for a calendar year. Application for such identification plates shall be made by the owner, and such plates shall be issued to the owner of each such item described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (4). Whenever the owner transfers, sells, or assigns the owner's interest therein, the exemption of such item shall expire and the owner shall remove the identification plate therefrom and forward the same to the department of revenue.

(f) An owner shall report a lost or damaged identification plate to the department of revenue, and, upon application to and approval by the department of revenue, the department shall issue a replacement plate upon payment to it of a fee of fifty cents.

(g) Notwithstanding the amount specified for any fee in this subsection (4), the executive director of the department of revenue by rule or as otherwise provided by law may reduce the amount of one or more of the fees if necessary pursuant to section 24-75-402(3), C.R.S., to reduce the uncommitted reserves of the fund to which all or any portion of one or more of the fees is credited. After the uncommitted reserves of the fund are sufficiently reduced, the executive director of the department of revenue by rule or as otherwise provided by law may increase the amount of one or more of the fees as provided in section 24-75-402(4), C.R.S.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

203. Unsafe vehicles - spot inspections.

(1) Uniformed police officers, at any time upon reasonable cause, may require the driver of a vehicle to stop and submit such vehicle and its equipment to an inspection and such test with reference thereto as may be appropriate. The fact that a vehicle is an older model vehicle shall not alone constitute reasonable cause. In the event such vehicle is found to be in an unsafe condition or the required equipment is not present or is not in proper repair and adjustment, the officer may give a written notice and issue a summons to the driver. Said notice shall require that such vehicle be placed in safe condition and properly equipped or that its equipment be placed in proper repair and adjustment, the particulars of which shall be specified on said notice.

(2) In the event any such vehicle is, in the reasonable judgment of such police officer, in such condition that further operation would be hazardous, the officer may require, in addition to the instructions set forth in subsection (1) of this section, that the vehicle be moved at the operator’s expense and not operated under its own power or that it be driven to the nearest garage or other place of safety.

(3) Every owner or driver upon receiving the notice and summons issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section or mailed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of this section shall comply therewith and shall secure a certification upon such notice by a law enforcement officer that such vehicle is in safe condition and its equipment has been placed in proper repair and adjustment and otherwise made to conform to the requirements of this Code. Said certification shall be returned to the owner or driver for presentation in court as provided for in subsection (4) of this section.

(4) (a) (I) Except as provided for in subparagraph (II) or subparagraph (III) of this paragraph (a), any owner receiving written notice and a summons pursuant to this section is guilty of a misdemeanor traffic offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars, payable within thirty days after conviction.

(II) If the owner repairs the unsafe condition or installs or adjusts the required equipment within thirty days after issuance of the notice and summons and presents the certification required in subsection (3) of this section to the court of competent jurisdiction, the owner shall be punished by a fine of five dollars.

(III) If the owner submits to the court of competent jurisdiction within thirty days after the issuance of the summons proof that the owner has disposed of the vehicle for junk parts or immobilized the vehicle and also submits to the court the registration and license plates for the vehicle, the owner shall be punished by a fine of five dollars. If the owner wishes to relicense the vehicle in the future, the owner must obtain the certification required in subsection (3) of this section.

(b) (I) Except as provided for in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (b), any nonowner driver receiving written notice and a summons pursuant to this section is guilty of a misdemeanor traffic offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars, payable within thirty days after conviction.

(II) If the driver submits to the court of competent jurisdiction within thirty days after the issuance of the summons proof that the driver was not the owner of the car at the time the summons was issued and that the driver mailed, within five days of issuance thereof, a copy of the notice and summons by certified mail to the owner of the vehicle at the address on the registration, the driver shall be punished by a fine of five dollars.

(c) Upon a showing of good cause that the required repairs or adjustments cannot be made within thirty days after issuance of the notice and summons, the court of competent jurisdiction may extend the period of time for installation or adjustment of required equipment as may appear justified.

(d) The owner may, in lieu of appearance, submit to the court of competent jurisdiction, within thirty days after the issuance of the notice and summons, the certification specified in subsection (3) of this section and the fine of five dollars.

204. When lighted lamps are required.

(1) Every vehicle upon a highway within this state, between sunset and sunrise and at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of one thousand feet ahead, shall display lighted lamps and illuminating devices as required by this Code for different classes of vehicles, subject to exceptions with respect to parked vehicles.

(2) Whenever requirement is declared by this Code as to distance from which certain lamps and devices shall render objects visible or within which such lamps or devices shall be visible, said provisions shall apply during the times stated in subsection (1) of this section in respect to a vehicle without load when upon a straight, level, unlighted highway under normal atmospheric conditions, unless a different time or condition is expressly stated.

(3) Whenever requirement is declared by this Code as to the mounted height of lamps or devices, it shall mean from the center of such lamp or device to the level ground upon which the vehicle stands when such vehicle is without a load.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

205. Head lamps on motor vehicles - penalty.

(1) Every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle or autocycle, shall be equipped with at least two head lamps with at least one on each side of the front of the motor vehicle~~,~~. ~~which~~The head lamps shall comply with the requirements and limitations set forth in sections 202 and 204 to 231 and part 3 of this Code where applicable.

(2) Every motorcycle or autocycle shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two head lamps that ~~shall~~ comply with the requirements and limitations of sections 202 and 204 to 231 and part 3 of this Code where applicable.

(3) Every head lamp upon every motor vehicle, including every motorcycle, shall be located at a height measured from the center of the head lamp of not more than fifty-four inches nor less than twenty-four inches, to be measured as set forth in section 204 (3).

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

206. Tail lamps and reflectors - penalty.

(1) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer and any other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles must be equipped with at least one tail lamp mounted on the rear, which, when lighted as required in section 204, emits a red light plainly visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear; except that, in the case of a train of vehicles, only the tail lamp on the rear-most vehicle need actually be seen from the distance specified, and except as provided in section 204. Furthermore, every such vehicle registered in this state and manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1958, must be equipped with at least two tail lamps mounted on the rear, on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as

practicable, which, when lighted as required in section 204, comply with the provisions of this section.

(2) Every tail lamp upon every vehicle shall be located at a height of not more than seventy-two inches nor less than twenty inches, to be measured as set forth in section 204 (3).

(3) Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp shall be so constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the rear registration plate and render it clearly legible from a distance of fifty feet to the rear. Any tail lamp, together with any separate lamp for illuminating the rear registration plate, shall be so wired as to be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted.

(4) Every motor vehicle operated on and after January 1, 1958, upon a highway in the state of Colorado must carry on the rear, either as part of a tail lamp or separately, one red reflector meeting the requirements of this section; except that vehicles of the type mentioned in section 207 shall be equipped with reflectors as required in those sections applicable thereto and except as provided in section 204.

(5) Every new motor vehicle sold on or after January 1, 1958, and operated ~~on and after January 1, 1958,~~ upon a highway shall carry on the rear, whether as a part of the tail lamps or separately, two red reflectors; except that every motorcycle or autocycle shall carry at least one reflector meeting the requirements of this section, and vehicles of the type mentioned in section 207 shall be equipped with reflectors as required in ~~those sections applicable thereto~~this part 2.

(6) Every reflector shall be mounted on the vehicle at a height of not less than twenty inches nor more than sixty inches, measured as set forth in section 204 (3) and shall be of such size and characteristics and so mounted as to be visible at night from all distances within three hundred fifty feet to one hundred feet from such vehicle when directly in front of lawful upper beams and head lamps; except that visibility from a greater distance is required by law of reflectors on certain types of vehicles.

(7) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

207. Clearance and identification.

(1) Every vehicle designed or used for the transportation of property or for the transportation of persons shall display lighted lamps at the times mentioned in section 204 when and as required in this section.

(2) Clearance lamps.

(a) Every motor vehicle or motor-drawn vehicle having a width at any part in excess of eighty inches shall be equipped with four clearance lamps located as follows:

(I) Two on the front and one at each side, displaying an amber light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of the vehicle;

(II) Two on the rear and one at each side, displaying a red light visible only to the rear and visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear of the vehicle, which said rear clearance lamps shall be in addition to the rear red lamp required in section 206.

(b) All clearance lamps required shall be placed on the extreme sides and located on the highest stationary support; except that, when three or more identification lamps are mounted on the rear of a vehicle on the vertical center line and at the extreme height of the vehicle, rear clearance lamps may be mounted at optional height.

(c) Any trailer, when operated in conjunction with a vehicle which is properly equipped with front clearance lamps as provided in this section, may be, but is not required to be, equipped with front clearance lamps if the towing vehicle is of equal or greater width than the towed vehicle.

(d) All clearance lamps required in this section shall be of a type approved by the department of revenue.

(3) Side marker lamps.

(a) Every motor vehicle or motor-drawn vehicle or combination of such vehicles which exceeds thirty feet in overall length shall be equipped with four side marker lamps located as follows:

(I) One on each side near the front displaying an amber light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the side of the vehicle on which it is located;

(II) One on each side near the rear displaying a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the side of the vehicle on which it is located; but the rear marker light shall not be so placed as to be visible from the front of the vehicle.

(b) Each side marker lamp required shall be located not less than fifteen inches above the level on which the vehicle stands.

(c) If the clearance lamps required by this section are of such a design as to display lights visible from a distance of five hundred feet at right angles to the sides of the vehicles, they shall be deemed to meet the requirements as to marker lamps in this subsection (3).

(d) All marker lamps required in this section shall be of a type approved by the department of revenue.

(4) Clearance reflectors.

(a) Every motor vehicle having a width at any part in excess of eighty inches shall be equipped with clearance reflectors located as follows:

(I) Two red reflectors on the rear and one at each side, located not more than one inch from the extreme outside edges of the vehicle;

(II) All such reflectors shall be located not more than sixty inches nor less than fifteen inches above the level on which the vehicle stands.

(b) One or both of the required rear red reflectors may be incorporated within the tail lamp or tail lamps if any such tail lamps meet the location limits specified for reflectors.

(c) All such clearance reflectors shall be of a type approved by the department of revenue.

(5) Side marker reflectors.

(a) Every motor vehicle or motor-drawn vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceeds thirty feet in overall length shall be equipped with four side marker reflectors located as follows:

(I) One amber reflector on each side near the front;

(II) One red reflector on each side near the rear.

(b) Each side marker reflector shall be located not more than sixty inches nor less than fifteen inches above the level on which the vehicle stands.

(c) All such side marker reflectors shall be of a type approved by the department of revenue.

(6) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

(7) Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede any federal motor vehicle safety standard established pursuant to the "National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966", Public Law 89-563, as amended.

208. Stop lamps and turn signals - penalty.

(1) Every motor vehicle or motor-drawn vehicle shall be equipped with a stop light in good working order at all times and shall meet the requirements of section 215 (1).

(2) ~~No~~A person shall not sell or offer for sale or operate on the highways any motor vehicle registered in this state and manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1958, unless it is equipped with at least two stop lamps meeting the requirements of section 215 (1); except that a motorcycle or autocycle manufactured or assembled after ~~said date shall~~January 1, 1958, must be equipped with at least one stop lamp meeting the requirements of section 215 (1).

(3) ~~No~~ A person shall not sell or offer for sale or operate on the highways any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registered in this state and manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1958, and ~~no~~ a person shall not operate any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer on the highways 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 ~~such~~ the motor vehicle exceeds twenty-four inches, unless it is equipped with electrical turn signals meeting the requirements of section 215 (2). This subsection (3) ~~shall~~ does not apply to any motorcycle, autocycle, or low-power scooter.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

209. Lamp or flag on projecting load.

Whenever the load upon any vehicle extends to the rear four feet or more beyond the bed or body of such vehicle, there shall be displayed at the extreme rear end of the load, at the time specified in section 204, a red light or lantern plainly visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the sides and rear. The red light or lantern required under this section shall be in addition to the red rear light required upon every vehicle. At any other time, there shall be displayed at the extreme rear end of such load a red flag or cloth not less than twelve inches square and so hung that the entire area is visible to the driver of a vehicle approaching from the rear. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

210. Lamps on parked vehicles.

(1) Whenever a vehicle is lawfully parked upon a highway during the hours between sunset and sunrise and in the event there is sufficient light to reveal any person or object within a distance of one thousand feet upon such highway, no lights need be displayed upon such parked vehicle.

(2) Whenever a vehicle is parked or stopped upon a roadway or shoulder adjacent thereto, whether attended or unattended, during the hours between sunset and sunrise and there is not sufficient light to reveal any person or object within a distance of one thousand feet upon such highway, such vehicle so parked or stopped shall be equipped with one or more operating lamps meeting the following requirements: At least one lamp shall display a white or amber light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of the vehicle, and the same lamp or at least one other lamp shall display a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the

rear of the vehicle, and the location of said lamp or lamps shall always be such that at least one lamp or combination of lamps meeting the requirements of this section is installed as near as practicable to the side of the vehicle that is closer to passing traffic. This subsection (2) shall not apply to a low-power scooter.

(3) Any lighted head lamps upon a parked vehicle shall be depressed or dimmed.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

(5) This section shall not apply to low-speed electric vehicles.

211. Lamps on farm equipment and other vehicles and equipment.

(1) Every farm tractor and every self-propelled farm equipment unit or implement of husbandry not equipped with an electric lighting system shall, at all times mentioned in section 204, be equipped with at least one lamp displaying a white light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the front of such vehicle and shall also be equipped with at least one lamp displaying a red light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle.

(2) Every self-propelled unit of farm equipment not equipped with an electric lighting system shall, at all times mentioned in section 204, in addition to the lamps required in subsection (1) of this section, be equipped with two red reflectors visible from all distances within six hundred feet to one hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps.

(3) Every combination of farm tractor and towed unit of farm equipment or implement of husbandry not equipped with an electric lighting system shall, at all times mentioned in section 204, be equipped with the following lamps:

(a) At least one lamp mounted to indicate as nearly as practicable to the extreme left projection of said combination and displaying a white light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the front of said combination;

(b) Two lamps each displaying a red light visible when lighted from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the rear of said combination or, as an alternative, at least one lamp displaying a red light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the rear thereof and two red reflectors visible from all distances within six hundred feet to one hundred feet to the rear thereof when illuminated by the upper beams of head lamps.

(4) Every farm tractor and every self-propelled unit of farm equipment or implement of husbandry equipped with an electric lighting system shall, at all times mentioned in section 204, be equipped with two single-beam head lamps meeting the requirements of section 216 or 218, respectively, and at least one red lamp visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the rear; but every such self-propelled unit of farm equipment other than a farm tractor shall have two such red lamps or, as an alternative, one such red lamp and two red reflectors visible from all distances within six hundred feet to one hundred feet when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps.

(5) (a) Every combination of farm tractor and towed farm equipment or towed implement of husbandry equipped with an electric lighting system shall, at all times mentioned in section 204, be equipped with lamps as follows:

(I) The farm tractor element of every such combination shall be equipped as required in subsection (4) of this section.

(II) The towed unit of farm equipment or implement of husbandry element of such combination shall be equipped with two red lamps visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the rear or, as an alternative, two red reflectors visible from all distances within six hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps.

(b) Said combinations shall also be equipped with a lamp displaying a white or amber light, or any shade of color between white and amber, visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the front and a lamp displaying a red light visible when lighted from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the rear.

(6) The lamps and reflectors required in this section shall be so positioned as to show from front and rear as nearly as practicable the extreme projection of the vehicle carrying them on the side of the roadway used in passing such vehicle. If a farm tractor or a unit of farm equipment, whether self-propelled or towed, is equipped with two or more lamps or reflectors visible from the front or two or more lamps or reflectors visible from the rear, such lamps or reflectors shall be so positioned that the extreme projections, both to the right and to the left of said vehicle, shall be indicated as nearly as practicable.

(7) Every vehicle, including animal-drawn vehicles and vehicles referred to in section 202 (2), not specifically required by the provisions of this Code to be equipped with lamps or other lighting devices shall at all times specified in section 204 be equipped with at least one lamp displaying a white light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the front of said vehicle and shall also be equipped with two lamps displaying red lights visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the rear of said vehicle or, as an alternative, one lamp displaying a red light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet to the rear and two red reflectors visible for distances of one hundred feet to six hundred feet to the rear when illuminated by the upper beams of head lamps.

(8) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

212. Spot lamps and auxiliary lamps.

(1) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two spot lamps, and every lighted spot lamp shall be so aimed and used upon approaching another vehicle that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will be directed to the left of the prolongation of the extreme left side of the vehicle nor more than one hundred feet ahead of the vehicle.

(2) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two fog lamps mounted on the front at a height of not less than twelve inches nor more than thirty inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands and so aimed that, when the vehicle is not loaded, none of

the high-intensity portion of the light to the left of the center of the vehicle shall at a distance of twenty-five feet ahead project higher than a level of four inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes. Lighted fog lamps meeting the requirements of this subsection (2) may be used with lower head-lamp beams as specified in section 216 (1) (b).

(3) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two auxiliary passing lamps mounted on the front at a height of not less than twenty inches nor more than forty-two inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. The provisions of section 216 shall apply to any combination of head lamps and auxiliary passing lamps.

(4) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two auxiliary driving lamps mounted on the front at a height of not less than sixteen inches nor more than forty-two inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. The provisions of section 216 shall apply to any combination of head lamps and auxiliary driving lamps.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

213. Audible and visual signals on emergency vehicles.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or in section 42-4-222, C.R.S. in the case of volunteer fire vehicles and volunteer ambulances, every authorized emergency vehicle shall, in addition to any other equipment and distinctive markings required by this Code, be equipped as a minimum with a siren and a horn. Such devices shall be capable of emitting a sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than five hundred feet.

(2) Every authorized emergency vehicle, except those used as undercover vehicles by governmental agencies, shall, in addition to any other equipment and distinctive markings required by this Code, be equipped with at least one signal lamp mounted as high as practicable, which shall be capable of displaying a flashing, oscillating, or rotating red light to the front and to the rear having sufficient intensity to be visible at five hundred feet in normal sunlight. In addition to the required red light, flashing, oscillating, or rotating signal lights may be used which emit blue, white, or blue in combination with white.

(3) A police vehicle, when used as an authorized emergency vehicle, may but need not be equipped with the red lights specified in this section.

(4) Any authorized emergency vehicle, including those authorized by section 222, may be equipped with green flashing lights, mounted at sufficient height and having sufficient intensity to be visible at five hundred feet in all directions in normal daylight. Such lights may only be used at the single designated command post at any emergency location or incident and only when such command post is stationary. The single command post shall be designated by the on-scene incident commander in accordance with local or state government emergency plans. Any other use of a green light by a vehicle shall constitute a violation of this section.

(5) The use of either the audible or the visual signal equipment described in this section shall impose upon drivers of other vehicles the obligation to yield right-of-way and stop as prescribed in section 705.

(6) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

214. Visual signals on service vehicles.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, ~~on or after January 1, 1978,~~ every authorized service vehicle ~~shall~~must, in addition to any other equipment required by this Code, be equipped with one or more warning lamps mounted as high as practicable, which ~~shall~~ must be capable of displaying in all directions one or more flashing, oscillating, or rotating yellow lights. Only yellow and no other color or combination of colors ~~shall~~ may be used as a warning lamp on an authorized service vehicle; except that an authorized service vehicle snowplow operated by a ~~general purpose~~state, county, or local government may also be equipped with and use no more than two flashing, oscillating, or rotating blue lights as warning lamps. Lighted directional signs used by police and highway departments to direct traffic need not be visible except to the front and rear. Such lights ~~shall~~ must have sufficient intensity to be visible at five hundred feet in normal sunlight.

(2) The warning lamps authorized in subsection (1) of this section shall be activated by the operator of an authorized service vehicle only when the vehicle is operating upon the roadway so as to create a hazard to other traffic. The use of such lamps shall not relieve the operator from the duty of using due care for the safety of others or from the obligation of using any other safety equipment or protective devices that are required by this Code. Service vehicles authorized to operate also as emergency vehicles shall also be equipped to comply with signal requirements for emergency vehicles.

(3) Whenever an authorized service vehicle is performing its service function and is displaying lights as authorized in subsection (1) of this section, drivers of all other vehicles shall exercise more than ordinary care and caution in approaching, overtaking, or passing such service vehicle and, in the case of highway and traffic maintenance equipment engaged in work upon the highway, shall comply with the instructions of section 712.

(4) On or after January 1, 1978, only authorized service vehicles shall be equipped with the warning lights authorized in subsection (1) of this section.

(5) The department of transportation shall determine by rule which types of vehicles render an essential public service when operating on or along a roadway and warrant designation as authorized service vehicles under specified conditions, including, without limitation, vehicles that sell or apply chains or other equipment to motor vehicles necessary to enable compliance with section 106.

(6)(a) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction; except that a person commits a class A traffic infraction if~~s~~ the person passes an authorized service vehicle snowplow that is operated by a state, county, or local government, displaying lights as authorized in subsection (1) of this section, and performing its service function in echelon formation with one or more other such snowplows.~~.~~

(b) As used in this subsection (6), unless the context otherwise requires, "echelon formation" mean a formation in which snowplows are arranged diagonally, with each unit stationed behind and to the right, or behind and to the left, of the unit ahead.

215. Signal lamps and devices – additional lighting equipment.

(1) Any motor vehicle may be equipped, and when required under this Code shall be equipped, with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the vehicle which, except as provided in section 204, shall display a red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred feet to the rear in normal sunlight, and which shall be actuated upon application of the service (foot) brake, and which may but need not be incorporated with one or more other rear lamps. Such stop lamp or lamps may also be automatically actuated by a mechanical device when the vehicle is reducing speed or stopping. If two or more stop lamps are installed on any motor vehicle, any device actuating such lamps shall be so designed and installed that all stop lamps are actuated by such device.

(2) Any motor vehicle may be equipped, and when required under this Code shall be equipped, with lamps showing to the front and rear for the purpose of indicating an intention to turn either to the right or to the left. Such lamps showing to the front shall be located on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and when in use shall display a white or amber light, or any shade of color between white and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred feet to the front in normal sunlight, and the lamps showing to the rear shall be located at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and, except as provided in section 204, when in use shall display a red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber, visible from a distance of not less than one hundred feet to the rear in normal sunlight. When actuated, such lamps shall indicate the intended direction of turning by flashing the light showing to the front and rear on the side toward which the turn is made.

(3) No stop lamp or signal lamp shall project a glaring or dazzling light.

(4) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two side cowl or fender lamps which shall emit an amber or white light without glare.

(5) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than one runningboard courtesy lamp on each side thereof, which shall emit a white or amber light without glare.

(6) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than two back-up lamps either separately or in combination with other lamps, but no such back-up lamp shall be lighted when the motor vehicle is in forward motion.

(7) Any vehicle may be equipped with lamps which may be used for the purpose of warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing and, when so equipped and when the said vehicle is not in motion or is being operated at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less and at no other time, may display such warning in addition to any other warning signals required by this Code. The lamps used to display such warning to the front shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and shall display simultaneously

flashing white or amber lights, or any shade of color between white and amber. The lamps used to display such warning to the rear shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and, except as provided in section 204, shall show simultaneously flashing amber or red lights, or any shade of color between amber and red. These warning lights shall be visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet under normal atmospheric conditions at night.

(8) Any vehicle eighty inches or more in overall width may be equipped with not more than three identification lamps showing to the front which shall emit an amber light without glare and not more than three identification lamps showing to the rear which shall emit a red light without glare. Such lamps shall be mounted horizontally.

(9) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

215.5. Signal lamps and devices – street rod vehicles and custom motor vehicles.

Repealed.

216. Multiple-beam road lights - penalty.

(1) Except as provided in this Code, the head lamps or the auxiliary driving lamp or the auxiliary passing lamp or combination ~~thereof~~ of lamps on motor vehicles, other than motorcycles, autocycles, or low-power scooters, shall be ~~so~~ arranged so that the driver may select at will between distributions of light projected to different elevations, and ~~such~~ the lamps may, in addition, be so arranged that such selection can be made automatically, subject to the following limitations:

(a) There shall be an uppermost distribution of light or composite beam so aimed and of such intensity as to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least three hundred fifty feet ahead for all conditions of loading.

(b) There shall be a lowermost distribution of light or composite beam so aimed and of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least one hundred feet ahead; and on a straight level road under any condition of loading, none of the high-intensity portion of the beam shall be directed to strike the eyes of an approaching driver.

(1.5) Head lamps arranged to provide a single distribution of light not supplemented by auxiliary driving lamps shall be permitted for low-speed electric vehicles in lieu of multiple beam, road-lighting equipment specified in this section if the single distribution of light complies with paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section.

(2) A new motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, autocycle, or low-power scooter, that has multiple beam road-lighting equipment, shall be equipped with a beam indicator, which shall be lighted whenever the uppermost distribution of light from the head lamps is in use and shall not otherwise be lighted. ~~Said~~ The indicator shall be ~~so~~ designed and located so that when lighted it will be readily visible without glare to the driver of the vehicle so equipped.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

217. Use of multiple-beam lights.

(1) Whenever a motor vehicle is being operated on a roadway or shoulder adjacent thereto during the times specified in section 204, the driver shall use a distribution of light, or composite beam, directed high enough and of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a safe distance in advance of the vehicle, subject to the following requirements and limitations:

(a) Whenever a driver of a vehicle approaches an oncoming vehicle within five hundred feet, such driver shall use a distribution of light or composite beam so aimed that the glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of the oncoming driver. The lowermost distribution of light or composite beam specified in section 216 (1)(b) shall be deemed to avoid glare at all times, regardless of road contour and loading.

(b) Whenever the driver of a vehicle follows another vehicle within two hundred feet to the rear, except when engaged in the act of overtaking and passing, such driver shall use a distribution of light permissible under this title other than the uppermost distribution of light specified in section 216 (1) (a).

(c) A low-speed electric vehicle may use the distribution of light authorized in section 216 (1.5).

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

218. Single-beam road-lighting equipment.

(1) Head lamps arranged to provide a single distribution of light not supplemented by auxiliary driving lamps shall be permitted on motor vehicles manufactured and sold prior to July 15, 1936, in lieu of multiple-beam road-lighting equipment specified in section 216 if the single distribution of light complies with the following requirements and limitations:

(a) The head lamps shall be so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded none of the high-intensity portion of the light shall, at a distance of twenty-five feet ahead, project higher than a level of five inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes and in no case higher than forty-two inches above the level on which the vehicle stands at a distance of seventy-five feet ahead.

(b) The intensity shall be sufficient to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least two hundred feet.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

219. Number of lamps permitted.

Whenever a motor vehicle equipped with head lamps as required in this Code is also equipped with any auxiliary lamps or a spot lamp or any other lamp on the front thereof

projecting a beam of an intensity greater than three hundred candlepower, not more than a total of four of any such lamps on the front of a vehicle shall be lighted at any one time when upon a highway. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

220. Low-power scooters – lighting equipmen~~-~~t - department contro~~-~~l - use and operation.

(1) (a) A low-power scooter when in use at the times specified in section 204 shall be equipped with a lamp on the front that shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear, of a type approved by the department, that shall be visible from all distances from fifty feet to three hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(b) No person shall operate a low-power scooter unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred feet; except that a low-power scooter shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a low-power scooter a siren or whistl~~e.~~

(c) A low-power scooter shall be equipped with a brake that will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(2) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2009, (HB 09-1026), ch. 281, p. 1274, § 44, effective October 1, 2009.)

(3) (a) Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle, other than head lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals, emergency vehicle warning lamps, and school bus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than three hundred candlepower shall be so directed that no part of the high-intensity portion of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than seventy-five feet from the vehicle.

(b) ~~Repealed.~~Repealed

(c) This subsection (3) shall not be construed to prohibit the use on any vehicle of simultaneously flashing hazard warning lights as provided by section 215 (7).

(4) No person shall have for sale, sell, or offer for sale, for use upon or as a part of the equipment of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer or for use upon any such vehicle, any head lamp, auxiliary or fog lamp, rear lamp, signal lamp, or reflector, which reflector is required under this Code, or parts of any of the foregoing which tend to change the original design or performance thereof, unless of a type which has been approved by the department of revenue.

(5) No person shall have for sale, sell, or offer for sale, for use upon or as a part of the equipment of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, any lamp or device mentioned in this section which has been approved by the department unless such lamp or device bears thereon the trademark or name under which it is approved so as to be legible when installed.

(6) No person shall use upon any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer any lamps mentioned in this section unless said lamps are mounted, adjusted, and aimed in accordance with instructions of the department of revenue.

(7) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

221. Bicycle, electric scooter, and personal mobility device equipment.

(1) No other provision of this part 2 and no provision of part 3 of ~~this Code shall apply~~article 4 applies to a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or EPAMD or to equipment for use on a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or EPAMD except those provisions in this ~~Code~~ Article 4 made specifically applicable to such a vehicle.

(2) Every bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, or EPAMD in use at the times described in section 204 shall be equipped with a lamp on the front emitting a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front.

(3) Every bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or EPAMD shall be equipped with a red reflector of a type approved by the department, which shall be visible for six hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

(4) Every bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or EPAMD when in use at the times described in section 204 shall be equipped with reflective material of sufficient size and reflectivity to be visible from both sides for six hundred feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle or, in lieu of such reflective material, with a lighted lamp visible from both sides from a distance of at least five hundred feet.

(5) A bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or EPAMD or its rider may be equipped with lights or reflectors in addition to those required by subsections (2) to (4) of this section.

(6) A bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter, any siren or whistle.

(7) Every bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter shall be equipped with a brake or brakes that will enable its rider to stop the bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter within twenty-five feet from a speed of ten miles per hour on dry, level, clean pavement.

(8) A person engaged in the business of selling bicycles, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycles, or electric scooters at retail shall not sell any bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter, unless the bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter, has an identifying number permanently stamped or cast on its frame.

(8.5) A local government may regulate the operation of an electric scooter in a manner that is no more restrictive than the manner in which the local government may regulate the operation of a class 1 electric assisted bicycle.

(9)(a) On or after January 1, 2018, every manufacturer or distributor of new electrical assisted bicycles intended for sale or distribution in this state shall permanently affix to each electrical assisted bicycle, in a prominent location, a label that contains the classification number, top assisted speed, and motor wattage of the electrical assisted bicycle. The label must be printed in the Arial font in at least nine-point type.

(b) A person shall not knowingly modify an electrical assisted bicycle so as to change the speed capability or motor engagement of the electrical assisted bicycle without also appropriately replacing, or causing to be replaced, the label indicating the classification required by subsection (9)(a) of this section.

(10) (a) An electrical assisted bicycle must comply with the equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles adopted by the United States consumer product safety commission and codified at 16 CFR 1512 or its successor regulation.

(b) A class 2 electrical assisted bicycle must operate in a manner so that the electric motor is disengaged or ceases to function when the brakes are applied. Class 1 and class 3 electrical assisted bicycles must be equipped with a mechanism or circuit that cannot be bypassed and that causes the electric motor to disengage or cease to function when the rider stops ~~pedaling.~~pedaling.

(c) A class 3 electrical assisted bicycle must be equipped with a speedometer that displays, in miles per hours, the speed the electrical assisted bicycle is traveling.

(11) A person who violated this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

222. Volunteer firefighters – volunteer ambulance ~~–~~attendants - special lights and alarm systems.

(1) (a) All members of volunteer fire departments regularly attached to the fire departments organized within incorporated towns, counties, cities, and fire protection districts and all members of a volunteer ambulance service regularly attached to a volunteer ambulance service within an area that the ambulance service would be reasonably expected to serve may have their private automobiles equipped with a signal lamp or a combination of signal lamps capable of displaying flashing, oscillating, or rotating red lights visible to the front and rear at five hundred feet in normal sunlight. In addition to the red light, flashing, oscillating, or rotating signal lights may be used that emit white or white in combination with red lights. At least one of such signal lamps or combination of signal lamps shall be mounted on the top of the automobile. Said automobiles may be equipped with audible signal systems such as sirens, whistles, or bells. Said lights, together with any signal systems authorized by this subsection (1), may be used only as authorized by subsection (3) of this section or when a member of a fire department is responding to or attending a fire alarm or other emergency or when a member of an ambulance service is responding to an emergency requiring the member's services. Except as authorized in subsection (3) of this section, neither such lights nor such signals shall be used for any other purpose than those set forth in this subsection (1). If used for any other purpose, such

use shall constitute a violation of this subsection (1), and the violator commits a class B traffic infraction.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), a member of a volunteer fire department or a volunteer ambulance service may equip his or her private automobile with the equipment described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) only after receiving a permit for the equipment from the fire chief of the fire department or chief executive officer of the ambulance service through which the volunteer serves.

(2) (Deleted by amendment, L. 96, p. 957, § 3, effective July 1, 1996.)

(3) A fire engine collector or member of a fire department may use the signal system authorized by subsection (1) of this section in a funeral, parade, or for other special purposes if the circumstances would not lead a reasonable person to believe that such vehicle is responding to an actual emergency.

223. Brakes – penalty.

(1) Brake equipment required:

(a) Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or autocycle, when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold ~~such~~ the vehicle, including two separate means of applying the brakes, each of which means shall be effective to apply the brakes to at least two wheels. If these two separate means of applying the brakes are connected in any way, they shall be ~~so~~ constructed so that failure of any one part of the operating mechanism ~~shall~~ does not leave the motor vehicle without brakes on at least two wheels.

(b) Every motorcycle, autocycle, and low-power scooter, when operated upon a highway, shall be equipped with at least one brake, which may be operated by hand or foot.

(c) Every trailer or semitrailer of a gross weight of three thousand pounds or more, when operated upon a highway, shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and to hold such vehicle and so designed as to be applied by the driver of the towing motor vehicle from the cab, and said brakes shall be so designed and connected that in case of an accidental breakaway of the towed vehicle the brakes shall be automatically applied. The provisions of this paragraph (c) shall not be applicable to any trailer which does not meet the definition of "commercial vehicle" as that term is defined in section 235 (1) (a) and which is owned by a farmer when transporting agricultural products produced on the owner's farm or supplies back to the farm of the owner of the trailer, tank trailers not exceeding ten thousand pounds gross weight used solely for transporting liquid fertilizer or gaseous fertilizer under pressure, or distributor trailers not exceeding ten thousand pounds gross weight used solely for transporting and distributing dry fertilizer when hauled by a truck capable of stopping within the distance specified in subsection (2) of this section.

(d) Every motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer constructed or sold in this state or operated upon the highways shall be equipped with service brakes upon all wheels of every such vehicle; except that:

(I) Any trailer or semitrailer of less than three thousand pounds gross weight, or any horse trailer of a capacity of two horses or less, or any trailer which does not meet the definition of "commercial vehicle" as that term is defined in section 235 (1) (a) and which is owned by a farmer when transporting agricultural products produced on the owner's farm or supplies back to the farm of the owner of the trailer, or tank trailers not exceeding ten thousand pounds gross weight used solely for transporting liquid fertilizer or gaseous fertilizer under pressure, or distributor trailers not exceeding ten thousand pounds gross weight used solely for transporting and distributing dry fertilizer when hauled by a truck capable of stopping with loaded trailer attached in the distance specified by subsection (2) of this section need not be equipped with brakes, and any two-wheel motor vehicle need have brakes on only one wheel.

(II) Any truck or truck tractor, manufactured before July 25, 1980, and having three or more axles, need not have brakes on the wheels of the front or tandem steering axles if the brakes on the other wheels meet the performance requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(III) Every trailer or semitrailer of three thousand pounds or more gross weight must have brakes on all wheels.

(e) Provisions of this subsection (1) shall not apply to manufactured homes.

(2) Performance ability of brakes:

(a) The service brakes upon any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be adequate to stop such vehicle when traveling twenty miles per hour within a distance of forty feet when upon dry asphalt or concrete pavement surface free from loose material where the grade does not exceed one percent.

(b) Under the conditions stated in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2), the hand brakes shall be adequate to stop such vehicle within a distance of fifty-five feet, and said hand brake shall be adequate to hold such vehicle stationary on any grade upon which operated.

(c) Under the conditions stated in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2), the service brakes upon a motor vehicle equipped with two-wheel brakes only, when permitted under this section, shall be adequate to stop the vehicle within a distance of fifty-five feet.

(d) All braking distances specified in this section shall apply to all vehicles mentioned, whether such vehicles are not loaded or are loaded to the maximum capacity permitted under this title.

(e) All brakes shall be maintained in good working order and shall be so adjusted as to operate as equally as possible with respect to the wheels on opposite sides of the vehicle.

(2.5) The department of public safety is specifically authorized to adopt rules relating to the use of surge brakes.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

224. Horns or warning devices.

(1) Every motor vehicle, when operated upon a highway, shall be equipped with a horn in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a

distance of not less than two hundred feet, but no horn or other warning device shall emit an unreasonably loud or harsh sound, except as provided in section 213(1) in the case of authorized emergency vehicles or as provided in section 222. The driver of a motor vehicle, when reasonably necessary to ensure safe operation, shall give audible warning with the horn but shall not otherwise use such horn when upon a highway.

(2) No vehicle shall be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a vehicle any audible device except as otherwise permitted in this section. It is permissible but not required that any vehicle be equipped with a theft alarm signal device which is so arranged that it cannot be used by the driver as a warning signal unless the alarm device is a required part of the vehicle. Nothing in this section is meant to preclude the use of audible warning devices that are activated when the vehicle is backing. Any authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with an audible signal device under section 213 (1), but such device shall not be used except when such vehicle is operated in response to an emergency call or in the actual pursuit of a suspected violator of the law or for other special purposes, including, but not limited to, funerals, parades, and the escorting of dignitaries. Such device shall not be used for such special purposes unless the circumstances would not lead a reasonable person to believe that such vehicle is responding to an actual emergency.

(3) ~~No~~ A bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or low-power scooter shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon ~~such vehicle~~a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or a low-power scooter, a siren or whistle.

(4) Snowplows and other snow-removal equipment shall display flashing yellow lights meeting the requirements of section 214 as a warning to drivers when such equipment is in service on the highway.

(5) (a) When any snowplow or other snow removal equipment displaying flashing yellow lights is engaged in snow and ice removal or control, drivers of all other vehicles shall exercise more than ordinary care and caution in approaching, overtaking, or passing such snowplow.

(b) The driver of a snowplow, while engaged in the removal or control of snow and ice on any highway open to traffic and while displaying the required flashing yellow warning lights as provided by section 214, shall not be charged with any violation of the provisions of this Code relating to parking or standing, turning, backing, or yielding the right-of-way. These exemptions shall not relieve the driver of a snowplow from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall these exemptions protect the driver of a snowplow from the consequences of a reckless or careless disregard for the safety of others.

(6)(a) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction; except that a person commits a class A traffic infraction if the person passes an authorized service vehicle snowplow that is operated by a state, county, or local government, displaying lights as authorized in section 42-4-214, and performing its service function in echelon formation with one or more other such snowplows.~~.~~

(b) As used in this subsection (6), unless the context otherwise requires, "echelon formation" means a formation in which snowplows are arranged diagonally, with each unity stationed behind and to the right, or behind, and to the left, of the unit ahead.

225. Mufflers - prevention of noise.

(1) Every motor vehicle subject to registration and operated on a highway shall at all times be equipped with an adequate muffler in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise, and no such muffler or exhaust system shall be equipped with a cut-off, bypass, or similar device. No person shall modify the exhaust system of a motor vehicle in a manner which will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of such vehicle above that emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle, and such original muffler shall comply with all of the requirements of this section.

(1.5) Any commercial vehicle, as defined in section 235 (1) (a), subject to registration and operated on a highway, that is equipped with an engine compression brake device is required to have a muffler.

(2) A muffler is a device consisting of a series of chamber or baffle plates or other mechanical design for the purpose of receiving exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine and effective in reducing noise.

(3) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits a class B traffic infraction. Any person who violates subsection (1.5) of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars. Fifty percent of any fine for a violation of subsection (1.5) of this section occurring within the corporate limits of a city or town, or within the unincorporated area of a county, shall be transmitted to the treasurer or chief financial officer of said city, town, or county, and the remaining fifty percent shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, credited to the highway users tax fund, and allocated and expended as specified in §§43-4-205(5.5)(a), C.R.S.

(4) This section shall not apply to electric motor vehicles.

226. Mirrors - exterior placements.

(1) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a mirror or mirrors so located and so constructed as to reflect to the driver a free and unobstructed view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle.

(2) Whenever any motor vehicle is not equipped with a rear window and rear side windows or has a rear window and rear side windows composed of, covered by, or treated with any material or component that, when viewed from the position of the driver, obstructs the rear view of the driver or makes such window or windows nontransparent, or whenever any motor vehicle is towing another vehicle or trailer or carrying any load or cargo or object that obstructs the rear view of the driver, such vehicle shall be equipped with an exterior mirror on each side so located with respect to the position of the driver as to comply with the visual requirement of subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

227. Windows unobstructed – certain materials prohibited - windshield wiper requirements.

(1) (a) (I) Except as provided in this paragraph (a), no person shall operate any motor vehicle registered in Colorado on which any window, except the windshield, is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material or component which presents an opaque, nontransparent, or metallic or mirrored appearance in such a way that it allows less than twenty-seven percent light transmittance. The windshield shall allow seventy percent light transmittance.

(II) The provisions of this paragraph (a) shall not apply to the windows to the rear of the driver, including the rear window, on any motor vehicle; however, if such windows allow less than twenty-seven percent light transmittance, then the front side windows and the windshield on such vehicles shall allow seventy percent light transmittance.

(III) A law enforcement vehicle may have its windows, except the windshield, treated in such a manner so as to allow less than twenty-seven percent light transmittance only for the purpose of providing a valid law enforcement service. A law enforcement vehicle with such window treatment shall not be used for any traffic law enforcement operations, including operations concerning any offense in this article. For purposes of this subparagraph (III), "law enforcement vehicle" means a vehicle owned or leased by a state or local law enforcement agency. The treatment of the windshield of a law enforcement vehicle is subject to the limits described in paragraph (b) of this subsection (1).

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), nontransparent material may be applied, installed, or affixed to the topmost portion of the windshield subject to the following:

(I) The bottom edge of the material extends no more than four inches measured from the top of the windshield down;

(II) The material is not red or amber in color, nor does it affect perception of primary colors or otherwise distort vision or contain lettering that distorts or obstructs vision;

(III) The material does not reflect sunlight or headlight glare into the eyes of occupants of oncoming or preceding vehicles to any greater extent than the windshield without the material.

(c) Nothing in this subsection (1) shall be construed to prevent the use of any window which is composed of, covered by, or treated with any material or component in a manner approved by federal statute or regulation if such window was included as a component part of a vehicle at the time of the vehicle manufacture, or the replacement of any such window by such covering which meets such guidelines.

(d) No material shall be used on any window in the motor vehicle that presents a metallic or mirrored appearance.

(e) Nothing in this subsection (1) shall be construed to deny or prevent the use of certificates or other papers which do not obstruct the view of the driver and which may be required by law to be displayed.

(2) The windshield on every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow, or other moisture from the windshield, which device shall be so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver of the vehicle.

(3) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (3), any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

(b) Any person who installs, covers, or treats a windshield or window so that the windshield or window does not meet the requirements of ~~paragraph (a) of subsection (1)~~subsection (1)(a) of this section ~~is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars~~commits a class A traffic infraction.

(4) This section shall apply to all motor vehicles; except that subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to low-speed electric vehicles.

228. Restrictions on tire equipment.

(1) Every solid rubber tire on a vehicle shall have rubber on its entire traction surface at least one inch thick above the edge of the flange of the entire periphery.

(2) No person shall operate or move on any highway any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer having any metal tire in contact with the roadway, and it is unlawful to operate upon the highways of this state any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer equipped with solid rubber tires.

(3) No tire on a vehicle moved on a highway shall have on its periphery any block, stud, flange, cleat, or spike or any other protuberances of any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread on the traction surface of the tire; except that, on single-tired passenger vehicles and on other single-tired vehicles with rated capacities up to and including three-fourths ton, it shall be permissible to use tires containing studs or other protuberances which do not project more than one-sixteenth of an inch beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire; and except that it shall be permissible to use farm machinery with tires having protuberances which will not injure the highway; and except also that it shall be permissible to use tire chains of reasonable proportions upon any vehicle when required for safety because of snow, ice, or other conditions tending to cause a vehicle to skid.

(4) The department of transportation and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions, in their discretion, may issue special permits authorizing the operation upon a highway of traction engines or tractors having movable tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery of such movable tracks or farm tractors or other farm machinery, the operation of which upon a highway would otherwise be prohibited under this Code.

(5) (a) No person shall drive or move a motor vehicle on any highway unless such vehicle is equipped with tires in safe operating condition in accordance with this subsection (5)

and any supplemental rules and regulations promulgated by the executive director of the department.

(b) The executive director of the department shall promulgate such rules as the executive director deems necessary setting forth requirements of safe operating conditions for tires. These rules shall be utilized by law enforcement officers for visual inspection of tires and shall include methods for simple gauge measurement of tire tread depth.

(c) A tire shall be considered unsafe if it has:

(I) Any bump, bulge, or knot affecting the tire structure;

(II) A break which exposes a tire body cord or is repaired with a boot or patch;

(III) A tread depth of less than two thirty-seconds of an inch measured in any two tread grooves at three locations equally spaced around the circumference of the tire, or, on those tires with tread wear indicators, a tire shall be considered unsafe if it is worn to the point that the tread wear indicators contact the road in any two-tread grooves at three locations equally spaced around the circumference of the tire; except that this subparagraph (III) shall not apply to tires on a commercial vehicle as such term is defined in section 235 (1) (a); or

(IV) Such other conditions as may be reasonably demonstrated to render it unsafe.

(6) No passenger car tire shall be used on any motor vehicle which is driven or moved on any highway if such tire was designed or manufactured for non-highway use.

(7) No person shall sell any motor vehicle for highway use unless the vehicle is equipped with tires that are in compliance with subsections (5) and (6) of this section and any rules of safe operating condition promulgated by the department.

(8) (a) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (1), (2), (3), (5), or (6) of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

(b) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (7) of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

229. Safety glazing material in motor vehicles.

(1) No person shall sell any new motor vehicle, nor shall any new motor vehicle be registered, unless such vehicle is equipped with safety glazing material of a type approved by the department for any required front windshield and wherever glazing material is used in doors and windows of said motor vehicle. This section shall apply to all passenger-type motor vehicles, including passenger buses and school buses, but, in respect to camper coaches and trucks, including truck tractors, the requirements as to safety glazing material shall apply only to all glazing material used in required front windshields and that used in doors and windows in the drivers' compartments and such other compartments as are lawfully occupied by passengers in said vehicles.

(2) The term "safety glazing materials" means such glazing materials as will reduce substantially, in comparison with ordinary sheet glass or plate glass, the likelihood of injury to persons by objects from exterior sources or by these safety glazing materials when they may be cracked or broken.

(3) The department shall compile and publish a list of types of glazing material by name approved by it as meeting the requirements of this section, and the department shall not, after January 1, 1958, register any motor vehicle which is subject to the provisions of this section unless it is equipped with an approved type of safety glazing material, and the department shall suspend the registration of any motor vehicle subject to this section which is found to be not so equipped until it is made to conform to the requirements of this section.

(4) No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any highway within this state unless the vehicle is equipped with a front windshield as provided in this section, except as provided in section 232 (1) and except for motor vehicles registered as collectors' items under sections 42-12-301 or 42-12-302, C.R.S.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

230. Emergency lighting equipment - who must carry.

(1) No motor vehicle carrying a truck license and weighing six thousand pounds or more and no passenger bus shall be operated over the highways of this state at any time without carrying in an accessible place inside or on the outside of the vehicle three bidirectional emergency reflective triangles of a type approved by the department, but the use of such equipment is not required in municipalities where there are street lights within not more than one hundred feet.

(2) Whenever a motor vehicle referred to in subsection (1) of this section is stopped upon the traveled portion of a highway or the shoulder of a highway for any cause other than necessary traffic stops, the driver of the stopped motor vehicle shall immediately activate the vehicular hazard warning signal flashers and continue the flashing until the driver places the bidirectional emergency reflective triangles as directed in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, whenever a motor vehicle referred to in subsection (1) of this section is stopped upon the traveled portion of a highway or the shoulder of a highway for any cause other than necessary traffic stops, the driver shall, as soon as possible, but in any event within ten minutes, place the bidirectional emergency reflective triangles in the following manner:

(a) One at the traffic side of the stopped vehicle, within ten feet of the front or rear of the vehicle;

(b) One at a distance of approximately one hundred feet from the stopped vehicle in the center of the traffic lane or shoulder occupied by the vehicle and in the direction toward traffic approaching in that lane; and

(c) One at a distance of approximately one hundred feet from the stopped vehicle in the opposite direction from those placed in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection (3) in the center of the traffic lane or shoulder occupied by the vehicle; or

(d) If the vehicle is stopped within five hundred feet of a curve, crest of a hill, or other obstruction to view, the driver shall place the emergency equipment required by this subsection

(3) in the direction of the obstruction to view at a distance of one hundred feet to five hundred feet from the stopped vehicle so as to afford ample warning to other users of the highway; or

(e) If the vehicle is stopped upon the traveled portion or the shoulder of a divided or one-way highway, the driver shall place the emergency equipment required by this subsection (3), one at a distance of two hundred feet and one at a distance of one hundred feet in a direction toward approaching traffic in the center of the lane or shoulder occupied by the vehicle, and one at the traffic side of the vehicle within ten feet of the rear of the vehicle.

(4) No motor vehicle operating as a tow truck, as defined in section 40-10.1-101(21), C.R.S., at the scene of an accident shall move or attempt to move any wrecked vehicle without first complying with those sections of the law concerning emergency lighting.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

231. Parking lights.

When lighted lamps are required by section 204, no vehicle shall be driven upon a highway with the parking lights lighted except when the lights are being used as signal lamps and except when the head lamps are lighted at the same time. Parking lights are those lights permitted by section 215 and any other lights mounted on the front of the vehicle, designed to be displayed primarily when the vehicle is parked. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

232. Minimum safety standards for motorcycles, autocycles, and low-power scooters.

(1) (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph (b) of this subsection (1)~~ subsection (1)(b) of this section, a person shall not drive a motorcycle, autocycle, or low-power scooter on a public highway unless the person and any passenger ~~thereon~~ in or on the motorcycle, autocycle, or low-power scooter is wearing goggles or eyeglasses with lenses made of safety glass or plastic; except that this subsection (1) does not apply to a person wearing a helmet containing eye protection made of safety glass or plastic.

(b) A person driving or riding an autocycle ~~motorcycle~~ need not wear eye protection if the autocycle ~~motorcycle~~ has:

(I) Three wheels;

(II) A maximum design speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less;

(III) A windshield; and

(IV) Seat belts.

(2) The department shall adopt standards and specifications for the design of goggles and eyeglasses.

(3) Any motorcycle carrying a passenger, other than in a sidecar or enclosed cab, shall be equipped with footrests for such passengers.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

233. Alteration of suspension system.

(1) No person shall operate a motor vehicle of a type required to be registered under the laws of this state upon a public highway with either the rear or front suspension system altered or changed from the manufacturer's original design except in accordance with specifications permitting such alteration established by the department. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the installation of manufactured heavy duty equipment to include shock absorbers and overload springs, nor shall anything contained in this section prevent a person from operating a motor vehicle on a public highway with normal wear of the suspension system if normal wear shall not affect the control of the vehicle.

(2) This section shall not apply to motor vehicles designed or modified primarily for off-highway racing purposes, and such motor vehicles may be lawfully towed on the highways of this state.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

234. Slow-moving vehicles - display of emblem.

(1) (a) All machinery, equipment, and vehicles, except bicycles, electrical assisted bicycles, electric sc~~e~~ooters, and other human-powered vehicles, designed to operate or normally operated at a speed of less than twenty-five miles per hour on a public highway ~~shall~~ must display a triangular slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear.

(b) The department shall set standards for a triangular slow-moving emblem for use on low-speed electric vehicles.

(c) Bicycles, electrical assisted bicycles, electric scooters and other human-powered vehicles ~~shall be permitted but not required to~~may, but need not, display the emblem specified in this subsection (1).

(2) The executive director of the department shall adopt standards and specifications for such emblem, position of the mounting thereof, and requirements for certification of conformance with the standards and specifications adopted by the American society of agricultural engineers
concerning such emblems. The requirements of such emblem shall be in addition to any lighting device required by law.

(3) The use of the emblem required under this section shall be restricted to the use specified in subsection (1) of this section, and its use on any other type of vehicle or stationary object shall be prohibited.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

235. Minimum standards for commercial vehicles ~~– repeal~~motor carrier safety fund – created – definition - rules.

(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Commercial vehicle" means:

(I) A self-propelled or towed vehicle;

(A) Bearing an apportioned plate;

(B) Having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination rating of at least sixteen thousand one pounds and used in commerce on public highways; or

(C) Having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination rating of at least sixteen thousand one pounds and used to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver, unless the vehicle is a school bus regulated in accordance with section 42-4-1904, C.R.S., or a vehicle that does not have a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand one or more pounds and that is owned or operated by a school district so long as the school district does~~t~~ not receive remuneration, other than reimbursement of the school district's costs, for the use of the vehicle;

(II) Any motor vehicle designed or equipped to transport other motor vehicles from place to place by means of winches, cables, pulleys, or other equipment for towing, pulling, or lifting, when such motor vehicle is used in commerce on the public highways of this state; and

(III) A motor vehicle that is used on the public highways and transports materials determined by the secretary of transportation to be hazardous under 49 U.S.C. sec. 5103 in such quantities as to require placarding under 49 CFR parts 172 and 173.

(b) Repealed.

(c) "Motor carrier" means every person, lessee, receiver, or trustee appointed by any court whatsoever owning, controlling, operating, or managing any commercial vehicle as defined in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1).

(2) (a) ~~No~~ A person shall not operate a commercial vehicle, as defined in subsection (1) of this section, on any public highway of this state unless ~~such~~ the vehicle is in compliance with the rules adopted by the chief of the Colorado state patrol pursuant to subsection (4) of this section. ~~Any~~ A person ~~who~~ that violates such rules, including intrastate motor carriers, shall be subject to the civil penalties authorized pursuant to 49 CFR ~~part~~ 386, subpart G.~~,~~ ~~as such subpart existed on October 1, 2001. Persons who utilize~~A person that uses an independent contractor ~~shall~~ is not ~~be~~ liable for penalties imposed on the independent contractor for equipment, acts, and omissions within the independent contractor's control or supervision. ~~All~~ A state agency or court collecting civil penalties ~~collected~~ pursuant to this ~~article by a state agency or by a court shall be transmitted~~article 4 shall transmit the civil penalties to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the highway users tax fund created in section 43-4-201~~, C.R.S.~~, for allocation and expenditure as specified in section 43-4-205(5.5)(a~~), C.R.S~~).

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection (2):

(I) Intrastate motor carriers shall not be subject to any provisions in 49 CFR, part 386, subpart G that relate the amount of a penalty to a violator's ability to pay, and such penalties shall be based upon the nature and gravity of the violation, the degree of culpability, and such other matters as justice and public safety may require;

(II) When determining the assessment of a civil penalty for safety violations, the period of a motor carrier's safety compliance history that a compliance review officer may consider shall not exceed three years; and

(III) The intrastate operation of implements of husbandry shall not be subject to the civil penalties provided in 49 CFR, part 386, subpart G. Nothing in this subsection (2) shall be construed to repeal, preempt, or negate any existing regulatory exemption for agricultural operations, intrastate farm vehicle drivers, intrastate vehicles or combinations of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of not more than twenty-six thousand pounds that do not require a commercial driver's license to operate, or any successor or analogous agricultural exemptions, whether based on federal or state law.

(IV) This section does not apply to a motor vehicle or motor vehicle and trailer combination:

(A) With a gross vehicle weight, gross vehicle weight rating, or gross combination rating of less than twenty-six thousand one pounds;

(B) Not operated in interstate commerce;

(C) Not transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding;

(D) Not transporting either sixteen or more passengers including the driver or eight or more passengers for compensation; and

(E) If the motor vehicle or combination is being used solely for agricultural purposes.

(c) The Colorado state patrol ~~shall have~~has exclusive enforcement authority to conduct ~~safety~~ compliance reviews, as defined in 49 CFR 385.3, ~~as such section existed on October 1, 2001,~~ and to impose civil penalties pursuant to ~~such~~ the reviews. ~~Nothing in this paragraph (c) shall~~This subsection (2)(c) does not expand or limit the ability of local governments to conduct roadside safety inspections.

(d) (I) Pursuant to section 42-3-120, u~~U~~pon notice from the Colorado state patrol, for a carrier that~~, the department shall, pursuant to section 42-3-120, C.R.S., cancel the registration of a motor carrier who~~ fails to pay in full a civil penalty imposed pursuant to this subsection (2) within thirty days after notification of the penalty or fails to cooperate with the completion of a compliance review within thirty days after notification of the failure to cooperate, the department shall:~~.~~

(A) cancel the motor carrier's registration; and

(B) enter both the motor carrier and its vehicles as out-of-service in the federal motor carrier safety administration system of record.

(II) Repealed.

(3) Any motor carrier operating a commercial vehicle within Colorado must declare knowledge of the rules and regulations adopted by the chief of the Colorado state patrol pursuant to subsection (4) of this section. The declaration of knowledge shall be in writing on a form provided by the Colorado state patrol. Such form must be signed and returned by a motor carrier according to rules adopted by the chief.

(4)(a)(I) Except as described in subsection (4)(a)(III) of this section, the chief of the Colorado state patrol shall adopt rules for the operation of all commercial vehicles and, as specified in subsection (4)(a)(II) of this section, vehicles that would be commercial vehicles but for the fact that they have a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination rating of ten thousand one pounds or more but not more than sixteen thousand pounds. In adopting the rules, the chief shall use as general guidelines the standards contained in the current rules and regulations of the United States department of transportation relating to safety regulations, qualifications of drivers, driving of motor vehicles, parts and accessories, notification and reporting of accidents, hours of service of drivers, inspection, repair and maintenance of motor vehicles, financial responsibility, insurance, and employee safety and health standards; except that rules regarding financial responsibility and insurance do not apply to a commercial vehicle as defined in subsection (1) of this section that is also subject to regulation by the public utilities commission under article 10.1 of title 40. On and after September 1, 2003, all commercial vehicle safety inspections conducted to determine compliance with rules promulgated by the chief pursuant to this subsection (4)(a) must be performed by an enforcement official, as defined in section 42-20-103(2), who has been certified by the commercial vehicle safety alliance, or any successor organization thereto, to perform level I inspections. ~~(4) (a)(I) The chief of the Colorado state patrol shall adopt rules for the operation of all commercial vehicles and, as specified in subsection (4)(a)(II) of this section, vehicles that would be commercial vehicles but for the fact that they have a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination rating of ten thousand one pounds or more but not more than sixteen thousand pounds. In adopting such rules, the chief shall use as general guidelines the standards contained in the current rules and regulations of the United States department of transportation relating to safety regulations, qualifications of drivers, driving of motor vehicles, parts and accessories, notification and reporting of accidents, hours of service of drivers, inspection, repair and maintenance of motor vehicles, financial responsibility, insurance, and employee safety and health standards; except that rules regarding financial responsibility and insurance do not apply to a commercial vehicle as defined in subsection (1) of this section that is also subject to regulation by the public utilities commission under article 10.1 of title 40, C.R.S. On and after September 1, 2003, all commercial vehicle safety inspections conducted to determine compliance with rules promulgated by the chief pursuant to this paragraph (a) must be performed by an enforcement official, as defined in section 42-20-103(2), C.R.S., who has been certified by the commercial vehicle safety alliance, or any successor organization thereto, to perform level I inspections.~~

(II) With respect to the operation of all vehicles that would be commercial vehicles but for the fact that they have a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination rating of ten thousand one pounds or more but not more than sixteen thousand pounds, the chief of the Colorado state patrol may adopt rules that authorize the Colorado state patrol to:

(A) Annually inspect these vehicles;

(B) Enforce with respect to these vehicles all requirements for the securing of loads that apply to commercial vehicles; and

(C) Enforce with respect to these vehicles all requirements relating to the use of coupling devices for commercial vehicles.

(III) Rules establishing insurance requirements for vehicles used by licensed river outfitters are established by the parks and wildlife commission pursuant to section 33-32-103(1)(e).

(b) The Colorado public utilities commission may enforce safety rules of the chief of the Colorado state patrol governing commercial vehicles described in subparagraphs (I) and (II) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section pursuant to his or her authority to regulate motor carriers, as defined in section 40-10.1-101, C.R.S., including the issuance of civil penalties for violations of such rules as provided in section 40-7-113, C.R.S.

(5) Any person who violates a rule or regulation promulgated by the chief of the Colorado state patrol pursuant to this section or fails to comply with subsection (3) of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

(6) The motor carrier safety fund is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of moneys transferred from the public utilities commission motor carrier fund pursuant to section 40-2-110.5(9)(a), C.R.S. Moneys in the fund are subject to appropriation by the general assembly for the direct and indirect costs of the advancement of highway safety relating to commercial carrier operations pursuant to this section. All interest derived from the deposit and investment of moneys in the fund are credited to the fund, and any moneys not appropriated remain in the fund and do not transfer or revert to the general fund or any other fund.

236. Child restraint systems required - definitions - exemptions.

(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Child care center" means a facility required to be licensed under the "Foster Care, Residential, Day Treatment, and Agency Licensing Act", part 9 of article 6 of title 26, or the "Child Care Licensing Act", part 3 of article 5 of title 26.5.~~(a) "Child care center" means a facility required to be licensed under the "Child Care Licensing Act", article 6 of title 26, C.R.S.~~

(a.3) Deleted.

(a.5) "Child restraint system" means a specially designed seating system that is designed to protect, hold, or restrain a child in a motor vehicle in such a way as to prevent or minimize injury to the child in the event of a motor vehicle accident that is either permanently affixed to a motor vehicle or is affixed to such vehicle by a safety belt or a universal attachment system, and that meets the federal motor vehicle safety standards set forth in section 49 CFR 571.213, as amended.

(a.7) Deleted.

(a.8) "Motor vehicle" means a passenger car; a pickup truck; or a van, minivan, or sport utility vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than ten thousand pounds. "Motor vehicle" does not include motorcycles~~ that are not autocycles~~, low-power scooters~~,~~

~~motorscooters, motorbicycles, motorized bicycles~~, and farm tractors and implements of husbandry designed primarily or exclusively for use in agricultural operations.

(b) "Safety belt" means a lap belt, a shoulder belt, or any other belt or combination of belts installed in a motor vehicle to restrain drivers and passengers, except any such belt that is physically a part of a child restraint system. "Safety belt" includes the anchorages, the buckles, and all other equipment directly related to the operation of safety belts. Proper use of a safety belt means the shoulder belt, if present, crosses the shoulder and chest and the lap belt crosses the hips, touching the thighs.

(c) "Seating position" means any motor vehicle interior space intended by the motor vehicle manufacturer to provide seating accommodation while the motor vehicle is in motion.

(2) (a) (I) Unless exempted pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, and except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (II) and (III) of this paragraph (a), every child who is under eight years of age and who is being transported in this state in a motor vehicle or in a vehicle operated by a child care center, shall be properly restrained in a child restraint system according to the manufacturer's instructions:

(II) If the child is less than one year of age and weighs less than twenty pounds, the child shall be properly restrained in a rear-facing child restraint system in a rear seat of the vehicle.

(III) If the child is one year of age or older, but less than four years of age, and weighs less than forty pounds, but at least twenty pounds, the child shall be properly restrained in a rear-facing or forward- facing child restraint system.

(b) Unless excepted pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, every child, who is at least eight years of age but less than sixteen years of age who is being transported in this state in a motor vehicle or in a vehicle operated by a child care center, shall be properly restrained in a safety belt or child restraint system according to the manufacturer's instructions.

(c) If a parent is in the motor vehicle, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that his or her child or children are provided with and that they properly use a child restraint system or safety belt system. If a parent is not in the motor vehicle, it is the responsibility of the driver transporting a child or children, subject to the requirements of this section, to ensure that such children are provided with and that they properly use a child restraint system or safety belt system.

(3) Except as provided in section 42-2-105.5(4), C.R.S., the requirements of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to a child who:

(a) Repealed.

(b) Is less than eight years of age and is being transported in a motor vehicle as a result of a medical or other life-threatening emergency and a child restraint system is not available;

(c) Is being transported in a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in section 42-2-402(4)(a), C.R.S., that is operated by a child care center; or

(d) Is the driver of a motor vehicle and is subject to the safety belt requirements provided in section 237;

(e) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2011, (SB 11-227), ch. 295, p. 1399, § 1, effective June 7, 2011.)

(f) Is being transported in a motor vehicle that is operated in the business of transporting persons for compensation or hire by or on behalf of a common carrier or a contract carrier as those terms are defined in section 40-10.1-101, C.R.S., or an operator of a luxury limousine service as defined in section 40-10.1-301, C.R.S.

(4) No Rule.

(5) No person shall use a safety belt or child restraint system, whichever is applicable under the provisions of this section, for children under sixteen years of age in a motor vehicle unless it conforms to all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(6) Any violation of this section shall not constitute negligence per se or contributory negligence per se.

(7) (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (7), any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

(b) A minor driver under eighteen years of age who violates this section shall be punished in accordance with section 42-2-105.5(5)(b), C.R.S.

(8) The fine may be waived if the defendant presents the court with satisfactory evidence or proof of the acquisition, purchase, or rental of a child restraint system by the time of the court appearance.

(9) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2010, (SB 10-110), ch 294, p. 1365, § 3, effective August 1, 2020.

(10) and (11) Repealed.

237. Safety belt systems – mandatory use - exemptions ~~—~~ penalty - definitions.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Motor vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle intended primarily for use and operation on the public highways, including passenger cars, station wagons, vans, taxicabs, ambulances, motor homes, and pickups. The term does not include motorcycles, low-power scooters, passenger buses, school buses, and farm tractors and implements of husbandry designed primarily or exclusively for use in agricultural operations.

(b) "Safety belt system" means a system utilizing a lap belt, a shoulder belt, or any other belt or combination of belts installed in a motor vehicle ~~or an autocycle~~ to restrain drivers and passengers, which system conforms to federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(2) Unless exempted pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, every driver of and every front seat passenger in a motor vehicle and every driver of and every passenger in an autocycle equipped with a safety belt system shall wear a fastened safety belt while the motor vehicle is being operated on a street or highway in this state.

(3) Except as provided in section 42-2-105.5, C.R.S., the requirement of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to:

(a) A child required by section 236 to be restrained by a child restraint system;

(b) A member of an ambulance team, other than the driver, while involved in patient care;

(c) A peace officer as described in section 16-2.5-101, C.R.S., while performing official duties so long as the performance of said duties is in accordance with rules and regulations applicable to said officer which are at least as restrictive as subsection (2) of this section and which only provide exceptions necessary to protect the officer;

(d) A person with a physically or psychologically disabling condition whose physical or psychological disability prevents appropriate restraint by a safety belt system if such person possesses a written statement by a physician certifying the condition, as well as stating the reason why such restraint is inappropriate;

(e) A person driving or riding in a motor vehicle not equipped with a safety belt system due to the fact that federal law does not require such vehicle to be equipped with a safety belt system;

(f) A rural letter carrier of the United States postal service while performing duties as a rural letter carrier; and

(g) A person operating a motor vehicle which does not meet the definition of "commercial vehicle" as that term is defined in section 235 (1) (a) for commercial or residential delivery or pickup service; except that such person shall be required to wear a fastened safety belt during the time period prior to the first delivery or pickup of the day and during the time period following the last delivery or pickup of the day.

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (4), any person who operates a motor vehicle while such person or any passenger is in violation of the requirement of subsection (2) of this section commits a class B traffic infraction. Penalties collected pursuant to this subsection (4) shall be transmitted to the appropriate authority pursuant to the provisions of section 42-1-217(1)(e) and (2), C.R.S.

(b) A minor driver under eighteen years of age who violates this section shall be punished in accordance with section 42-2-105.5(5)(b), C.R.S.

(5) No driver in a motor vehicle shall be cited for a violation of subsection (2) of this section unless such driver was stopped by a law enforcement officer for an alleged violation of Codes 1 to 4 of this title other than a violation of this section.

(6) Testimony at a trial for a violation charged pursuant to subsection (4) of this section may include:

(a) Testimony by a law enforcement officer that the officer observed the person charged operating a motor vehicle while said operator or any passenger was in violation of the requirement of subsection (2) of this section; or

(b) Evidence that the driver removed the safety belts or knowingly drove a vehicle from which the safety belts had been removed.

(7) Evidence of failure to comply with the requirement of subsection (2) of this section shall be admissible to mitigate damages with respect to any person who was involved in a motor vehicle accident and who seeks in any subsequent litigation to recover damages for injuries

resulting from the accident. Such mitigation shall be limited to awards for pain and suffering and shall not be used for limiting recovery of economic loss and medical payments.

238. Blue and red lights - illegal use or possession.

(1) A person shall not be in actual physical control of a vehicle, except an authorized emergency vehicle as defined in section 42-1-102(6), C.R.S., that the person knows contains a lamp or device that is designed to display, or that is capable of displaying if affixed or attached to the vehicle, a red or blue light visible directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

(2) It shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant was:

(a) A peace officer as described in section 16-2.5-101, C.R.S.; or

(b) In actual physical control of a vehicle expressly authorized by a chief of police or sheriff to contain a lamp or device that is designed to display, or that is capable of displaying if affixed or attached to the vehicle, a red or blue light visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle; or

(c) A member of a volunteer fire department or a volunteer ambulance service who possesses a permit from the fire chief of the fire department or chief executive officer of the ambulance service through which the volunteer serves to operate a vehicle pursuant to section 222 (1) (b); or

(d) A vendor who exhibits, sells, or offers for sale a lamp or device designed to display, or that is capable of displaying, if affixed or attached to the vehicle, a red or blue light; or

(e) A collector of fire engines, fire suppression vehicles, or ambulances and the vehicle to which the red or blue lamps were affixed is valued for the vehicle's historical interest or as a collector's item.

(3) A violation of this section is a class 2~~1~~ misdemeanor.

239. Misuse of a wireless telephone – definitions - penalty - preemption.

(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Emergency" means a situation in which a person:

(I) Has reason to fear for such person's life or safety or believes that a criminal act may be perpetrated against such person or another person, requiring the use of a wireless telephone while the car is moving; or

(II) Reports a fire, a traffic accident in which one or more injuries are apparent, a serious road hazard, a medical or hazardous materials emergency, or a person who is driving in a reckless, careless, or otherwise unsafe manner.

(b) "Operating a motor vehicle" means driving a motor vehicle on a public highway, but "operating a motor vehicle" shall not mean maintaining the instruments of control while the motor vehicle is at rest in a shoulder lane or lawfully parked.

(c) "Use" means talking on or listening to a wireless telephone or engaging the wireless telephone for text messaging or other similar forms of manual data entry or transmission.

(d) “Wireless telephone” means a telephone that operates without a physical, wireline connection to the provider’s equipment. The term includes, without limitation, cellular and mobile telephones.

(2) A person under eighteen years of age shall not use a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle. This subsection (2) does not apply to acts specified in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) A person shall not use a wireless telephone for the purpose of engaging in text messaging or other similar forms of manual data entry or transmission while operating a motor vehicle.

(4) Subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall not apply to a person who is using the wireless telephone:

(a) To contact a public safety entity; or

(b) During an emergency.

(5) (a) A person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (2) of this section commits a class A traffic infraction as defined in section 42-4-1701(3), C.R.S. and the court or the department of revenue shall assess a fine of fifty dollars.

(b) A second or subsequent violation of subsection (2) of this section is a class A traffic infraction as defined in section 1701(3), and the court or the department of revenue shall assess a fine of one hundred dollars.

(5.5) (a) Except as provided in subsections (5.5)(b) and (5.5)(c) of this section, a person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (3) of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense, and the court or the department shall assess a fine of three hundred dollars.

(b) If the person’s actions are the proximate cause of bodily injury to another, the person commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense and shall be punished as provided in section 42-4-1701(3)(a)(II), C.R.S..

(c) If the person’s actions are the proximate cause of death to another, the person commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense and shall be punished as provided in section 42-4-1701(3)(a)(II), C.R.S.

(6) (a) An operator of a motor vehicle shall not be cited for a violation of subsection (2) of this section unless the operator was under eighteen years of age and a law enforcement officer saw the operator use, as defined in paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section, a wireless telephone.

(b) An operator of a motor vehicle shall not be cited for a violation of subsection (3) of this section unless a law enforcement officer saw the operator use a wireless telephone for the purpose of engaging in text messaging or other similar forms of manual data entry or transmission, in a manner that caused the operator to drive in a careless and imprudent manner, without due regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic, and use of the streets and highways and all other attendant circumstances, as prohibited by 42-4-1402, C.R.S..

(7) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize the seizure and forfeiture of a wireless telephone, unless otherwise provided by law.

(8) This section does not restrict operation of an amateur radio station by a person who holds a valid amateur radio operator license issued by the federal communications commission.

(9) The general assembly finds and declares that use of wireless telephones in motor vehicles is a matter of statewide concern.

240. Low-speed electric vehicle equipment requirements.

A low-speed electric vehicle shall conform with applicable federal manufacturing equipment standards. Any person who operates a low-speed electric vehicle in violation of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

241. Unlawful removal of tow-truck signage - unlawful usage of tow-truck signage.

(1)(a) A person, other than a towing carrier or peace officer as described in section 16-2.5-101, C.R.S., commits the crime of unlawful removal of tow-truck signage if:

(I) A towing carrier has placed a tow-truck warning sign on the driver-side window of a vehicle to be towed or, if window placement is impracticable, in another location on the driver-side of the vehicle; and

(II) The vehicle to be towed is within fifty feet of the towing carrier vehicle; and

(III) The person removes the tow-truck warning sign from the vehicle before the tow is completed.

(b) A person commits the crime of unlawful usage of tow-truck signage if the person places a tow-truck warning sign on a vehicle when the vehicle is not in the process of being towed or when the vehicle is occupied.

(c) A towing carrier may permit an owner of the vehicle to be towed to retrieve any personal items from the vehicle before the vehicle is towed.

(2) A person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits a class ~~3 misdemeanor~~A traffic infraction.

(3) For purposes of this section, "tow-truck warning sign" means a sign that is at least eight inches by eight inches, is either yellow or orange, and states the following:

> WARNING: This vehicle is in tow. Attempting to operate or operating this vehicle may result in criminal prosecution and may lead to injury or death to you or another person.

242. Automated driving systems – safe harbor.

(1) A person may use an automated driving system to drive a motor vehicle or to control a function of a motor vehicle if the system is capable of complying with every state and federal law that applies to the function that the system is operating.

(2) Any provision in articles 1 to 3 of title 42 and article 4 that by its nature regulates a human driver, including section 42-2-101, C.R.S., does not apply to an automated driving system, except for laws regulating the physical driving of a vehicle.

(3) (a) If an automated driving system is not capable of complying with every state and federal law that applies to the function the system is operating, a person shall not test the system unless approved by the Colorado state patrol and the Colorado department of transportation, in accordance with a process overseen by the Colorado state patrol and the Colorado department of transportation.

(b) A person who violates this subsection (3) commits a class B traffic infraction. Upon determining that there is probable cause to believe that a motor vehicle was used to violate this subsection (3), a peace officer of the state patrol may impound or immobilize the motor vehicle until the person who violated this section has obtained the required approval in accordance with subsection (3)(a) of this section or signed an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, stating the person's intention to cease using the automated driving system in Colorado without the required approval.

(4) The Colorado department of transportation shall report to the transportation legislation review committee by September 1 of each year, concerning the testing of automated driving systems in Colorado. The first report is due by September 1, 2018. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 24-1-136, the reporting requirements contained in this subsection (4) continued indefinitely.

(5) Liability for a crash involving an automated driving system driving a motor vehicle that is not under human control is determined in accordance with applicable state law, federal law, or common law.

PART 3
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PART 5
SIZE - WEIGHT - LOAD

501. Size and weight violations - penalty.

Except as provided in section 509, it is a traffic infraction for any person to drive or move or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved on any highway any vehicle

or vehicles of a size or weight exceeding the limitations stated in sections 502 to 512 or otherwise in violation of said sections or section 1407, except as permitted in section 510. The maximum size and weight of vehicles specified in said sections shall be lawful throughout this state, and local authorities shall have no power or authority to alter said limitations, except as express authority may be granted in section 42-4-106, C.R.S.

502. Width of vehicles.

(1) The total outside width of any vehicle or the load thereon shall not exceed eight feet six inches, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(2) (a) A load of loose hay, including loosely bound, round bales, whether horse drawn or by motor, shall not exceed twelve feet in width.

(b) A vehicle and trailer may transport a load of rectangular hay bales if such vehicle and load do not exceed ten feet six inches in width.

(3) It is unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle or a motor vehicle which has attached thereto in any manner any chain, rope, wire, or other equipment which drags, swings, or projects in any manner so as to endanger the person or property of another.

(4) The total outside width of buses and coaches used for the transportation of passengers shall not exceed eight feet six inches.

(5) (a) The total outside width of vehicles as included in this section shall not be construed so as to prohibit the projection beyond such width of clearance lights, rearview mirrors, or other accessories required by federal, state, or city laws or regulations.

(b) The width requirements imposed by subsection (1) of this section shall not include appurtenances on recreational vehicles, including but not limited to motor homes, travel trailers, fifth wheel trailers, camping trailers, recreational park trailers, multipurpose trailers, and truck campers, all as defined in section 24-32-902, C.R.S., so long as such recreational vehicle, including such appurtenances, does not exceed a total outside width of nine feet six inches.

(6) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

503. Projecting loads on passenger vehicles.

~~No passenger-type vehicle, e~~Except with regard to the operation of a motorcycle, autocycle, ~~a~~ bicycle, ~~or an~~ electrical assisted bicycle or electric scooter, a person shall ~~be operated~~ not operate a passenger-type vehicle on any highway with any load carried ~~thereon~~ extending beyond the line of the fenders on the left side of ~~such~~ the vehicle nor extending more than six inches beyond the line of the fenders on the right side ~~thereof. Any~~of the vehicle. A person who violates this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

504. Height and length of vehicles.

(1) No vehicle unladen or with load shall exceed a height of fourteen feet six inches. The department of transportation shall designate highways with overhead highway structures that

have less than fourteen feet six inches of vertical clearance. A driver shall not drive a vehicle under a structure if the vehicle's height exceeds the department's designated vertical clearance for the structure.

(2) No single motor vehicle shall exceed a length of forty-five feet extreme overall dimension, inclusive of front and rear bumpers. The length of vehicles used for the mass transportation of passengers wholly within the limits of a town, city, or municipality or within a radius of fifteen miles thereof may extend to sixty feet. The length of school buses may extend to forty feet.

(3) Buses used for the transportation of passengers between towns, cities, and municipalities in the state of Colorado may be sixty feet extreme overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers but shall not exceed a height of thirteen feet six inches, if such buses are equipped to conform with the load and weight limitations set forth in section 508; except that buses with a height of fourteen feet six inches which otherwise conform to the requirements of this subsection (3) shall be operated only on highways designated by the department of transportation.

(4) No combination of vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than four units, and no such combination of vehicles shall exceed a total overall length of seventy feet. Said length limitation shall not apply to unladen truck tractor-semitrailer combinations when the semitrailer is fifty-seven feet four inches or less in length or to unladen truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combinations when the semitrailer and the trailer are each twenty-eight feet six inches or less in length. Said length limitations shall also not apply to vehicles operated by a public utility when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or properties or when operated under special permit as provided in section 42-4-510, C.R.S., but, in respect to night transportation, every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of such load.

(4.5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, drivers shall not drive the following combinations of vehicles:

(a) Saddlemount combinations consisting of more than four units or saddlemount combinations exceeding ninety-seven feet in overall length;

(b) Laden truck tractor-semitrailer combinations exceeding seventy-five feet in overall length; and

(c) Stinger-steered vehicle combinations for transporting automobiles or boats and whose total overall length exceeds eighty feet; except that the overall length of these combinations excludes:

(I) Safety devices that are not designed or used for carrying cargo;

(II) Automobiles or boats being transported;

(III) Any extension device that may be used for loading beyond the extreme front or rear ends of a vehicle or combination of vehicles; except that the projection of a load, including any extension devices loaded to the front of the vehicle, shall not extend more than four feet beyond

the extreme front of the grill of such vehicle and no load or extension device may extend more than six feet to the extreme rear of the vehicle.

(d) Towaway trailer transporter combinations that:

(I) Exceed eighty-two feet in overall length;

(II) Carry property;

(III) Exceed an overall weight of twenty-six thousand pounds;

(IV) Consist of more than a single towing unit and two trailers or semitrailers; or

(V) Do not constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of the trailer or semitrailer.

(5) The load upon any vehicle operated alone or the load upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles shall not extend beyond the front wheels of such vehicles or vehicle or the front most point of the grill of such vehicle; but a load may project not more than four feet beyond the front most point of the grill assembly of the vehicle engine compartment of such a vehicle at a point above the cab of the driver's compartment so long as that part of any load projecting ahead of the rear of the cab or driver's compartment shall be so loaded as not to obscure the vision of the driver to the front or to either side.

(6) The length limitations of vehicles and combinations of vehicles provided for in this section as they apply to vehicles being operated and utilized for the transportation of steel, fabricated beams, trusses, utility poles, and pipes shall be determined without regard to the projection of said commodities beyond the extreme front or rear of the vehicle or combination of vehicles; except that the projection of a load to the front shall be governed by the provisions of subsection (5) of this section, and no load shall project to the rear more than ten feet.

(7) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

505. Longer vehicle combinations.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, the department of transportation, in the exercise of its discretion, may issue permits for the use of longer vehicle combinations. An annual permit for such use may be issued to each qualified carrier company. The carrier company shall maintain a copy of such annual permit in each vehicle operating as a longer vehicle combination; except that, if a peace officer, as described in section 16-2.5-101, C.R.S., or an authorized agent of the department of transportation may determine that the permit can be electronically verified at the time of contact, a copy of the permit need not be in each vehicle. The fee for the permit shall be two hundred fifty dollars per year.

(2) The permits shall allow operation, over designated highways, of the following vehicle combinations of not more than three cargo units and neither fewer than six axles nor more than nine axles:

(a) An unladen truck tractor, a semitrailer, and two trailers. A semitrailer used with a converter dolly shall be considered a trailer. Semitrailers and trailers shall be of approximately equal lengths not to exceed twenty-eight feet six inches in length.

(b) An unladen truck tractor, a semitrailer, and a single trailer. A semitrailer used with a converter dolly shall be considered a trailer. Semitrailers and trailers shall be of approximately equal lengths not to exceed forty-eight feet in length. Notwithstanding any other restriction set forth in this section, such combination may have up to eleven axles when used to transport empty trailers.

(c) An unladen truck tractor, a semitrailer, and a single trailer, one trailer of which is not more than forty-eight feet long, the other trailer of which is not more than twenty-eight feet six inches long. A semitrailer used with a converter dolly shall be considered a trailer. The shorter trailer shall be operated as the rear trailer.

(d) A truck and single trailer, having an overall length of not more than eighty-five feet, the truck of which is not more than thirty-five feet long and the trailer of which is not more than forty feet long. For the purposes of this paragraph (d), a semitrailer used with a converter dolly shall be considered a trailer.

(3) The long combinations are limited to interstate highway 25, interstate highway 76, interstate highway 70 west of its intersection with state highway 13 in Garfield county, interstate highway 70 east of its intersection with U.S. 40 and state highway 26, the circumferential highways designated I-225 and I-270, and state highway 133 in Delta county from mile marker 8.9 to mile marker 9.7.

(4) The department of transportation shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the issuance of the permits, including, but not limited to, selection of carriers, driver qualifications, equipment selection, hours of operation, and safety considerations; except that they shall not include hazardous materials subject to regulation by the provisions of Code 20 of this title.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

506. Trailers and towed vehicles.

(1) When one vehicle is towing another, the drawbar or other connection shall be of sufficient strength to pull all weight towed thereby, and said drawbar or other connection shall not exceed fifteen feet from one vehicle to the other, except the connection between any two vehicles transporting poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural nature which cannot readily be dismembered and except connections between vehicles in which the combined lengths of the vehicles and the connection does not exceed an overall length of fifty-five feet and the connection is of rigid construction included as part of the structural design of the towed vehicle.

(2) When one vehicle is towing another and the connection consists of a chain, rope, or cable, there shall be displayed upon such connection a white flag or cloth not less than twelve inches square.

(3) Whenever one vehicle is towing another, in addition to the drawbar or other connection, except a fifth wheel connection meeting the requirements of the department of transportation, safety chains or cables arranged in such a way that it will be impossible for the vehicle being towed to break loose from the vehicle towing in the event the drawbar or other

connection were to be broken, loosened, or otherwise damaged shall be used. This subsection (3) shall apply to all motor vehicles, to all trailers, except semitrailers connected by a proper fifth wheel, and to any dolly used to convert a semitrailer to a full trailer.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

507. Wheel and axle loads.

(1) The gross weight upon any wheel of a vehicle shall not exceed the following:

(a) When the wheel is equipped with a solid rubber or cushion tire, eight thousand pounds;

(b) When the wheel is equipped with a pneumatic tire, nine thousand pounds.

(2) The gross weight upon any single axle or tandem axle of a vehicle shall not exceed the following:

(a) When the wheels attached to said axle are equipped with solid rubber or cushion tires, sixteen thousand pounds;

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (b.5) of this subsection (2), when the wheels attached to a single axle are equipped with pneumatic tires, twenty thousand pounds;

(b.5) When the wheels attached to a single axle are equipped with pneumatic tires and the vehicle or vehicle combination is a digger derrick or bucket boom truck operated by an electric utility on a highway that is not on the interstate system as defined in section 43-2-101 (2), C.R.S., twenty-one thousand pounds;

(c) When the wheels attached to a tandem axle are equipped with pneumatic tires, thirty-six thousand pounds for highways on the interstate system and forty thousand pounds for highways not on the interstate system.

(3) (a) Vehicles equipped with a self-compactor and used solely for the transporting of trash are exempted from the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section.

(b) (omitted for 1987 passed date?)

(c) A vehicle contracted by or owned and operated by a local authority or special district is exempt from paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of this section of the vehicle:

(I) Is equipped with a vacuum or jet equipment to load or unload solid, semisolid, or liquid waste for water or wastewater treatment or transportation systems or for the removal of storm water; and

(II) Is not operated on the interstate system as defined by section 43-2-101, C.R.S.

(4) For the purposes of this section:

(a) A single axle is defined as all wheels, whose centers may be included within two parallel transverse vertical planes not more than forty inches apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.

(b) A tandem axle is defined as two or more consecutive axles, the centers of which may be included between parallel vertical planes spaced more than forty inches and not more than ninety-six inches apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.

(5) The gross weight upon any one wheel of a steel-tired vehicle shall not exceed five hundred pounds per inch of cross-sectional width of tire.

(6) Any person who drives a vehicle or owns a vehicle in violation of any provision of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

508. Gross weight of vehicles and loads - definition.

(1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (1.5) of this section, a person shall not move or operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles on any highway or bridge when the gross weight upon any one axle of a vehicle exceeds the limits prescribed in section 507.

(b) Subject to the limitations prescribed in section 507, the maximum gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed that determined by the formula W = 1,000 (L + 40), where W represents the gross weight in pounds and L represents the length in feet between the centers of the first and last axles of such vehicle or combination of vehicles; except that, in computation of this formula, the gross vehicle weight must not exceed eighty-five thousand pounds. For the purposes of this section, where a combination of vehicles is used, a vehicle must not carry a gross weight of less than ten percent of the overall gross weight of the combination of vehicles; except that these limitations shall not apply to specialized trailers of fixed public utilities whose axles may carry less than ten percent of the weight of the combination. The limitations provided in this section must be strictly construed and enforced.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, except as may be authorized under section 510, a person shall not move or operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles on any highway or bridge that is part of the national system of interstate and defense highways, also known as the interstate system, when the gross weight of such vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds the amount determined by the formula W = 500 [(LN/N-1) + 12N + 36], up to a maximum of eighty thousand pounds, where W represents the overall gross weight on any group of two or more consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, L represents the distance in feet between the extreme of any group of two or more consecutive axles, and N represents the number of axles in the group.

(d) For the purposes of this subsection (1), where a combination of vehicles is used, a vehicle must not carry a gross weight of less than ten percent of the overall gross weight of the combination of vehicles; except that this limitation does not apply to specialized trailers whose specific use is to haul poles and whose axles may carry less than ten percent of the weight of the combination.

(1.5) The gross weight limits provided in subsection (1) of this section increase, but by no more than two thousand pounds, for any vehicle or combination of vehicles if the vehicle or combination of vehicles contains an alternative fuel system and operates on alternative fuel or both alternative and conventional fuel. For the purposes of this subsection (1.5), "alternative fuel" has the same meaning provided in section 24-30-1104(2)(c)(III)(a).

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~~combination of vehicles contains an alternative fuel system and operates on alternative fuel or both alternative and conventional fuel. For the purposes of this subsection (1.5), "alternative fuel" has the same meaning provided in section 25-7-106.8(1)(a), C.R.S.~~

(2) The department upon registering any vehicle under the laws of this state, which vehicle is designed and used primarily for the transportation of property or for the transportation of ten or more persons, may acquire such information and may make such investigation or tests as necessary to enable it to determine whether such vehicle may safely be operated upon the highways in compliance with all the provisions of this article. The department shall not register any such vehicle for a permissible gross weight exceeding the limitations set forth in sections 501 to 512 and 1407 of this Code. Every such vehicle shall meet the following requirements:

(a) It shall be equipped with brakes as required in section 223;

(b) Every motor vehicle to be operated outside of business and residential district shall have motive power adequate to propel at a reasonable speed such vehicle and any load thereon or be drawn thereby.

(3) If the federal highway administration or the United States congress prescribes or adopts vehicle size or weight limits greater than those now prescribed by the "Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956", which limits exceed in full or in part the provisions of section 504 or paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection (1) of this Code, the transportation commission, upon determining that Colorado highways have been constructed to standards which will accommodate such additional size or weight and that the adoption of said size and weight limitations will not jeopardize any distribution of federal highway funds to the state, may adopt size and weight limits comparable to those prescribed or adopted by the federal highway administration or the United States congress and may authorize said limits to be used by owners or operators of vehicles while said vehicles are using highways within this state; but no vehicle size or weight limit so adopted by the commission shall be less in any respect than those now provided for in section 504 or paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection (1) of this section.

(4) Any person who drives a vehicle or owns a vehicle in violation of any provision of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

509. Vehicles weighed – excess removed.

(1) Any police or peace officer, as described in section 16-2.5-101, C.R.S., having reason to believe that the weight of a vehicle and load is unlawful is authorized to require the driver to stop and submit to a weighing of the same by means of either portable or stationary scales or shall require that such vehicle be driven to the nearest public scales in the event such scales are within five miles.

(2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2), whenever an officer upon weighing a vehicle and load as provided in subsection (1) of this section determines that the weight is unlawful, such officer shall require the driver to stop the vehicle in a suitable place and remain standing until such portion of the load is removed as may be necessary to reduce the gross weight of such vehicle to such limit as permitted under sections 501 to 512 and 1407. All

material so unloaded shall be cared for by the owner or operator of such vehicle at the risk of such owner or operator.

(b) Whenever an officer upon weighing a vehicle and load as provided in subsection (1) of this section determines that the weight is unlawful and the load consists solely of either explosives or hazardous materials as defined in section 102 (32), such officer shall permit the driver of such vehicle to proceed to the driver's destination without requiring the driver to unload the excess portion of such load.

(3) Any driver of a vehicle who fails or refuses to stop and submit the vehicle and load to a weighing or who fails or refuses when directed by an officer upon a weighing of the vehicle to stop the vehicle and otherwise comply with the provisions of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

510. Permits for excess size and weight and for manufactured homes — rules - definition.

(1) (a) Any local authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction may, upon application in writing and good cause being shown therefor, issue a single trip, a special, or an annual permit in writing authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this Code or otherwise not in conformity with the provisions of this Code upon any highway under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and for the maintenance of which said party is responsible; except that permits for the movement of any manufactured home shall be issued as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(b) (I) The application for any permit shall specifically describe the vehicle and load to be operated or moved and the particular highways for which the permit to operate is requested, and whether such permit is for a single trip, a special, or an annual operation, and the time of such movement. All local permits shall be issued in the discretion of the local authority pursuant to ordinances or resolutions adopted in accordance with section 511. Any ordinances or resolutions of local authorities shall not conflict with this section.

(II) An overweight permit issued pursuant to this section shall be available for overweight divisible loads if:

(A) The vehicle has a quad axle grouping and the maximum gross weight of the vehicle does not exceed one hundred ten thousand pounds; or

(B) The vehicle is operated in combination with a trailer or semitrailer, the trailer has two or three axles, and the maximum gross weight of the vehicle does not exceed ninety-seven thousand pounds; and

(C) The owner and operator of the motor vehicle are in compliance with the federal "Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999", Pub.L. 106-159, as amended, as applicable to commercial vehicles; and

(D) The vehicle complies with rules promulgated by the department of transportation concerning the distribution of the load upon the vehicle's axles.

(III) A permit issued pursuant to this paragraph (b) shall not authorize the operation or movement of a motor vehicle on the interstate highway in violation of federal law.

(c) (I) A single trip or annual permit shall be issued pursuant to this section for a self-propelled fixed load crane that exceeds legal weight limits if it does not exceed the weight limits authorized by the department of transportation. A boom trailer or boom dolly shall not be permitted unless the boom trailer or boom dolly is attached to the crane in a manner and for the purpose of distributing load to meet the weight requirements established by the department. A self-propelled fixed load crane may be permitted with counterweights when a boom trailer or boom dolly is used if the counterweights do not exceed the manufacturer's rated capacity of the self-propelled fixed load crane and do not cause the vehicle to exceed permitted axle or gross weight limits. A permit issued pursuant to this paragraph (c) shall not authorize movement on interstate highways if not approved by federal law.

(II) For the purposes of this paragraph (c), "self-propelled fixed load crane" means a self-powered mobile crane designed with equipment or parts permanently attached to the body of the crane. A self-propelled fixed load crane includes, without limitation, the crane's shackles and slings.

(d) For the purposes of this section, section 42-4-511, and any rule promulgated under this section or section 42-4-511, a load of fluid milk products carried by a vehicle is deemed to not be a divisible load.

Note: 1.5 & 1.7(2) (a) An authentication of paid ad valorem taxes, after notification of such movement to the county treasurer, may serve as a permit for movement of manufactured homes on public streets or highways under the county's jurisdiction. An authentication of paid ad valorem taxes from the county treasurer of the county from which the manufactured home is to be moved, after notification of such movement has been provided to the county assessor of the county to which the manufactured home is to be moved, pursuant to section 39-5-205, C.R.S., may also serve as a permit for the movement of manufactured homes from one adjoining county to an adjoining county on streets and highways under local jurisdiction. The treasurer shall issue along with the authentication of paid ad valorem taxes a transportable manufactured home permit. The treasurer may establish and collect a fee, which shall not exceed ten dollars, for issuing the authentication of paid ad valorem taxes and the transportable manufactured home permit. Such transportable manufactured home permit shall be printed on an eleven inch by six inch fluorescent orange card and shall contain the following information: The name and address of the owner of the mobile home; the name and address of the mover; the transport number of the mover, a description of the mobile home including the make, year, and identification or serial number; the county authentication number; and an expiration date. The expiration date shall be set by the treasurer, but in no event shall the expiration date be more than thirty days after the date of issue of the permit. Such transportable manufactured home permit shall be valid for a single trip only. The transportable manufactured home permit shall be prominently displayed on the rear of the mobile home during transit of the mobile home. Peace officers and local tax and assessment officials may request, and upon demand shall be shown, all moving permits, tax

receipts, or certificates required by this subsection (2). Nothing in this section shall require a permit from a county treasurer for the movement of a new manufactured home. For the purposes of this section, a new manufactured home is one in transit under invoice or manufacturer's statement of origin which has not been previously occupied for residential purposes.

(b) All applications for permits to move manufactured homes over state highways shall comply with the following special provisions:

(I) Each such application shall be for a single trip, a special permit, an annual permit, or, subject to the requirements of paragraph (a) of subsection (1.5) of this section, an annual fleet permit. The application shall be accompanied by a certificate or other proof of public liability insurance in amounts of not less than one hundred thousand dollars per person and three hundred thousand dollars per accident for all manufactured homes moved within this state by the permit holder during the effective term of the permit. Each application for a single trip permit shall be accompanied by an authentication of paid ad valorem taxes on the used manufactured home.

(II) Holders of permits shall keep and maintain, for not less than three calendar years, records of all manufactured homes moved in whole or in part within this state, which records shall include the plate number of the towing vehicle; the year, make, serial number, and size of the unit moved, together with date of the move; the place of pickup; and the exact address of the final destination and the county of final destination and the name and address of the landowner of the final destination. These records shall be available upon request within this state for inspection by the state of Colorado or any of its ad valorem taxing governmental subdivisions.

(III) Holders of permits shall obtain an authentication of paid ad valorem taxes through the date of the move from the owner of a used manufactured home or from the county treasurer of the county from which the used manufactured home is being moved. Permit holders shall notify the county treasurer of the county from which the manufactured home is being moved of the new exact address of the final destination and the county of final destination of the manufactured home and the name and address of the landowner of the final destination, and, if within the state, the county treasurer shall forward copies of the used manufactured home tax certificate to the county assessor of the destination county. County treasurers may compute ad valorem manufactured home taxes due based upon the next preceding year's assessment prorated through the date of the move and accept payment of such as payment in full.

(IV) No owner of a manufactured home shall move the manufactured home or provide for the movement of the manufactured home without being the holder of a paid ad valorem tax certificate and a transportable manufactured home permit thereon, and no person shall assist such an owner in the movement of such owner's manufactured home, including a manufactured home dealer. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (b), a permit holder who moves any manufactured home within this state shall be liable for all unpaid ad valorem taxes thereon through the date of such move if movement is made prior to payment of the ad valorem taxes due on the manufactured home moved.

(V) In the event of an imminent natural or man-made disaster or emergency, including, but not limited to, rising waters, flood, or fire, the owner, owner's representative or agent,

occupant, or tenant of a manufactured home or the mobile home park owner or manager, lienholder, or manufactured home dealer is specifically exempted from the need to obtain a permit pursuant to this section and may move the endangered manufactured home out of the danger area to a temporary or new permanent location and may move such manufactured home back to its original location without a permit or penalty or fee requirement. Upon any such move to a temporary location as a result of a disaster or emergency, the person making the move or such person's agent or representative shall notify the county assessor in the county to which the manufactured home has been moved, within twenty days after such move, of the date and circumstances pertaining to the move and the temporary or permanent new location of the manufactured home. If the manufactured home is moved to a new permanent location from a temporary location as a result of a disaster or emergency, a permit for such move shall be issued but no fee shall be assessed.

(3) Any local authority is authorized to issue or withhold a permit, as provided in this section, and, if such permit is issued, to limit the number of trips, or to establish seasonal or other time limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated on the highways indicated, or otherwise to limit or prescribe conditions of operation of such vehicles, when necessary to protect the safety of highway users, to protect the efficient movement of traffic from unreasonable interference, or to protect the highways from undue damage to the road foundations, surfaces, or structures and may require such undertaking or other security as may be deemed necessary to compensate for any injury to any highway or highway structure.

(4) The original or a copy of every such permit shall be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer or authorized agent of any authority granting such permit; except that, if a peace officer, as described in section 16-2.5-101, C.R.S., or an authorized agent of the authority that granted a permit may determine that the permit can be electronically verified at the time of contact, a copy of the permit need not be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it refers. No person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of such permit.

(5) No vehicle having a permit under this section shall be remodeled, rebuilt, altered, or changed except in such a way as to conform to those specifications and limitations established in sections 501 to 507 and 1407.

(6) Any person who has obtained a valid permit for the movement of any oversize vehicle or load may attach to such vehicle or load or to any vehicle accompanying the same not more than three illuminated flashing yellow signals as warning devices.

(7) No permit shall be necessary for the operation of authorized emergency vehicles, public transportation vehicles operated by municipalities or other political subdivisions of the state, county road maintenance and county road construction equipment temporarily moved upon the highway, implements of husbandry, and farm tractors temporarily moved upon the highway, including transportation of such tractors or implements by a person dealing therein to such person's place of business within the state or to the premises of a purchaser or prospective

purchaser within the state; nor shall such vehicles or equipment be subject to the size and weight provisions of this part 5.

(8) The department of transportation shall have a procedure to allow those persons who are transporting loads from another state into Colorado and who would require a permit under the provisions of this section to make advance arrangements by telephone or other means of communication for the issuance of a permit if the load otherwise complies with the requirements of this section.

(9) No permit shall be necessary for the operation of authorized emergency vehicles, public transportation vehicles operated by municipalities or other political subdivisions of the state, county road maintenance and county road construction equipment temporarily moved upon the highway, implements of husbandry, and farm tractors temporarily moved upon the highway, including transportation of such tractors or implements by a person dealing therein to such person's place of business within the state or to the premises of a purchaser or prospective purchaser within the state; nor shall such vehicles or equipment be subject to the size and weight provisions of this part 5.

(10) Local law enforcement officials shall verify the validity of permits issued under this section whenever feasible. Upon determination by any of such officials or by any personnel of a county assessor's or county treasurer's office indicating that a manufactured home has been moved without a valid permit, the district attorney shall investigate and prosecute any alleged violation as authorized by law.

(11) (a) ~~Any local authority may impose a fee, in addition to but not to exceed the following amounts~~The department of transportation or the Colorado state patrol may charge permit applicants permit fees as follows:

(I) (I) For overlength, overwidth, and overheight permits on loads or vehicles which do not exceed legal weight limits:

(A) Annual permit, two hundred fifty dollars;

(B) Single trip permit, fifteen dollars;

(II) Not applicable.

(III) For overweight permits for vehicles or loads exceeding legal weight limits up to two hundred thousand pounds:

(A) Annual permit, four hundred dollars;

(B) Single trip permit, fifteen dollars plus five dollars per axle;

(C) Annual fleet permits, one thousand five hundred dollars plus twenty-five dollars per vehicle to be permitted. For purposes of this sub-subparagraph (C), "fleet" means any group of two or more vehicles owned by one person. This sub-subparagraph (C) shall apply only to longer vehicle combinations as defined in section 505.

(IV) Special permits for structural, oversize, or overweight moves requiring extraordinary action or moves involving weight in

excess of two hundred thousand pounds, one hundred twenty-five dollars for a permit for a single trip, including a super-load

permit issued under subsection (1.7) of this section; except that a super-load permit fee is four hundred dollars;

(V) The fee for an annual fleet permit issued pursuant to subsection (1.5) or (2) of this section is three thousand dollars for a

fleet of from two to ten vehicles plus three hundred dollars for each additional vehicle in the fleet;

(VI) For overweight permits for vehicles that have a quad axle grouping for subdivisible vehicles or loads exceeding legal weight limits issued pursuant to subsection (1)(b)(II)(A) of this section:

(A) Annual permit, five hundred dollars; and

(B) Single trip permit, thirty dollars plus ten dollars per axle.

(VII) For overweight permits for vehicle combinations with a trailer that has two or three axles for divisible vehicles or loads

exceeding legal weight limits established by subsection (1)(b)(II)(B) of this section:

(A) Annual permit, five hundred dollars;

(B) Six-month permit, two hundred fifty dollars; and

(C) Single-trip permit, fifteen dollars plus ten dollars per axle.

(VIII) For annual fleet overweight permits for fleets of vehicles that have a quad axle grouping, fleets of vehicle combinations with a trailer that has two or three axles, and fleets of both vehicles that have a quad axle grouping and vehicle combinations with a trailer that has two or three axles for divisible vehicles or loads exceeding legal weight limits established by subsection

(1)(b)(II) of this section, two thousand dollars plus thirty-five dollars per vehicle to be permitted.

(b) Any local authority may impose a fee, in addition to but not to exceed the amounts required in subparagraphs (I) and (III) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (11), as provided by the applicable local ordinance or resolution; and, in the case of a permit under subparagraph (IV) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (11), the amount of the fee shall not exceed the actual cost of the extraordinary action.

~~(c) Any local authority may impose a fee for a special permit for structural, oversize, or overweight moves requiring extraordinary action or moves involving weight in excess of two hundred thousand pounds, except that a super-load permit fee is four hundred dollars, the amount of the fee shall not exceed the actual cost of the extraordinary action.~~

(12) (a) Any person holding a permit issued pursuant to this section or any person operating a vehicle pursuant to such permit who violates any provision of this section, any ordinance or resolution of a local authority, or any standards or rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to this section, except the provisions of ~~subparagraph (IV) of paragraph (b) of~~ subsection (2)(b)(IV) of this section, commits a class 2 misdemeanor ~~traffic offense~~.

(b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (2)(b)(IV) ~~subparagraph (IV) of paragraph (b) of subsection (2)~~ of this section commits a ~~class 2~~ petty offense ~~and, upon~~

~~conviction thereof, shall be fined two hundred dollars; except that, upon conviction of a second or subsequent such offense, such person commits a class 3 misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-501, C.R.S.~~

(c) A local authority with regard to a local permit may, after a hearing, revoke, suspend, refuse to renew, or refuse to issue any permit authorized by this section upon a finding that the holder of the permit has violated the provisions of this section, any ordinance or resolution of the local authority, or any standards or rules promulgated pursuant to this section.

(d) A driver or holder of a permit issued pursuant to subsection (1.7) of this section who fails to comply with the terms of the permit or subsection (1.7) of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor.

511. Permit standards - state and local.

(1) (a) Any permits which may be required by local authorities shall be issued in accordance with ordinances and resolutions adopted by the respective local authorities after a public hearing at which testimony is received from affected motor vehicle owners and operators. Notice of such public hearing shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation within the local authority's jurisdiction. Such notice shall not be less than eight days prior to the date of hearing. The publication shall not be placed in that portion of the newspaper in which legal notices or classified advertisements appear. Such notice shall state the purpose of the hearing, the time and place of the hearing, and that the general public, including motor vehicle owners and operators to be affected, may attend and make oral or written comments regarding the proposed ordinance or resolution. Notice of any subsequent hearing shall be published in the same manner as for the original hearing.

(b) At least thirty days prior to such public hearing, the local authority shall transmit a copy of the proposed ordinance or resolution to the department of transportation for its comments, and said department shall make such comments in writing to the local authority prior to such public hearing.

(c) Any local authority that adopts or has adopted an ordinance or resolution governing permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles or loads shall file a copy of the ordinance or resolution with the department of transportation.

512. Liability for damage to highway.

(1) No person shall drive, operate, or move upon or over any highway or highway structure any vehicle, object, or contrivance in such a manner so as to cause damage to said highway or highway structure. When the damage sustained to said highway or highway structure is the result of the operating, driving, or moving of such vehicle, object, or contrivance weighing in excess of the maximum weight authorized by sections 501 to 512 and 1407, it shall be no

defense to any action, either civil or criminal, brought against such person that the weight of the vehicle was authorized by special permit issued in accordance with sections 501 to 512 and 1407.

(2) Every person violating the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall be liable for all damage which said highway or highway structure may sustain as a result thereof. Whenever the driver of such vehicle, object, or contrivance is not the owner thereof but is operating, driving, or moving such vehicle, object, or contrivance with the express or implied consent of the owner thereof, then said owner or driver shall be jointly and severally liable for any such damage. The liability for damage sustained by any such highway or highway structure may be enforced by a civil action by the authorities in control of such highway or highway structure. No satisfaction of such civil liability, however, shall be deemed to be a release or satisfaction of any criminal liability for violation of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

PART 6
SIGNALS - SIGNS – MARKINGS

601. Local governments to sign highways, where.

This local government shall place and maintain such traffic control devices, conforming to the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices" and specifications, upon streets and highways as it deems necessary to indicate and to carry out the provisions of this Code or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic.

602. Local traffic control devices.

(1) No local authority shall erect or maintain any stop sign or traffic control signal at any location so as to require the traffic on any state highway to stop before entering or crossing any intersecting highway unless approval in writing has first been obtained from the department of transportation.

(2) Where practical no local authority shall maintain three traffic control signals located on a roadway so as to be within one minute’s driving time (to be determined by the speed limit) from any one of the signals to the other without synchronizing the lights to enhance the flow of traffic and thereby reduce air pollution.

603. Obedience to official traffic control devices.

(1) No driver of a vehicle shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic control device including any official hand signal device placed or displayed in accordance with the

provisions of this Code unless otherwise directed by a police officer subject to the exceptions in this Code granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle.

(2) No provision of this Code for which official traffic control devices are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official device is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that official traffic control devices are required, such section shall be effective even though no devices are erected or in place.

(3) Whenever official traffic control devices are placed in position approximately conforming to the requirements of this Code, such devices shall be presumed to have been so placed by the official act or direction of lawful authority unless the contrary is established by competent evidence.

(4) Any official traffic control device placed pursuant to the provisions of this Code and purporting to conform to the lawful requirements pertaining to such devices shall be presumed to comply with the requirements of this Code unless the contrary is established by competent evidence.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

604. Traffic control signal legend.

(1) If traffic is controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in combination as declared in the traffic control manual adopted by the department of transportation, only the colors green, yellow, and red shall be used, except for special pedestrian-control signals carrying a word or symbol legend as provided in section 802, and said lights, arrows, and combinations thereof shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

(a) Green indication:

(I) Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits such turn; but vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection and to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.

(II) Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or in combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow or such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same time. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

(III) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in section 42-4-802, C.R.S., pedestrians facing any green signal, except when the sole green signal is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

(b) Steady yellow indication:

(I) Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow signal is thereby warned that the related green movement is being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter.

(II) Pedestrians facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in section 802, are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown, and no pedestrian shall then start to cross the roadway.

(c) Steady red indication:

(I) Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal alone shall stop at a clearly marked stop line but, if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown; except that:

(A) Such vehicular traffic, after coming to a stop and yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection, may make a right turn, unless state or local road authorities within their respective jurisdictions have by ordinance or resolution prohibited any such right turn and have erected an official sign at each intersection where such right turn is prohibited.

(B) Such vehicular traffic, when proceeding on a one-way street and after coming to a stop, may make a left turn onto a one-way street upon which traffic is moving to the left of the driver. Such turn shall be made only after yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic proceeding as directed. No turn shall be made pursuant to this sub-subparagraph (B) if local authorities have by ordinance prohibited any such left turn and erected a sign giving notice of any such prohibition at each intersection where such left turn is prohibited.

(C) To promote uniformity in traffic regulation throughout the state and to protect the public peace, health, and safety, the general assembly declares that no local authority shall have any discretion other than is expressly provided in this subparagraph (I).

(II) Pedestrians facing a steady circular red signal alone shall not enter the roadway, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in section 802.

(III) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow signal may not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by such arrow and, unless entering the intersection to make such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same time, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line but, if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until an indication to make the movement indicated by such arrow is shown.

(IV) Pedestrians facing a steady red arrow signal shall not enter the roadway, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in section 802.

(d) Non-intersection signal: In the event an official traffic control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required

shall be made at a sign or pavement marking indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made at the signal.

(e) Lane-use-control signals: Whenever lane-use-control signals are placed over the individual lanes of a street or highway, as declared in the traffic control manual adopted by the department of transportation, such signals shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles as follows:

(I) Downward-pointing green arrow (steady): A driver facing such signal may drive in any lane over which said green arrow signal is located.

(II) Yellow "X" (steady): A driver facing such signal is warned that the related green arrow movement is being terminated and shall vacate in a safe manner the lane over which said steady yellow signal is located to avoid if possible occupying that lane when the steady red "X" signal is exhibited.

(III) Yellow "X" (flashing): A driver facing such signal may use the lane over which said flashing yellow signal is located for the purpose of making a left turn or a passing maneuver, using proper caution, but for no other purpose.

(IV) Red "X" (steady): A driver facing such signal shall not drive in any lane over which said red signal is exhibited.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

605. Flashing signals.

(1) Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in conjunction with a traffic sign or a traffic signal or as a traffic beacon, it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

(a) When a red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop at a clearly marked stop line but, if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

(b) When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed past such signal and through the intersection or other hazardous location only with caution.

(2) This section shall not apply at railroad grade crossings. Conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching railroad crossings shall be governed by the provisions of sections 706 to 708.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

606. Display of unauthorized signs or devices.

(1) No person shall place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any highway any unauthorized sign, signal, marking, or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or

resembles an official traffic control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic control device or any railroad sign or signal, and no person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to prohibit the use of motorist services information of a general nature on official highway guide signs if such signs do not indicate the brand, trademark, or name of any private business or commercial enterprise offering the service, nor shall this section be deemed to prohibit the erection upon private property adjacent to highways of signs giving useful directional information and of a type that cannot be mistaken for official signs.

(2) Every such prohibited sign, signal, or marking is declared to be a public nuisance, and the authority having jurisdiction over the highway is empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

(4) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to informational sites authorized under section 43-1-405, C.R.S.

(5) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to specific information signs authorized under section 43-1-420, C.R.S.

607. Interference with official devices.

(1) (a) No person shall, without lawful authority, attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down, remove, or interfere with the effective operation of any official traffic control device or any railroad sign or signal or any inscription, shield, or insignia thereon or any other part thereof. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, any person who violates any provision of this paragraph (a) commits a class B traffic infraction.

(b) No person shall possess or sell, without lawful authority, an electronic device that is designed to cause a traffic light to change. A person who violates any provision of this paragraph (b) commits a class B traffic infraction.

(2) (a) No person shall use an electronic device, without lawful authority, that causes a traffic light to change. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2), a person who violates any provision of this paragraph (a) commits a class A traffic infraction.

(b) A person who violates any provision of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) and thereby proximately causes bodily injury to another person commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense. In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, the court shall impose a fine of one thousand dollars.

608. Signals by hand or signal device.

(1) Any stop or turn signal when required as provided by section 42-4-903, C.R.S., shall be given either by means of the hand and arm as provided by section 42-4-609, C.R.S., or by

signal lamps or signal device of the type approved by the department, except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) Any motor vehicle in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and the 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 such motor vehicle exceeds twenty-four inches 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. The latter measurement shall apply to any single vehicle, also to any combination of vehicles.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

609. Method of giving hand and arm signals.

(1) All signals required to be given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner, and such signals shall indicate as follows:

(a) Left-turn, hand and arm extended horizontally;

(b) Right-turn, hand and arm extended upward;

(c) Stop or decrease speed, hand and arm extended downward.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

610. Unauthorized insignia.

No owner shall display upon any part of the owner's vehicle any official designation, sign, or insignia of any public or quasi-public corporation or municipal, state, or national department or governmental subdivision without authority of such agency or any insignia, badge, sign, emblem, or distinctive mark of any organization or society of which the owner is not a bona fide member or otherwise authorized to display such sign or insignia. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

611. Paraplegic persons or persons with disabilities - distress flag.

(1) Any paraplegic person or person with a disability when in motor vehicle distress is authorized to display by the side of such person's disabled vehicle a white flag of approximately seven and one-half inches in width and thirteen inches in length, with the letter "D" thereon in red color with an irregular one-half inch red border. Said flag shall be of reflective material so as to be readily discernible under darkened conditions, and said reflective material must be submitted to and approved by the department of transportation before the same is used.

(2) Any person who is not a paraplegic person or a person with a disability who uses such flag as a signal or for any other purpose is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten days nor more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) Any person who is not a paraplegic person or a person with a disability who uses such flag as a signal or for any other purpose commits a class A traffic infraction.

612. When signals are inoperative or malfunctioning.

(1)(a) When a driver approaches an intersection and faces a traffic control signal that is inoperative, that remains on steady red or steady yellow during several time cycles, or that does not recognize a motorcycle or autocycle that is operated by the driver, the provisions controlling entrance to a through street or highway from a stop sign or highway, as provided under section ~~42-4-~~703, apply until a police officer assumes control of traffic or until the traffic control signal resumes normal operation.

(b) If a traffic control signal at a place other than an intersection ceases to operate or malfunctions as specified in subsection (1)(a) of this section, drivers may proceed past the signal only with caution, as if the signal were flashing yellow. ~~(1) Whenever a driver approaches an intersection and faces a traffic control signal which is inoperative or which remains on steady red or steady yellow during several time cycles, the rules controlling entrance to a through street or highway from a stop street or highway, as provided under section 703, shall apply until a police officer assumes control of traffic or until normal operation is resumed. In the event that any traffic control signal at a place other than an intersection should cease to operate or should malfunction as set forth in this section, drivers may proceed through the inoperative or malfunctioning signal only with caution, as if the signal were one of flashing yellow.~~

(2) Whenever a pedestrian faces a pedestrian-control signal as provided in section 802 which is inoperative or which remains on "Don't Walk" or "Wait" during several time cycles, such pedestrian shall not enter the roadway unless the pedestrian can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

613. Failure to pay toll established by regional transportation authority.

Any person who fails to pay a required fee, toll, rate, or charge established by a regional transportation authority created pursuant to part 6 of Code 4 of title 43, C.R.S., for the privilege of traveling on or using any property included in a regional transportation system pursuant to part 6 of Code 4 of title 43, C.R.S., commits a class A traffic infraction.

614. Designation of highway maintenance, repair, or construction zones - signs - increase in penalties for speeding violations.

(1) (a) If maintenance, repair, or construction activities are occurring or will occur within four hours on a portion of a state highway, the department of transportation may designate such portion of the highway as a highway maintenance, repair, or construction zone. Any person who commits certain violations listed in section 1701 (4) in a maintenance, repair, or construction

zone that is designated pursuant to this section is subject to the increased penalties and surcharges imposed by section 1701 (4) (c).

(b) If maintenance, repair, or construction activities are occurring or will occur within four hours on a portion of a roadway that is not a state highway, the public entity conducting the activities may designate such portion of the roadway as a maintenance, repair, or construction zone. A person who commits certain violations listed in section 1701 (4) in a maintenance, repair, or construction zone that is designated pursuant to this section is subject to the increased penalties and surcharges imposed by section 1701 (4) (c).

(2) Local authorities, within their jurisdiction, shall designate a maintenance, repair, or construction zone by erecting or placing an appropriate sign in a conspicuous place before the area where the maintenance, repair, or construction activity is taking place or will be taking place within four hours. Such sign shall notify the public that increased penalties for certain traffic violations are in effect in such zone. Local authorities shall erect or place a second sign after such zone indicating that the increased penalties for certain traffic violations are no longer in effect. A maintenance, repair, or construction zone begins at the location of the sign indicating that increased penalties are in effect and ends at the location of the sign indicating that the increased penalties are no longer in effect.

(3) Signs used for designating the beginning and end of a maintenance, construction, or repair zone shall conform to department of transportation requirements. Local authorities may display such signs on any fixed, variable, or movable stand. Local authorities may place such a sign on a moving vehicle if required for certain activities, including, but not limited to, highway painting work.

615. School zones - increase in penalties for moving traffic violations.

(1) Any person who commits a moving traffic violation in a school zone is subject to the increased penalties and surcharges imposed by section 1701(4)(d).

(2) For the purposes of this section, “school zone” means an area that is designated as a school zone and has appropriate signs posted indicating that the penalties and surcharges will be doubled. The state or local government having jurisdiction over the placement of traffic signs and traffic control devices in the school zone area shall designate when the area will be deemed to be a school zone for the purposes of this section. In making such designation, the state or local government shall consider when increased penalties are necessary to protect the safety of school children.

(3) This section does not apply if the penalty and surcharge for a violation has been doubled pursuant to section 614 because such violation also occurred within a highway maintenance, repair, or construction zone.

616. Wildlife crossing zones - increase in penalties for moving traffic violations.

(1) Except as described by subsection (4) of this section, a person who commits a moving traffic violation in a wildlife crossing zone is subject to the increased penalties and surcharges imposed by section 1701 (4) (d.5).

(2) For the purposes of this section, "wildlife crossing zone" means an area on a public highway that:

(a) Begins at a sign that conforms to the state traffic control manual, was erected by the department of transportation pursuant to section 118, and indicates that a person is about to enter a wildlife crossing zone; and

(b) Extends to:

(I) A sign that conforms to the state traffic control manual, was erected by the department of transportation pursuant to section 118, and indicates that a person is about to leave a wildlife crossing zone; or

(II) If no sign exists that complies with subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b), the distance indicated on the sign indicating the beginning of the wildlife crossing zone; or

(III) If no sign exists that complies with subparagraph (I) or (II) of this paragraph (b), one-half mile beyond the sign indicating the beginning of the wildlife crossing zone.

(3) (a) If the department of transportation erects a sign that indicates that a person is about to enter a wildlife crossing zone pursuant to section 118, the department of transportation shall:

(I) Establish the times of day and the periods of the calendar year during which the area will be deemed to be a wildlife crossing zone for the purposes of this section; and

(II) Ensure that the sign indicates the times of day and the periods of the calendar year during which the area will be deemed to be a wildlife crossing zone for the purposes of this section.

(b) In erecting signs as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (3), the department of transportation, pursuant to section 118, shall not erect signs establishing a lower speed limit for more than one hundred miles of the public highways of the state that have been established as wildlife crossing zones.

(4) This section shall not apply if:

(a) The person who commits a moving traffic violation in a wildlife crossing zone is already subject to increased penalties and surcharges for said violation pursuant to section 614 or 615;

(b) The sign indicating that a person is about to enter a wildlife crossing zone does not indicate that increased traffic penalties are in effect in the zone; or

(c) The person who commits a moving traffic violation in a wildlife crossing zone commits the violation during a time that the area is not deemed by the department of transportation to be a wildlife crossing zone for the purposes of this section.

617. Steep downhill grade zones – increase in penalties and surcharges for speeding violations – definitions.

(1) The department may designate a steep downhill grade zone in any area of any state highway where the downhill grade is five percent or greater and where the department determines there are safety concerns related to commercial motor vehicles exceeding the posted speed limits.
(2) The department shall erect, where applicable, signs consistent with subsection (3) of this section notifying drivers of each area of the state highways that the department has designated as a steep downhill grade zone.
(3) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "steep downhill grade zone" means an area of a state highway that:
(a) begins at a sign that:
(I) conforms to the state traffic control manual;
(II) was erected by the department pursuant to subsection (2) of this section;
(III) indicates that a driver is about to enter a steep downhill grade zone; and
(IV) notifies commercial motor vehicle drivers that increased penalties and surcharges are in effect and assessed for speeding in the zone; and
(b) extends to:
(I) a sign that:
(A) conforms to the state traffic control manual;
(B) was erected by the department pursuant to subsection (2) of this section and
(C) indicates that a driver is at the end of the steep downhill grade zone; or
(II) if no signs exists that complies with subsection (3)(b)(I) of this section, a distance:
(A) as indicated on the sign described in subsection (3)(a) of this section; or
(B) of one-half of a mile beyond the sign described in subsection (3)(a) of this section; and
(c) is designated as a steep downhill grade zone by the department of transportation pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.
(4) A driver of a commercial motor vehicle who commits a speeding violation in a steep downhill grade zone is subject to the increased penalties and surcharges imposed under section 42-4-1701 (4)(d.7).
(5) As used in this section:
(a) "commercial motor vehicle": has the same meaning as set forth in 42-4-102(4).
(b) "department" means the department of transportation created in in section 43-1-103.

PART 7
RIGHTS-OF-WAY

701. Vehicles approaching or entering intersection.

(1) When two vehicles approach or enter an intersection from different highways at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.

(2) The foregoing rule is modified at through highways and otherwise as stated in sections 702 to 704.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

702. Vehicle turning left.

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left within an intersection or into an alley, private road, or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

703. Entering through highway - stop or yield intersection.

(1) The department of transportation and local authorities, within their respective jurisdictions, may erect and maintain stop signs, yield signs, or other official traffic control devices to designate through highways or to designate intersections or other roadway junctions at which vehicular traffic on one or more of the roadways is directed to yield or to stop and yield before entering the intersection or junction. In the case of state highways, such regulations shall be subject to the provisions of section 43-2-135 (1) (g), C.R.S.

(2) Every sign erected pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be a standard sign adopted by the department of transportation.

(3) Except when directed to proceed by a police officer, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering it. After having stopped, the driver shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such driver is moving across or within the intersection or junction of roadways.

(4) The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign, in obedience to such sign, shall slow to a speed reasonable for the existing conditions and, if required for safety to stop, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering it. After slowing or stopping, the driver shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time such driver is moving across or within the intersection or junction of roadways; except that, if a driver is involved in a collision with a vehicle in the intersection or junction of roadways after driving past a yield sign without stopping, such collision shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the driver's failure to yield right-of-way.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

704. Vehicle entering roadway.

The driver of a vehicle about to enter or cross a roadway from any place other than another roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway to be entered or crossed. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

705. Operation of vehicle approached by emergency vehicle - operation of vehicle approaching stationary emergency vehicle, stationary towing carrier vehicle, or stationary public utility service vehicle.

(1) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible or visual signals meeting the requirements of section 213 or 222, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and where possible shall immediately clear the farthest left hand lane lawfully available to through traffic and shall drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of a roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in that position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

(2) (a) A driver in a motor vehicle shall exhibit due care and caution and proceed as described in subsections (2)(b) and (2)(c) of this section when approaching or passing:~~(2) (a) A driver in a vehicle shall exhibit due care and caution and proceed as described in subsections (2)(b) and (2)(c) of this section when approaching or passing;~~

(I) A stationary authorized emergency vehicle, including a port of entry vehicle, that is giving a visual signal by means of flashing, rotating, or oscillating red, blue, or white lights as permitted by section ~~42-4-~~213 or ~~42-4-~~222;

(II) A stationary towing carrier vehicle that is giving a visual signal by means of flashing, rotating, or oscillating yellow lights;

(III) A stationary public utility service vehicle that is operated by a public utility, as defined in section 39-4-101 or 40-1-103, or an authorized contractor of the public utility and that is giving a visual signal by means of flashing, rotating, or oscillating amber lights; or

(IV) A stationary motor vehicle giving a hazard signal by displaying alternately flashing lights or displaying warning lights.

(b) On a highway with at least two adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction on the same side of the highway where a stationary vehicle described on subsection (2)(a) of this section is located, the driver of an approaching or passing vehicle shall proceed with due care and caution and yield the right-of-way by moving into a lane at least one moving lane apart from the stationary vehicle described in subsection (2)(a) of this section unless directed otherwise by a

peace officer or other authorized emergency personnel. If movement to an adjacent moving lane is not possible due to weather, road conditions, or the immediate presence of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, the driver of the approaching vehicle shall proceed in the manner described in subsection (2)(c) of this section.

(c) (I) On a highway that does not have at least two adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction on the same side of the highway where a stationary vehicle described in subsection (2)(a) of this section is located, or if movement by the driver of the approaching motor vehicle into an adjacent moving lane, as described in subsection (2)(b) of this section, is not possible, the driver of an approaching motor vehicle shall reduce and maintain a safe speed with regard to the location of the stationary vehicle described in subsection (2)(a) of this section; weather conditions; road conditions; and vehicular or pedestrian traffic and proceed with due care and caution, or as directed by a peace officer or other authorized emergency personnel.

(II) For the purposes of this subsection (2)(c), the following speeds are presumed to be safe unless the speeds are unsafe for the conditions as provided in section ~~42-4-~~1101(1) and (3):

(a) If the speed limit is less than forty-five miles per hour, twenty-five miles per hour or less; or

(b) If the speed limit is forty-five miles per or more, twenty miles per hour less than the speed limit.

~~(I) A stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is giving a visual signal by means of flashing, rotating, or oscillating red, blue, or white lights as permitted by section 42-4-213 or 42-4-222, C.R.S.;~~

~~(II) A stationary towing carrier vehicle that is giving a visual signal by means of flashing, rotating, or oscillating yellow lights; or~~

~~(III) A stationary public utility service vehicle that is giving a visual signal by means of flashing, rotating, or oscillating amber lights.~~

~~(b) On a highway with at least two adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction on the same side of the highway where a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, stationary towing carrier vehicle, or stationary public utility service vehicle is located, the driver of an approaching or passing vehicle shall proceed with due care and caution and yield the right-of-way by moving into a lane at least one moving lane apart from the stationary authorized emergency vehicle, stationary towing carrier vehicle, or stationary public utility service vehicle unless directed otherwise by a peace officer or other authorized emergency personnel. If movement to an adjacent moving lane is not possible due to weather, road conditions, or the immediate presence of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, the driver of the approaching vehicle shall proceed in the manner described in subsection (2)(c) of this section.~~

~~(c) On a highway that does not have at least two adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction on the same side of the highway where a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, stationary towing carrier vehicle, or stationary public utility service vehicle is located, or if movement by the driver of the approaching vehicle into an adjacent moving lane, as described in subsection (2)(b) of this section, is not possible, the driver of an approaching vehicle shall reduce~~

~~and maintain a safe speed with regard to the location of the stationary authorized vehicle, stationary towing carrier vehicle, or stationary public utility service vehicle; weather conditions, road conditions, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic and proceed with due care and caution, or as directed by a peace officer or other authorized emergency personnel.~~

(2.5) (a) A driver in a vehicle that is approaching or passing a maintenance, repair, or construction vehicle that is moving at less than twenty miles per hour shall exhibit due care and caution and proceed as described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection (2.5).

(b) On a highway with at least two adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction on the same side of the highway where a stationary or slow-moving maintenance, repair, or construction vehicle is located, the driver of an approaching or passing vehicle shall proceed with due care and caution and yield the right-of-way by moving into a lane at least one moving lane apart from the vehicle, unless directed otherwise by a peace officer or other authorized emergency personnel. If movement to an adjacent moving lane is not possible due to weather, road conditions, or the immediate presence of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, the driver of the approaching vehicle shall proceed in the manner described in paragraph (c) of this subsection (2.5).

(c)(I) On a highway that does not have at least two adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction on the same side of the highway where a stationary or slow-moving maintenance, repair, or construction vehicle is located, or if movement by the driver of the approaching vehicle into an adjacent moving lane, as described in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2.5), is not possible, the driver of an approaching vehicle shall reduce and maintain a safe speed with regard to the location of the stationary or slow-moving maintenance, repair, or construction vehicle, weather conditions, road conditions, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and shall proceed with due care and caution, or as directed by a peace officer or other authorized emergency personnel.

(2.6) ~~(a)~~ A driver in a vehicle that is approaching or passing a motor vehicle where the tires are being equipped with chains on the side of the highway shall exhibit due care and caution and proceed as described in ~~paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection (2.6)~~ subsection (2) of this section. The driver of a motor vehicle that is b~~y~~eing equipped with chains shall give a hazard signal by displaying alternately flashing lights or displaying warning lights.

~~(b) On a highway with at least two adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction on the same side of the highway where chains are being applied to the tires of a motor vehicle, the driver of an approaching or passing vehicle shall proceed with due care and caution and yield the right-of-way by moving into a lane at least one moving lane apart from the vehicle, unless directed otherwise by a peace officer or other authorized emergency personnel. If movement to an adjacent moving lane is not possible due to weather, road conditions, or the immediate presence of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, the driver of the approaching vehicle shall proceed in the manner described in paragraph (c) of this subsection (2.6).~~

~~(c) On a highway that does not have at least two adjacent lanes proceeding in the same direction on the same side of the highway where chains are being applied to the tires of a motor vehicle, or if movement by the driver of the approaching vehicle into an adjacent moving lane, as~~

~~described in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2.6), is not possible, the driver of an approaching vehicle shall reduce and maintain a safe speed with regard to the location of the motor vehicle where chains are being applied to the tires, weather conditions, road conditions, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and shall proceed with due care and caution, or as directed by a peace officer or other authorized emergency personnel.~~

(3) (a) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

(b) (I) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3)(b)(II) and (3)(b)(III) of this section, any person who violates subsection (2), (2.5), or (2.6) of this section commits careless driving as described in 42-4-1402, C.R.S.

(II) If the person violates subsection (2) of this section and the person's actions are the proximate cause of bodily injury to another person, the person commits a ~~class 1 misdemeanor and shall be punished as described in section 18-1.3-501~~class 1 traffic misdemeanor.

(III) If the person violations subsection (2) of this section and the person's actions are the proximate cause of the death of another person, the person commits a class 6 felony and shall be punished as described in section 18-1.3-401.

706. Obedience to railroad signal.

(1) Any driver of a motor vehicle approaching a railroad crossing sign shall slow down to a speed that is reasonable and safe for the existing conditions. If required to stop for a traffic control device, flagperson, or safety before crossing the railroad grade crossing, the driver shall stop at the marked stop line, if any. If no such stop line exists, the driver shall:

(a) Stop not less than fifteen feet nor more than fifty feet from the nearest rail of the railroad grade crossing and shall not proceed until the railroad grade can be crossed safely; or

(b) ~~In the event the driver would not have a reasonable view of approaching trains when stopped pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), stop before proceeding across the railroad grade crossing at the point nearest such crossing where the driver has a reasonable view of approaching trains and not proceed until the railroad grade can be crossed safely.~~If the driver would not have a reasonable view of~~d~~ approaching trains or on-track equipment when stopped in accordance with subsection (1)(a) of this section:

(I) Stop before proceeding across the railroad grade crossing at the point nearest the crossing where the driver has reasonable view of approaching trains or on-track equipment; and

(II) Not proceed until the railroad grade can be crossed safely.

(2) No person shall drive any vehicle through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed, nor shall any pedestrian pass through, around, over, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

707. Certain vehicles must stop at railroad grade crossings.

(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the driver of a school bus, as defined in ~~paragraph (b) of~~ subsection (5)(b) of this section, carrying any schoolchild, the driver of a vehicle carrying hazardous materials that is required to be placarded in accordance with ~~regulations issued pursuant to~~rules issued under section 42-20-108, C.R.S., or the driver of a commercial vehicle, as defined in section 42-4-235, C.R.S., that is transporting passengers, before crossing at grade any tracks of a railroad~~,~~

(I) shall stop such vehicle within fifty feet but not less than fifteen feet from the nearest rail of ~~such~~ the railroad;

(II) ~~and w~~While ~~so~~ stopped, shall listen and look in both directions along ~~such~~ the track for any approaching train ~~and~~ or on-track equipment or for signals indicating the approach of a train or on-track equipment; and

(III) ~~s~~Shall not proceed until the driver can do so safely.

(b) ~~.~~ After stopping as required in this section and upon proceeding when it is safe to do so, the driver of ~~any said~~a vehicle described in subsection (1)(a) of this section:

(I) shall cross only ~~in such gear of the vehicle that~~if ~~there will be~~there is no necessity for changing gears while traversing ~~such~~ the crossing; ~~,~~and ~~the driver~~

~~(I)~~(II) ~~s~~Shall not manually shift gears while crossing the tracks.

(2) This section shall not apply at street railway grade crossings within a business district.

(3) When stopping as required at such railroad crossing, the driver shall keep as far to the right of the roadway as possible and shall not form two lanes of traffic unless the roadway is marked for four or more lanes of traffic.

(4) Subsection (1) of this section ~~shall~~ does not apply at:

(a) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2006, p. 42, §1, effective July 1, 2006.)

(b) Any railroad grade crossing at which traffic is regulated by a traffic control signal;

(c) Any railroad grade crossing at which traffic is controlled by a police officer or human flagperson;

(d) ~~Any~~ A railroad crossing where state or local road authorities within their respective jurisdictions have determined that trains or on-track equipment are not operating during certain periods or seasons of the year and have erected an official sign carrying the legend "exempt", which ~~shall give~~sign constitutes legally sufficient notice ~~when so posted~~ that ~~such~~the crossing is exempt from the stopping requirement ~~provided for~~ in this section.

(5) For the purposes of this section:

(a) The definition of hazardous materials shall be the definition contained in the rules adopted by the chief of the Colorado state patrol pursuant to section 42-20-108, C.R.S.

(b) "School bus" means only those school buses that are required to bear on the front and rear of such school bus the words "SCHOOL BUS" and display visual signal lights pursuant to section 1903 (2) (a).

(6) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

708. Moving heavy equipment at railroad grade crossing.

(1) No person shall operate or move any crawler-type tractor, steam shovel, derrick, or roller or any equipment or structure having a normal operating speed of ten or less miles per hour or a vertical body or load clearance of less than nine inches above the level surface of a roadway upon or across any tracks at a railroad grade crossing without first complying with this section.

(2) Notice of any such intended crossing shall be given to a superintendent of such railroad and a reasonable time be given to such railroad to provide proper protection at such crossing.

(3) Before making ~~any such~~a crossing described in subsection (1) of this section, the person operating or moving the ~~any such~~ vehicle or equipment:

(a) ~~s~~Shall first stop the ~~same~~ vehicle or equipment not less than fifteen feet nor more than fifty feet from the nearest rail of ~~such~~ the railroad~~,~~; ~~and~~

(b) ~~w~~While ~~so~~ stopped, shall listen and look in both directions along ~~such~~ the track for any approaching train, ~~and~~ for on-track equipment or for signals indicating the approach of a train or on-track equipment~~,~~; and

(c) ~~s~~Shall not proceed until the crossing can be made safely.

(4) ~~No such crossing~~Before making a crossing described in subsetion (1) of this section, the person moving or operating the vehicle or equipment shall ~~be made when~~ensure that no warning is being given, whether by automatic signal or crossing gates or a flagperson or otherwise of the immediate approach of a railroad train or ~~car~~on-track equipment.

(5) Subsection (3) of this section ~~shall~~ does not apply at any railroad crossing where state or local road authorities within their respective jurisdictions have determined that trains ~~are~~ or on-track equipment are not

operating during certain periods or seasons of the year and have erected an official sign carrying the legend "exempt", which ~~shall give~~sign constitutes legally sufficient notice ~~when so posted~~ that ~~such~~ the crossing is exempt from the stopping requirement ~~provided~~ in this section.

(6) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

709. Stop when traffic obstructed.

~~No~~A driver shall not enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk or drive onto any railroad grade crossing unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection, crosswalk, or railroad grade crossing to accommodate the vehicle the driver is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles, pedestrians, ~~or~~ railroad trains, or railroad on-track equipment, notwithstanding the indication of ~~any~~ a traffic control signal to proceed. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

710. Emerging from or entering alley, driveway, or building.

1) The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway, building, parking lot, or other place, immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or into the sidewalk area extending across any such alleyway, driveway, or entranceway, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian upon or about to enter such sidewalk or sidewalk area extending across such alleyway, driveway, or entranceway, as may be necessary to avoid collision, and when entering the roadway shall comply with the provisions of section 704.

(2) The driver of a vehicle entering an alley, driveway, or entranceway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian within or about to enter the sidewalk or sidewalk area extending across such alleyway, driveway, or entranceway.

(3) No person shall drive any vehicle other than a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, or any other human-powered vehicle upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area, except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

711. Driving on mountain highways.

(1) The driver of a motor vehicle traveling through defiles or canyons or on mountain highways shall hold such motor vehicle under control and as near to the right-hand edge of the highway as reasonably possible and, except when driving entirely to the right of the center of the roadway, shall give audible warning with the horn of such motor vehicle upon approaching any curve where the view is obstructed within a distance of two hundred feet along the highway.

(2) On narrow mountain highways with turnouts having a grade of six percent or more, ascending vehicles shall have the right-of-way over descending vehicles, except where it is more practicable for the ascending vehicle to return to a turnout.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

712. Driving in highway work area.

(1) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any authorized vehicle or pedestrian engaged in work upon a highway within any highway construction or maintenance work area indicated by official traffic control devices.

(2) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any authorized service vehicle engaged in work upon a highway whenever such vehicle displays flashing lights meeting the requirements of section 214.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

713. Yielding right-of-way to transit buses -- definitions -- penalty.

(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) “Public mass transit operator” has the same meaning as in section 43-1-102 (5), C.R.S.

(b) “Transit bus” means a bus operated by a public mass transit operator.

(2) Drivers of vehicles in the same lane of traffic and behind a transit bus shall yield the right-of-way to the bus if:

(a) The driver of the transit bus, after stopping to allow passengers to board or exit, is signaling an intention to enter a traffic lane; and

(b) A yield sign as described in subsection (3) of this section is displayed and illuminated on the back of the transit bus.

(3) The yield sign referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section shall:

(a) Warn a driver of a vehicle behind the transit bus that the driver is required to yield when the bus is entering a traffic lane; and

(b) Be illuminated when the driver of the transit bus is attempting to enter a traffic lane.

(4) This section does not require a public mass transit operator to install yield signs as described in subsection (3) of this section on transit buses operated by the public mass transit operator.

(5) This section does not relieve a driver of a transit bus from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the roadway.

714. Bicyclist or other authorized user in bicycle lane.

(1) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a bicyclist or other authorized user of a bicycle lane in a bicycle lane.

(2)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2)(b) of this section, any person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

(b)(I) If a person violates subsection (1) of this section and the person's actions are the proximate cause of a crash, the person commits careless driving and shall be punished as described in section 42-4-1402(2)(a).

(II) If a person violates subsection (1) of this section and the person's actions are the proximate cause of bodily injury to another person, the person commits careless driving and shall be punished as described in section 42-4-1402(2)(b).

715. Yielding right-of-way in roundabouts – definitions.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) “Large Vehicle” means a truck, bus, emergency vehicle, or recreational vehicle that generally has a total length of more than thirty-five feet or a total width of more than ten feet.

(b) “Roundabout” means a circular intersection or junction in which road traffic flows almost continuously in one direction around a central island.

(2)(a) When entering, exiting, or driving in the circulatory lanes in a roundabout, a person driving a vehicle shall:

(I) yield the right-of-way to the driver of a large vehicle that is entering, exiting, or driving in the circulatory lanes in a roundabout at the same time or so closely as to present an immediate hazard; and

(II) slow down or yield to the other vehicle as required by subsection (2)(a)(I) of this section.

(b) This subsection (2) does not require a person who is entering, exiting, or driving in the circulatory lanes in a roundabout to yield the right-of-way to the driver of a large vehicle that is approaching, but has not yet entered, the roundabout.

(c) this subsection (2) does not require a person who is driving a vehicle that is entering, exiting, or driving in the circulatory lanes in a roundabout to yield the right-of-way to a large vehicle that is driving behind the person's vehicle and allow the large vehicle to pass the person's vehicle.

(3) If two vehicles that are large vehicles enter, exit, or drive in the circulatory lanes in a roundabout at the same time or so closely as to present an immediate hazard, the driver on the right shall yield the right-of-way to the driver on the left and shall slow down or yield to the driver on the left.

(4) A person who violates this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

PART 8
PEDESTRIANS

801. Pedestrian obedience to traffic control devices and traffic regulations.

(1) A pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device specifically applicable to the pedestrian, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(2) Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic and pedestrian-control signals as provided in sections 604 and 802 (5).

(3) At all other places, pedestrians shall be accorded the privileges and shall be subject to the restrictions stated in this Code.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

802. Pedestrians' right-of-way in crosswalks.

(1) When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply under the conditions stated in section 803.

(3) ~~No~~ A pedestrian shall not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and ride a bicycle, ~~ride an~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter, or walk, or run into the path of a moving vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(4) Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

(5) Whenever special pedestrian-control signals exhibiting “Walk” or “Don’t Walk” word or symbol indications are in place, as declared in the traffic control manual adopted by the department of transportation, such signals shall indicate and require as follows:

(a) “Walk” (steady): While the “Walk” indication is steadily illuminated, pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal indication and shall be given the right-of-way by the drivers of all vehicles.

(b) “Don’t Walk” (steady): While the “Don’t Walk” indication is steadily illuminated, no pedestrian shall enter the roadway in the direction of the signal indication.

(c) “Don’t Walk” (flashing): Whenever the “Don’t Walk” indication is flashing, no pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal indication, but any pedestrian who has partly completed crossing during the “Walk” indication shall proceed to a sidewalk or to a safety island, and all drivers of vehicles shall yield to any such pedestrian.

(d) Whenever a signal system provides for the stopping of all vehicular traffic and the exclusive movement of pedestrians and “Walk” and “Don’t Walk” signal indications control such pedestrian movement, pedestrians may cross in any direction between corners of the intersection offering the shortest route within the boundaries of the intersection while the “Walk” indication is exhibited, if signals and other official devices direct pedestrian movement in such manner consistent with section 803 (4).

(6) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

803. Crossing at other than crosswalks.

(1) Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(2) Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(3) Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

(4) No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic control devices; and, when authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

804. Pedestrian to use right half of crosswalk. (Repealed)

805. Pedestrians walking or traveling in a wheelchair on highways.

(1) Pedestrians walking or traveling in a wheelchair along and upon highways where sidewalks are not provided shall walk or travel only on a road shoulder as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway. Where neither a sidewalk nor road shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking or traveling in a wheelchair along and upon a highway shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway and, in the case of a two-way roadway, shall walk or travel only on the left side of the roadway facing traffic that may approach from the opposite direction; except that any person lawfully soliciting a ride may stand on either side of such two-way roadway where there is a view of traffic approaching from both directions.

(2) No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any private vehicle. For the purposes of this subsection (2), "roadway" means that portion of the road normally used by moving motor vehicle traffic.

(3) It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence of alcohol or of any controlled substance, as defined in section 12-22-303 (7), C.R.S., or of any stupefying drug to walk or be upon that portion of any highway normally used by moving motor vehicle traffic.

(4) This section applying to pedestrians shall also be applicable to riders of animals.

(5) This local government may, by ordinance, regulate the use by pedestrians of streets and highways under its jurisdiction to the extent authorized under subsection (6) of this section and sections 110 and 111, but no ordinance regulating such use of streets and highways in a manner differing from this section shall be effective until official signs or devices giving notice thereof have been placed as required by section 111 (2).

(6) No person shall solicit a ride on any highway included in the interstate system, as defined in section 43-2-101 (2), C.R.S., except at an entrance to or exit from such highway or at places specifically designated by the department of transportation; or, in an emergency affecting a vehicle or its operation, a driver or passenger of a disabled vehicle may solicit a ride on any highway.

(7) Pedestrians shall only be picked up where there is adequate road space for vehicles to pull off and not endanger and impede the flow of traffic.

(8) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible or visual signals meeting the requirements of section 213 or of a police vehicle properly and lawfully making use of an audible signal only, every pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to the authorized emergency vehicle and shall leave the roadway and remain off the same until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer. This subsection (8) shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to use due care as provided in sections 108 (4) and 807.

(9) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

806. Driving through safety zone prohibited.

No vehicle at any time shall be driven through or within a safety zone. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

807. Drivers to exercise due care.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Code, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused or incapacitated person upon a roadway. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

808. Drivers and pedestrians, other than persons in wheelchairs, to yield to persons with disabilities.

(1) Any pedestrian other than a person in a wheelchair, or any driver of a vehicle who approaches an individual who has an obviously apparent disability shall immediately come to a full stop and take such precautions before proceeding as are necessary to avoid an accident or injury to said individual. A disability shall be deemed to be obviously apparent if, by way of example and without limitation, the individual is using a mobility device, is assisted by a service animal as defined in section 24-34-301, C.R.S., is being assisted by another person, or is walking with an obvious physical impairment. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic offense.

PART 9
TURNING – STOPPING

901. Required position and method of turning.

(1) The driver of a motor vehicle intending to turn shall do so as follows:

(a) **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.

(b) **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 such vehicle. Whenever practicable, the left turn shall be made to the left of the center of the intersection 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 such vehicle on the roadway being entered.

(c) **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 in the manner prescribed in the state traffic control manual, a left turn shall not be made from any other

lane, and a vehicle shall not be driven in said special lane except when preparing for or making a left turn from or into the roadway or when preparing for or making a U-turn when otherwise permitted by law.

(2) 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 section be traveled by turning vehicles, and, when such devices are so placed, no driver shall turn a vehicle other than as directed and required by such devices. In the case of streets which are a part of the state highway system, the local regulation shall be subject to the approval of the department of transportation as provided in section 43-2-135 (1) (g), C.R.S.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

902. Limitations on turning around.

(1) No vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any curve or upon the approach to or near the crest of a grade where such vehicle cannot be seen by the driver of any other vehicle approaching from either direction within such distance as is necessary to avoid interfering with or endangering approaching traffic.

(2) The driver of any vehicle shall not turn such vehicle at an intersection or any other location so as to proceed in the opposite direction unless such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with or endangering other traffic.

(3) Local authorities, within their respective jurisdictions, subject to the provisions of section 43-2-135 (1) (g), C.R.S., in the case of streets which are state highways, may erect "U-turn" prohibition or restriction signs at intersections or other locations where such movements are deemed to be hazardous, and, whenever official signs are so erected, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the instructions thereof.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

903. Turning movements and required signals.

(1) No person shall turn a vehicle at an intersection unless the vehicle is in proper position upon the roadway as required in section 901, or turn a vehicle to enter a private road or driveway, or otherwise turn a vehicle from a direct course or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided in sections 608 and 609.

(2) A signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given continuously during not less than the last one hundred feet traveled by the vehicle before turning in urban or metropolitan areas and shall be given continuously for at least two hundred feet on all four-lane highways and other highways where the prima facie or posted speed limit is more than forty miles per hour. Such signals shall be given regardless of existing weather conditions.

(3) No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided in sections 608 and 609 to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such signal.

(4) The signals provided for in section 608 (2) shall be used to indicate an intention to turn, change lanes, or start from a parked position and shall not be flashed on one side only on a parked or disabled vehicle or flashed as a courtesy or "do pass" signal to operators of other vehicles approaching from the rear.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

PART 10
DRIVING - OVERTAKING – PASSING

1001. Drive on right side - exceptions.

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

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

(b) When an 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 lanes for traffic under the rules applicable thereon; or

(d) Upon a roadway restricted to one-way traffic as indicated by official traffic control devices.

(2) Upon all roadways 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 a private road or driveway.

(3) Upon any roadway having four or more lanes for moving traffic and providing for two-way movement of traffic, no vehicle shall be driven to the left of the center line 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 such lanes or except as permitted under subsection (1) (b) of this section. However, this subsection (3) does not prohibit the crossing of the center line in making a left turn into or from an alley, private

road, or driveway when such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with, impeding, or endangering other traffic lawfully using the highway.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1002. Passing oncoming vehicles.

(1) Drivers of vehicles proceeding in opposite directions shall pass each other to the right, and, upon roadways having width for not more than one lane of traffic in each direction, each driver shall give to the other at least one-half of the main traveled portion of the roadway as nearly as possible.

(2) A driver shall not pass a bicyclist moving in the same direction and in the same lane when there is oncoming traffic unless the driver can simultaneously:

(a) Allow oncoming vehicles at least one-half of the main-traveled portion of the roadway in accordance with subsection (1) of this section; and

(b) Allow the bicyclist at least a three-foot separation between the right side of the driver's vehicle, including all mirrors or other projections, and the left side of the bicyclist at all times.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1003. Overtaking a vehicle on the left.

(1) The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to the limitations, exceptions, and special rules stated in this section and sections 1004 to 1008:

(a) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left of the vehicle at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle.

(b) The driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction shall allow the bicyclist at least a three-foot separation between the right side of the driver's vehicle, including all mirrors or other projections, and the left side of the bicyclist at all times.

(c) Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of the driver's vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1004. When overtaking on the right is permitted.

(1) The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle only under the following conditions:

(a) When the vehicle overtaken is making or giving indication of making a left turn;

(b) Upon a street or highway with unobstructed pavement not occupied by parked vehicles and marked for two or more lanes of moving vehicles in each direction; or

(c) Upon a one-way street or upon any roadway on which traffic is restricted to one direction of movement where the roadway is free from obstructions and marked for two or more lanes of moving vehicles.

(1.5) The driver of a motor vehicle upon a one-way roadway with two or more marked traffic lanes, when overtaking a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction and riding on the left-hand side of the road, shall allow the bicyclist at least a three-foot separation between the left side of the driver's vehicle, including all mirrors or other projections, and the right side of the bicyclist at all times.

(2) The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only under conditions permitting such movement in safety. In no event shall such movement be made by driving off the pavement or main-traveled portion of the roadway.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1005. Limitations on overtaking on the left.

(1) No vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the center of the roadway in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless authorized by the provisions of this Code and unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be completed without interfering with the operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction or any vehicle overtaken. In every event the overtaking vehicle must return to an authorized lane of travel as soon as practicable and, in the event the passing movement involves the use of a lane authorized for vehicles approaching from the opposite direction, before coming within two hundred feet of any approaching vehicle.

(2) No vehicle shall be driven on the left side of the roadway under the following conditions:

(a) When approaching or upon the crest of a grade or a curve in the highway where the driver's view is obstructed within such distance as to create a hazard in the event another vehicle might approach from the opposite direction;

(b) When approaching within one hundred feet of or traversing any intersection or railroad grade crossing; or

(c) When the view is obstructed upon approaching within one hundred feet of any bridge, viaduct, or tunnel.

(3) Local authorities are authorized to determine those portions of any highway under their respective jurisdictions where overtaking and passing or driving on the left side of the roadway would be especially hazardous and may by appropriate signs or markings on the roadway indicate the beginning and end of such zones. Where such signs or markings are in

place to define a no-passing zone and such signs or markings are clearly visible to an ordinarily observant person, no driver shall drive on the left side of the roadway within such no-passing zone or on the left side of any pavement striping designed to mark such no-passing zone throughout its length.

(4) The provisions of this section shall not apply:

(a) Upon a one-way roadway;

(b) Under the conditions described in section 1001 (1) (b);

(c) To the driver of a vehicle turning left into or from an alley, private road, or driveway when such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with, impeding, or endangering other traffic lawfully using the highway; or

(d) To the driver of a vehicle passing a bicyclist moving the same direction and in the same lane when such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with, impeding, or endangering other traffic lawfully using the highway.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1006. One-way roadways and rotary traffic islands.

(1) Upon a roadway restricted to one-way traffic, a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated at all or such times as shall be indicated by official traffic control devices.

(2) A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of such island.

(3) Local authorities with respect to highways under their respective jurisdictions may designate any roadway, part of a roadway, or specific lanes upon which vehicular traffic shall proceed in one direction at all or such times as shall be indicated by official traffic control devices. In the case of streets which are a part of the state highway system, the regulation shall be subject to the approval of the department of transportation pursuant to section 43-2-135 (1) (g), C.R.S.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1007. Driving on roadways laned for traffic.

(1) Whenever any roadway has been divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following rules in addition to all others consistent with this section shall apply:

(a) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from such lane until the driver has first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.

(b) Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes and provides for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle traveling in the same direction where the roadway is clearly visible and

such center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left turn, or where such center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to the traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is designated by official traffic control devices to give notice of such allocation. Under no condition shall an attempt be made to pass upon the shoulder or any portion of the roadway remaining to the right of the indicated right-hand traffic lane.

(c) Official traffic control devices may be erected directing specified traffic to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the center of the roadway, and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every such device.

(d) Official traffic control devices may be installed prohibiting the changing of lanes on sections of roadway, and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every such device.

(2) (a) The department of transportation may designate with signage an area on a roadway not otherwise laned for traffic for use by commercial vehicles, as defined in section 235(1)(a), that are designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver, and that are operated by a governmental entity or government-owned business that transports the general public or by a contractor on behalf of such an entity or government-owned business. Use of such an area is limited to vehicles authorized by the department operating under conditions of use established by the department but, subject to the conditions of use, the driver of an authorized vehicle has sole discretion to decide whether or not to drive on such an area based on the driver's assessment of the safety of doing so. The department shall consult with the Colorado state patrol before granting authorization for the use of the area and establishing conditions of use. The department shall impose and each authorized user shall acknowledge the conditions for use by written agreement, and the department need not note the conditions of use in roadway signage. An authorized user does not violate this section or section 1004 when operating in accordance with the conditions of use for an area imposed by the department and acknowledged by the user in a written agreement.

(b) The department of transportation shall work with local governmental agencies in implementing the provisions of this subsection (2).

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1008. Following too closely.

(1) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

(2) The driver of any motor truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residence district and which is following another motor truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle shall, whenever conditions permit, leave sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without

danger; except that this shall not prevent a motor truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle from overtaking and passing any like vehicle or other vehicle.

(3) Motor vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside of a business or residence district in a caravan or motorcade, whether or not towing other vehicles, shall be so operated as to allow sufficient space between each such vehicle or combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to enter and occupy such space without danger. This provision shall not apply to funeral processions.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1008.5. Crowding or threatening bicyclist.

(1) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not, in a careless and imprudent manner, drive the vehicle unnecessarily close to, toward, or near a bicyclist.

(2) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits careless driving as described in section 1402.

1009. Coasting prohibited.

(1) The driver of any motor vehicle when traveling upon a downgrade shall not coast with the gears or transmission of such vehicle in neutral.

(2) The driver of a truck or bus when traveling upon a downgrade shall not coast with the clutch disengaged.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1010. Driving on divided or controlled-access highways.

(1) Whenever any highway has been divided into separate roadways by leaving an intervening space or by a physical barrier or clearly indicated dividing section so constructed as to impede vehicular traffic, every vehicle shall be driven only upon the right-hand roadway, unless directed or permitted to use another roadway by official traffic control devices. No vehicle shall be driven over, across, or within any such dividing space, barrier, or section, except through an opening in such physical barrier or dividing section or space or at a crossover or intersection as established, unless specifically prohibited by official signs and markings or by the provisions of section 42-4-902, C.R.S. However, this subsection (1) does not prohibit a left turn across a median island formed by standard pavement markings or other mountable or traversable devices as prescribed in the state traffic control manual when such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with, impeding, or endangering other traffic lawfully using the highway.

(2) (a) No person shall drive a vehicle onto or from any controlled-access roadway except at such entrances and exits as are established by public authority.

(b) Wherever an acceleration lane has been provided in conjunction with a ramp entering a controlled-access highway and the ramp intersection is not designated or signed as a stop or yield intersection as provided in section 703 (1), drivers may use the acceleration lane to attain a safe speed for merging with through traffic when conditions permit such acceleration with safety. Traffic so merging shall be subject to the rule governing the changing of lanes as set forth in section 1007 (1) (a).

(c) Wherever a deceleration lane has been provided in conjunction with a ramp leaving a controlled-access highway, drivers shall use such lane to slow to a safe speed for making an exit turn after leaving the mainstream of faster-moving traffic.

(3) Local authorities may by ordinance consistent with the provisions of section 43-2-135 (1) (g), C.R.S., with respect to any controlled-access highway under their respective jurisdictions, prohibit the use of any such highway by any class or kind of traffic which is found to be incompatible with the normal and safe movement of traffic. After adopting such prohibitory regulations shall install official traffic control devices in conformity with the standards established by sections 601 and 602 at entrance points or along the highway on which such regulations are applicable. When such devices are so in place, giving notice thereof, no person shall disobey the restrictions made known by such devices.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1011. Use of runaway vehicle ramps.

(1) No person shall use a runaway vehicle ramp unless such person is in an emergency situation requiring use of the ramp to stop such person’s vehicle.

(2) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle on a runaway vehicle ramp or in the pathway of the ramp.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1012. High occupancy vehicle (HOV) and high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes – penalty.

(1) Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways under their respective jurisdictions, may designate exclusive or preferential lanes for vehicles that carry a specified number of persons. The occupancy level of vehicles and the time of day when lane usage is restricted to high occupancy vehicles, if applicable, shall be designated by official traffic control devices.

(2) A motorcycle or autocycle may be operated upon high occupancy vehicle lanes pursuant to section 163 of ~~Public Law 97-424~~the "Highway Improvement Act of 1982", pub.l. 97-424, as amended, or upon high occupancy toll lanes, unless prohibited by official traffic control devices.

(2.5) (a) (I) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (2.5), a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of twenty-six thousand pounds or less that is either an inherently low-emission vehicle or a hybrid vehicle may be operated upon high occupancy vehicle lanes without regard to the number of persons in the vehicle and without payment of a special toll or fee. The exemption relating to hybrid vehicles shall apply only if such exemption does not affect the receipt of federal funds and does not violate any federal laws or regulations.

(II) As used in this subsection (2.5), "inherently low-emission vehicle" or "ILEV" means:

(A) A light-duty vehicle or light-duty truck, regardless of whether such vehicle or truck is part of a motor vehicle fleet, that has been certified by the federal environmental protection agency as conforming to the ILEV guidelines, procedures, and standards as published in the federal register at 58 FR 11888 (March 1, 1993) and 59 FR 50042 (September 30, 1994), as amended from time to time; and

(B) A heavy-duty vehicle powered by an engine that has been certified as set forth in sub-subparagraph (A) of this subparagraph (II).

(III) As used in this subsection (2.5), "hybrid vehicle" means a motor vehicle with a hybrid propulsion system that uses an alternative fuel by operating on both an alternative fuel, including electricity, and a traditional fuel.

(b) No person shall operate a vehicle upon a high occupancy vehicle lane pursuant to this subsection (2.5) unless the vehicle:

(I) Meets all applicable federal emission standards set forth in 40 CFR sec. 88.311-93, as amended from time to time, or, subject to subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2.5), is a hybrid vehicle; and

(II) Is identified by means of a circular sticker or decal at least four inches in diameter, made of bright orange reflective material, and affixed either to the windshield, to the front of the side view mirror on the driver's side, or to the front bumper of the vehicle. Said sticker or decal shall be approved by the Colorado department of transportation.

(c) Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways under their respective jurisdictions, shall provide information via official traffic control devices to indicate that ILEVs and, subject to subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2.5), hybrid vehicles may be operated upon high occupancy vehicle lanes pursuant to this section. Such information may, but need not, be added to existing printed signs, but as existing printed signs related to high occupancy vehicle lane use are replaced or new ones are erected, such information shall be added. In addition, whenever existing electronic signs are capable of being reprogrammed to carry such information, they shall be so reprogrammed by September 1, 2003.

(d) (I) In consultation with the regional transportation district, the department of transportation and local authorities, with respect to streets and highways under their respective jurisdictions, shall, in connection with their periodic level-of-service evaluation of high occupancy vehicle lanes, perform a level-of-service evaluation of the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes by ILEVs and hybrid vehicles. If the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes by ILEVs or hybrid vehicles is determined to cause a significant decrease in the level of service for other bona fide users of such lanes, then the department of transportation or a local authority may restrict or eliminate use of such lanes by ILEVs or hybrid vehicles.

(II) If the United States secretary of transportation makes a formal determination that, by giving effect to paragraph (a) of this subsection (2.5) on a particular highway or lane, the state of Colorado would disqualify itself from receiving federal highway funds the state would otherwise qualify to receive or would be required to refund federal transportation grant funds it has already received, then said paragraph (a) shall not be effective as to such highway or lane.

(3) (a) Any person who uses a high occupancy vehicle lane in violation of restrictions imposed by local authorities commits a class A traffic infraction.

(b) Any person convicted of a third or subsequent offense of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3) committed within a twelve-month period shall be subject to an increased penalty pursuant to section 1701 (4) (a) (I) (K).

1013. Passing lane - definitions - penalty.

(1) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle in the passing lane of a highway if the speed limit is sixty-five miles per hour or more unless such person is passing other motor vehicles that are in a non-passing lane or turning left, or unless the volume of traffic does not permit the motor vehicle to safely merge into a non-passing lane.

(2) For the purposes of this section:

(a) “Non-passing lane” means any lane that is to the right of the passing lane if there are two or more adjacent lanes of traffic moving in the same direction in one roadway.

(b) “Passing lane” means the farthest to the left lane if there are two or more adjacent lanes of traffic moving in the same direction in one roadway; except that, if such left lane is restricted to high occupancy vehicle use or is designed for left turns only, the passing lane shall be the lane immediately to the right of such high occupancy lane or left-turn lane.

(3) A person who violates this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

PART 11
SPEED REGULATIONS

1101. Speed limits.

(1) No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

(2) Except when a special hazard exists that requires a lower speed, the following speeds shall be lawful:

(a) Twenty miles per hour on narrow, winding mountain highways or on blind curves;

(b) Twenty-five miles per hour in any business district, as defined in section 42-1-102(11), C.R.S.;

(c) Thirty miles per hour in any residence district, as defined in section 42-1-102(80), C.R.S.;

(d) Forty miles per hour on open mountain highways;

(e) Forty-five miles per hour for all single rear axle vehicles in the business of transporting trash that exceed twenty thousand pounds, where higher speeds are posted, when said vehicle is loaded as an exempted vehicle pursuant to section 507 (3);

(f) Fifty-five miles per hour on other open highways which are not on the interstate system, as defined in section 43-2-101 (2), C.R.S., and are not surfaced, four-lane freeways or expressways;

(g) Sixty-five miles per hour on surfaced, four-lane highways which are on the interstate system, as defined in section 43-2-101 (2), C.R.S., or are freeways or expressways;

(h) Any speed not in excess of a speed limit designated by an official traffic control device.

(3) No driver of a vehicle shall fail to decrease the speed of such vehicle from an otherwise lawful speed to a reasonable and prudent speed when a special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection (8) of this section, any speed in excess of the lawful speeds set forth in subsection (2) of this section shall be prima facie evidence that such speed was not reasonable or prudent under the conditions then existing. As used in this subsection (4), “prima facie evidence” means evidence which is sufficient proof that the speed was not reasonable or prudent under the conditions then existing, and which will remain sufficient proof of such fact, unless contradicted and overcome by evidence bearing upon the question of whether or not the speed was reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

(5) In every charge of violating subsection (1) of this section, the complaint, summons and complaint, or penalty assessment notice shall specify the speed at which the defendant is

alleged to have driven and also the alleged reasonable and prudent speed applicable at the specified time and location of the alleged violation.

(6) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to relieve the party alleging negligence under this section in any civil action for damages from the burden of proving that such negligence was the proximate cause of an accident.

(7) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (2) of this section, any city or town may by ordinance adopt absolute speed limits as the maximum lawful speed limits in its jurisdiction, and such speed limits shall not be subject to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section.

(8) (a) (Deleted by amendment, L. 96, p. 578, § 2, effective May 25, 1996.)

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of a maximum lawful speed limit of seventy-five miles per hour.

(c) The speed limit set forth in paragraph (b) of this subsection (8) is the maximum lawful speed limit and is not subject to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section.

(d) Local authorities within their respective jurisdictions shall not authorize any speed limit which exceeds seventy-five miles per hour on any highway.

(e) The provisions of this subsection (8) are declared to be matters of both local and statewide concern requiring uniform compliance throughout the state.

(f) In every charge of a violation of paragraph (b) of this subsection (8), the complaint, summons and complaint, or penalty assessment notice shall specify the speed at which the defendant is alleged to have driven and also the maximum lawful speed limit of seventy-five miles per hour.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no person shall drive a low-power scooter on a roadway at a speed in excess of forty miles per hour. Local authorities shall not authorize low-power scooters to exceed forty miles per hour on a roadway.

(9) The conduct of a driver of a vehicle which would otherwise constitute a violation of this section is justifiable and not unlawful when:

(a) It is necessary as an emergency measure to avoid an imminent public or private injury which is about to occur by reason of a situation occasioned or developed through no conduct of said driver and which is of sufficient gravity that, according to ordinary standards of intelligence and morality, the desirability and urgency of avoiding the injury clearly outweigh the desirability of avoiding the consequences sought to be prevented by this section; or

(b) With respect to authorized emergency vehicles, the applicable conditions for exemption, as set forth in section 108, exist.

(10) The minimum requirement for commission of a traffic infraction or misdemeanor traffic offense under this section is the performance by a driver of prohibited conduct, which includes a voluntary act or the omission to perform an act which said driver is physically capable of performing.

(11) It shall not be a defense to prosecution for a violation of this section that:

(a) The defendant's conduct was not performed intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence; or

(b) The defendant's conduct was performed under a mistaken belief of fact, including, but not limited to, a mistaken belief of the defendant regarding the speed of the defendant's vehicle; or

(c) The defendant's vehicle has a greater operating or fuel-conserving efficiency at speeds greater than the reasonable and prudent speed under the conditions then existing or at speeds greater than the maximum lawful speed limit.

(12) (a) A violation of driving one to twenty-four miles per hour in excess of the reasonable and prudent speed or in excess of the maximum lawful speed limit of seventy-five miles per hour is a class A traffic infraction.

(b) A violation of driving twenty-five or more miles per hour in excess of the reasonable and prudent speed or in excess of the maximum lawful speed limit of seventy-five miles per hour is a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense; except that such violation within a maintenance, repair, or construction zone, designated pursuant to section 614, is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense.

(c) A violation under subsection (3) of this section is a class A traffic infraction.

1102. Altering of speed limits – department to study rural state highways and increase speed limits – definitions – repeal..

(1)(a) Whenever local authorities determine upon the basis of a traffic investigation or survey or upon the basis of appropriate design standards and projected traffic volumes in the case of newly constructed highways or segments thereof that any speed specified or established as authorized under sections 1101 to 1104 is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the road and traffic conditions at any intersection or other place or upon any part of a state highway under its jurisdiction, said local authority shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or upon the approaches thereto; except that no speed limit in excess of seventy-five miles per hour shall be authorized by said local authority.

(b) Repealed.

(2) Whenever county or municipal authorities within their respective jurisdictions determine upon the basis of a traffic investigation or survey, or upon the basis of appropriate design standards and projected traffic volumes in the case of newly constructed highways or segments thereof, that any speed specified or established as authorized under sections 1101 to 1104 is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the road and traffic conditions at any intersection or other place or upon any part of a street or highway in its jurisdiction, said local authority shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or upon the approaches thereto. No such local authority shall have the power to alter the

basic rules set forth in section 1101 (1) or in any event to authorize by resolution or ordinance a speed in excess of seventy-five miles per hour.

(3) Local municipal authorities within their respective jurisdictions shall determine upon the basis of a traffic investigation or survey the proper speed for all arterial streets and shall declare a reasonable and safe speed limit thereon which may be greater or less than the speed specified under section 1101 (2) (b) or (2) (c). Such speed limit shall not exceed seventy-five miles per hour and shall become effective when appropriate signs are erected giving notice thereof. For purposes of this subsection (3), an "arterial street" means any United States or state-numbered route, controlled-access highway, or other major radial or circumferential street or highway designated by local authorities within their respective jurisdictions as part of a major arterial system of streets or highways.

~~(3.5) (a) The department of transportation, referred to in this subsection (3.5) as the "department", shall study relevant and appropriate state highways in rural areas of the state fot the purpose of identifying portions of rural state highways where the speed limit can be raised as described in section 42-4-1101 without endangering public safety. In identifying these portions of rural state highways, the department shall consider:~~

~~(I) whether the portion of highway is predominantly straight;~~

~~(II) the quality of the surface of the portion of highway, including whether the portion of highway has been resurfaced recently;~~

~~(III) the presence or absence of adequate space along both sides of the portion of highway to allow a vehicle to safely pull over to the side of the highway;~~

~~the safety of vulnerable road users who use the portion of highway; and~~

~~any other safety concerns that the department, in its discretion, includes the report.~~

~~(b) In identifying portions of rural state highways where the speed limit can be raised pursuant to subsection (3.5)(a) of this section, the department shall give preference to portions of rural state highways that:~~

~~(I) connect rural towns to one or more cities;~~

~~(II) provide access to one or more public or private schools; and~~

~~(III) are relatively heavily travelled.~~

~~(c) On or before March 1, 2021, the department shall complete the study described in subsection (3.5)(a) of this section. The department shall include a summary of the study in the department's next annual report to the legislative committees of reference pursuant to section 2-7-203. The summary must indicate the conclusions of the study and the portions of rural highways for which the department will increase the speed limit.~~

~~(d) As used in this subsection (3.5), unless the context otherwise requires, "vulnerable road user" means:~~

~~(I) a pedestrian;~~

~~(II) a person engaged in work upon a roadway or upon utility facilities along a roadway;~~

~~(III) a person providing emergency services within a right-of-way;~~

(IV) a peace officer who is outsie a motor vehicle and performing the peace officer's duties in a right-of-way;

(V) a person riding or leading an animal; or

(VI) a person lawfully using any of the following on a public right-of-way, crosswalk, or shoulder of the roadway:

- a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, tricycle, or other pedal-powered vehicle;
- a farm tractor or similar vehicle designed primarily for farm use;
- a skateboard;
- roller skates;
- in-line skates;
- a scooter;
- a moped;
- a motorcycle;
- an off-highway vehicle;
- an animal-drawn, wheeled vehicle;
- farm equipment
- a sled;
- an electrical personal assistive mobility device;
- a wheelchair;
- a baby stroller; or
- a nonmotorized pull wagon.

(e) This subsection (3.5) is repealed, effective July 1, 2022.

(4) No alteration of speed limits on state highways within cities, cities and counties, and incorporated towns is effective until it has been approved in writing by the department of transportation. Upon the request of any incorporated city or town, the department of transportation shall conduct any traffic investigation or survey that is deemed to be warranted for determination of a safe and reasonable speed limit on any street or portion thereof that is a state highway. In conducting such a traffic investigation, the department may receive and consider traffic and engineering data provided by the city or county engineer of any requesting local government that will be impacted by a proposed alteration of speed limits. Any speed limit so determined by the department becomes effective when declared by the local authority and made known by official signs conforming to the state traffic control manual.

(5) Whenever the local authorities, within their respective jurisdictions, determine upon the basis of a traffic investigation or survey that a reduced speed limit is warranted in a school or construction area or other place during certain hours or periods of the day when special or temporary hazards exist, the department or the concerned local authority may erect or display official signs of a type prescribed in the state traffic control manual giving notice of the appropriate speed limit for such conditions and stating the time or period the regulation is effective. When such signs are erected or displayed, the lawful speed limit at the particular time and place shall be that which is then indicated upon such signs; except that no such speed limit

shall be less than twenty miles per hour on a state highway or other arterial street as defined in subsection (3) of this section nor less than fifteen miles per hour on any other road or street, nor shall any such reduced speed limit be made applicable at times when the special conditions for which it is imposed cease to exist. Such reduced speed limits on streets which are state highways shall be subject to the written approval of the department of transportation before becoming effective.

(6) In its discretion, a municipality, by ordinance, or a county, by resolution of the board of county commissioners, may impose and enforce stop sign regulations and speed limits, not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 1101 to 1104, upon any way which is open to travel by motor vehicles and which is privately maintained in mobile home parks, when appropriate signs giving notice of such enforcement are erected at the entrances to such ways. Unless there is an agreement to the contrary, the jurisdiction ordering the regulations shall be responsible for the erection and maintenance of the signs.

(7) Any powers granted in this section to county or municipal authorities may be exercised by such authorities or by any municipal officer or employee who is designated by ordinance to exercise such powers.

1103. Minimum speed regulation.

(1) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any highway at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable forward movement of traffic, except when a reduced speed is necessary for safe operation of such vehicle or in compliance with law.

(2) Whenever the department of transportation or local authorities within their respective jurisdictions determine, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation as described in the state traffic control manual, that slow speeds on any part of a highway consistently impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, said department or such local authority may determine and declare a minimum speed limit below which no person shall drive a vehicle, except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

(3) Notwithstanding any minimum speed that may be authorized and posted pursuant to this section, if any person drives a motor vehicle on a highway outside an incorporated area or on any controlled-access highway at a speed less than the normal and reasonable speed of traffic under the conditions then and there existing and by so driving at such slower speed impedes or retards the normal and reasonable movement of vehicular traffic following immediately behind, then such driver shall:

(a) Where the width of the traveled way permits, drive in the right-hand lane available to traffic or on the extreme right side of the roadway consistent with the provisions of section 1001 (2) until such impeded traffic has passed by; or

(b) Pull off the roadway at the first available place where such movement can safely and lawfully be made until such impeded traffic has passed by.

(4) Wherever special uphill traffic lanes or roadside turnouts are provided and posted, drivers of all vehicles proceeding at less than the normal and reasonable speed of traffic shall use such lanes or turnouts to allow other vehicles to pass or maintain normal traffic flow.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1104. Speed limits on elevated structures.

(1) No person shall drive a vehicle over any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part of a highway at a speed which is greater than the maximum speed which can be maintained with safety to such bridge or structure, when such structure is signposted as provided in this section.

(2) The department of transportation upon request from any local authority shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an investigation of any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part of a highway, and, if it finds that such structure cannot with safety to itself withstand vehicles traveling at the speed otherwise permissible under sections 1101 to 1104, said department shall determine and declare the maximum speed of vehicles which such structure can withstand and shall cause or permit suitable standard signs stating such maximum speed to be erected and maintained before each end of such structure in conformity with the state traffic control manual.

(3) Upon the trial of any person charged with a violation of this section, proof of said determination of the maximum speed by said department and the existence of said signs shall constitute conclusive evidence of the maximum speed which can be maintained with safety to such bridge or structure.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1105. Speed contests - speed exhibitions - aiding and facilitating - immobilization of motor vehicle - definitions.

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, it is unlawful for a person to knowingly engage in a speed contest on a highway.

(b) For purposes of this section, “speed contest” means the operation of one or more motor vehicles to conduct a race or a time trial, including but not limited to rapid acceleration, exceeding reasonable and prudent speeds for highways and existing traffic conditions, vying for position, or performing one or more lane changes in an attempt to gain advantage over one or more of the other race participants.

(c) A person who violates any provision of this subsection (1) commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense.

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, it is unlawful for a person to knowingly engage in a speed exhibition on a highway.

(b) For purposes of this section, "speed exhibition" means the operation of a motor vehicle to present a display of speed or power. "Speed exhibition" includes, but is not limited to, squealing the tires of a motor vehicle while it is stationary or in motion, rapid acceleration, rapid swerving or weaving in and out of traffic, producing smoke from tire slippage, or leaving visible tire acceleration marks on the surface of the highway or ground.

(c) A person who violates any provision of this subsection (2) commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, a person shall not, for the purpose of facilitating or aiding or as an incident to any speed contest or speed exhibition upon a highway, in any manner obstruct or place a barricade or obstruction, or assist or participate in placing any such barricade or obstruction, upon a highway.

(b) A person who violates any provision of this subsection (3) commits, pursuant to section 1703, the offense that the person aided in or facilitated the commission of. Nothing in this subsection (3) shall be construed to preclude charging a person under section 1703 for otherwise being a party to the crime of engaging in a speed contest or engaging in a speed exhibition.

(4) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the operation of a motor vehicle in an organized competition according to accepted rules on a designated and duly authorized race track, race course, or drag strip.

(5) (a) In addition to a sentence imposed pursuant to this section or pursuant to any other provision of law:

(I) Upon the second conviction for an offense specified in subsection (1) or (2) of this section, or any other crime, the underlying factual basis of which has been found by the court to include an act of operating a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section, the court may, in its discretion, order the primary law enforcement agency involved with the case to place an immobilization device on the motor vehicle or motor vehicles so operated for a period of up to fourteen days.

(II) Upon the third or subsequent conviction for an offense specified in subsection (1) or (2) of this section, or any other crime, the underlying factual basis of which has been found by the court to include an act of operating a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section, the court may, in its discretion, order the primary law enforcement agency involved with the case to place an immobilization device on the motor vehicle or motor vehicles so operated for a period of up to thirty days but more than fourteen days.

(b) The period during which a motor vehicle may be fitted with an immobilization device pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (5) shall be in addition to any period during which the motor vehicle was impounded prior to sentencing.

(c) An order issued under this subsection (5) shall state the requirements included in subsections (7) and (8) of this section.

(d) For purposes of this section, "immobilization device" means a device locked into place over a wheel of a motor vehicle that prevents the motor vehicle from being moved.

“Immobilization device” includes but is not limited to a device commonly referred to as a “traffic boot” or “boot”.

(6) (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (9) of this section, a law enforcement agency that is ordered to place an immobilization device on a motor vehicle pursuant to subsection (5) of this section shall attempt to locate the motor vehicle within its jurisdiction. The law enforcement agency may, in its discretion, attempt to locate the motor vehicle outside of its jurisdiction.

(b) Nothing in this subsection (6) shall be construed to:

(I) Prohibit a law enforcement agency from seeking the assistance of another law enforcement agency for the purpose of placing an immobilization device on a motor vehicle or removing the device in accordance with this section; or

(II) Require a law enforcement agency to expend excessive time or commit excessive staff to the task of locating a motor vehicle subject to immobilization under this section.

(c) The time spent by a law enforcement agency in locating a motor vehicle in accordance with this subsection (6) shall not alter the immobilization period ordered by the court under subsection (5) of this section.

(d) A law enforcement agency that places an immobilization device on a motor vehicle pursuant to this section shall affix a notice to the immobilized motor vehicle stating the information described in subsections (7) and (8) of this section.

(e) A peace officer who locates or attempts to locate a motor vehicle, or who places or removes, or assists with the placement or removal of, an immobilization device in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be immune from civil liability for damages, except for damages arising from willful and wanton conduct.

(7) (a) The owner of a motor vehicle immobilized under this section shall be assessed a fee of thirty-five dollars for each day the motor vehicle is ordered immobilized and, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (7), thirty-five dollars for each day up to fourteen days after the immobilization period that the fee for the immobilization period is not paid. The owner shall pay the fee to the law enforcement agency that places the immobilization device on the motor vehicle.

(b) The owner, within fourteen days after the end of the immobilization period ordered by the court, may obtain removal of the immobilization device by the law enforcement agency that placed it by requesting the removal and paying the fee required under paragraph (a) of this subsection (7).

(c) The failure of the owner of the immobilized motor vehicle to request removal of the immobilization device and pay the fee within fourteen days after the end of the immobilization period ordered by the court or within the additional time granted by the court pursuant to paragraph (d) of this subsection (7), whichever is applicable, shall result in the motor vehicle being deemed an “abandoned motor vehicle”, as defined in sections 1802 (1) (d) and 2102 (1) (d), and subject to the provisions of part 18 or 21 of this Code, whichever is applicable. The law enforcement agency entitled to payment of the fee under this subsection (7) shall be eligible to

recover the fee if the abandoned motor vehicle is sold, pursuant to section 1809 (2)(b.5) or 2108 (2) (a.5).

(d) Upon application of the owner of an immobilized motor vehicle, the court that ordered the immobilization may, in its discretion, grant additional time to pay the immobilization fee required under paragraph (a) of this subsection (7). If additional time is granted, the court shall notify the law enforcement agency that placed the immobilization device.

(8) (a) A person may not remove an immobilization device that is placed on a motor vehicle pursuant to this section during the immobilization period ordered by the court.

(b) No person may remove the immobilization device after the end of the immobilization period except the law enforcement agency that placed the immobilization device and that has been requested by the owner to remove the device and to which the owner has properly paid the fee required by subsection (7) of this section. Nothing in this subsection (8) shall be construed to prevent the removal of an immobilization device in order to comply with the provisions of part 18 or 21 of this Code.

(c) A person who violates any provision of this subsection (8) commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

(9) (a) A law enforcement agency that is ordered to place an immobilization device on a motor vehicle pursuant to subsection (5) of this section shall inform the court at sentencing if it is unable to comply with the court's order either because the law enforcement agency is not yet equipped with an immobilization device or because it does not have a sufficient number of immobilization devices. The court, upon being so informed, shall, in lieu of ordering immobilization, order the law enforcement agency to impound the motor vehicle for the same time period that the court initially ordered the motor vehicle to be immobilized.

(b) If a motor vehicle is ordered to be impounded pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (9), the provisions of subsections (6) to (8) of this section shall not apply.

PART 12
PARKING

1201. Starting parked vehicle.

No person shall start a vehicle which is stopped, standing, or parked unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1202. Parking or abandonment of vehicles.

(1) No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, either attended or unattended, outside of a business or a residential district, upon the paved or improved and main-traveled part of the highway. Nothing contained in this section shall apply to the driver of any

vehicle which is disabled while on the paved or improved and main-traveled portion of a highway in such manner and to such extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving such disabled vehicle in such position, subject, when applicable, to the emergency lighting requirements set forth in section 230.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

1203. Ski areas to install signs

(1) Colorado ski areas shall install traffic control signs as provided in this section on both sides of that segment of every highway which is within one mile of and which leads to the recognized entrances to the ski area parking lots if it is found that:

(a) The ski area has insufficient parking capacity as evidenced by the practice of parking by motor vehicles on such highways; and

(b) Such parking constitutes a hazard to traffic or an obstacle to snow removal or the movement or passage of emergency equipment.

(2) The findings required by subsection (1) of this section shall be made by the department of transportation for the state highway system, by the chairman of the board of county commissioners for county roads, and by the chief executive officer of a municipality for a municipal street system. Such findings shall be based upon a traffic investigation.

(3) Such signs shall conform to any and all specifications of the department of transportation adopted pursuant to section 42-4-601, C.R.S. All such signs shall contain a statement that there is no parking allowed on a highway right-of-way so as to obstruct traffic or highway maintenance and that offending vehicles will be towed away.

1204. Stopping, standing, or parking prohibited in specified places.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or an official traffic control device, in any of the following places:

(a) On a sidewalk;

(b) Within an intersection;

(c) On a crosswalk;

(d) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the traffic authority indicates a different length by signs or markings;

(e) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;

(f) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

(g) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel;

(h) On any railroad tracks;

(i) On any controlled-access highway;

(j) In the area between roadways of a divided highway, including crossovers;

(k) At any other place where official signs prohibit stopping.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, in addition to the restrictions specified in subsection (1) of this section, no person shall stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or an official traffic control device, in any of the following places:

(a) Within five feet of a public or private driveway;

(b) Within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant;

(c) Within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;

(d) Within thirty feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon or signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway;

(e) Within twenty feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station or, on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station, within seventy-five feet of said entrance when properly signposted;

(f) At any other place where official signs prohibit standing.

(3) In addition to the restrictions specified in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, no person shall park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, in any of the following places:

(a) Within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;

(b) At any other place where official signs prohibit parking.

(4) (a) ~~Paragraph (a) of subsection (1)~~Subsection (1)(a) of this section ~~shall~~ does not prohibit ~~persons~~ a person from parking ~~bicycles or electrical assisted bicycles~~ a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter on ~~sidewalks~~ a sidewalk in accordance with the provisions of section 1412 (11) (a) and (11) (b).

(b) ~~Paragraph (f) of subsection (1)~~ Subsection (1)(f) of this section ~~shall~~ does not prohibit persons from parking two or more bicycles, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycles, or electric scooters abreast in accordance with the provisions of section 1412 (11) (d).

(c) ~~Paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of subsection (2)~~Subsections (2)(a), (2)(c), and (2)(d) of this section ~~shall~~ do not apply to ~~bicycles or electrical assisted bicycles~~ a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter parked on ~~sidewalks~~ a sidewalk in accordance with section 1412 (11) (a) and (11) (b).

(5) No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under such person's control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.

(6) This local authority, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, may place official traffic control devices prohibiting, limiting, or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on any highway where it is determined, upon the basis of a traffic investigation or study, that such stopping, standing, or parking is dangerous to those using the highway or where the

stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles would unduly interfere with the free movement of traffic thereon. No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle in violation of the restrictions indicated by such devices.

(7) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction; except that, if a person violates paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section and the violation occurs in an unincorporated area of a county, the penalty is fifty dollars.

(8) A political subdivision ~~may~~ shall not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation that prohibits the parking of more than one motorcycle or autocycle within a space served by a single parking meter.

1205. Parking at curb or edge of roadway.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to and within twelve inches of the right-hand curb or as close as practicable to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by local ordinance, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a one-way roadway shall be so stopped or parked parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway in the direction of authorized traffic movement, with its right-hand wheels within twelve inches of the right-hand curb or as close as practicable to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder or with its left-hand wheels within twelve inches of the left-hand curb or as close as practicable to the left edge of the left-hand shoulder.

(3) Local authorities may by ordinance permit angle parking on any roadway; except that angle parking shall not be permitted on any state highway unless the department of transportation has determined by resolution or order entered in its minutes that the roadway is of sufficient width to permit angle parking without interfering with the free movement of traffic.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

1206. Unattended motor vehicle - definitions.

(1) A person driving or in charge of an unlocked motor vehicle shall not permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the ignition, and effectively setting the brake thereon. When the vehicle is standing upon any grade, the person shall turn the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway in such a manner as to prevent the vehicle from rolling onto the traveled way.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

(3) The use or operation of a remote starter system and adequate security measures is sufficient to comply with subsection (1) of this section.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) "Adequate security measures" includes, but is not limited to:

(I) Using a vehicle that requires a key to put the vehicle into gear and move the vehicle;

(II) Keeping a keyless start fob out of proximity of the vehicle; or

(III) Employing steering wheel security devices.

(b) "Remote starter system" means a device installed in a motor vehicle that allows the engine of the vehicle to be started by remote or radio control.

(5) Nothing in this section preempts or otherwise impairs the power of local authorities to enforce or enact ordinances or resolutions concerning time limits on the idling of motor vehicles on or before August 10, 2017.

1207. Opening and closing vehicle doors.

No person shall open the door of a motor vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless and until it is reasonably safe to do so and can be done without interfering with the movement of other traffic; nor shall any person leave a door open on the side of a vehicle available to moving traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

1208. ~~Parking privileges~~Reserve parking for persons with disabilities – applicability - rules.

(1) Definitions. As used in this section:

(a) “Disability” or “disabled” has the same meaning as set forth in section 42-3-204, C.R.S.

(b) “Holder” means a person with a disability who has lawfully obtained an identifying plate or placard.

(c) “Identifying figure” has the same meaning as set forth in section 42-3-204, C.R.S.

(d) “Identifying placard” has the same meaning as set forth in section 42-3-204, C.R.S.

(e) “Identifying plate” has the same meaning as set forth in section 42-3-204, C.R.S.

(f) “Professional” has the same meaning as set forth in section 42-3-204, C.R.S.

(f.5) “Remuneration-exempt identifying placard” has the same meaning as set forth in 42-3-204, C.R.S.(g) "Reserved parking" means a parking space reserved for a person with a disability.

(2) Use of plate or placard.

(a) A person with a disability may use reserved parking on public property or private property if the person displays an identifying plate or placard while using reserved parking.

(b) When an identifying placard is used for reserved parking, the driver of the parked motor vehicle shall ensure that the front of the identifying placard is legible and visible through the windshield when viewed from outside the vehicle. The driver shall hang the placard from the rear-view mirror unless a rear-view mirror is not available or the individual is physically unable to hang the placard from the rear-view mirror. If the tag is not hung from the rear-view mirror, the driver shall display it on the dashboard.

(c) A person with a disability who is a resident of a state other than Colorado may use reserved parking in Colorado if the motor vehicle displays an identifying plate or placard issued by a state other than Colorado, and if:

(I) The identifying plate or placard is currently valid in the state of issuance and meets the requirements of 23 CFR 1235; and

(II) The holder has not been a resident in Colorado for more than ninety days.

(d) A motor vehicle with an identifying plate or a placard may be parked in public parking areas along public streets or in private parking lots regardless of any time limitation imposed upon parking in the area; except that a jurisdiction may specifically limit reserved parking on any public street to no less than four hours. To limit reserved parking, the jurisdiction must clearly post the appropriate time limits in the area. The ability to park notwithstanding parking limitations does not apply to areas in which:

(I) Stopping, standing, or parking of all vehicles is prohibited;

(II) Only special vehicles may be parked; or

(III) Parking is not allowed during specific periods of the day in order to accommodate heavy traffic.

(e) (I) The owner of public or private property may request the installation of official signs or pavement markings identifying reserved parking spaces. The request operates as a waiver of any objection the owner may assert concerning enforcement of this section by a peace officer. An officer may enforce this section on private property notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.

(II) (A) The number and placement of accessible parking spaces should meet or exceed section 1106 of chapter 11 of the 2012 (second printing) version of the international building code, or any succeeding standard, published by the international code council.

(B) The technical standards for accessible parking spaces should meet or exceed section 502, or any successor section, of the “Accessible and Useable Buildings and Facilities” standard, or any succeeding standard, promulgated and amended from time to time by the international code council (commonly cited as ICC/ANSI A117.1).

(C) Access aisles should post "Wheelchair Access Aisle Absolutely No Parking" sign, which blocks neither the access aisle nor accessible routes.

(D) The technical standards for post- or wall-mounted signs indicating accessible parking spaces and van-accessible parking spaces should meet or exceed section 2B.46 concerning parking, standing, and stopping signs and section 2B.47 concerning design of parking, standing, and stopping of the 2009 version of the manual on uniform traffic control devices, or any succeeding standard, published by the United States federal highway administration.

(III) The owner of real property with multiple-family dwellings affixed and with reserved parking shall retain the reserved parking as commonly owned for the tenants, owners, or visitors of the individual units within the dwellings. This subparagraph (III) does not prohibit the sale of all commonly owned property so long as the reserved parking is not severed from the other elements.

(IV) A person shall not impose restrictions on the use of disabled parking unless specifically authorized by a statute of Colorado and a resolution of or ordinance of a political subdivision of Colorado and notice of the restriction is prominently posted by a sign clearly visible at the parking space.

(3) Misuse of reserved parking.

(a) A person without a disability shall not park in a parking space on public or private property that is clearly identified by an official sign or by visible pavement markings as being reserved parking or as being a passenger loading zone unless:

(I) The person is parking the vehicle for the direct benefit of a person with a disability to enter or exit the vehicle while it is parked in the reserved parking space; and

(II) An identifying plate or placard obtained under or authorized by section 42-3-204, C.R.S., is displayed in or on the vehicle if the license plate or placard is currently valid or has expired less than one month before the day the person used the reserved parking.

(a.5) A person shall not, while parked in a parking space that requires remuneration, display a remuneration-exempt identifying placard that is not issued to the person. A person who possesses a remuneration-exempt identifying placard shall not allow another person to use the placard to park in a parking space that requires remuneration.

(b) (I) A person, after using a reserved parking space that has a time limit, shall not switch motor vehicles or move the motor vehicle to another reserved parking space within one hundred yards of the original parking space within the same eight hours in order to exceed the time limit.

(II) (A) Parking in a time-limited reserved parking space for more than three hours for at least three days a week for at least two weeks creates a rebuttable presumption that the person is violating this paragraph (b).

(B) This subparagraph (II) does not apply to privately owned parking spaces.

(c) A person shall not use reserved parking for a commercial purpose unless:

(I) The purpose relates to transacting business with a business the reserved parking is intended to serve; or

(II) The owner of private property consents to allow the use.

(d) (I) An employee of an entity shall not use an identifying placard issued to the entity unless the employee is transporting persons with disabilities.

(II) For a violation of this paragraph (d), the chief operations officer within Colorado of the entity to whom the placard or plate was issued and the offending employee are each subject to the penalties in section 42-4-1701(4)(a)(I)(M), C.R.S.

(III) (A) It is an affirmative defense to a violation of this paragraph (d) for the chief operations officer within Colorado that the entity enforces an internal policy controlling access to and use of identifying placards issued to the entity.

(B) If the placard used is expired by operation of section 42-3-204(6)(f), C.R.S., it is an affirmative defense to a violation of this paragraph (d) that the person did not know the placard was expired if the person who used the placard was the person to whom it was issued.

(e) (I) A person who violates subsection (3)(a) or (3)(a.5) of this section is subject to the penalties in section 42-4-1701(4)(a)(VIII) and (IX), C.R.S.

(II) A person who violates paragraphs (b) to (d) of this subsection (3) is subject to the penalties in section 42-4-1701(4)(a)(I)(M), C.R.S.

(4) Blocking access.

(a) Regardless of whether a person displays an identifying plate or placard, a person shall not park a vehicle so as to block reasonable access to curb ramps, passenger loading zones, or accessible routes, as identified in 28 CFR part 36 appendix A, that are clearly identified unless the person is actively loading or unloading a person with a disability.

(b) A person who violates this subsection (4) is subject to the penalties in section 42-4-1701(4)(a)(VIII), C.R.S.

(5) Fraud and trafficking. A person is subject to the penalties in section 42-4-1701(4)(a)(X), C.R.S., if the person:

(a) Knowingly and fraudulently obtains, possesses, uses, or transfers an identifying placard issued to a person with a disability;

(b) Knowingly makes, possesses, uses, alters, or transfers what purports to be, but is not, an identifying placard; or

(c) Knowingly creates or uses a device intended to give the impression that it is an identifying placard when viewed from outside the vehicle.

(6) Enforcement of reserved parking.

(a) A peace officer or authorized and uniformed parking enforcement official may check the identification of a person using an identifying plate or placard in order to determine whether the use is authorized.

(b) (I) A peace officer or authorized and uniformed parking enforcement official may confiscate an identifying placard that is being used in violation of this section.

(II) The peace officer or parking enforcement official shall send a confiscated placard to the department unless it is being held as evidence for prosecution of a violation of this section. If the tag is being held as evidence, the peace officer or parking enforcement official shall notify the department of the confiscation and pending charges.

(III) The department shall hold a confiscated placard for thirty days and may dispose of the placard after thirty days. The department shall release the placard to the person with a disability to whom it was issued when the person signs a statement under penalty of perjury that he or she was unaware that the violator used, or intended to use, the placard in violation of this section.

(c) A peace officer and the department may investigate an allegation that a person is violating this section.

(d) A person who observes a violation of this section may submit evidence, including a sworn statement, concerning the violation to any law enforcement agency.

(e) (I) A peace officer may issue a penalty assessment notice for a violation of paragraph (b), (c), or (d) of subsection (3) of this section by sending it by certified mail to the registered

owner of the motor vehicle. The peace officer shall include in the penalty assessment notice the offense or infraction, the time and place where it occurred, and a statement that the payment of the penalty assessment and a surcharge is due within twenty days after the issuance of the notice. The department receives payment of the penalty assessment by the due date if the payment is received or postmarked by the twentieth day after the vehicle owner received the penalty assessment notice.

(II) If the penalty assessment and surcharge are not paid within twenty days after the date the vehicle owner receives the assessment notice specified in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (e), the peace officer who issued the original penalty assessment notice shall file a complaint with a court having jurisdiction and issue and serve upon the registered owner of the vehicle a summons to appear in court at the time and place specified.

(f) (I) The entering court shall send certification of the entry of judgment for each violation of paragraph (b), (c), or (d) of subsection (3) of this section to the department.

(II) Upon receipt of certification of an entry of judgment for a violation of paragraph (b), (c), or (d) of subsection (3) of this section, the department shall not register the person's vehicle until all fines imposed for the violations have been paid.

(III) Upon receipt of certification or independent verification of an entry of judgment, the department shall revoke an identifying plate or placard as provided in section 42-3-204(7)(d), C.R.S.

(g) (I) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, a holder is liable for any penalty or fine as set forth in this section or section 42-3-204, C.R.S., or for any misuse of an identifying plate or placard, including the use of such plate or placard by any person other than a holder, unless the holder furnishes sufficient evidence that the identifying plate or placard was, at the time of the violation, in the care, custody, or control of another person without the holder's knowledge or consent.

(II) A holder may avoid the liability described in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (g) if, within a reasonable time after notification of the violation, the holder furnishes to the prosecutorial division of the appropriate jurisdiction the name and address of the person who had the care, custody, or control of the identifying plate or placard at the time of the violation or the holder reports the license plate or placard lost or stolen to both the appropriate local law enforcement agency and the department.

(h) An employer shall not forbid an employee from reporting violations of this section. A person shall not initiate or administer any disciplinary action against an employee because the employee notified the authorities of a possible violation of this section if the employee has a good-faith belief that a violation has occurred.

(i) A landlord shall not retaliate against a tenant because the tenant notified the authorities of a possible violation of this section if the tenant has a good-faith belief that a violation has occurred.

(j) In order to stop a vehicle from blocking access or illegally using reserved parking, a peace officer may order a vehicle that is used to violate subsection (4) of this section to be towed

to an impound lot or a vehicle storage location. The peace officer shall verify that the vehicle has not been stolen and report the tow to the department of revenue in accordance with section 42-4-1804. ~~(j) In order to stop a vehicle from blocking access or illegally using reserved parking, a peace officer may order a vehicle that is used to violate this subsection (4) to be towed to an impound lot or a vehicle storage location. The peace officer shall verify that the vehicle has not been stolen and report the fact of the tow to the department of revenue in accordance with section 42-4-1804, C.R.S.~~

(k) The local authority issuing a citation under this section, or under any local ordinance defining a substantially equivalent offense, shall transfer one-half of the fine to the state treasurer, who shall credit the fine to the disabled parking education and enforcement fund created in section 42-1-226, C.R.S.

1209. Owner liability for parking violations.

In addition to any other liability provided for in this Code, the owner of a motor vehicle who is engaged in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles is liable for payment of a parking violation fine unless the owner of the leased or rented motor vehicle can furnish sufficient evidence that the vehicle was, at the time of the parking violation, in the care, custody, or control of another person. To avoid liability for payment the owner of the motor vehicle is required, within a reasonable time after notification of the parking violation, to furnish to the prosecutorial division of the appropriate jurisdiction the name and address of the person or company who leased, rented, or otherwise had the care, custody, or control of such vehicle. As a condition to avoid liability for payment of a parking violation, any person or company who leases or rents motor vehicles to another person shall attach to the leasing or rental agreement a notice stating that, pursuant to the requirements of this section, the operator of the vehicle is liable for payment of a parking violation fine incurred when the operator has the care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle. The notice shall inform the operator that the operator's name and address shall be furnished to the prosecutorial division of the appropriate jurisdiction when a parking violation fine is incurred by the operator.

1210. Designated areas on private property for authorized vehicles.

(1) The owner or lessee of any private property available for public use in the unincorporated areas of a county may request in writing that specified areas on such property be designated by the board of county commissioners for use only by authorized vehicles and that said areas, upon acceptance in writing by the board of county commissioners, shall be clearly marked by the owner or lessee with official traffic control devices, as defined in section 42-1-102(64), C.R.S. Such a request shall be a waiver of any objection the owner or lessee may assert concerning enforcement of this section by peace officers of this state, and such officers are

hereby authorized and empowered to so enforce this section, provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding. When the owner or lessee gives written notice to the board of county commissioners that said request is withdrawn, and the owner or lessee removes all traffic control devices, the provisions of this section shall no longer be applicable.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to park any vehicle other than an authorized vehicle in any area designated and marked for such use as provided in this section.

(3) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (2) of this section ~~is guilty of a class 2 petty offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars~~commits a class A traffic infraction. The disposition of fines and forfeitures shall be paid into the treasury of the county at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed by the board of county commissioners.

1211. Limitations on backing.

(1) (a) The driver of a vehicle, whether on public property or private property which is used by the general public for parking purposes, shall not back the same unless such movement can be made with safety and without interfering with other traffic.

(b) The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same upon any shoulder or roadway of any controlled-access highway.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1212. Pay parking access for disabled.

(1) A person who owns, operates, or manages a parking space that requires remuneration shall not tow, boot, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual or motor vehicle parking in the space for failure to pay the remuneration if the motor vehicle bears a remuneration-exempt identifying placard issued pursuant to section 42-3-204, C.R.S..

(2) Notwithstanding any statute, resolution, or ordinance of the state of Colorado, a political subdivision of Colorado, or a governing board of a state institution of higher education, parking in a space without paying the required remuneration is not a violation of the statute, resolution, or ordinance if the conditions specified in subsection (1) of this section are met.

(3) A law or parking enforcement agency shall withdraw any penalty assessment notice or summons and complaint that is deemed not to be a violation under subsection (2) of this section within five business days after being shown proof that the individual cited has a valid remuneration-exempt identifying placard.

1213. Parking in electric motor vehicle charging stations.

(1)(a) For the purposes of this section, “official sign” means a sign identifying a parking space for electric motor vehicle charging that cites this section or the equivalent local ordinance and that clearly displays the penalties for violating this section or the equivalent local ordinance.

(b) The owner of public or private property may install official signs that identify a parking space as a dedicated charging station. The installation operates as a waiver of any objection the owner may assert concerning enforcement of this section by a peace officer. A peace officer may enforce this section on private property.

(2)(a) A person shall not park a motor vehicle within a parking space designated for charging a plug-in electric motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle is a plug-in electric motor vehicle.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a person shall not park a plug-in electric motor vehicle in a parking space with a dedicated charging connector for the parking space unless the person is parked in the charging station for the purpose of charging the plug-in electric motor vehicle.

(c) A plug-in electric motor vehicle is rebuttably presumed to not be charging if the motor vehicle is:

(I) Parked in a charging station parking space with a dedicated charging connector for the space; and

(II) Not continuously and electrically connected to the charger for longer than thirty minutes.

(3)(a) A person may park a plug-in electric motor vehicle at a charging after the motor vehicle is fully charged in a parking lot:

(I) That serves a lodging business if the person is a client of the lodging business and has parked the plug-in electric motor vehicle in the lot to charge overnight;

(II) That serves an airport if the person is a client of the airport and has parked the plug-in electric motor vehicle in the lot to charge when traveling; or

(III) Between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

(b) The exception in subsection (3)(a) of this section is an affirmative defense to a violation of subsection (2) of this section.

(4) A person who violates this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

PART 13
ALCOHOL AND DRUG OFFENSES
(Removed)

PART 14
OTHER OFFENSES

1401. ~~(Removed)~~**Reckless driving – penalty.**

(1) A person who drives a motor vehicle, bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or lowe~~-~~power scooter in such a matter as to indicate either a wanton or a willful disregard for the safety of the persons or property is guilty of reckless driving. A person

convicted of reckless driving of a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter is not subject to section 42-4-127.

1402. ~~(Removed)~~Careless driving – penalty.

(1) A person who drives a motor vehicle, bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, electric scooter, or low-power scooter in a careless and imprudent matter, without due regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic, and use of the streets and highways and all other attendant circumstances, is guilty of careless driving. A person convicted of careless driving of a bicycle, eletrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter is not subject to section 42-2-127.

1402.5 Vulnerable road user – prohibition – violations and penalties – definition.

1) Definition. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "vulnerable road user" means:

(a) A pedestrian;

(b) A person engaged in work upon a roadway or upon utility facilities along a roadway;

(c) A person providing emergency services within a right-of-way;

(d) A peace officer who is outside a motor vehicle and performing the peace officer's duties in a right-of-way;

(e) A person riding or leading an animal; or

(f) A person lawfully using any of the following on a public right-of-way, crosswalk, or shoulder of the roadway:

(I) A bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, tricycle, or other pedal-powered vehicle;

(II) A farm tractor or similar vehicle designed primarily for farm use;

(III) A skateboard;

(IV) Roller skates;

(V) In-line skates;

(VI) A scooter;

(VII) A moped;

(VIII) A motorcycle;

(IX) An off-highway vehicle;

(X) An animal-drawn, wheeled vehicle;

(XI) Farm equipment;

(XII) A sled;

(XIII) An electric personal assistive mobility device;

(XIV) A wheelchair;

(XV) A baby stroller;

(XVI) A nonmotorized pull wagon; or

(XVII) An autocycle.

(2) Prohibition. A person who drives a motor vehicle in violation of section ~~42-4-~~1402 and whose actions are the proximate cause of serious bodily injury, as defined in section ~~42-4-~~1601(4)(b), to a vulnerable road user commits infliction of serious bodily injury to a vulnerable road user.
(3) Violations and penalties. (a) Infliction of serious bodily injury to a vulnerable road user is a class 1 traffic misdemeanor.
(b) In addition to the penalties imposed in subsections (3)(a) and (3)(c) of this section, the court may order the violator to: (I) Attend a driver improvement course in accordance with section ~~42-4-~~1717; and (II) Perform useful public service for a number of hours, which must not exceed three hundred twenty hours, to be determined by the court in accordance with section 18-1.3-507.
(c) In addition to the penalties imposed in subsections (3)(a) and (3)(b) of this section, a person who is convicted of violating this section is subject to:
(I) License suspension in accordance with section 42-2-127; and
(II) An order of restitution under part 6 of article 1.3 of title 18.

1403. Following fire apparatus prohibited.

The driver of any vehicle other than one on official business shall not follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than five hundred feet or drive into or park such vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1404. Crossing fire hose.

No vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected hose of a fire department used at any fire, alarm of fire, or practice runs or laid down on any street, private driveway, or highway without the consent of the fire department official in command. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

1405. Riding in trailers.

No person shall occupy a trailer while it is being moved upon a public highway. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

1406. Foreign matter on highway prohibited.

(1) (a) No person shall throw or deposit upon or along any highway any glass bottle, glass, stones, nails, tacks, wire, cans, container of human waste, or other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon or along such highway.

(b) No person shall throw, drop, or otherwise expel a lighted cigarette, cigar, match, or other burning material from a motor vehicle upon any highway.

(2) Any person who drops, or permits to be dropped or thrown, upon any highway or structure any destructive or injurious material or lighted or burning substance shall immediately remove the same or cause it to be removed.

(3) Any person removing a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a highway shall remove any glass or other injurious substance dropped upon the highway from such vehicle.

(4) No person shall excavate a ditch or other aqueduct, or construct any flume or pipeline or any steam, electric, or other railway, or construct any approach to a public highway without written consent of the authority responsible for the maintenance of that highway.

(5) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (5), any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

(b) (I) Any person who violates ~~any provision of paragraph (b) of~~ subsection (1)(b) of this section commits a ~~class 2 misdemeanor~~petty offense and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-501~~, C.R.S~~.

(II) Any person who violates paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section by throwing or depositing a container of human waste upon or along any highway shall be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars in lieu of the penalty and surcharge prescribed in section 1701 (4) (a)(I)(N).

(6) As used in this section:

(a) "Container" includes, but is not limited to, a bottle, a can, a box, or a diaper.

(b) "Human waste" means urine or feces produced by a human.

1407. Spilling loads on highways prohibited - prevention of spilling of aggregate, trash, or recyclables.

(1) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless such vehicle is constructed or loaded or the load thereof securely covered to prevent any of its load from blowing, dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping therefrom; except that material may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway.

(2) (Deleted by amendment, L. 99, p. 295, §1, effective July 1, 1999.)

(2.4) (a) A vehicle shall not be driven or moved on a highway if the vehicle is transporting trash or recyclables unless at least one of the following conditions is met:

(I) The load is covered by a tarp or other cover in a manner that prevents the load from blowing, dropping, shifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle;

(II) The vehicle utilizes other technology that prevents the load from blowing, dropping, shifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle;

(III) The load is required to be secured under and complies with 49 CFR parts 392 and 393; or

(IV) The vehicle is loaded in such a manner or the load itself has physical characteristics such that the contents will not escape from the vehicle. Such a load may include, but is not limited to, heavy scrap metal or hydraulically compressed scrap recyclables.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this subsection (2.4) shall not apply to a motor vehicle in the process of collecting trash or recyclables within a one mile radius of the motor vehicle's last collection point.

(2.5) (a) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway for a distance of more than two miles if the vehicle is transporting aggregate material with a diameter of one inch or less unless:

(I) The load is covered by a tarp or other cover in a manner that prevents the aggregate material from blowing, dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle; or

(II) The vehicle utilizes other technology that prevents the aggregate material from blowing, dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle.

(b) Nothing in this subsection (2.5) shall apply to a vehicle:

(I) Operating entirely within a marked construction zone;

(II) Involved in maintenance of public roads during snow or ice removal operations; or

(III) Involved in emergency operations when requested by a law enforcement agency or an emergency response authority designated in or pursuant to section 29-22-102, C.R.S.

(2.7) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Aggregate material" means any rock, clay, silts, gravel, limestone, dimension stone, marble, and shale; except that "aggregate material" does not include hot asphalt, including asphalt patching material, wet concrete, or other materials not susceptible to blowing.

(b) "Recyclables" means material or objects that can be reused, reprocessed, remanufactured, reclaimed, or recycled.

(c) "Trash" means material or objects that have been or are in the process of being discarded or transported.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection (3), any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

(b) Any person who violates any provision of this section while driving or moving a car or pickup truck without causing bodily injury to another person commits a class A traffic infraction.

(c) Any person who violates any provision of this section while driving or moving a car or pickup truck and thereby proximately causes bodily injury to another person commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

1407.5. Splash guards - when required.

(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Splash guards" means mud flaps, rubber, plastic or fabric aprons, or other devices directly behind the rear-most wheels, designed to minimize the spray of water and other substances to the rear.

(b) "Splash guards" must, at a minimum, be wide enough to cover the full tread of the tire or tires being protected, hang perpendicular from the vehicle not more than ten inches above the

surface of the street or highway when the vehicle is empty, and generally maintain their perpendicular relationship under normal driving conditions.

(2) Except as otherwise permitted in this section, no vehicle or motor vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street or highway unless the vehicle or motor vehicle is equipped with splash guards. However, vehicles and motor vehicles with splash guards that violate this section shall be allowed to remain in service for the time necessary to continue to a place where the deficient splash guards will be replaced. Such replacement shall occur at the first reasonable opportunity.

(3) This section does not apply to:

(a) Passenger-carrying motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 42-3-306(2), C.R.S.;

(b) Trucks and truck tractors registered pursuant to section 42-3-306(4) or (5) C.R.S., having an empty weight of ten thousand pounds or less;

(c) Trailers equipped with fenders or utility pole trailers;

(d) Vehicles while involved in chip and seal or paving operations or road widening equipment;

(e) Truck tractors or converter dollies when used in combination with other vehicles;

(f) Vehicles drawn by animals; or

(g) Bicycles, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycles, or electric scooters.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

1408. Operation of motor vehicles on property under control of or owned by parks and recreation districts.

(1) Any metropolitan recreation district, any park and recreation district organized pursuant to Code 1 of title 32, C.R.S., or any recreation district organized pursuant to the provisions of part 7 of Code 20 of title 30, C.R.S., referred to in this section as a "district", shall have the authority to designate areas on property owned or controlled by the district in which the operation of motor vehicles shall be prohibited. Areas in which it shall be prohibited to operate motor vehicles shall be clearly posted by a district.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in an area owned or under the control of a district if the district has declared the operation of motor vehicles to be prohibited in such area, as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

1409. Compulsory insurance - penalty - legislative intent.

(1) No owner of a motor vehicle or low-power scooter required to be registered in this state shall operate the vehicle or permit it to be operated on the public highways of this state when the owner has failed to have a complying policy or certificate of self-insurance in full force and effect as required by law.

(2) No person shall operate a motor vehicle or low-power scooter on the public highways of this state without a complying policy or certificate of self-insurance in full force and effect as required by law.

(3) (a) When an accident occurs, or when requested to do so following any lawful traffic contact or during any traffic investigation by a peace officer, an owner or operator of a motor vehicle or low-power scooter shall present to the requesting officer immediate evidence of a complying policy or certificate of self-insurance in full force and effect as required by law.

(b) As used in this section, "evidence of a complying policy or certificate of self-insurance in full force and effect" includes the presentation of such a policy or certificate upon a cell phone or other electronic device.

(4) (a) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (1), (2), or (3) of this section commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense. The minimum fine imposed by section 42-4-1701(3)(a)(II)(A), C.R.S., shall be mandatory, and the defendant shall be punished by a minimum mandatory fine of not less than five hundred dollars. The court may suspend up to one half of the fine upon a showing that appropriate insurance as required pursuant to section 10-4-619 or 10-4-624, C.R.S., has been obtained. Nothing in this paragraph (a) shall be construed to prevent the court from imposing a fine greater than the minimum mandatory fine.

(b) Upon a second or subsequent conviction under this section within a period of five years following a prior conviction under this section, in addition to any imprisonment imposed pursuant to section 42-4-1701(3)(a)(II)(A), C.R.S., the defendant shall be punished by a minimum mandatory fine of not less than one thousand dollars, and the court shall not suspend such minimum fine. The court or the court collections' investigator may establish a payment schedule for a person convicted of the provisions of subsection (1), (2), or (3) of this section, and the provisions of section 16-11-101.6, C.R.S., shall apply. The court may suspend up to one half of the fine upon a showing that appropriate insurance as required pursuant to section 10-4-619 or 10-4-624, C.R.S., has been obtained.

(c) In addition to the penalties prescribed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection (4), any person convicted pursuant to this section may, at the discretion of the court, be sentenced to perform not less than forty hours of community service, subject to the provisions of section 18-1.3-507, C.R.S.

(5) Testimony of the failure of any owner or operator of a motor vehicle or low-power scooter to present immediate evidence of a complying policy or certificate of self-insurance in full force and effect as required by law, when requested to do so by a peace officer, shall constitute prima facie evidence, at a trial concerning a violation charged under subsection (1) or (2) of this section, that such owner or operator of a motor vehicle violated subsection (1) or (2) of this section.

(6) A person charged with violating subsection (1), (2), or (3) of this section shall not be convicted if the person produces in court a bona fide complying policy or certificate of self-insurance that was in full force and effect as required by law at the time of the alleged violation. The court clerk's office may dismiss the charge if it verifies that the person had a valid policy in

effect at the time of the alleged violation using the uninsured motorist identification database created in section 42-7-602, C.R.S.

(7) Repealed.

(8) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2003, p. 2648, § 7, effective July 1, 2003.)

(8.5) If an operator of a motor vehicle or low-power scooter uses a cell phone or other electronic device to present evidence of a complying policy or certificate of self-insurance in full force and effect, as described in paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of this section:

(a) The law enforcement officer to whom the operator presents the device shall not explore the contents of the cell phone or other electronic device other than to examine the operator's policy or certificate of self-insurance; and

(b) The law enforcement officer to whom the operator presents the device and any law enforcement agency that employs the officer are immune from any civil damages resulting from the officer dropping or otherwise unintentionally damaging the cell phone or other electronic device.

(9) It is the intent of the general assembly that the money collected as fines imposed pursuant subsections (4)(a) and (4)(b) of this section are to be used for the supervision of the public highways. The general assembly determines that law enforcement agencies that patrol and maintain the public safety on public highways are supervising the public highways. The general assembly further determines that an authorized agent is supervising the public highways through his or her enforcement of the requirements for demonstration of proof of motor vehicle insurance pursuant to section 42-3-105(1)(d), C.R.S. Therefore, of the money collected from fines pursuant to subsections (4)(a) and (4)(b) of this section, fifty percent shall be transferred to the law enforcement agency that issued the ticket for a violation of this section. The remaining fifty percent of the money collected from fines for violations subsection (4)(a) or (4)(b) of this section shall be transmitted to the authorized agent for the county in which the violation occurred.

1410.5 Providing false evidence of proof of motor vehicle insurance – penalty.

(1) It is unlawful for any person to offer, use, or attempt to offer or use any means, manner, type of paper, document, card, digital image, or any other proof of motor vehicle liability insurance required by state law to a law enforcement officer, judge, magistrate, prosecutor, or employee of a court clerk's office with the intent to mislead that official regarding the status or any motor vehicle liability insurance policy in the course of an official investigation, or for purposes of dismissing any charge under section 1409 or reducing any penalty imposed under section 1409, where such means, manner, type, or kind of proof of insurance offered or used, or that is attempted to be offered or used, is known or should be known by the person to be false, fraudulent, or incorrect in any material manner or way, or which is known or should be known by the person to be altered, forged, defaced, or changed in any material respect, unless such changes are required or authorized by law.

(2) Violation of this section is a class B traffic infraction, punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars.

(3) A person who is convicted of, who admits liability for, or against whom a judgment is entered for a violation of this section shall be deemed, but only for purposes of section 18-1-408 C.R.S. to have been convicted of a criminal offense.

1411. Use of earphones while driving.

(1) (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle while wearing earphones.

(b) For purposes of this subsection (1), "earphones" includes any headset, radio, tape player, or other similar device which provides the listener with radio programs, music, or other recorded information through a device attached to the head and which covers all of or a portion of the ears. "Earphones" does not include speakers or other listening devices that are built into protective headgear or a device or portion of a device that only covers all or a portion of one ear and that is connected to a wireless, handheld telephone.

(2) Any person who violates this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

(3) Nothing in this section authorizes the holder of a commercial driver's license issued pursuant to part 4 of article 2 of this title to act in violation of any federal law or regulation relating to driving a commercial vehicle.

1412. Operation of bicycles and other human-powered vehicles.

~~(1) Every person riding a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle shall have all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this Code, except as to special regulations in this Code and except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Said riders shall comply with the rules set forth in this section and section 221, and, when using streets and highways within incorporated cities and towns, shall be subject to local ordinances regulating the operation of bicycles and electrical assisted bicycles as provided in section 111.~~ (1) A person riding a bicycle, or electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter has all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this article 4, except as to special regulations in this article 4, except as provided in section ~~42-4-~~1412.5, and except as to those provisions that by their nature can have no application. Said bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter riders shall comply with the rules set forth in this section and section ~~42-4-~~221, and, when using streets and highways within incorporated cities and towns, are subject to local ordinances regulating the operation of bicycles, electrical assisted bicycles, and electric scooters as provided in section ~~42-4-~~111. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this article 4, when a county or municipality has adopted an ordinance or resolution that regulates the operation of bicycles, electrical assisted bicycles, and electric scooters at controlled intersections, as defined in section ~~42-4-~~1412.5(4)(a), and that does not conflict with section ~~42-4-~~1412.5, riders are subject to the local ordinance or resolution.

(2) It is the intent of the general assembly that nothing contained in House Bill No. 1246, enacted at the second regular session of the fifty-sixth general assembly, shall in any way be construed to modify or increase the duty of the department of transportation or any political subdivision to sign or maintain highways or sidewalks or to affect or increase the liability of the

state of Colorado or any political subdivision under the "Colorado Governmental Immunity Act", Code 10 of title 24, C.R.S.

(3) ~~No~~ A bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed or equipped.

(4) ~~No~~ A person riding upon ~~any~~ a bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter shall not attach the vehicle or the rider ~~same or himself or herself~~ to any motor vehicle upon a roadway.

(5) (a) Any person operating a bicycle or an electrical assisted bicycle upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic shall ride in the right-hand lane, subject to the following conditions:

(I) If the right-hand lane then available for traffic is wide enough to be safely shared with overtaking vehicles, a bicyclist shall ride far enough to the right as judged safe by the bicyclist to facilitate the movement of such overtaking vehicles unless other conditions make it unsafe to do so.

(II) A bicyclist may use a lane other than the right-hand lane when:

(A) Preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private roadway or driveway;

(B) Overtaking a slower vehicle; or

(C) Taking reasonably necessary precautions to avoid hazards or road conditions.

(III) Upon approaching an intersection where right turns are permitted and there is a dedicated right-turn lane, a bicyclist may ride on the left-hand portion of the dedicated right-turn lane even if the bicyclist does not intend to turn right.

(b) A bicyclist shall not be expected or required to:

(I) Ride over or through hazards at the edge of a roadway, including but not limited to fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or narrow lanes; or

(II) Ride without a reasonable safety margin on the right-hand side of the roadway.

(c) A person operating a bicycle, ~~or an~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter upon a one-way roadway with two or more marked traffic lanes may ride as near to the left-hand curb or edge of ~~such~~ the roadway as judged safe by the bicyclist, subject to the following conditions:

(I) If the left-hand lane then available for traffic is wide enough to be safely shared with overtaking vehicles, a bicyclist shall ride far enough to the left as judged safe by the bicyclist to facilitate the movement of such overtaking vehicles unless other conditions make it unsafe to do so.

(II) A bicyclist shall not be expected or required to:

(A) Ride over or through hazards at the edge of a roadway, including but not limited to fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or narrow lanes; or

(B) Ride without a reasonable safety margin on the left-hand side of the roadway.

(6) (a) Persons riding bicycles ~~or,~~ electrical assisted bicycles, or electric scooter upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(b) Persons riding bicycles, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycles, or electric scooters two abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane.

(7) A person operating a bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter shall keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.

(8) (a) A person riding a bicycle ~~or,~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter intending to turn left shall follow a course described in sections 901 (1), 903, and 1007 or may make a left turn in the manner prescribed in paragraph (b) of this subsection (8).

(b) A person riding a bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter intending to turn left shall approach the turn as closely as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. After proceeding across the intersecting roadway to the far corner of the curb or intersection of the roadway edges, the ~~bicyclist~~ rider shall stop, as much as practicable, out of the way of traffic. After stopping, the ~~bicyclist~~ rider shall yield to any traffic proceeding in either direction along the roadway that the ~~bicyclist~~ rider had been using. After yielding and complying with any official traffic control device or police officer regulating traffic on the highway along which the ~~bicyclist~~ rider intends to proceed, the bicyclist may proceed in the new direction.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection (8), the transportation commission and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may cause official traffic control devices to be placed on roadways and thereby require and direct that a specific course be traveled.

(9) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (9), every person riding a bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter shall signal the intention to turn or stop in accordance with section 903; except that a person riding a bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter may signal a right turn with the right arm extended horizontally.

(b) A signal of intention to turn right or left when required shall be given continuously during not less than the last one hundred feet traveled by the bicycle ~~or,~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter before turning and shall be given while the bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter is stopped waiting to turn. A signal by hand and arm need not be given continuously if the hand is needed in the control or operation of the bicycle. ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter.

(10) (a) A person riding a bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter upon and along a sidewalk or pathway or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing ~~such~~ the pedestrian. A person riding a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter in a crosswalk shall do so in a manner that is safe for pedestrians.

(b) A person shall not ride a bicycle ~~or,~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter upon and along a sidewalk or pathway or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk where

~~such~~ the use of bicycles, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle~~s~~,~~s~~ electric scooters is prohibited by official traffic control devices or local ordinances. A person riding a bicycle ~~or~~, electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter shall dismount before entering any crosswalk where required by official traffic control devices or local ordinances.

(c) A person riding or walking a bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter upon and along a sidewalk or pathway or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk ~~shall~~ ha~~ve~~s all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances, including ~~, but not limited to,~~ the rights and duties granted and required by section 802.

(d) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2005, p. 1353, § 1, effective July 1, 2005.)

(11) (a) A person may park a bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter on a sidewalk unless prohibited or restricted by an official traffic control device or local ordinance.

(b) A bicycle ~~or~~, electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter parked on a sidewalk ~~shall~~ must not impede the normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic.

(c) A bicycle ~~or~~, electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter may be parked on the road at any angle to the curb or edge of the road at any location where parking is allowed.

(d) A bicycle, ~~or~~ electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter may be parked on the road abreast of ~~another such bicycle or~~one or more bicycles or electric scooters near the side of the road or any location where parking is allowed in such a manner as does not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.

(e) In all other respects, bicycles ~~or~~, electrical assisted bicycles, or electrical scooters parked anywhere on a highway ~~shall~~ must conform to the provisions of part 12 of this ~~Code~~ article 4 regulating the parking of vehicles.

(12) (a) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense; except that 42-2-127, C.R.S., shall not apply.

(b) Any person riding a bicycle ~~or~~, electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter who violates any provision of this Code other than this section ~~which~~ that is applicable to such a vehicle and for which a penalty is specified, the person is ~~shall be~~ subject to the same specified penalty as any other vehicle; except that 42-2-127, C.R.S., ~~shall~~ does not apply.

(13) Upon request, the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall complete a report concerning an injury or death incident that involves a bicycle ~~or~~, electrical assisted bicycle, or electric scooter on the roadways of the state, even if ~~such~~ the accident does not involve a motor vehicle.

(14) (a) (I) A person may ride a class 1 or class 2 electrical assisted bicycle on a bike or pedestrian path where bicycles are authorized to travel.

(II) A local authority may prohibit the operation of a class 1 or class 2 electrical assisted bicycle on a bike or a pedestrian path under its jurisdiction.

(b) A person shall not ride a class 3 electrical assisted bicycle on a bike or pedestrian path unless:

(I) The path is within a street or highway; or

(II) The local authority permits the operation of a class 3 electrical assisted bicycle on a path under its jurisdiction.

(15) (a) A person under sixteen years of age shall not ride a class 3 electrical assisted bicycle upon any street, highway, or bike or pedestrian path; except that a person under sixteen years of age may ride as a passenger on a class 3 electrical assisted bicycle that is designed to accommodate passengers.

(b) A person shall not operate or ride as a passenger on a class 3 electrical assisted bicycle unless:

(I) Each person under eighteen years of age is wearing a protective helmet of a type and design manufactured for use by operators of bicycles;

(II) The protective helmet conforms to the design and specifications set forth by the United States consumer product safety commission or the American Society for Testing and Materials; and

(III) The protective helmet is secured properly on the person's head with a chin strap while the class 3 electrical assisted bicycle is in motion.

(c) A violation of subsection (15)(b) of this section does not constitute negligence or negligence per se in the context of any civil personal injury claim or lawsuit seeking damages.

1412.5. Statewide regulation of certain persons approaching intersections who are not operating motor vehicles – status of existing local ordinance or resolution – legislative declaration - definitions.

(1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) The regulation of persons approaching controlled intersections is a matter of mixed state and local concern; and

(b) It is necessary, appropriate, and in the best interest of the state to reduce injuries, fatalities, and property damage resulting from collisions at controlled intersections between motor vehicles and persons who are not operating motor vehicles by allowing most persons approaching controlled intersections who are fifteen years of age or older or who are under fifteen years of age and accompanied by an adult and who are not operating motor vehicles to approach controlled intersections in the manner set forth in this section.

(2)(a)(I) A pedestrian or a person who is fifteen years of age or older or who is under fifteen years of age and accompanied by an adult and who is operating a low-speed conveyance and approaching a controlled intersection with a stop sign shall slow down and, if required for safety, stop before entering the intersection. If a stop is not required for safety, the pedestrian or person operating a low-speed conveyance shall slow to a reasonable speed and yield the right-of-way to any traffic or pedestrian in or approaching the intersection. After the pedestrian or person operating a low-speed conveyance has slowed to a reasonable speed and yielded the right-of-way if required, the pedestrian or person operating a low-speed conveyance may cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping.

(II) For purposes of this subsection (2)(a), a reasonable speed is ten miles per hour or less. A municipality, by ordinance, or a county, by resolution, may raise the maximum reasonable speed to twenty miles per hour if the municipality or county also posts signs at the intersection stating that higher speed limitation.

(b) A person who is fifteen years of age or older or who is under fifteen years of age and is accompanied by an adult and who is operating a low-speed conveyance and approaching a controlled intersection with an illuminated red traffic control signal shall stop before entering the intersection and shall yield to all other traffic and pedestrians. Once the person operating a lowspeed conveyance has yielded, the person operating a low-speed conveyance may cautiously proceed in the same direction through the intersection or make a right-hand turn. When a red traffic control signal is illuminated, a person operating a lowspeed conveyance shall not proceed through the intersection or turn right if an oncoming vehicle is turning or preparing to turn left in front of the person operating a low-speed conveyance.

(c) A person who is fifteen years of age or older or who is under fifteen years of age and is accompanied by an adult and who is operating a low-speed conveyance approaching an intersection of a roadway with an illuminated red traffic control signal may make a left-hand turn only if turning onto a one-way street and only after stopping and yielding to other traffic and pedestrians. However, a person operating a low-speed conveyance shall not turn left if an oncoming vehicle is turning or preparing to turn right.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection (2), if a county or municipality has placed a traffic sign or a traffic control signal at a controlled intersection and the traffic sign or traffic control signal provides instructions only to one or more specified types of low-speed conveyances, the operator of a low-speed conveyance to which the traffic sign or traffic control signal is directed shall obey the instructions provided by the sign or traffic control signal.

(e) If a county or municipality adopted a valid ordinance or resolution that regulates bicycles or electrical assisted bicycles substantially as described in subsections (2)(a.5), (2)(b.5), and (2)(c.5) of this section prior to May 3, 2018, that ordinance or
resolution remains valid to the extent that it applies to the operation of bicycles or electrical assisted bicycles by persons who are under fifteen years of age and who are not accompanied by an adult.

(2.5) This section supersedes any conflicting ordinance that a municipality, county, or city and county adopts, but nothing in this section affects the validity of any ordinance or resolution adopted by a municipality, county, or city and county that regulates the conduct of persons approaching controlled intersections and does not conflict with this section.

(3) This section does not diminish or alter the authority of the department of transportation or the state transportation commission, as those entities are defined in section 43-1-102, regarding the department's or commission's authority to regulate motor vehicle traffic on any portion of the state highway system as defined in section 43-2-101(1).

(3.5) This section does not create any right for a pedestrian or the operator of a low-speed conveyance to travel on any portion of a roadway where travel is otherwise prohibited by state law or by an ordinance or resolution adopted by a municipality, county, or city and county.
(4) As used in this section:
(a) "Controlled intersection" means an intersection of a roadway that is controlled by either a stop sign or a traffic control signal.
(b) "Low-speed conveyance" means:
(I) A vehicle, as defined in section 42-1-102(112), that is not a motor vehicle, as defined in section 42-1-102(58), a low-power scooter as defined in section 42-1-102(48.5), or a low-speed electric vehicle, as defined in section 42-1-102(48.6);
(II) A toy vehicle, as defined in section 42-1-102(103.5), that is exclusively human-powered; or
(III) An electric personal assistance mobility device or EPAMD, as defined in section 42-1-102(28.7), or a device that would be an electric personal assistance mobility device or EPAMD but for the fact that it has fewer or more than two wheels or has tandem wheels.

1413. (Removed)

1414. Use of dyed fuel on highways prohibited.

(1) No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any highway of the state using diesel fuel dyed to show that no taxes have been collected on the fuel.

(2) (a) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits a class B traffic infraction.

(b) Any person who commits a second violation of subsection (1) of this section within a twelve-month period shall be subject to an increased penalty pursuant to section 42-4-1701(4)(a)(I)(N), C.R.S.

(c) Any person who commits a third or subsequent violation of subsection (1) of this section within a twelve-month period shall be subject to an increased penalty pursuant to section 42-4- 1701(4)(a)(I)(N), C.R.S.

(3) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be subject to audit by the department regarding payment of motor fuel tax.

1415. Radar jamming devices prohibited - penalty.

(1) (a) No person shall use, possess, or sell a radar jamming device.

(b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle with a radar jamming device in the motor vehicle.

(2) (a) For purposes of this section, "radar jamming device" means any active or passive device, instrument, mechanism, or equipment that is designed or intended to interfere with, disrupt, or scramble the radar or laser that is used by law enforcement agencies and peace officers to measure the speed of motor vehicles. "Radar jamming device" includes but is not limited to devices commonly referred to as "jammers" or "scramblers".

(b) For purposes of this section, “radar jamming device” shall not include equipment that is legal under FCC regulations, such as a citizens’ band radio, ham radio, or any other similar electronic equipment.

(3) Radar jamming devices are subject to seizure by any peace officer and may be confiscated and destroyed by order of the court in which a violation of this section is charged.

(4) A violation of subsection (1) of this section is a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense, punishable as provided in section 42-4-1701(3)(a)(II)(A), C.R.S.

(5) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to peace officers acting in their official capacity.

1416.Failure to present a valid transit pass or coupon - fare inspector authorization – definitions.

(1) A person commits failure to present a valid transit pass or coupon if the person occupies, rides in, or uses a public transportation vehicle without paying the applicable fare or providing a valid transit pass or coupon.

(2) A person shall not occupy, ride in, or use a public transportation vehicle without possession of proof of prior fare payment. A person shall present proof of prior fare payment upon demand of a fare inspector appointed or employed pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, a peace officer, or any other employee or agent of a public transportation entity.

(3) A violation of this section is a class B traffic infraction and is punishable by a fine of seventy-five dollars. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, fines for a violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be retained by the clerk of the court in the city and county of Denver upon receipt by the clerk for a violation occurring within that jurisdiction, or transmitted to the state judicial department if the fine is receipted by the clerk of the court of any other county.

(4) (a) Public transportation entities may appoint or employ, with the power of removal, fare inspectors as necessary to enforce the provisions of this section. The employing public transportation entity shall determine the requirements for employment as a fare inspector.

(b) A fare inspector appointed or employed pursuant to this section is authorized to enforce the provisions of this section while acting within the scope of his or her authority and in the performance of his or her duties. A fare inspector is authorized to issue a citation to a person who commits failure to provide a valid transit pass or coupon in violation of this section. The fare inspector shall issue a citation on behalf of the county in which the person occupying, riding in, or using a public transportation vehicle without paying the applicable fare is located at the time the violation is discovered. The public transportation entity whose fare inspector issued the citation shall timely deliver the citation to the clerk of the county court for the jurisdiction in which the accused person is located at the time the violation is discovered.

(5) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Proof of prior fare payment" means:

(I) A transit pass valid for the day and time of use;

(II) A receipt showing payment of the applicable fare for use of a public transportation vehicle during the day and time specified in the receipt; or

(III) A prepaid ticket or series of tickets showing cancellation by a public transportation entity used within the day and time specified in the ticket.

(b) "Public transportation entity" means a mass transit district, a mass transit authority, or any other public entity authorized under the laws of this state to provide mass transportation services to the general public.

(c) "Public transportation vehicle" means a bus, a train, a light rail vehicle, or any other mode of transportation used by a public transportation entity to provide transportation services to the general public.

(d) "Transit pass" means any pass, coupon, transfer, card, identification, token, ticket, or other document, whether issued by a public transportation entity or issued by an employer to employees pursuant to an agreement with a public transportation entity, used to obtain public transit.

PART 15
MOTORCYCLES

1501. Traffic laws apply to persons operating motorcycles - special permits.

(1) Every person operating a motorcycle or autocycle shall be granted all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this article 4, except as to special regulations in this article 4 and except as to those provisions of this article 4 that by their nature are not applicable.

(2) For the purposes of a prearranged, organized special event and upon a showing that safety will be reasonably maintained, the department of transportation may grant a special permit exempting the operation of a motorcycle or autocycle from any requirement of this part 15. ~~(1) Every person operating a motorcycle shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this Code, except as to special regulations in this Code and except as to those provisions of this Code which by their nature can have no application.~~

~~(2) For the purposes of a prearranged organized special event and upon a showing that safety will be reasonably maintained, the department of transportation may grant a special permit exempting the operation of a motorcycle from any requirement of this part 15.~~

1502. ~~Riding on motorcycles~~Motorcycles and autocycles – protective helmet.

(1) A person ~~operating~~ driving a motorcycle or autocycle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached ~~thereto, and such operator~~to the motorcycle or autocycle.

The driver or a motorcycle or an autocycle shall not carry any other person ~~nor shall any other~~ and another person shall not ride on a motorcycle or autocycle unless ~~such~~ the motorcycle or autocycle is designed to carry more than one person~~,~~. ~~in which event~~If a motorcycle or autocycle is designed to carry more than one person, a passenger may ride upon the permanent seat if the permanent seat is designed for two persons or upon another seat firmly attached to the motorcycle or autocycle at the rear or side of the operator.

(2) A person shall ride upon a motorcycle only while sitting astride the seat, facing forward, with one leg on either side of the motorcycle.

(3) No person shall operate a motorcycle while carrying packages, bundles, or other articles which prevent the person from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

(4) ~~No operator~~A driver shall not carry any person, ~~nor shall any~~ and another person shall not ride, in a position that will interfere with the operation or control of the motorcycle or autocycle or the view of the operator.

(4.5) (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph (c) of this subsection (4.5),~~subsection (4.5)(c) of this section, a person shall not operate or ride as a passenger on a motorcycle, autocycle, or low-power scooter on a roadway unless:

(I) Each person under eighteen years of age is wearing a protective helmet of a type and design manufactured for use by operators of motorcycles;

(II) The protective helmet conforms to the design and specifications set forth in paragraph (b) of this subsection (4.5); and

(III) The protective helmet is secured properly on the person's head with a chin strap while the motorcycle, autocycle, or low-power scooter is in motion.

(b) A protective helmet required to be worn by this subsection (4.5) shall:

(I) Be designed to reduce injuries to the user resulting from head impacts and to protect the user by remaining on the user's head, deflecting blows, resisting penetration, and spreading the force of impact;

(II) Consist of lining, padding, and chin strap; and

(III) Meet or exceed the standards established in the United States department of transportation federal motor vehicle safety standard no. 218, 49 CFR 571.218, for motorcycle helmets.

(c) A person driving or riding an autocycle ~~motorcycle~~ need not wear a helmet if the ~~motorcycle~~ autocycle has:

(I) Three wheels;

(II) A maximum design speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less;

(III) A windshield; and

(IV) Seat belts.

(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1503. Operating motorcycles and autocycles on roadways laned for traffic.

(1) All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a traffic lane, and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of a traffic lane. This subsection (1) shall not apply to motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane.

(2) The operator of a motorcycle or autocycle shall not overtake or pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.

(3) ~~No~~ A person shall not operate a motorcycle or autocycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

(4) Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two abreast in a single lane.

(5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply to police officers in the performance of their official duties.

(6) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.

1504. Clinging to other vehicles.

A person riding upon a motorcycle or autocycle shall not attach himself, herself, or the motorcycle or autocycle to any other vehicle on a roadway. Any person who violates this section commits a class A traffic infraction.~~No person riding upon a motorcycle shall attach himself, herself, or the motorcycle to any other vehicle on a roadway. Any person who violates any provision of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.~~

PART 16
ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS
(Removed)

PART 17
PENALTIES AND PROCEDURE

Preface.

(1) Municipalities that have adopted the Code need to be aware of: sections 13-10-101, C.R.S., et. seq., section 42-4-110 (2), C.R.S., and the Colorado Municipal Court Rules (C.M.C.R.).

(2) Counties that have adopted the Code need to be aware of: part 5 of Code 6 of title 13, C.R.S., section 16-2-201, C.R.S., sections 30-15-401 (1)(h), 30-15-402, 30-15-407, C.R.S., section 42-4-1701, C.R.S., Colorado Rules for Magistrates - Rule 7, and Colorado Rules of Criminal Procedure - Rule 4.1.

(3) Counties additionally need to be aware of section 30-15-401 (1)(h), C.R.S., which reads in part, emphasis added:

"To control and regulate the movement and parking of vehicles and motor vehicles on public property; **except that misdemeanor traffic offenses and the posted speed limit on any state highway located within the county shall be deemed a matter of statewide interest**.".

Pursuant to section 30-15-402, C.R.S., which reads in part, emphasis added:

(1) "Any person who violates any county ordinance adopted pursuant to this part 4 ... **in the case of traffic offenses, commits a traffic infraction, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars for each separate violation**. If authorized by the county ordinance, the penalty assessment procedure provided in section 16-2-201, C.R.S., may be followed by any arresting law enforcement officer for any such violation. As part of said county ordinance authorizing the penalty assessment procedure, the board of county commissioners may adopt a graduated fine schedule for such violations. Such graduated fine schedule may provide for increased penalty assessments for repeat offenses by the same individual. **In the case of county traffic ordinance violations, the provisions of sections 42-4-1701 and 42-4-1703, C.R.S., and sections 42-4-1708 to 42-4-1718, C.R.S., shall apply**; except that the fine or penalty for a violation charged and the surcharge thereon if authorized by county ordinance shall be paid to the county.

(2) In addition to the penalties prescribed in subsection (1) of this section, persons convicted of a violation of any ordinance adopted pursuant to this part 4 are subject to:

(a) A surcharge of ten dollars that shall be paid to the clerk of the court by the defendant. Each clerk shall transmit the moneys to the court administrator of the judicial district in which the offense occurred for credit to the victims and witnesses assistance and law enforcement fund established in that judicial district pursuant to section 24-4.2-103, C.R.S.".

1701. Traffic offenses and infractions classified - penalties - penalty and surcharge schedule - repeal.

(1) It is a traffic infraction for any person to violate any of the provisions of articles 1 to 3 of this title 42 and parts 1 to 3 and 5 to 19 of this article 4 unless such violation is, by articles 1 to 3 of this title 42 and parts 1 to 3 and 5 to 19 of this article 4 or by any other law of this state, declared to be a felony, misdemeanor, petty offense, civil infraction, or misdemeanor traffic offense. Such a traffic infraction constitutes a civil matter.

~~(1) It is a traffic infraction for any person to violate any of the provisions of articles 1 to 3 of title 42, Colorado Revised Statutes, and parts 1 to 3 and 5 to 19 of this Code unless such violation is, by articles 1 to 3 of title 42, Colorado Revised Statues, and parts 1 to 3 and 5 to 19 of this Code~~

~~or by any other law of this state, declared to be a felony, misdemeanor, petty offense, or misdemeanor traffic offense. Such a traffic infraction shall constitute a civil matter.~~

(2) (a) For the purposes of this part 17, "judge" shall include any county court magistrate who hears traffic infraction matters, but no person charged with a traffic violation other than a traffic infraction or class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense shall be taken before a county court magistrate.

(b) For the purposes of this part 17, "magistrate" shall include any county court judge who is acting as a county court magistrate in traffic infraction and class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense matters.

(3) (a) (I) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this section or the section creating the infraction, traffic infractions are divided into two classes which shall be subject to the following penalties which are authorized upon entry of judgment against the defendant:

Class	Minimum Penalty	Maximum Penalty
A	$15 penalty	$100 penalty
B	$15 penalty	$100 penalty

(II) (A) Except as otherwise provided in sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (II), subsections (4) and (5) of this section, and sections 42-4-1301.3, 42-4-1301.4 and 42-4-1307, C.R.S., or the section creating the offense, misdemeanor traffic offenses are divided into two classes that are distinguished from one another by the following penalties that are authorized upon conviction:

Class	Minimum Sentence	Maximum Sentence
1	Ten days imprisonment, or $300 fine, or both	One year imprisonment, or $1,000 fine, or both
2	Ten days imprisonment, or $150 fine, or both	Ninety days imprisonment, or $300 fine, or both

(B) Any person convicted of a class 1 or class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense shall be required to pay restitution as required by article 18.5 of title 16, C.R.S., and may be sentenced to perform a certain number of hours of community or useful public service in addition to any other sentence

provided by sub-subparagraph (A) of this subparagraph (II), subject to the conditions and restrictions of section 18-1.3-507, C.R.S.

(b) Any traffic infraction or misdemeanor traffic offense defined by law outside of articles 1 to 4 of this title shall be punishable as provided in the statute defining it or as otherwise provided by law.

(c) The department has no authority to assess any points under section 42-2-127, C.R.S., upon entry of judgment for any class B traffic infractions.

(4) (a) (I) Except as provided in subsection (5)(c) of this section, every person who is convicted of, who admits liability for, or against whom a judgment is entered for a violation of any provision of this title 42 to which subsection (5)(a) or (5)(b) of this section applies shall be fined or penalized, and have a surcharge levied thereon pursuant to sections 24-4.1-119 (1) (f) and 24-4.2-104 (1) (b) (I), C.R.S., in accordance with the penalty and surcharge schedule set forth in subsections (4)(a)(I)(A) to (4)(a)(I)(SP) of this section; or, if no penalty or surcharge is specified in the schedule, the penalty for class A and class B traffic infractions shall be fifteen dollars, and the surcharge shall be four dollars. These penalties and surcharges shall apply whether the defendant acknowledges the defendant's guilt or liability in accordance with the procedure set forth by subsection (5)(a) this section, is found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction, or has judgment entered against the defendant by a county court magistrate. Penalties and surcharges for violating specific sections shall be as follows:

Section Violated	Penalty	Surcharge
(A) Drivers' license violations:		
42-2-101- ~~(1) or (4)~~	$ 35.00	$ 10.00
42-2-101 (2), (3), or (5)	15.00	6.00
42-2-103	15.00	6.00
42-2-105	70.00	10.00
42-2-105.5 (4)	65.00	10.00
42-2-106	70.00	10.00
42-2-115	35.00	10.00
42-2-116 (6) (a)	30.00	6.00
42-2-119	15.00	6.00
42-2-134	35.00	10.00
42-2-136	35.00	10.00
42-2-138	100.00	15.00
42-2-139	35.00	10.00

42-2-140	35.00	10.00
42-2-141	35.00	10.00
42-2-204	70.00	10.00
42-2-404	100.00	15.00

(B) Registration and taxation violations:

42-3-103	$ 50.00	$ 16.00
42-3-113	15.00	6.00
42-3-202	15.00	6.00
42-3-116	50.00	16.00
42-3-121 (1)(a)	75.00	24.00
42-3-121 (1)(c)	35.00	10.00
42-3-121 (1)(f), (1)(g), and (1)(h)	75.00	24.00
42-3-304 to 306	50.00	16.00
42-3-308	50.00	16.00

(C) Traffic regulation generally:

Sec.[1] 1412	$ 15.00	$ 6.00
Sec. 109 (13)(a)	15.00	6.00
Sec. 109 (13)(b)	100.00	15.00
Sec. 1211	30.00	6.00
Sec. 1405	15.00	6.00

(D) Equipment violations:

Sec. 201	$ 35.00	$ 10.00
Sec. 202	35.00	10.00
Sec. 204	15.00	6.00
Sec. 205	15.00	6.00
Sec. 206	15.00	6.00
Sec. 207	15.00	6.00
Sec. 208	15.00	6.00
Sec. 209	15.00	6.00
Sec. 210	15.00	6.00
Sec. 211	15.00	6.00

[1] NOTE: “Sec.” refers to the corresponding section of this Model Traffic Code.

Sec. 212	15.00	6.00
Sec. 213	15.00	6.00
Sec. 214	15.00	6.00
Sec. 215	15.00	6.00
Sec. 216	15.00	6.00
Sec. 217	15.00	6.00
Sec. 218	15.00	6.00
Sec. 219	15.00	6.00
Sec. 220	15.00	6.00
Sec. 221	15.00	6.00
Sec. 222 (1)	15.00	6.00
Sec. 223	15.00	6.00
Sec. 224	15.00	6.00
Sec. 225 (1)	15.00	6.00
Sec. 226	15.00	6.00
Sec. 227 (1)	50.00	16.00
~~Sec. 227 (2)~~	~~15.00~~	~~6.00~~
Sec. 228 (1), (2), (3), (5), or (6)	15.00	6.00
Sec. 229	15.00	6.00
Sec. 230	15.00	6.00
Sec. 231	15.00	6.00
Sec. 232	15.00	6.00
Sec. 233	75.00	24.00
Sec. 234	15.00	6.00
Sec. 235	50.00	16.00
Sec. 236	65.00	16.00
Sec. 237	65.00	6.00
Sec. 1411	15.00	6.00
Sec. 1412	15.00	6.00
Sec. 1901	35.00	10.00

(E) Emissions inspections:

Sec. 313 (3)(c)	$ ~~5~~100.00	$ 1~~6~~5.00
Sec. 313 (3)(d)	15.00	6.00

(E.5) Dispel Inspections:

Sec. 412	$ 50.00	$ 16.00

(F) Size, weight, and load violations:

Sec. 106 (1), (3), (4), (6), or (7)	35.00	10.00
Sec. 106 (5)(a)(I)	100.00	32.00
Sec. 106 (5)(a)(II)	500.00	156.00
Sec. 106 (5)(a)(III)	500.00	78.00
Sec. 106 (5)(a)(IV)	1,000.00	156.00
Sec. 105 (1) to (5)	50.00	16.00
Sec. 106	50.00	16.00
Sec. 502	$ 75.00	$ 24.00
Sec. 503	15.00	6.00
Sec. 504	75.00	24.00
Sec. 505	75.00	24.00
Sec. 506	15.00	6.00
Sec. 509	50.00	16.00
Sec. 510 (12)(a)	35.00	10.00
Sec. 512	75.00	24.00

(G) Signals, signs, and markings violations:

Sec. 603	$ 100.00	$ 10.00
Sec. 604	100.00	10.00
Sec. 605	70.00	10.00
Sec. 606	15.00	6.00
Sec. 607 (1)	50.00	16.00
Sec. 607 (2)(a)	100.00	32.00
Sec. 608 (1)	70.00	6.00
Sec. 608 (2)	15.00	6.00
Sec. 609	15.00	6.00
Sec. 610	15.00	6.00
Sec. 611	100.00	15.00
Sec. 612	70.00	10.00
Sec. 613	35.00	10.00

(H) Rights-of-way violations:

Sec. 701	$ 70.00	$ 10.00
Sec. 702	70.00	10.00
Sec. 703	70.00	10.00
Sec. 704	70.00	10.00
Sec. 705	70.00	16.00
Sec. 706	70.00	10.00

Sec. 707	70.00	10.00
Sec. 708	35.00	10.00
Sec. 709	70.00	10.00
Sec. 710	70.00	10.00
Sec. 711	100.00	10.00
Sec. 712	70.00	10.00
Sec. 714	70.00	10.00
Sec. 715	70.00	11.00

(I) Pedestrian violations:

Sec. 801	$ 15.00	$ 6.00
Sec. 802 (1)	30.00	6.00
Sec. 802 (3)	15.00	6.00
Sec. 802 (4)	30.00	6.00
Sec. 802 (5)	30.00	6.00
Sec. 803	15.00	6.00
Sec. 805	15.00	6.00
Sec. 806	70.00	10.00
Sec. 807	70.00	10.00
Sec. 808	70.00	10.00

(J) Turning and stopping violations:

Sec. 901	$ 70.00	$ 10.00
Sec. 902	70.00	10.00
Sec. 903	70.00	10.00

(K) Driving, overtaking, and passing violations:

Sec. 1001	$ 70.00	$ 10.00
Sec. 1002	100.00	10.00
Sec. 1003	100.00	10.00
Sec. 1004	100.00	10.00
Sec. 1005	100.00	10.00
Sec. 1006	70.00	10.00
Sec. 1007	100.00	10.00
Sec. 1008	100.00	10.00
Sec. 1009	70.00	10.00
Sec. 1010	70.00	10.00

Sec. 1011	200.00	32.00
Sec. 1012 (3)(a)	65.00	(NONE)
Sec. 1012 (3)(b)	125.00	(NONE)
Sec. 1013	100.00	(NONE)

(L) Speeding violations:

Sec. 1101 (1) or (8) (b) (1 to 4 miles per hour over the reasonable and prudent speed or over the maximum lawful speed limit of 75 miles per hour)	$ 30.00	$ 6.00
Sec. 1101 (1) or (8) (b) (5 to 9 miles per hour over the reasonable and prudent speed or over the maximum lawful speed limit of 75 miles per hour)	70.00	10.00
Sec. 1101 (1) or (8) (b) (10 to 19 miles per hour over the reasonable and prudent speed or over the maximum lawful speed limit of 75 miles per hour)	135.00	16.00
Sec. 1101 (1) or (8) (b) (20 to 24 miles per hour over the reasonable and prudent speed or over the maximum lawful speed limit of 75 miles per hour)	200.00	32.00
Sec. 1101 (8) (g) (1 to 4 miles per hour over the maximum lawful speed limit of 40 miles per hour driving a low-power scooter)	50.00	6.00
Sec. 1101 (8) (g) (5 to 9 miles per hour over the maximum lawful speed limit of 40 miles per hour driving a low-power scooter)	75.00	10.00

Sec. 1101 (8) (g) (greater than 9 miles per hour over the maximum lawful speed limit of 40 miles per hour driving a low-power scooter)	100.00	16.00
Sec. 1101 (3)	100.00	10.00
Sec. 1103	50.00	6.00
Sec. 1104	30.00	6.00

(M) Parking violations:

Sec. 1201	30.00	6.00
Sec. 1202	30.00	6.00
Sec. 1204	15.00	6.00
Sec. 1205	15.00	6.00
Sec. 1206	15.00	6.00
Sec. 1207	15.00	6.00
Sec. 1208 ~~(9), (15), or (16)~~	150.00	32.00
Sec. 1210	50.00	10.00
Sec. 1213	150.00	32.00

(N) Other offenses:

Sec. 1301 (2)(d)	$ 100.00	$ 16.00
Sec. 1305	50.00	16.00
Sec. 1305.5 (2)	50.00	7.80
Sec. 1402	150.00	16.00
Sec. 1403	30.00	6.00
Sec. 1404	15.00	6.00
Sec. 1406	35.00	10.00
Sec. 1407 (3)(a)	35.00	10.00
Sec. 1407 (3)(b)	100.00	30.00
Sec. 1407 (3)(c)	500.00	200.00
Sec. 314 (1) and (2)	35.00	10.00
Sec. 314 (6)(a)	100.00	10.00
Sec. 1408	15.00	6.00

Sec. 1414 (2)(a)	500.00	156.00
Sec. 1414 (2)(b)	1,000.00	312.00
Sec. 1414 (2)(c)	5,000.00	1,560.00
Sec. 1416 (3)	75.00	4.00
42-20-109 (2)	250.00	66.00

(O) Motorcycle violations:

Sec. 1502 (1), (2), (3), or (4)	$ 30.00	$ 6.00
Sec. 1502 (4.5)	100.00	15.00
Sec. 1503	30.00	6.00
Sec. 1504	30.00	6.00

(P) Offenses by persons controlling vehicles:

Sec. 239 (5)(a)	$ 50.00	$ 6.00
Sec. 239 (5)(b)	100.00	6.00
Sec. 239 (5.5)	300.00	6.00
Sec. 1704	15.00	6.00

(Q) Certificates of title:

42-6-110	$ 100.00	$ 15.00
42-6-112	100.00	15.00

(R) Proof of financial responsibility:

42-7-422	$ 100.00	$ 15.00
42-7-506	50.00	15.00
42-7-507	100.00	15.00
42-7-510	100.00	15.00

(S) Uninsured motorist identification database protection:

42-7-606	$ 100.00	15.00

(II) (A) A person convicted of violating section 507 or 508 shall be fined pursuant to this sub-subparagraph (A), whether the defendant acknowledges the defendant's guilt pursuant to the procedure set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of this section or is found guilty by a court

of competent jurisdiction. A person who violates section 507 or 508 shall be punished by the following fine plus a surcharge of sixteen percent of the fine as follows:

Excess Weight - Pounds	Penalty
1 - 1,000	$ 20.00
1,001 - 3,000	25.00
3,001 - 5,000	0.03 per pound overweight
5,001 - 7,000	0.05 per pound overweight rounded to the nearest dollar
7,001 - 10,000	0.07 per pound overweight rounded to the nearest dollar
10,001 - 15,000	0.10 per pound overweight rounded to the nearest dollar
15,001 - 19,750	0.15 per pound rounded to the nearest dollar
Over 19,750	0.25 per pound overweight rounded to the nearest dollar

(B) The state, county, city, or city and county issuing a citation that results in the assessment of the penalties in sub-subparagraph (A) of this subparagraph (II) may retain and distribute the following amount of the penalty according to the law of the jurisdiction that assesses the penalty, but the remainder of the penalty shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the moneys to the commercial vehicle enterprise tax fund created in section 42-1-225, C.R.S.:

Excess Weight - Pounds	Penalty Retained
1 - 3,000	$ 15.00
3,001 - 4,250	25.00
4,251 - 4,500	50.00
4,501 - 4,750	55.00
4,751 - 5,000	60.00
5,001 - 5,250	65.00
5,251 - 5,500	75.00
5,501 - 5,750	85.00
5,751 - 6,000	95.00
6,001 - 6,250	105.00
6,251 - 6,500	125.00
6,501 - 6,750	145.00
6,751 - 7,000	165.00

7,001 - 7,250	185.00	
7,251 - 7,500	215.00	
7,501 - 7,750	245.00	
7,751 - 8,000	275.00	
8,001 - 8,250	305.00	
8,251 - 8,500	345.00	
8,501 - 8,750	385.00	
8,751 - 9,000	425.00	
9,001 - 9,250	465.00	
9,251 - 9,500	515.00	
9,501 - 9,750	565.00	
9,751 - 10,000	615.00	
10,001 - 10,250	665.00	
Over 10,250	30.00	for each 250 pounds additional overweight, plus $ 665.00

(III) Any person convicted of violating any of the rules promulgated pursuant to section 510, except section 510 (2) (b) (IV), shall be fined as follows, whether the violator acknowledges the violator's guilt pursuant to the procedure set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of this section or is found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction:

(A) Except as provided in sub-subparagraph (D) of this subparagraph (III), any person who violates the maximum permitted weight on an axle or on gross weight shall be punished by the following fine plus a surcharge of sixteen percent of the fine:

Excess Weight Above Maximum Permitted Weight - Pounds	Penalty	
1 - 2,500	$ 50.00	
2,501 - 5,000	100.00	
5,001 - 7,500	200.00	
7,501 - 10,000	400.00	
Over 10,000	$150.00	for each 1,000 pounds additional oveweight, plus $ 400.00

(B) Any person who violates any of the requirements of the rules and regulations pertaining to transport permits for the movement of overweight or oversize vehicles or loads, other than those violations specified in sub-subparagraph (A) or (C) of this subparagraph (III), shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars.

(C) Any person who fails to have an escort vehicle when such vehicle is required by the rules and regulations pertaining to transport permits for the movement of overweight or oversize vehicles or loads or who fails to reduce speed when such speed reduction is required by said rules and regulations shall be punished by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars.

(D) The fines for a person who violates the maximum permitted weight on an axle or on gross weight under a permit issued pursuant to section 510 (1) (b) (II) shall be doubled.

(IV) (A) Any person convicted of violating section 42-3-114, C.R.S. who has not been convicted of a violation of section 42-3-114, C.R.S. in the twelve months preceding such conviction shall be fined as follows, whether the defendant acknowledges the defendant's guilt pursuant to the procedure set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of this section or is found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction:

Number of days beyond renewal period that registration has been expired	Penalty	Surcharge
1 - 29	$ 35.00	$ 8.00
30 - 59	50.00	12.00
60 and over	75.00	18.00

(B) Any person convicted of violating section 42-3-114, C.R.S. who has been convicted of violating said section within the twelve months preceding such conviction shall be fined pursuant to subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of this section.

(V) Any person convicted of violating section 42-20-204(2), C.R.S shall be fined twenty-five dollars, whether the violator acknowledges guilt pursuant to the procedure set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of this section or is found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(VI) (A) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of this section, every person who is convicted of, who admits liability for, or against whom a judgment is entered for a violation of any provision of this title to which the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (5) of this section apply, shall, in addition to any other fine or penalty or surcharge, be assessed a surcharge of one dollar, which amount shall be transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the family-friendly court program cash fund created in section 13-3-113 (6), C.R.S. This surcharge shall apply whether the defendant acknowledges the defendant's guilt or liability in accordance with the procedure set forth by paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of this section or is found guilty by a

court of competent jurisdiction or has judgment entered against the defendant by a county court magistrate.

(B) Repealed.

(VII) The penalties and surcharges for a second or subsequent violation of section 42-20-109(2), C.R.S., within twelve months shall be doubled.

(VIII) A person who violates section 42-3-204(7)(f)(II), C.R.S., or section 1208 (3) (a) or (4) commits a ~~misdemeanor~~ class A traffic infraction and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a surcharge of thirty-two dollars under sections 24-4.1-119 (1) (f) and 24-4.2-104 (1) (b) (I), C.R.S., and:

(A) A fine of not less than three hundred fifty dollars but not more than one thousand dollars for the first offense;

(B) A fine of not less than six hundred dollars but not more than one thousand dollars for a second offense; and

(C) A fine of not less than one thousand dollars but not more than five thousand dollars, in addition to not more than ten hours of community service, for a third or subsequent offense.

(IX) A person who violates section 1208 (3) by parking a vehicle owned by a commercial carrier ~~is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by the surcharge and a fine of up to twice the penalty imposed in subparagraph (VIII) of this paragraph (a)~~ commits a class A traffic infraction.

(X) (A) A person who violates section 1208 (5) of this section commits a class A traffic infraction.~~is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-501, C.R.S.~~

(B) A person who willfully receives remuneration for violating section 1208 (5) commits a class A traffic infraction.~~is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by twice the civil and criminal penalties that would be imposed under section 18-1.3-501, C.R.S.~~

(b) (I) The schedule in subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) shall not apply when the provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of this section prohibit the issuance of a penalty assessment notice for a violation of the aforesaid traffic violation.

(II) The schedules in subparagraphs (II) and (III) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) shall apply whether the violator is issued a penalty assessment notice or a summons and complaint.

(c) (I) The penalties and surcharges imposed for speeding violations under subsection (4) (a) (I) (L) of this section shall be doubled if a speeding violation occurs within a maintenance, repair, or construction zone that is designated by the department of transportation pursuant to section 614 (1) (a); except that the penalty for violating section 1101 (1) or (8) (b) by twenty to twenty-four miles per hour over the reasonable and prudent speed or over the maximum lawful speed limit of seventy-five miles per hour shall be five hundred forty dollars.

(II) (A) The penalties and surcharges imposed for violations under sub-subparagraphs (C), (G), (H), (I), (J), (K), (N), and (O) of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) shall be doubled if a violation occurs within a maintenance, repair, or construction zone that is designated by the department of transportation pursuant to section 614 (1) (a); except that the fines for violating sections 314, 610, 613, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 1011, 1012, 1404, 1408, and 1414 shall not be doubled under this subparagraph (II).

(B) There is hereby created, within the highway users tax fund, the highway construction workers' safety account.

(C) If a fine is doubled under subparagraph (I) or (II) of this paragraph (c), one-half of the fine allocated to the state by sections 42-1-217 and section 205, C.R.S., shall be transferred to the state treasurer, who shall deposit it in the highway construction workers' safety account within the highway users tax fund to be continuously appropriated to the department of transportation for work zone safety equipment, signs, and law enforcement.

(D) This subparagraph (II) is effective July 1, 2006.

(III) The penalties and surcharges imposed for speeding violations under sub-subparagraph (L) of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) shall be doubled if a speeding violation occurs within a maintenance, repair, or construction zone that is designated by a public entity pursuant to section 614 (1) (b).

(IV) The penalties and surcharges imposed for violations under sub-subparagraphs (C), (G), (H), (I), (J), (K), (N), and (O) of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) shall be doubled if a violation occurs within a maintenance, repair, or construction zone that is designated by a public entity pursuant to section 614 (1) (b); except that the fines for violating sections 314, 610, 613, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 1011, 1012, 1404, 1408, and 1414 shall not be doubled under this subparagraph (IV).

(d) The penalty and surcharge imposed for any moving traffic violation under subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) are doubled if the violation occurs within a school zone pursuant to section 615.

(d.5) (I) The penalty and surcharge imposed for any moving traffic violation under subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) are doubled if the violation occurs within a wildlife crossing zone pursuant to section 616.

(II) (A) There is hereby created, within the highway users tax fund, the wildlife crossing zones safety account.

(B) If a penalty and surcharge are doubled pursuant to subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (d.5), one-half of the penalty and surcharge allocated to the state by sections 42-1-217 and section 205, C.R.S., shall be transferred to the state treasurer, who shall deposit the moneys in the wildlife crossing zones safety account within the highway users tax fund to be continuously appropriated to the department of transportation for wildlife crossing zones signs and law enforcement.

(e) (I) An additional twenty dollars shall be assessed for speeding violations pursuant to subsection (4)(a)(I)(L) of this section in addition to the penalties and surcharge stated in subsection (4)(a)(I)(L) of this section. Money collected pursuant to this subsection (4)(e) must be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall deposit such money in the Colorado brain injury trust fund created pursuant to section 26-1-309 within fourteen days after the end of each quarter, to be used for the purposes set forth in part 3 of article 1 of title 26. ~~(e) (I) An additional twenty dollars shall be assessed for speeding violations pursuant to subsection (4)(a)(I)(L) of this section in addition to the penalties and surcharge stated subsection (4)(a)(I)(L) of this section. Money collected pursuant to this subsection 4(e) must be transmitted to the state treasurer who shall deposit such money in the Colorado brain injury trust fund created pursuant to section 26-1-309, C.R.S., within fourteen days after the end of each quarter, to be used for the purposes set forth in sections 26-1-301 to 26-1-310, C.R.S.~~

(II) If the surcharge is collected by a county, the surcharge shall be twenty-two dollars of which two dollars shall be retained by the county and the remaining twenty dollars must be transmitted to the state treasurer and credited to the Colorado brain injury trust fund created pursuant to section 26-1-309 within fourteen days after the end of each quarter, to be used for the purposes set forth in part 3 of article 1 of title 26.

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~~section 26-1-309, C.R.S., within fourteen days after the end of each quarter, to be used for the purposes set forth in sections 26-1-301 to 26-1-310, C.R.S.~~

~~(III) An additional twenty dollars is assessed for a violation of a traffic regulation pursuant to subsection (4)(a)(I)(C) of this section for a violation of section 109(13)(b), in addition to the penalties stated in subsection (4)(a)(I)(C) of this section. An additional twenty dollars must be assessed for a motorcycle violation pursuant to subsection (4)(a)(I)(O) of this section for a violation of section 1502(4.5), in addition to the penalties stated in subsection (4)(a)(I)(O) of this section. Money collected pursuant to this subsection (4)(e)(III) must be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall deposit the money in the Colorado brain injury trust fund created pursuant to section 26-1-309, C.R.S., to be used for the purposes set forth in sections 26-1-301 to 26-1-310, C.R.S.~~

(III) An additional twenty dollars is assessed for a violation of a traffic regulation pursuant to subsection (4)(a)(I)(C) of this section for a violation of section 42-4-109(13)(b), in addition to the penalties stated in subsection (4)(a)(I)(C) of this section. An additional twenty dollars must be assessed for a motorcycle or autocycle violation pursuant to subsection (4)(a)(I)(O) of this section for a violation of section 42-4-1502(4.5), in addition to the penalties stated in subsection (4)(a)(I)(O) of this section. Money collected pursuant to this subsection (4)(e)(III) must be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall deposit the money in the Colorado brain injury trust fund created pursuant to section 26-1-309, to be used for the purposes set forth in part 3 of article 1 of title 26.

(d.7) (I) the penalty and surcharge imposed for a violation under subsection (4)(a)(I)(L) of this section is doubled is the violation is committed by a driver of a commercial motor vehicle within an area of a state highway that the department of transportation has designated as a steep downhill grade zone pursuant to section 42-4-617.

(II)(A) there is created, within the highway users tax fund, the mountain highways commercial motor vehicle safety account, referred to within this subsection (4)(d.7) as the "account".

(B) notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for each fine collected pursuant to section 424-617(4) and subsection (4)(d.7)(I) of this section, the state treasurer shall credit one-half of the amount of the fine to the account. All money credited to the account is continuously appropriated to the department of transportation and to the freight mobility and safety branch created within the transportation development division of the department of transportation pursuant to section 43-1-117 to pay costs associated with the provision of educational outreach and public information about runaway truck events, the purchase and implementation of equipment for the purpose of reducing the frequency of runaway truck events, and the completion of studies of means by which the state may reduce the frequency of runaway

truck events and improve overall commercial motor vehicle safety on state highways that pass through the mountains of the state.

(f)(I) In addition to the surcharge specified in sub-subparagraph (N) of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4), the court shall assess a surcharge of five dollars for a violation of section 42-4-1301(2)(d). Moneys collected pursuant to this paragraph (f) must be transmitted to the state treasurer who shall deposit such moneys in the rural alcohol and substance abuse cash fund created in section 27-80-117(3), C.R.S., within fourteen days after the end of each quarter, to be used for the purposes set forth in section 27-80-117, C.R.S. ~~(f) (I) In addition to the surcharge specified in sub-subparagraph (N) of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4), the court shall assess a surcharge of five dollars shall be assessed for a violation of section 1301 (2)(d). Moneys collected pursuant to this paragraph (f) shall be transmitted to the state treasurer who shall deposit such moneys in the rural alcohol and substance abuse cash fund created in section 27-80-117 (3), C.R.S., within fourteen days after the end of each quarter, to be used for the purposes set forth in section 27-80-117, C.R.S.~~

(II) If the additional surcharge is collected by a county court, the additional surcharge shall be six dollars of which one dollar shall be retained by the county and the remaining five dollars shall be transmitted to the state treasurer and credited to the rural alcohol and substance abuse cash fund created in section 27-80-117 (3), C.R.S., within fourteen days after the end of each quarter, to be used for the purposes set forth in section 27-80-117, C.R.S.

(III) This paragraph (f) is repealed, effective September 1, 2025, unless the general assembly extends the repeal of the rural alcohol and substance abuse prevention and treatment program created in section 27-80-117.

(5) (a) (I) At the time that any person is arrested for the commission of any misdemeanors, petty offenses, or misdemeanor traffic offenses set forth in subsection (4) of this section, the arresting officer may, except when the provisions of paragraph (c) of this subsection (5) prohibit it, offer to give a penalty assessment notice to the defendant. At any time that a person is charged with the commission of any traffic infraction, the peace officer shall, except when the provisions of paragraph (c) of this subsection (5) prohibit it, give a penalty assessment notice to the defendant. Such penalty assessment notice shall contain all the information required by section 1707 (3) or by section 1709, whichever is applicable. The fine or penalty specified in subsection (4) of this section for the violation charged and the surcharge thereon may be paid at the office of the department of revenue, either in person or by postmarking such payment within twenty days from the date the penalty assessment notice is served upon the defendant; except that the fine or penalty charged and the surcharge thereon shall be paid to the county if it relates to a traffic offense authorized by county ordinance. The department of revenue shall accept late payment of any penalty assessment up to twenty days after such payment becomes due. Except as otherwise

provided in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (a), in the case of an offense other than a traffic infraction, a defendant who otherwise would be eligible to be issued a penalty assessment notice but who does not furnish satisfactory evidence of identity or who the officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe will disregard the summons portion of such notice may be issued a penalty assessment notice if the defendant consents to be taken by the officer to the nearest mailbox and to mail the amount of the fine or penalty and surcharge thereon to the department. The peace officer shall advise the person arrested or cited of the points to be assessed in accordance with section 42-2-127, C.R.S. Except as otherwise provided in section 1710 (1) (b), acceptance of a penalty assessment notice and payment of the prescribed fine or penalty and surcharge thereon to the department shall be deemed a complete satisfaction for the violation, and the defendant shall be given a receipt which so states when such fine or penalty and surcharge thereon is paid in currency or other form of legal tender. Checks tendered by the defendant to and accepted by the department and on which payment is received by the department shall be deemed sufficient receipt.

(II) In the case of an offense other than a traffic infraction that involves a minor under the age of eighteen years, the officer shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of section 1706 (2) or 1707 (1) (b) or (3) (a.5). In no case may an officer issue a penalty assessment notice to a minor under the age of eighteen years and require or offer that the minor consent to be taken by the officer to the nearest mailbox to mail the amount of the fine or penalty and surcharge thereon to the department.

(b) In the case of an offense other than a traffic infraction, should the defendant refuse to accept service of the penalty assessment notice when such notice is tendered, the peace officer shall proceed in accordance with section 42-4-1705, C.R.S., or 1707 of this Code. Should the defendant charged with an offense other than a traffic infraction accept service of the penalty assessment notice but fail to post the prescribed penalty and surcharge thereon within twenty days thereafter, the notice shall be construed to be a summons and complaint unless payment for such penalty assessment has been accepted by the department of revenue as evidenced by receipt. Should the defendant charged with a traffic infraction accept the notice but fail to post the prescribed penalty and surcharge thereon within twenty days thereafter, and should the department of revenue not accept payment for such penalty and surcharge as evidenced by receipt, the defendant shall be allowed to pay such penalty and surcharge thereon and the docket fee in the amount set forth in section 1710 (4) to the clerk of the court referred to in the summons portion of the penalty assessment notice during the two business days prior to the time for appearance as specified in the notice. If the penalty for a misdemeanor, misdemeanor traffic offense, or a petty offense and surcharge thereon is not timely paid, the case shall thereafter be heard in the court of competent jurisdiction prescribed on the penalty assessment notice in the same manner as is provided by law for prosecutions of the misdemeanors not specified in subsection (4) of this section. If the penalty for a traffic infraction and surcharge thereon is not

timely paid, the case shall thereafter be heard in the court of competent jurisdiction prescribed on the penalty assessment notice in the manner provided for in this article for the prosecution of traffic infractions. In either case, the maximum penalty that may be imposed shall not exceed the penalty set forth in the applicable penalty and surcharge schedule in subsection (4) of this section.

(b.5) The provisions of section 1710 (1) (b) shall govern any case described in paragraph (b) of this subsection (5) in which a minor under the age of eighteen years submits timely payment for an infraction or offense in a penalty assessment notice but such payment is not accompanied by the penalty assessment notice signed and notarized in the manner required by section 1707 (3) (a.5) or 1709 (1.5).

(c) (I) The penalty and surcharge schedules of subsection (4) of this section and the penalty assessment notice provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection (5) shall not apply to violations constituting misdemeanors, petty offenses, or misdemeanor traffic offenses not specified in said subsection (4) of this section, nor shall they apply to the violations constituting misdemeanors, petty offenses, misdemeanor traffic offenses, or traffic infractions specified in said subsection (4) of this section when it appears that:

(A) (Deleted by amendment, L. 96, p. 580, § 4, effective May 25, 1996.)

(B) In a violation of section 1101 (1) or (8) (b), the defendant exceeded the reasonable and prudent speed or the maximum lawful speed of seventy-five miles per hour by more than twenty-four miles per hour;

(C) The alleged violation has caused, or contributed to the cause of, an accident resulting in appreciable damage to property of another or in injury or death to any person;

(D) The defendant has, in the course of the same transaction, violated one of the provisions of this title specified in the penalty and surcharge schedules in subsection (4) of this section and has also violated one or more provisions of this title not so specified, and the peace officer charges such defendant with two or more violations, any one of which is not specified in the penalty and surcharge schedules in subsection (4) of this section.

(II) In all cases where this paragraph (c) prohibits the issuance of a penalty assessment notice, the penalty and surcharge schedule contained in subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of this section shall be inapplicable; except that the penalty and surcharge provided in the schedule contained in sub-subparagraph (B) of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of this section for any violation of section 121 shall always apply to such a violation. In all cases where the penalty and surcharge schedule contained in subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of

subsection (4) of this section is inapplicable, the provisions of subsection (3) of this section shall apply.

(d) In addition to any other cases governed by this section, the penalty and surcharge schedule contained in subparagraph (I) of paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of this section shall apply in the following cases:

(I) In all cases in which a peace officer was authorized by the provisions of this subsection (5) to offer a penalty assessment notice for the commission of a misdemeanor, petty offense, or misdemeanor traffic offense but such peace officer chose not to offer such penalty assessment notice;

(II) In all cases involving the commission of a misdemeanor, petty offense, or misdemeanor traffic offense in which a penalty assessment notice was offered by a peace officer but such penalty assessment notice was refused by the defendant.

(6) An officer coming upon an unattended vehicle that is in apparent violation of any provision of the state motor vehicle law may place upon the vehicle a penalty assessment notice indicating the offense or infraction and directing the owner or operator of the vehicle to remit the penalty assessment provided for by subsection (4) of this section and the surcharges thereon pursuant to sections 119(1)(f) and 104 to the Colorado department of revenue within ten days. If the penalty assessment and surcharge thereon is not paid within ten days of the issuance of the notice, the department shall mail a notice to the registered owner of the vehicle, setting forth the offense or infraction and the time and place where it occurred and directing the payment of the penalty assessment and surcharge thereon within twenty days from the issuance of the notice. If the penalty assessment and surcharge thereon is not paid within the twenty days from the date of mailing of such notice, the department shall request the police officer who issued the original penalty assessment notice to file a complaint with a court having jurisdiction and issue and serve upon the registered owner of the vehicle a summons to appear in court at a time and place specified therein as in the case of other offenses or infractions.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of this section, receipt of payment by mail by the department or postmarking such payment on or prior to the twentieth day after the receipt of the penalty assessment notice by the defendant shall be deemed to constitute receipt on or before the date the payment was due.

(8) The surcharges described in subsections (4) to (6) of this section are separate and distinct from a surcharge levied pursuant to section 24-33.5-415.6, C.R.S.

1702. Counties - traffic offenses classified - schedule of fines.

(1) Pursuant to sections 30-15-402(1), C.R.S., and 42-4-1701, C.R.S., it is a traffic infraction for any person to violate parts 1 and 2, and 5 to 19 of this Code except as otherwise provided in subsections (2), (3),(4), and (5) of this section.

(2) Violation of sections 238, 239, 607 (2)(a), 1402 (2), and 1409, of this Code are class 1 traffic misdemeanors

(3) Violations of sections 107, 228 (8), 233, 507, 508, 509, 510, 1105, 1401, 1402 (1), 1407, 1412, 1413, 1704, 1716(2) and 1903 (1)(a) of this Code are class 2 traffic misdemeanors.

(4) In section 1101 of this Code a violation of driving one to twenty-four miles per hour in excess of the reasonable and prudent speed or in excess of the maximum lawful speed limit of seventy-five miles per hour is a traffic infraction; a violation of driving twenty-five or more miles per hour in excess of the reasonable and prudent speed or in excess of the maximum lawful speed limit of seventy-five miles per hour is a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

(5) Violation of subsection (1.5) of section 225 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars.

(6) The County Commissioners may adopt a fine and surcharge schedule for penalty assessment violations.

1703. Parties to a crime.

Every person who commits, conspires to commit, or aids or abets in the commission of any act declared in this Code to be a traffic offense, whether individually or in connection with one or more other persons or as principal, agent, or accessory, is guilty of such offense or liable for such offense, and every person who falsely, fraudulently, forcibly, or willfully induces, causes, coerces, requires, permits, or directs another to violate any provision of this Code is likewise guilty of such offense or liable for such offense.

1704. Offenses by persons controlling vehicles.

It is unlawful for the owner or any other person employing or otherwise directing the driver of any vehicle to require or knowingly to permit the operation of such vehicle upon a highway in any manner contrary to law or this Code.

1705. Person arrested to be taken before the proper court

(1) Whenever a person is arrested for any violation of this article 4 punishable as a misdemeanor, the arrested person ~~shall~~ must be taken without unnecessary delay before a county judge who has jurisdiction of such offense as provided by law, in any of the following cases:

(a) When a person arrested demands an appearance without unnecessary delay before a judge;

(b) When the person is arrested and charged with an offense under this article causing or contributing to an accident resulting in injury or death to any person;

(c) When the person is arrested and charged with DUI, DUI per se, or UDD;

(d) When the person is arrested upon a charge of failure to stop in the event of an accident causing death, personal injuries, or damage to property;

(e) In any other event when the provisions of section 42-4-1701 (5)(b) and (5)(c) apply. ~~and the person arrested refuses to give a written promise to appear in court as provided in section 42-4-1707.~~

(2) Whenever any person is arrested by a police officer for any violation of this article 4 punishable as a misdemeanor and is not required to be taken before a county judge as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the arrested person ~~shall~~must, in the discretion of the officer, either be given a written notice or summons to appear in court as provided in section 42-4-1707 or be taken without unnecessary delay before a county judge who has jurisdiction of such offense when the arrested person does not furnish satisfactory evidence of identity or when the officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe the person will ~~disregard a written promise to~~ not appear in court. The court shall provide a bail bond schedule and available personnel to accept adequate security for such bail bonds.

(2.5) In any case in which the arrested person ~~that~~ who is taken before a county judge pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this section is a child, as defined in section 19-1-103, ~~(18), C.R.S., the provisions~~ of section 42-4-1706 (2) ~~shall apply~~applies.

(3) Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, a police officer may place a person who has been arrested and charged with DUI, DUI per se, or UDD and who has been given a written notice or summons to appear in court as provided in section 42-4-1707 in a state-approved treatment facility for alcohol use disorders even though entry or other record of such arrest and charge has been made. Placement is governed by article 81 of title 27, except where in conflict with this section.

1706. Juveniles - convicted - arrested and incarcerated - provisions for confinement. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a child, as defined in section 19-1-103, convicted of a misdemeanor traffic offense pursuant to this article 4, violating the conditions of probation imposed pursuant to this article 4, or found in contempt of court in connection with a violation or alleged violation pursuant to this article 4 must not be confined in a jail, lockup, or other place used for the confinement of adult offenders if the court with jurisdiction is located in a county in which there is a juvenile detention facility operated by or under contract with the department of human services that receives and provides care for children or if the jail is located within forty miles of such facility. The court imposing penalties pursuant to this section may confine a child for a determinate period of time in a juvenile detention facility operated by or under contract with the department of human services. If a juvenile detention facility operated by or under contract with the department of human services is not located within the county or

within forty miles of the jail, a child may be confined for up to forty-eight hours in a jail pursuant to section 19-2.5-305(4).

(2)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a child, as defined in section 19-1-103, arrested and incarcerated for an alleged misdemeanor traffic offense pursuant to this article 4, and not released on bond, must be taken before a county judge who has jurisdiction of such offense within forty-eight hours for fixing of bail and conditions of bond pursuant to section 19-2.5-305(4)(e). The child must not be confined in a jail, lockup, or other place used for the confinement of adult offenders for longer than seventy-two hours, after which the child may be further detained only in a juvenile detention facility operated by or under contract with the department of human services. In calculating time pursuant to this subsection (2), Saturdays, Sundays, and court holidays are included.

(b) In any case in which a child is taken before a county judge pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (2), the child's parent or legal guardian shall immediately be notified by the court in which the county judge sits. Any person so notified by the court under this paragraph (b) shall comply with the provisions of section 42-4-1716(4).~~(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a child, as defined in section 19-1-103 (18), C.R.S., convicted of a misdemeanor traffic offense under this Code, violating the conditions of probation imposed under this Code, or found in contempt of court in connection with a violation or alleged violation under this Code shall not be confined in a jail, lockup, or other place used for the confinement of adult offenders if the court with jurisdiction is located in a county in which there is a juvenile detention facility operated by or under contract with the department of human services that shall receive and provide care for such child or if the jail is located within forty miles of such facility. The court imposing penalties under this section may confine a child for a determinate period of time in a juvenile detention facility operated by or under contract with the department of human services. If a juvenile detention facility operated by or under contract with the department of human services is not located within the county or within forty miles of the jail, a child may be confined for up to forty-eight hours in a jail pursuant to section 19-2-508 (4), C.R.S.~~

~~(2)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a child, as defined in section 19-1-103 (18), C.R.S., arrested and incarcerated for an alleged misdemeanor traffic offense under this Code, and not released on bond, shall be taken before a county judge who has jurisdiction of such offense within forty-eight hours for fixing of bail and conditions of bond pursuant to section 19-2-508 (4)(d), C.R.S. Such child shall not be confined in a jail, lockup, or other place used for the confinement of adult offenders for longer than seventy-two hours, after which the child may be further detained only in a juvenile detention facility operated by or under contract with the department of human services. In calculating time under this subsection (2), Saturdays, Sundays, and court holidays shall be included.~~

~~(b) In any case in which a child is taken before a county judge pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (2), the child's parent or legal guardian shall immediately be notified by the~~

~~court in which the county judge sits. Any person so notified by the court under this paragraph (b) shall comply with the provisions of section 42-4-1716 (4), C.R.S.~~

1707. Summons and complaint or penalty assessment notice for misdemeanors, petty offenses, and misdemeanor traffic offenses--release—registration.

(1)(a) Whenever a person commits a violation of this title punishable as a misdemeanor, petty offense, or misdemeanor traffic offense, other than a violation for which a penalty assessment notice may be issued in accordance with the provisions of section 1701(5)(a), and such person is not required by the provisions of section 42-4-1705, C.R.S., to be arrested and taken without unnecessary delay before a county judge, the peace officer may issue and serve upon the defendant a summons and complaint which must contain the name and address of the defendant, the license number of the vehicle involved, if any, the number of the defendant's driver's license, if any, a citation of the statute alleged to have been violated, a brief description of the offense, the date and approximate location thereof, and the date the summons and complaint is served on the defendant; direct the defendant to appear in a specified county court at a specified time and place; and be signed by the peace officer. The summons and complaint submitted to the department of revenue and the county court before which appearance is required, either by paper or electronic submission, must contain the name and address of the defendant, the license of the vehicle involved, if any, and the number of the defendant's driver's license, if any.

(b) A summons and complaint issued and served pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) on a minor under the age of eighteen years shall also contain or be accompanied by a document containing an advisement to the minor that the minor's parent or legal guardian, if known, shall be notified by the court from which the summons is issued and be required to appear with the minor at the minor's court hearing or hearings.

(2) If a peace officer issues and serves a summons and complaint to appear in any court upon the defendant as described in subsection (1) of this section, any defect in form in such summons and complaint regarding the name and address of the defendant, the license number of the vehicle involved, if any, the number of the defendant's driver's license, if any, the date and approximate location thereof, and the date the summons and complaint is served on the defendant may be cured by amendment at any time prior to trial or any time before verdict or findings upon an oral motion by the prosecuting attorney after notice to the defendant and an opportunity for a hearing. No such amendment shall be permitted if substantial rights of the defendant are prejudiced. No summons and complaint shall be considered defective so as to be cause for dismissal solely because of a defect in form in such summons and complaint as described in this subsection (2).

(3)(a)

Whenever a penalty assessment notice for a misdemeanor, petty offense, or misdemeanor traffic offense is issued pursuant to section 42-4-1701(5)(a), the penalty assessment notice that the peace officer serves upon the defendant must contain the name and address of the defendant, the

license number of the vehicle involved, if any, the number of the defendant's driver's license, if any, a citation of the statute alleged to have been violated, a brief description of the offense, the date and approximate location of the offense, the amount of the penalty prescribed for the offense, the amount of the surcharges pursuant to sections 24-4.1-119(1) (f), 24-4.2-104(1), and 24-33.5-415.6, the number of points, if any, prescribed for the offense pursuant to section 42-2-127, and the date the penalty assessment notice is served on the defendant; must direct the defendant to appear in a specified county court at a specified time and place in the event the penalty and surcharges are not paid; must be signed by the peace officer; and must contain other information as may be required by law to constitute the penalty assessment notice to be a summons and complaint if the prescribed penalty and surcharges are not paid within the time allowed in section 42-4-1701.

~~Whenever a penalty assessment notice for a misdemeanor, petty offense, or misdemeanor traffic offense is issued pursuant to section 1701(5)(a), the penalty assessment notice that shall be served upon the defendant by the peace officer shall contain the name and address of the defendant, the license number of the vehicle involved, if any, the number of the defendant's driver's license, if any, a citation of the statute alleged to have been violated, a brief description of the offense, the date and approximate location thereof, the amount of the penalty prescribed for the offense, the amount of the surcharges thereon pursuant to sections 24-4.1-119(1)(f), 24-4.2-104(1), and 24-33.5-415.6, C.R.S., the number of points, if any, prescribed for the offense pursuant to section 42-2-127, and the date the penalty assessment notice is served on the defendant; shall direct the defendant to appear in a specified county court at a specified time and place in the event the penalty and surcharges thereon are not paid; shall be signed by the peace officer; and shall contain a place for the defendant to elect to execute a signed acknowledgment of guilt and an agreement to pay the penalty prescribed and surcharges thereon within twenty days, as well as such other information as may be required by law to constitute the penalty assessment notice to be a summons and complaint, should the prescribed penalty and surcharges thereon not be paid within the time allowed in section 1701.~~

(a.5) A penalty assessment notice issued and served pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (3) on a minor under the age of eighteen years shall also contain or be accompanied by a document containing:

(I) A preprinted declaration stating that the minor's parent or legal guardian has reviewed the contents of the penalty assessment notice with the minor;

(II) Preprinted signature lines following the declaration on which the reviewing person described in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a.5) shall affix his or her signature and for a notary public to duly acknowledge the reviewing person's signature; and

(III) An advisement to the minor that:

(A) The minor shall, within seventy-two hours after service of the penalty assessment notice, inform his or her parent or legal guardian that the minor has received a penalty assessment notice;

(B) The parent or legal guardian of the minor is required by law to review and sign the penalty assessment notice and to have his or her signature duly acknowledged by a notary public; and

(C) Noncompliance with the requirement set forth in sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (III) shall result in the minor and the parent or legal guardian of the minor being required to appear in court pursuant to sections 42-4-1710(1) (b), 42-4-1710(1.5), and 42-4-1716(4), C.R.S.

(b) One copy of said penalty assessment notice shall be served upon the defendant by the peace officer and one copy sent to the supervisor within the department and such other copies sent as may be required by rule of the department to govern the internal administration of this article between the department and the Colorado state patrol.

(4)(a) The time specified in the summons portion of said summons and complaint must be at least twenty days after the date such summons and complaint is served, unless the defendant shall demand an earlier court appearance date.

(b) The time specified in the summons portion of said penalty assessment notice shall be at least thirty days but not more than ninety days after the date such penalty assessment notice is served, unless the defendant shall demand an earlier court appearance date.

(5) The place specified in the summons portion of said summons and complaint or of the penalty assessment notice must be a county court within the county in which the offense is alleged to have been committed.

(6) If the defendant is otherwise eligible to be issued a summons and complaint or a penalty assessment notice for a violation of this title 42 punishable as a misdemeanor, petty offense, or misdemeanor traffic offense and if the defendant does not possess a valid Colorado driver's license, the defendant, in order to secure release, must receive information on the penalty assessment notice or summons and complaint that directs the defendant to appear at a specified county court at a specified time and place in the event the penalty and surcharges are not paid, and other information that may be required by law to constitute the penalty assessment to be a summons and complaint if the prescribed penalty and surcharges are not paid within the time allowed in section 42-4-1701. If the defendant does possess a valid Colorado driver's license, the defendant must not be required to execute a promise to appear on the penalty assessment notice or on the summons and complaint. The peace officer shall not require any person who is eligible to be issued a summons and complaint or a penalty assessment notice for a violation of this title 42 to produce or divulge such person's social security number.

(7) Any officer violating any of the provisions of this section is guilty of misconduct in office and shall be subject to removal from office.

1708. Traffic Infractions – proper court for hearing, ~~B~~burden of proof - appeal~~s~~ – collateral attack.

1) Every hearing in county court for the adjudication of a traffic infraction, as provided by this article, shall be held before a county court magistrate appointed pursuant to part 5 of article 6 of title 13, C.R.S., or before a county judge acting as a magistrate; except that, whenever a crime and a class A or class B traffic infraction or a crime and both such class A and class B traffic infractions are charged in the same summons and complaint, all charges shall be made returnable before a judge or magistrate having jurisdiction over the crime and the rules of criminal procedure shall apply. Nothing in this part 17 or in part 5 of article 6 of title 13, C.R.S., shall be construed to prevent a court having jurisdiction over a criminal charge relating to traffic law violations from lawfully entering a judgment on a case dealing with a class A or class B traffic infraction.

(2) When a court of competent jurisdiction determines that a person charged with a class 1 or class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense is guilty of a lesser-included offense which is a class A or class B traffic infraction, the court may enter a judgment as to such lesser charge.

(3) The burden of proof shall be upon the people, and the traffic magistrate shall enter judgment in favor of the defendant unless the people prove the liability of the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt. The district attorney or the district attorney's deputy may, in the district attorney's discretion, enter traffic infraction cases for the purpose of attempting a negotiated plea or a stipulation to deferred prosecution or deferred judgment and sentence but shall not be required to so enter by any person, court, or law, nor shall the district attorney represent the state at hearings conducted by a magistrate or a county judge acting as a magistrate on class A or class B traffic infraction matters. The magistrate or county judge acting as a magistrate shall be permitted to call and question any witness and shall also act as the fact finder at hearings on traffic infraction matters.

(4) Appeal from final judgment on a traffic infraction matter shall be taken to the district court for the county in which the magistrate or judge acting as magistrate is located.

(5)(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (5), no person against whom a judgment has been entered for a traffic infraction as defined in section 42-4-1701(3)(a) shall collaterally attack the validity of that judgment unless such attack is commenced within six months after the date of entry of the judgment.

(b) In recognition of the difficulties attending the litigation of stale claims and the potential for frustrating various statutory provisions directed at repeat offenders, former offenders, and habitual offenders, the only exceptions to the time limitations specified in subsection (5)(a) of this section are: ~~(1) The burden of proof shall be upon the people, and the court shall enter judgment in favor of the defendant unless the people prove the liability of the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.~~

(I) A case in which the court entering judgment did not have jurisdiction over the subject matter of the alleged infraction;

(II) A case in which the court entering judgment did not have jurisdiction over the person of the violator;

(III) Where the court hearing the collateral attack finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the failure to seek relief within the applicable time period was caused by an adjudication of incompetence or by commitment or certification of the violator to an institution for treatment as a person with a mental health disorder; or
(IV) Where the court hearing the collateral attack finds that the failure to seek relief within the applicable time period was the result of circumstances amounting to justifiable excuse or excusable neglect.

~~(2) Appeals from courts of record shall be in accordance with Rule 37 of the Colorado Rules of Criminal Procedure.~~

1709. Penalty assessment notice for traffic offenses - violations of provisions by officer - driver's license.

(((1) Whenever a penalty assessment notice for a traffic infraction is issued pursuant to section 42-4-1701(5)(a), the penalty assessment notice that the peace officer serves upon the defendant must contain the name and address of the defendant, the license number of the vehicle involved, if any, the number of the defendant's driver's license, if any, a citation of the statute alleged to have been violated, a brief description of the traffic infraction, the date and approximate location of the offense, the amount of the penalty prescribed for the traffic infraction, the amount of the surcharges pursuant to sections 24-4.1-119(1)(f), 24-4.2-104(1), and 24-33.5-415.6, the number of points, if any, prescribed for the traffic infraction pursuant to section 42-2-127, and the date the penalty assessment notice is served on the defendant; must direct the defendant to appear in a specified county court at a specified time and place in the event the penalty and surcharges are not paid; must be signed by the peace officer; and must contain other information as may be required by law to constitute the penalty assessment notice to be a summons and complaint if the prescribed penalty and surcharges are not paid within the time allowed in section 42-4-1701. ~~1) Whenever a penalty assessment notice for a traffic infraction is issued the penalty assessment notice which shall be served upon the defendant by the peace officer shall contain the name and address of the defendant, the license number of the vehicle involved, if any, the number of the defendant's driver's license, if any, a citation of the statute alleged to have been violated, a brief description of the traffic infraction, the date and approximate location thereof, the amount of the penalty prescribed for such traffic infraction, the amount of the surcharge thereon pursuant to section 24-4.2-104 (1), C.R.S., the number of points, if any, prescribed for such traffic infraction pursuant to section 42-2-127, C.R.S., and the date the penalty assessment notice is served on the defendant; shall direct the defendant to appear in a specified county court at a specified time and place in the event such penalty and surcharge thereon is not paid; shall be signed by the peace officer; and shall contain a place for the defendant to elect to execute a signed acknowledgment of liability and an agreement to pay the penalty prescribed and surcharge thereon within twenty days, as well as such other information as may be required by law to constitute such penalty assessment notice to~~

~~be a summons and complaint, should the prescribed penalty and surcharge thereon not be paid within the time allowed in section 42-4-1701, C.R.S.~~

(1.5) A penalty assessment notice issued and served pursuant to subsection (1) of this section on a minor under the age of eighteen years shall also contain or be accompanied by a document containing:

(a) A preprinted declaration stating that the minor's parent or legal guardian has reviewed the contents of the penalty assessment notice with the minor;

(b) Preprinted signature lines following the declaration on which the reviewing person described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1.5) shall affix his or her signature and for a notary public to duly acknowledge the reviewing person's signature; and

(c) An advisement to the minor that:

(I) The minor shall, within seventy-two hours after service of the penalty assessment notice, inform his or her parent or legal guardian that the minor has received a penalty assessment notice;

(II) The parent or legal guardian of the minor is required by this Code to review and sign the penalty assessment notice and to have his or her signature duly acknowledged by a notary public; and

(III) Noncompliance with the requirement set forth in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (c) shall result in the minor and the parent or legal guardian of the minor being required to appear in court pursuant to sections 1710 (1)(b), 1710 (1.5), and 1716 (4).

(2) One copy of said penalty assessment notice shall be served upon the defendant by the peace officer and one copy sent to the clerk of the court and such other copies sent as may be required by ordinance or the court.

(3) The time specified in the summons portion of said penalty assessment notice must be at least thirty days but not more than ninety days after the date such penalty assessment notice is served, unless the defendant shall demand an earlier hearing.

(4) The place specified in the summons portion of said penalty assessment notice must be a court within the county in which the traffic infraction is alleged to have been committed.

(5) Whenever the defendant refuses to accept service of the penalty assessment notice, tender of such notice by the peace officer to the defendant shall constitute service thereof upon the defendant.

(6) Any officer violating any of the provisions of this section is guilty of misconduct in office and shall be subject to removal

from office.

(7)(a) A person is not allowed or permitted to obtain or renew a permanent driver's, minor driver's, or probationary license if such person has, at the time of making application for obtaining or renewing such driver's license:

(VI) Issued a check or order to the department to pay a penalty assessment, a driver’s license fee, a license reinstatement fee, or a motor vehicle record fee an such check or order is

returned for insufficient funds or a closed account and remains unpaid. For the purposes of this subsection (7), the term "insufficient funds" means having an insufficient balance on account with a bank or other drawee for the payment of a check or order when the check or order is presented for payment within thirty days after issue.

1710. Failure to pay penalty for traffic offenses - failure of parent or guardian to sign penalty assessment notice - procedures.

(1)(a) Unless a person who has been cited for a traffic infraction pays the penalty assessment as provided in this Code and surcharge thereon pursuant to section 24-4.2-104 (1), C.R.S., the person shall appear at a hearing on the date and time specified in the citation and answer the complaint against such person.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), a minor under the age of eighteen years shall be required to appear at a hearing on the date and time specified in the citation and answer the complaint if the penalty assessment was timely paid but not signed and notarized in the manner required by section 1709 (1.5).

(1.5) If a minor under the age of eighteen years is required to appear at a hearing pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the minor shall so inform his or her parent or legal guardian, and the parent or legal guardian shall also be required to appear at the hearing.

(2) If the violator answers that he or she is guilty or if the violator fails to appear for the hearing, judgment shall be entered against the violator.

(3) If the violator denies the allegations in the complaint, a final hearing on the complaint shall be held subject to the provisions regarding a speedy trial which are contained in section 18-1-405, C.R.S. If the violator is found guilty or liable at such final hearing or if the violator fails to appear for a final hearing, judgment shall be entered against the violator.

(4) If judgment is entered against a violator, the violator shall be assessed an appropriate penalty and surcharge thereon, a docket fee, and other applicable costs authorized by ordinance or the court. If the violator had been cited by a penalty assessment notice, the penalty shall be assessed pursuant to this Code.

1711. Compliance with promise to appear.

~~A written promise to appear in court may be complied with by an appearance by counsel~~A defendant may comply with a requirement to appear in court through an appearance by counsel.

1712. Procedure prescribed not exclusive.

The foregoing provisions of this Code shall govern all police officers in making arrests without a warrant or issuing citations for violations of this Code, for offenses or infractions committed in their presence, but the procedure prescribed in this Code shall not otherwise be exclusive of any other method prescribed by law or ordinance for the arrest and prosecution of a person for an offense or infraction of like grade.

1713. Conviction record inadmissible in civil action.
Except as provided in sections 42-2-201 to 42-2-208, C.R.S., no record of the conviction of any person for any violation of this Code shall be admissible as evidence in any court in any civil action.

1714. Traffic violation not to affect credibility of witness.
The conviction of a person upon a charge of violating any provision of this Code or other traffic regulation less than a felony shall not affect or impair the credibility of such person as a witness in any civil or criminal proceeding.

1715. Convictions, judgments, and charges recorded - public inspection.
(1) Every judge of a court not of record and every clerk of a court of record shall keep a full record of every case in which a person is charged with any violation of this Code or any other law regulating the operation of vehicles on highways.

(2) Within ten days after the entry of a judgment, conviction, or forfeiture of bail of a person upon a charge of violating any provision of this Code or other law regulating the operation of vehicles on highways, the judge or clerk of the court in which the entry of a judgment was made or the conviction was had or bail was forfeited shall prepare and immediately forward to the motor vehicle division of the department of revenue an abstract of the record of said court covering every case in which said person had a judgment entered against him or her, was so convicted, or forfeited bail, which abstract must be certified by the person so required to prepare the same to be true and correct.

(3) Said abstract must be made upon a form furnished by the department of revenue and shall include the name, address, and driver's license number of the party charged, the registration number of the vehicle involved, the nature of the offense, the date of hearing, the plea, the judgment or whether bail forfeited, and the amount of the fine or forfeiture as the case may be.

1716. Notice to appear or pay fine - failure to appear - penalty.
(1) For the purposes of this part 17, tender by an arresting officer of the summons or penalty assessment notice shall constitute notice to the violator to appear in court at the time specified on such summons or to pay the required fine and surcharge thereon.

(2) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, a~~A person commits a traffic offense if the person fails to appear to answer any offense other than a traffic infraction charged under this part 17.

(3) Deleted.

(4)(a)(I) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (a), a person who is a parent or legal guardian of a minor under the age of eighteen years and who is required to appear in court with the minor pursuant to the provisions of this part 17 including but not limited to section 1706 (2)(b) or 1710 (1.5), shall appear in court at the location and on the

date stated in the penalty assessment notice or in the summons and complaint or as instructed by the court.

(II) The provisions of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a) concerning the appearance of a parent or legal guardian shall not apply in a case where the minor under the age of eighteen years or the parent of the minor demonstrates to the court by clear and convincing evidence that the minor is an emancipated minor.

(III) For purposes of this subsection (4), "emancipated minor" means a minor under the age of eighteen years who has no legal guardian and whose parents have entirely surrendered the right to the care, custody, and earnings of the minor, no longer are under any duty to support or maintain the minor, and have made no provision for the support of the minor.

~~(b) A person who violates any provision of paragraph (a) of subparagraph (I) of this subsection (4) commits a class 1 petty offense and shall be punished pursuant to section 18-1.3-503, C.R.S.~~

1717. Conviction - attendance at driver improvement school.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, whenever a person has been convicted of violating any provision of this Code or other law regulating the operation of vehicles on streets or highways, the court, in addition to the penalty provided for the violation or as a condition of either the probation or the suspension of all or any portion of any fine or sentence of imprisonment for a violation other than a traffic infraction, may require the defendant, at the defendant's own expense, if any, to attend and satisfactorily complete a course of instruction at any designated driver improvement school located and operating in the county of the defendant's residence and providing instruction in the traffic laws of this state, instruction in recognition of hazardous traffic situations, and instruction in traffic accident prevention. Such school shall be approved by the court.

(2) Whenever a minor under eighteen years of age has been convicted of violating any provision of this Code or other law regulating the operation of vehicles on streets or highways, the court may require the minor to attend and satisfactorily complete a course of instruction at any designated driver improvement school providing instruction in the traffic laws of this state, instruction in recognition of hazardous traffic situations, and instruction in traffic accident prevention. The court may impose the driver improvement school requirement in addition to the penalty provided for the violation or as a condition of either the probation or the suspension of all or any portion of any fine or sentence of imprisonment for the violation. The minor, or the minor's parent or parents who appear in court with the minor in accordance with section 1716 (4), of this Code, shall pay the cost of attending the designated driver improvement school. The court shall make available information on scholarships and other financial assistance available to help minors or their parents offset the costs of driver improvement school. Such school shall be approved by the court.

1718. Electronic transmission of data—standards.

A municipal court, county court, district court, or any court with jurisdiction over violations of traffic rules and laws shall not dismiss any charges or refuse to enforce any traffic law or rule solely because a penalty assessment notice or summons and complaint issued pursuant to the standards established in this section is in electronic form or contains an electronic signature.

1719. Violations--commercial driver's license--compliance with federal regulation.
As to a holder of a commercial driver's license as defined in section 42-2-402 or the operator of a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 42-2-402, a court shall not defer imposition of judgment or allow a person to enter into a diversion program that would prevent a driver's conviction for any violation, in any type of motor vehicle, of a traffic control law from appearing on the driver's record.

PART 18
VEHICLES ABANDONED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

1801. Legislative declaration.

This jurisdiction hereby declares that the purpose of this part 18 is to provide procedures for the removal, storage, and disposal of motor vehicles that are abandoned on public property.

1802. Definitions. As used in this part 18, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) “Abandoned motor vehicle” means:

(a) Any motor vehicle left unattended on public property, including any portion of a highway right-of-way, outside the limits of any incorporated town or city for a period of forty-eight hours or longer;

(b) Any motor vehicle left unattended on public property, including any portion of a highway right-of-way, within the limits of any incorporated town or city for a period longer than any limit prescribed by any local ordinance concerning the abandonment of motor vehicles or, if there is no such ordinance, for a period of forty-eight hours or longer;

(c) Any motor vehicle stored in an impound lot at the request of a law enforcement agency and not removed from the impound lot within seventy-two hours after the time the law enforcement agency notifies the owner or agent that the vehicle is available for release upon payment of any applicable charges or fees;

(d) A motor vehicle fitted with an immobilization device that is on public property and deemed to be abandoned pursuant to section 1105 (7) (c); or

(e) Any motor vehicle left unattended at a regional transportation district parking facility, as defined in section 32-9-119.9 (6), C.R.S., that is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to section 32-9-119.9 (4) (b), C.R.S.

(2) “Agency employee” means any employee of the department of transportation or other municipal, county, or city and county agency responsible for highway safety and maintenance.

(3) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2009, (HB09- 1279), ch. 170, p. 763, § 1, effective August 5, 2009.)

(4) “Appraisal” means a bona fide estimate of reasonable market value made by any motor vehicle dealer licensed in this state or by any employee of the Colorado state patrol or of any sheriff’s or police department whose appointment for such purpose has been reported by the head of the appointing agency to the executive director of the department.

(5) “Disabled motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle that is stopped or parked, either attended or unattended, upon a public right-of-way and that is, due to any mechanical failure or any inoperability because of a collision, a fire, or any other such injury, temporarily inoperable under its own power.

(6) “Impound lot” means a parcel of real property that is owned or leased by a government or operator at which motor vehicles are stored under appropriate protection.

(7) “Operator” means a person or a firm licensed by the public utilities commission as a towing carrier.

(8) “Public property” means any real property having its title, ownership, use, or possession held by the federal government; this state; or any county, municipality, as defined in section 31-1-101 (6), C.R.S., or other governmental entity of this state.

(9) “Responsible law enforcement agency” means the law enforcement agency authorizing the original tow of an abandoned motor vehicle, whether or not the vehicle is towed to another law enforcement agency’s jurisdiction.

1803. Abandonment of motor vehicles - public property.

(1) (a) No person shall abandon any motor vehicle upon public property. Any sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, marshal, Colorado state patrol officer, or agent of the Colorado bureau of investigation who finds a motor vehicle that such officer has reasonable grounds to believe has been abandoned shall require such motor vehicle to be removed or cause the same to be removed and placed in storage in any impound lot designated or maintained by the law enforcement agency employing such officer.

(b) If an operator is used by the responsible law enforcement agency to tow or impound the motor vehicle pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), the operator shall be provided with written authorization to possess the motor vehicle on a document that includes, without limitation, the year, make, model, vehicle identification number, and storage location.

(2) Whenever any sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, marshal, Colorado state patrol officer, agent of the Colorado bureau of investigation, or agency employee finds a motor vehicle, vehicle, cargo, or debris, attended or unattended, standing upon any portion of a highway right-of-way in such a manner as to constitute an obstruction to traffic or proper highway maintenance, such officer or agency employee is authorized to cause the motor vehicle,

vehicle, cargo, or debris to be moved to eliminate any such obstruction; and neither the officer, the agency employee, nor anyone acting under the direction of such officer or employee shall be liable for any damage to such motor vehicle, vehicle, cargo, or debris occasioned by such removal. The removal process is intended to clear the obstruction, but such activity should create as little damage as possible to the vehicle, or cargo, or both. No agency employee shall cause any motor vehicle to be moved unless such employee has obtained approval from a local law enforcement agency of a municipality, county, or city and county, the Colorado bureau of investigation, or the Colorado state patrol.

(3) The operator shall be responsible for removing the motor vehicle and the motor vehicle debris from the site pursuant to this section, but shall not be required to remove or clean up any hazardous or commercial cargo the motor vehicle carried. The commercial carrier shall be responsible for removal or clean-up of the hazardous or commercial cargo.

1804. Report of abandoned motor vehicles - owner's opportunity to request hearing.

(1)(a) Upon having an abandoned motor vehicle towed, the responsible law enforcement agency shall ascertain, if possible, whether or not the motor vehicle has been reported stolen, and, if so reported, such agency shall recover and secure the motor vehicle and notify its rightful owner and terminate the abandonment proceedings under this part 18. The responsible law enforcement agency and the towing carrier shall have the right to recover from the owner their reasonable costs and fees for recovering and securing the motor vehicle. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize fees for services that were not provided or that were provided by another person or entity.

(b) As soon as possible, but in no event later than ten working days after having an abandoned motor vehicle towed, the responsible law enforcement agency shall report the same to the department by first-class or certified mail, by personal delivery, or by internet communication. The report shall be on a form prescribed and supplied by the department.

(c) The report shall contain the following information:

(I) The fact of possession, including the date possession was taken, the location of storage of the abandoned motor vehicle and the location from which it was towed, the identity of the responsible law enforcement agency, and the business address, telephone number, and name and signature of a representative from the responsible law enforcement agency;

(II) If applicable, the identity of the operator possessing the abandoned motor vehicle, together with the operator's business address and telephone number and the carrier number assigned by the public utilities commission; and

(III) A description of the abandoned motor vehicle, including the make, model, color, and year, the number, issuing state, and expiration date of the license plate, and the vehicle identification number.

(2) Upon its receipt of a report made under subsection (1) or (6) of this section, the department shall search its records to ascertain the last-known owner of record for the abandoned motor vehicle and any lienholder as those persons are represented in department records. In the

event the vehicle is determined by the department not to be registered in the state of Colorado, the report required by this section shall state that no Colorado title record exists regarding the vehicle. Within ten working days after such receipt, the department shall complete its search and shall transmit such report, together with all relevant information, to the responsible law enforcement agency.

(3) The responsible law enforcement agency, upon its receipt of the report required under subsection (2) of this section, shall determine, from all available information and after reasonable inquiry, whether the abandoned motor vehicle has been reported stolen, and, if so reported, such agency shall recover and secure the motor vehicle and notify its rightful owner and terminate the abandonment proceedings under this part 18. The responsible law enforcement agency and the operator shall have the right to recover from the owner their reasonable costs to recover and secure the motor vehicle.

(4) (a) If the responsible law enforcement agency, does not use an operator to store the motor vehicle, the responsible law enforcement agency, within ten working days after the receipt of the report from the department within ten working days after the receipt of the report from the department required in subsection (2) of this section, shall notify by certified mail the owner of record, if ascertained, and any lienholder, if ascertained, of the fact of such report and the claim of any lien under section 1806 and shall send a copy of such notice to the operator. The notice shall contain information that the identified motor vehicle has been reported abandoned to the department, the location of the motor vehicle and the location from which it was towed, and that, unless claimed within thirty calendar days after the date the notice was sent as determined from the postmark on the notice, the motor vehicle is subject to sale.

(b) If the responsible law enforcement agency uses an operator to store the motor vehicle, the responsible law enforcement agency within ten working days after the receipt of the report from the department required in subsection (2) of this section, shall notify by first class mail the owner of record, if ascertained, and any lienholder, if ascertained, of the fact of the report and the claim of any lien under section 1806. The notice shall contain information that the identified motor vehicle has been reported abandoned to the department, the location of the motor vehicle and the location from where it was towed, and that from the postmark on the notice, the motor vehicle is subject to sale.

(c) The responsible law enforcement agency shall include in the notices sent pursuant to either paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection (4), a statement informing the owner of record of the opportunity to request a hearing concerning the legality of the towing of the abandoned motor vehicle, and the responsible law enforcement agency to contact for that purpose.

(d) If an owner or lienholder requests a hearing, the owner or lienholder shall make the request in writing to the responsible law enforcement agency within ten days after the notice was sent, as determined by the postmark. Such hearing, if requested, shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of section 24-4-105, C.R.S., if the responsible law enforcement agency is the Colorado state patrol. If a local political subdivision is the responsible law enforcement agency, such hearing shall be conducted pursuant to local hearing procedures. If it is determined at the

hearing that the motor vehicle was illegally towed upon request from a law enforcement agency, all towing charges and storage fees assessed against the vehicle shall be paid by such law enforcement agency.

(5) The department shall maintain department-approved notice forms satisfying the requirements of subsection (4) of this section and shall make them available for use by local law enforcement agencies.

(6) (a) (I) Except as provided in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (a), an operator or its agent shall, no less than two days, but no more than ten days after a motor vehicle has been towed, determine who the owner is and if there is a lienholder and send a notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last address of the owner, and any lienholder, as determined from the records of the department or from a national search performed by the department

(II) If the department conducts a national title search in accordance with paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section, each day elapsing between the department being notified and the department returning information on the motor vehicle as a result of the search does not count against the tow operator's ten-day deadline to contact the motor vehicle's owner or any lienholder. This subparagraph (II) does not affect daily storage fees.

(III) The cost of complying with this paragraph (a) is a cost of towing; except that the total of all costs of complying with this section shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars. To comply with this subsection (6), the notice to the owner and lienholder must be sent within five days after the operator receives the information from the department and must contain the following information:

(A) The fact of possession, including the date possession was taken, the location of storage of the motor vehicle, and the location from which it was towed;

(B) The identity of the operator possessing the abandoned motor vehicle, together with the operator's business address and telephone number and the carrier number assigned by the public utilities commission; and

(C) A description of the motor vehicle, including the make, model, color, and year and the number, issuing state, and expiration date of the license plate, or any other indicia of the motor vehicle's state of origin.

(b) The operator shall not be entitled to recover any daily storage fees from the day the vehicle is towed until the day the owner and lienholder are notified, unless the operator reasonably attempts to notify the owner and lienholder by the date specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection (6). Sending a notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner and the lienholder as represented in department records shall be deemed a reasonable attempt to notify the owner and the lienholder. Failure to notify the owner and the lienholder due to the receipt of erroneous information from the department or a failure of the law enforcement agency to comply with this section shall not cause the loss of such storage fees accrued from the date the vehicle is towed until the owner and the lienholder receive such notice.

1805. Appraisal of abandoned motor vehicles - sale.

(1) (a) Abandoned motor vehicles or motor vehicles abandoned in an impound lot subsequent to a tow from public property shall be appraised by a law enforcement officer or an independent motor vehicle dealer and sold by the responsible law enforcement agency at a public or private sale held not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days after the date the notice required by section 42-4-1804(4), C.R.S., was mailed.

(b) Subject to section 1804, the operator may continue to charge for daily storage fees until the responsible law enforcement agency complies with this section.

(2) If the appraised value of an abandoned motor vehicle sold pursuant to this section is three hundred fifty dollars or less, the sale shall be made only for the purpose of junking, scrapping, or dismantling such motor vehicle, and the purchaser thereof shall not, under any circumstances, be entitled to a Colorado certificate of title. The responsible law enforcement agency making the sale shall cause to be executed and delivered a bill of sale, together with a copy of the report described in section 1804 (2), to the person purchasing such motor vehicle. The bill of sale shall state that the purchaser acquires no right to a certificate of title for such vehicle. The responsible law enforcement agency making the sale shall promptly submit a report of sale, with a copy of the bill of sale, to the department and shall deliver a copy of such report of sale to the purchaser of the motor vehicle. Upon receipt of any report of sale with supporting documents on any sale made pursuant to this subsection (2), the department shall purge the records for such vehicle as provided in section 42-4-1810(1)(b), C.R.S., and shall not issue a new certificate of title for such vehicle. Any certificate of title issued in violation of this subsection (2) shall be void.

(3) If the appraised value of an abandoned motor vehicle sold pursuant to this section is more than three hundred fifty dollars, the sale may be made for any intended use by the purchaser. The responsible law enforcement agency making the sale shall cause to be executed and delivered a bill of sale, together with a copy of the report described in section 1804 (2), and an application for a Colorado certificate of title signed by a legally authorized representative of the responsible law enforcement agency conducting the sale, to the person purchasing such motor vehicle. The purchaser of the abandoned motor vehicle shall be entitled to a Colorado certificate of title upon application and proof of compliance with the applicable provisions of the "Certificate of Title Act", part 1 of Code 6 of this title, within fourteen days after the sale; except that, if such vehicle is less than five years old, including the current year model, and if the department does not provide the name of an owner of record to the law enforcement agency, the purchaser shall apply for a bonded title and the department shall issue such bonded title upon the applicant meeting the qualifications for such title pursuant to rules promulgated by the department.

(4) (a) Transferring the title of a motor vehicle to an operator to satisfy a debt created pursuant to this part 18 shall not be deemed to be the sale of a motor vehicle.

(b) Nothing in this section requires an operator to be licensed pursuant to Part 1 of article 6 of title 12, C.R.S., for purposes of conducting activities under this part 18.

1806. Liens upon towed motor vehicles.

(1) Whenever an operator who is registered with the department in accordance with subsection (2) of this section recovers, removes, or stores a motor vehicle upon instructions from any duly authorized law enforcement agency or peace officer who has determined that such motor vehicle is an abandoned motor vehicle, such operator shall have a possessory lien, subject to the provisions of section 1804 (6), upon such motor vehicle and its attached accessories or equipment for all fees for recovering, towing, and storage as authorized in section 1809 (2) (a). Such lien shall be a first and prior lien on the motor vehicle, and such lien shall be satisfied before all other charges against such motor vehicle.

(2) (a) No operator shall have a possessory lien upon a motor vehicle described in subsection (1) of this section unless said operator is registered with the department. Such registration shall include the following information:

(I) The location of the operator's tow business;

(II) The hours of operation of the operator's tow business;

(III) The location of the impound lot where vehicles may be claimed by the owner of record; and

(IV) Any information relating to a violation of any provision contained in this part 18 or of any other state law or rule relating to the operation, theft, or transfer of motor vehicles.

(b) The executive director of the department may cancel the registration of any operator if an administrative law judge finds, after affording the operator due notice and an opportunity to be heard, that the operator has violated any of the provisions set forth in this part 18.

1807. Perfection of lien.

The lien provided for in section 1806 shall be perfected by taking physical possession of the motor vehicle and its attached accessories or equipment and by sending to the department within ten working days after the time possession was taken a notice containing the information required in the report to be made under the provisions of section 1804. In addition, such report shall contain a declaration by the operator that a possessory lien is claimed for all past, present, and future charges, up to the date of redemption, and that the lien is enforceable and may be foreclosed pursuant to the provisions of this part 18.

1808. Foreclosure of lien.

Any motor vehicle and its attached accessories and equipment or personal property within or attached to such vehicle that are not redeemed by the last known owner of record or lienholder after such owner or lienholder has been sent notice of such lien by the operator or responsible law enforcement agency shall be sold in accordance with the provisions of section 1805.

1809. Proceeds of sale.

(1) If the sale of any motor vehicle, personal property, and its attached accessories or equipment under the provisions of section 42-4-1805, C.R.S., produces an amount less than or equal to the sum of all charges of the operator who has perfected his or her lien, then the operator shall have a valid claim against the owner for the full amount of such charges, less the amount received upon the sale of such motor vehicle. Failure to register such vehicle in accordance with this title shall constitute a waiver of such owner's right to be notified pursuant to this part 18 for the purposes of foreclosure of the lien pursuant to section 1808. Such charges shall be assessed in the manner provided for in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section.

(2) If the sale of any motor vehicle and its attached accessories or equipment under the provisions of section 1805 produces an amount greater than the sum of all charges of the operator who has perfected his or her lien:

(a) The entity receiving the proceeds shall first satisfy the operator's reasonable fee arising from the sale of the motor vehicle and the cost and fees of towing and storing the abandoned motor vehicle, subject to a maximum charge specified in rules promulgated by the public utilities commission that govern nonconsensual tows by towing carriers.

(b) Any balance remaining after payment pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) shall be paid to the responsible law enforcement agency to satisfy the cost of mailing notices, having an appraisal made, advertising and selling the motor vehicle, and any other costs of the responsible law enforcement agency including administrative costs, taxes, fines, and penalties due.

(b.5) In the case of the sale of an abandoned motor vehicle described in section 42-4-1802(1)(d), C.R.S., any balance remaining after payment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection (2) shall be paid to the law enforcement agency that is owed a fee for the court-ordered placement of an immobilization device on the motor vehicle pursuant to section 1105.

(c) Any balance remaining after payment pursuant to paragraphs (b) and (b.5) of this subsection (2) shall be forwarded to the department, and the department may recover from such balance any taxes, fees, and penalties due and payable to it with respect to such motor vehicle.

(d) Any balance remaining after payment pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection (2) shall be paid by the department: First, to any lienholder of record as the lienholder's interest may appear upon the records of the department; second, to any owner of record as the owner's interest may so appear; and then to any person submitting proof of such person's interest in such motor vehicle upon the application of such lienholder, owner, or person. If such payments are not requested and made within one hundred twenty days after the sale of the abandoned motor vehicle, the balance shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the highway users tax fund for allocation and expenditure as specified in section 43-4-205 (5.5)(e), C.R.S.

(3) The provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to a responsible law enforcement agency operating under a towing contract.

1810. Transfer and purge of certificates of title.

(1) Whenever any motor vehicle is abandoned and removed and sold in accordance with the procedures set forth in this part 18, the department shall transfer the certificate of title or issue a new certificate of title or shall purge such certificate of title in either of the following cases:

(a) Upon a person's submission to the department of the necessary documents indicating the abandonment, removal, and subsequent sale or transfer of a motor vehicle, the department shall transfer the certificate of title or issue a new certificate of title for such abandoned motor vehicle.

(b) Upon a person's submission of documents indicating the abandonment, removal, and subsequent wrecking or dismantling of a motor vehicle, including all sales of abandoned motor vehicles with an appraised value under three hundred fifty dollars that are conducted pursuant to section 1805 (2), the department shall keep the records for one year and then purge the records for such abandoned motor vehicle; except that the department shall not be required to wait before purging the records if the purchaser is a licensed motor vehicle dealer.

1811. Penalty.

Unless otherwise specified in this part 18, any person who knowingly violates any of the provisions of this part 18 commits a ~~class 2 misdemeanor~~petty offense and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-503~~1, C.R.S~~.

1812. Exemptions.

(1) Nothing in this part 18 shall be construed to include or apply to the driver of any disabled motor vehicle who temporarily leaves such vehicle on the paved or improved and main-traveled portion of a highway, subject, when applicable, to the emergency lighting requirements set forth in section 230.

(2) Nothing in this part 18 shall be construed to include or apply to authorized emergency motor vehicles while such vehicles are actually and directly engaged in, coming from, or going to an emergency.

1813. Local regulations.

(1) The state or any county, municipality as defined in section 31-1-101 (6), C.R.S., or other governmental entity of the state may execute a contract or contracts for the removal, storage, or disposal of abandoned motor vehicles within the area of its authority to effectuate the provisions of this part 18.

(2) The provisions of this part 18 may be superseded by ordinance or resolution of a municipality, as defined in section 31-1-101, C.R.S., or any county that sets forth procedures for the removal, storage, and disposal of abandoned or illegally parked motor vehicles on public property; except that such ordinance or resolution shall not deprive an operator of a lien attached and perfected under this part 18.

1814. Violation of motor vehicle registration or inspection laws - separate statutory provision.

Owners of motor vehicles impounded by the Colorado state patrol for violation of motor vehicle registration or inspection laws shall receive notice and the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the provisions of section 42-13-106, C.R.S. If such a motor vehicle is found to be abandoned in accordance with the provisions of said section 42-13-106, C.R.S., the notice and hearing provisions to owners of motor vehicles under other sections of this part 18 shall be deemed to have been met for purposes of proper disposition of the motor vehicle under the terms of this part 18. Nevertheless, the notice and hearing provisions of the other sections of this part 18 as to lienholders are applicable and shall not be deemed to have been met by the provisions of section 42-13-106, C.R.S., or this section.

PART 19
SCHOOL BUS REQUIREMENTS

1901. School buses - equipped with supplementary brake retarders.

(1) (a) On and after July 1, 1991, except as provided in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section, passengers of any school bus being used on mountainous terrain by any school district of the state shall not occupy the front row of seats and any seats located next to the emergency doors of such school bus during the period of such use.

(b) For purposes of this section, mountainous terrain shall include, but shall not be limited to, any road or street which the department of transportation has designated as being located on mountainous terrain.

(2) (a) The provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to:

(I) Passengers of any school bus which is equipped with retarders of appropriate capacity for purposes of supplementing any service brake systems of such school bus; or

(II) Any passenger who is adequately restrained in a fixed position pursuant to federal and state standards.

(b) The general assembly encourages school districts to consider installing only electromagnetic retarders or state-of-the-art retarders for purposes of supplementing service brake systems of school buses when such retarders are acquired on or after April 17, 1991. The general assembly also encourages school districts to consider purchasing only those new school buses which are equipped with external public address systems and retarders of appropriate capacity for purposes of supplementing any service brake systems of such school buses.

(3) For purposes of this section and section 1902:

(a) “Mountainous terrain” means that condition where longitudinal and transverse changes in the elevation of the ground with respect to a road or street are abrupt and where

benching and sidehill excavation are frequently required to obtain acceptable horizontal and vertical alignment.

(b) Repealed

1902. School vehicle drivers - special training required.

On and after July 1, 1992, the driver of any school vehicle as defined in section 42-1-102(88.5), C.R.S., owned or operated by or for any school district in this state shall have successfully completed training, approved by the department of education, concerning driving on mountainous terrain, as defined in section 1901 (3) (a), and driving in adverse weather conditions.

1903. School buses - stops - signs - passing.

(1) (a) The driver of a motor vehicle upon any highway, road, or street, upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus that has stopped, shall stop the vehicle at least twenty feet before reaching the school bus if visual signal lights as specified in subsection (2) of this section have been actuated on the school bus. The driver shall not proceed until the visual signal lights are no longer being actuated. The driver of a motor vehicle shall stop when a school bus that is not required to be equipped with visual signal lights by subsection (2) of this section stops to receive or discharge schoolchildren.

(b) (I) A driver of any school bus who observes a violation of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) shall notify the driver's school district transportation dispatcher. The school bus driver shall provide the school district transportation dispatcher with the color, basic description, and license plate number of the vehicle involved in the violation, information pertaining to the identity of the alleged violator, and the time and the approximate location at which the violation occurred. Any school district transportation dispatcher who has received information by a school bus driver concerning a violation of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) shall provide such information to the appropriate law enforcement agency or agencies.

(II) A law enforcement agency may issue a citation on the basis of the information supplied to it pursuant to subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b) to the driver of the vehicle involved in the violation.

(2) (a) Every school bus as defined in section 42-1-102 (88), C.R.S., other than a small passenger-type vehicle having a seating capacity of not more than fifteen, used for the transportation of schoolchildren shall:

(I) Bear upon the front and rear of such school bus plainly visible and legible signs containing the words "SCHOOL BUS" in letters not less than eight inches in height; and

(II) Display eight visual signal lights meeting the requirements of 49 CFR 571.108 or its successor regulation.

(b) (I) The red visual signal lights shall be actuated by the driver of the school bus whenever the school bus is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging schoolchildren, is

stopped because it is behind another school bus that is receiving or discharging passengers, or, except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, is stopped because it has met a school bus traveling in a different direction that is receiving or discharging passengers and at no other time; but such lights need not be actuated when a school bus is stopped at locations where the local traffic regulatory authority has by prior written designation declared such actuation unnecessary.

(II) A school bus shall be exempt from the provisions of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b) when stopped for the purpose of discharging or loading passengers who require the assistance of a lift device only when no passenger is required to cross the roadway. Such buses shall stop as far to the right off the roadway as possible to reduce obstruction to traffic.

(c) The alternating flashing yellow lights shall be actuated at least two hundred feet prior to the point where the bus is to be stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging schoolchildren, and the red lights shall be actuated only at the time the bus is actually stopped.

(3) Every school bus used for the transportation of schoolchildren, except those small passenger- type vehicles described in subsection (1) of this section, shall be equipped with school bus pedestrian safety devices that comply with 49 CFR 571.131 or its successor regulation.

(4) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway. For the purposes of this section, "highway with separate roadways" means a highway that is divided into two or more roadways by a depressed, raised, or painted median or other intervening space serving as a clearly indicated dividing section or island.

(5) Every school bus shall stop as far to the right of the roadway as possible before discharging or loading passengers; except that the school bus may block the lane of traffic when a passenger being received or discharged is required to cross the roadway. When possible, a school bus shall not stop where the visibility is obscured for a distance of two hundred feet either way from the bus. The driver of a school bus that has stopped shall allow time for any vehicles that have stopped behind the school bus to pass the school bus, if such passing is legally permissible where the school bus is stopped, after the visual signal lights, if any, are no longer being displayed or actuated and after all children who have embarked or disembarked from the bus are safe from traffic.

(6) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (6), any person who violates any provision of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense.

(b) Any person who violates the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense if such person has been convicted within the previous five years of a violation of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section.

(7) The provisions of this section shall not apply in the case of public transportation programs for pupil transportation under section 22-51-104 (1) (c), C.R.S.

1904. Regulations for school buses - regulations on discharge of passengers - penalty -

exception.

(1) The state board of education, by and with the advice of the executive director of the department, shall adopt and enforce regulations not inconsistent with this Code to govern the operation of all school buses used for the transportation of schoolchildren and to govern the discharge of passengers from such school buses. Such regulations shall prohibit the driver of any school bus used for the transportation of schoolchildren from discharging any passenger from the school bus which will result in the passenger's immediately crossing a major thoroughfare, except for two-lane highways when such crossing can be done in a safe manner, as determined by the local school board in consultation with the local traffic regulatory authority, and shall prohibit the discharging or loading of passengers from the school bus onto the side of any major thoroughfare whenever access to the destination of the passenger is possible by the use of a road or street which is adjacent to the major thoroughfare. For the purposes of this section, a "major thoroughfare" means a freeway, any U.S. highway outside any incorporated limit, interstate highway, or highway with four or more lanes, or a highway or road with a median separating multiple lanes of traffic. Every person operating a school bus or responsible for or in control of the operation of school buses shall be subject to said regulations.

(2) Any person operating a school bus under contract with a school district who fails to comply with any of said regulations is guilty of breach of contract, and such contract shall be cancelled after notice and hearing by the responsible officers of such district.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this ~~section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment~~commits a petty offense.

(4) The provisions of this section shall not apply in the case of public transportation programs for pupil transportation under section 22-51-104 (1) (c), C.R.S.

APPENDICES

DEFINITIONS

As used in this Code, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) **"Acceleration lane"** means a speed-change lane, including tapered areas, for the purpose of enabling a vehicle entering a roadway to increase its speed to a rate at which it can more safely merge with through traffic.

(2) "**Administrator"** means the property tax administrator.

(3) **"Alley"** means a street or highway intended to provide access to the rear or side of lots or buildings in urban areas and not intended for the purpose of through vehicular traffic.

(4) **"Apportioned registration"** means registration of a vehicle pursuant to a reciprocal agreement under which the fees paid for registration of such vehicle are ultimately divided among the several jurisdictions in which the vehicle travels, based upon the number of miles traveled by the vehicle in each jurisdiction or upon some other agreed criterion.

(4.5) **"Appurtenance"** means a piece of equipment that is affixed or attached to a motor vehicle or trailer and is used for a specific purpose or task, including awnings, support hardware, and extractable equipment. "Appurtenance" does not include any item or equipment that is temporarily affixed or attached to the exterior of a motor vehicle for the purpose of transporting such vehicle.

(5) **"Authorized agent"** means the county clerk and recorder in each county in the state of Colorado, the clerk and recorder in the city and county of Broomfield, and the manager of revenue or such other official of the city and county of Denver as may be appointed by the mayor to perform the functions related to the registration of, titling of, or filing of liens on motor vehicles, wheeled trailers, semitrailers, trailer coaches, special mobile machinery, off-highway vehicles, and manufactured homes.

(6) **"Authorized emergency vehicle"** means such vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, ambulances, and other special-purpose vehicles as are publicly owned and operated by

or for a governmental agency to protect and preserve life and property in accordance with state laws regulating emergency vehicles; said term also means the following if equipped and operated as emergency vehicles in the manner prescribed by state law:

(a) Privately owned vehicles as are designated by the state motor vehicle licensing agency necessary to the preservation of life and property; or

(b) Privately owned tow trucks approved by the public utilities commission to respond to vehicle emergencies

(7) **"Authorized service vehicle"** means such highway or traffic maintenance vehicles as are publicly owned and operated on a highway by or for a governmental agency the function of which requires the use of service vehicle warning lights as prescribed by state law and such other vehicles having a public service function, including, but not limited to, public utility vehicles and tow trucks, as determined by the department of transportation under section 42-4-214(5), C.R.S. Some vehicles may be designated as both an authorized emergency vehicle and an authorized service vehicle.

(7.5) **"Autocycle"** means a three-wheeled motorcycle that does not use handlebars or any other device that is directly connected to a single front wheel to steer and in which the driver and each passenger ride in a fully or partly enclosed seating area that is equipped with safety belts for all occupants that constitute a safety belt system, as defined in section 42-4-237(1)(b), C.R.S. For purposes of this subsection (7.5), “partly enclosed seating area” means a seating area that is entirely or partly surrounded on the sides by the frame or body of a vehicle but is not fully enclosed.

(7.7) **“Automated driving system”** means hardware and software that are collectively capable, without any intervention or supervision by a human operator, of performing all aspects of the dynamic driving task for a vehicle on a part-time or full-time basis, described as levels 4 and 5 automation in SAE International’s standard J3016, as it existed in September 2016.

(8) **"Automobile"** means any motor vehicle.

(8.5) **"BAC"** means either:

(a) A person's blood alcohol content, expressed in grams of alcohol per one hundred milliliters of blood as shown by analysis of the person's blood; or

(b) A person's breath alcohol content, expressed in grams of alcohol per two hundred ten liters of breath as shown by analysis of the person's breath.

(9) **"Base jurisdiction"** means the state, province, or other jurisdiction which receives, apportions, and remits to other jurisdictions moneys paid for registration of a vehicle pursuant to a reciprocal agreement governing registration of vehicles.

(10) **"Bicycle"** means a vehicle propelled by human power applied to pedals upon which a person may ride having two tandem wheels or two parallel wheels and one forward wheel, all of which are more than fourteen inches in diameter.

(10.5) **"Bulk electronic transfer"** means the mass electronic transfer of files, updated files, or portions thereof, in the same form as those files exist within the department.

(11) **"Business district"** means the territory contiguous to and including a highway when within any six hundred feet along such highway there are buildings in use for business or industrial purposes, including but not limited to motels, banks, office buildings, railroad stations, and public buildings which occupy at least three hundred feet of frontage on one side or three hundred feet collectively on both sides of the highway.

(12) **"Calendar year"** means the twelve calendar months beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of any year.

(13) **"Camper coach"** means an item of mounted equipment, weighing more than five hundred pounds, which when temporarily or permanently mounted on a motor vehicle adapts such vehicle for use as temporary living or sleeping accommodations.

(14) **"Camper trailer"** means a wheeled vehicle having an overall length of less than twenty-six feet, without motive power, which is designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle over the public highways and which is generally and commonly used for temporary living or sleeping accommodations.

(15) **"Chauffeur"** means every person who is employed for the principal purpose of operating a motor vehicle and every person who drives a motor vehicle while in use as a public or common carrier of persons or property.

(16) **"Classified personal property"** means any personal property which has been classified for the purpose of imposing thereon a graduated annual specific ownership tax.

(16.5) **"Colorado DRIVES"** is an acronym that stands for "Colorado driver's license, record, identification, and vehicle enterprise solution" and means the driver and vehicle services

information technology system that the department uses to provide driver, identification, and vehicle title registration services to Colorado residents.

(17) **"Commercial carrier"** means any owner of a motor vehicle, truck, laden or unladen truck tractor, trailer, or semitrailer used in the business of transporting persons or property over the public highways for profit, hire, or otherwise in any business or commercial enterprise.

(17.5) **"Commercial vehicle"** means a vehicle used to transport cargo or passengers for profit, hire, or otherwise to further the purposes of a business or commercial enterprise. This subsection (17.5) shall not apply for purposes of sections 42-4-235 and 42-4-707(1), C.R.S.

(18) **"Controlled-access highway"** means 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 such highway, street, or roadway.

(19) **"Convicted"** or **"conviction"** means:
(a) A plea of guilty or nolo contendere;
(b) A verdict of guilty;
(c) An adjudication of delinquency under title 19, C.R.S.;
(d) The payment of a penalty assessment under section 42-4-1701, C.R.S., or this Code, if the summons states clearly the points to be assessed for the offense; and
(e) As to a holder of a commercial driver's license as defined in section 42-2-402, C.R.S., or the operator of a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 42-2-402, C.R.S.:
(I) An unvacated adjudication of guilt or a determination by an authorized administrative hearing that a person has violated or failed to comply with the law;
(II) An unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the person's appearance in court;
(III) The payment of a fine or court cost or violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended, or probated; or
(IV) A deferred sentence.

(20) **"Court"** means any municipal court, county court, district court, or any court having jurisdiction over offenses against traffic regulations and laws.

(21) **"Crosswalk"** means that portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection of the lateral lines of sidewalks at intersections or any portion of a roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other marking on the surface.

(22) **"Dealer"** means every person engaged in the business of buying, selling, or exchanging vehicles of a type required to be registered under articles 1 to 4 of title 42, C.R.S., and who has an established place of business for such purpose in this state.

(23) **"Deceleration lane"** means a speed-change lane, including tapered areas, for the purpose of enabling a vehicle that is to make an exit to turn from a roadway to slow to the safe speed on the ramp ahead after it has left the mainstream of faster-moving traffic.

(23.5) **"Declared gross vehicle weight"** means the combined weight of the vehicle or combination vehicle and its cargo when operated on the public highways of this state. Such weight shall be declared by the vehicle owner at the time the vehicle is registered. Accurate records shall be kept of all miles operated by each vehicle over the public highways of this state by the owner of each vehicle.

(24) **"Department"** means the Department of Revenue of this state acting directly or through its duly authorized officers and agents.

(24.5) **"Distinctive special license plate"** means a special license plate that is issued to a person because such person has an immutable characteristic or special achievement honor. Such special achievement honor shall not include a common achievement such as graduating from an institution of higher education. Such special achievement shall include honorable service in the armed forces of the United States. "Distinctive special license plate" shall include a license plate that is issued to a person or the person's family to honor such person's service in the armed forces.

(25) **"Divided highway"** means a highway with separated roadways usually for traffic moving in opposite directions, such separation being indicated by depressed dividing strips, raised curbings, traffic islands, or other physical barriers so constructed as to impede vehicular traffic or otherwise indicated by standard pavement markings or other official traffic control devices as prescribed in the state traffic control manual.

(26) **"Drive-away transporter"** or **"tow-away transporter"** means every person engaged in the transporting of vehicles which are sold or to be sold and not owned by such transporter, by the drive-away or tow-away methods, where such vehicles are driven, towed, or transported singly, or by saddlemount, towbar, or fullmount methods, or by any lawful combination thereof.

(27) **"Driver"** means every person, including a minor driver under the age of twenty-one years, who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

(27.3) **"DUI"** means driving under the influence, as defined in section 42-4-1301(1)(f), C.R.S., and use of the term shall incorporate by reference the offense described in section 42-4-1301(1)(a), C.R.S.

(27.5) **"DUI per se"** means driving with a BAC of 0.08 or more, and use of the term shall incorporate by reference the offense described in section 42-4-1301(2)(a), C.R.S.

(27.7) **"DWAI"** means driving while ability impaired, as defined in section 42-4-1301(1)(g) C.R.S., and use of the term shall incorporate by reference the offense described in section 42-4-1301(1)(b), C.R.S.

(27.8) (a) **"Dynamic driving task"** means all of the following aspects of driving:

(I) Operational aspects, including steering, braking, accelerating, and monitoring the vehicle and the roadway; and

(II) Tactical aspects, including responding to events, determining when to change lanes, turning, using signals, and other related actions.

(b) "Dynamic driving task" does not include strategic aspects, including determining destinations or way points, of driving.

(28) **"Effective date of registration period certificate"** means the month in which a fleet owner must register all fleet vehicles.

(28.5) **"Electrical assisted bicycle"** means a vehicle having two or three wheels and fully operable pedals, and an electric motor not exceeding seven hundred fifty watts of power. Electrical assisted bicycles are further required to conform to one of three classes as follows:

(a) "Class 1 electrical assisted bicycle" means an electrical assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty miles per hour.

(b) "Class 2 electrical assisted bicycle" means an electrical assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance regardless of whether the rider is pedaling but ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty miles per hour.

(c) "Class 3 electrical assisted bicycle" means an electrical assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide

assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of twenty-eight miles per hour.

(28.7) **"Electric personal assistive mobility device"** or **"EPAMD"** means a self-balancing, nontandem two-wheeled device, designed to transport only one person, that is powered solely by an electric propulsion system producing an average power output of no more than seven hundred fifty watts.

(28.8)
(a) "**Electric scooter**" means a device:
(I) Weighing less than one hundred pounds;
(II) With handlebars and an **electric** motor;
(III) That is powered by an **electric** motor; and
(IV) That has a maximum speed of twenty miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the **electric** motor.
(b) "**Electric scooter**" does not include an electrical assisted bicycle, EPAMD, motorcycle, or low-power **scooter**.

(29) **"Empty weight"** means the weight of any motor vehicle or trailer or any combination thereof, including the operating body and accessories, as determined by weighing on a scale approved by the department.

(30) **"Essential parts"** means all integral parts and body parts, the removal, alteration, or substitution of which will tend to conceal the identity or substantially alter the appearance of the vehicle.

(31) **"Established place of business"** means the place actually occupied either continuously or at regular periods by a dealer or manufacturer where such dealer's or manufacturer's books and records are kept and a large share of his or her business transacted.

(31.5) **"Exceptions processing"** means the procedures the department uses to assist persons who are unable for reasons beyond their control to present all the necessary documents required by the department and must rely on alternative documents to establish identity, date of birth, or United States citizenship in lieu of lawful presence in the United States.

(32) **"Explosives and hazardous materials"** means any substance so defined by the code of federal regulations, title 49, chapter 1, parts 173.50 through 173.389.

(33) **"Farm tractor"** means every implement of husbandry designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows and mowing machines and other implements of husbandry.

(34) **"Flammable liquid"** means any liquid which has a flash point of seventy degrees Fahrenheit or less, as determined by a Tagliabue or equivalent closed-cup test device.

(35) **"Fleet operator"** means any resident who owns or leases ten or more motor vehicles, trailers, or pole trailers and who receives from the department a registration period certificate in accordance with article 3 of title 42, C.R.S.

(36) **"Fleet vehicle"** means any motor vehicle, trailer, or pole trailer owned or leased by a fleet operator and registered pursuant to section 42-3-125, C.R.S.

(37) **"Foreign vehicle"** means every motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which is brought into this state otherwise than in the ordinary course of business by or through a manufacturer or dealer and which has not been registered in this state.

(38) **"Fullmount"** means a vehicle which is mounted completely on the frame of the first vehicle or last vehicle in a saddlemount combination.

(39) **"Garage"** means any public building or place of business for the storage or repair of automobiles.

(39.5) **"Golf car"** means a self-propelled vehicle not designed primarily for operation on roadways and that has:

(a) A design speed of less than twenty miles per hour;

(b) At least three wheels in contact with the ground;

(c) An empty weight of not more than one thousand three hundred pounds; and

(d) A carrying capacity of not more than four persons.

(40) **"Graduated annual specific ownership tax"** means an annual tax imposed in lieu of an ad valorem tax upon the personal property required to be classified by the general assembly pursuant to the provisions of section 6 of article X of the state constitution.

(41) **"Gross dollar volume"** means the total contracted cost of work performed or put in place in a given county by the owner or operator of special mobile machinery.

(41.5) **"Group special license plate"** means a special license plate that is not a distinctive plate and is issued to a group of people because such people have a common interest or affinity.

(42) **"High occupancy vehicle lane"** means a lane designated pursuant to the provisions of section 42-4-1012(1), C.R.S., or this Code.

(43) **"Highway"** means 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 or the entire width of every way declared to be a public highway by any law of this state.

(43.3) **"Human operator"** means a natural person in the vehicle with immediate access to controls for steering, braking, and acceleration.

(43.5) **"Immediate family"** means a person who is related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

(44) (a) On and after July 1, 2000, **"Implement of husbandry"** means every vehicle that is designed, adapted, or used for agricultural purposes. It also includes equipment used solely for the application of liquid, gaseous, and dry fertilizers. Transportation of fertilizer, in or on the equipment used for its application, shall be deemed a part of application if it is incidental to such application. It also includes hay balers, hay stacking equipment, combines, tillage and harvesting equipment, agricultural commodity handling equipment, and other heavy movable farm equipment primarily used on farms or in a livestock production facility and not on the highways. Trailers specially designed to move such equipment on highways shall, for the purposes of part 5 of article 4 of this title, be considered as component parts of such implements of husbandry.

(b) Effective July 1, 2013, for purposes of this section, "implements of husbandry" includes personal property valued by the county assessor as silvicultural.

(45) **"Intersection"** means the area embraced within the prolongation of the lateral curb lines or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two 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. Where a highway includes two roadways thirty feet or more apart, 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 roadways thirty feet or more apart, every crossing of two roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection. The junction of an alley with a street or highway does not constitute an intersection.

(45.5) **"Kit vehicle"** means a passenger-type motor vehicle assembled, by other than a licensed manufacturer, from a manufactured kit that includes a prefabricated body and chassis and is accompanied by a manufacturer's statement of origin.

(46) **"Lane"** means the portion of a roadway for the movement of a single line of vehicles.

(47) **"Laned highway"** means a highway the roadway of which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

(47.3) **“Last-known address”** means:

(a) For notifications regarding motor vehicles, the most recent mailing address provided on a vehicle registration or vehicle registration mailing address change notification provided in accordance with section 42-3-113, C.R.S., or the corrected address as reported by an address correction service licensed by the United States postal service;

(b) For notifications regarding driving privileges, driver’s licenses, or identification cards when there is a driver’s license or identification card on file with the department, the most recent of either:

(I) The mailing address provided by an applicant for a driver’s license or identification card;

(II) The mailing address stated on an address change notification provided to the department pursuant to subsection (47.3)(a) of this section; or

(III) The corrected address as reported by an address correction service licensed by the United States postal service;

(c) For notifications regarding driving privileges or identification cards when there is no driver’s license or identification card on file with the department, the most recent address shown on any other record on file with the department pursuant to this article 1 and as may be corrected by an address correction service licensed by the United States postal service.

(47.5) **"Lien"** means a security interest in a motor or off-highway vehicle under article 9 of title 4, C.R.S., and this article.

(48) **"Local authorities"** means every county, municipal, and other local board or body having authority to adopt local police regulations under the constitution and laws of this state.

(48.5) (a) **"Low-power scooter"** means a self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for use on the roadways with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, no manual clutch, and either of the following:

(I) A cylinder capacity not exceeding fifty cubic centimeters if powered by internal combustion; or

(II) A wattage not exceeding four thousand four hundred seventy-six if powered by electricity.

(b) **"Low-power scooter"** shall not include a toy vehicle, bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, wheelchair, or any device designed to assist mobility-impaired people who use pedestrian rights-of-way.

(48.6) **"Low-speed electric vehicle"** means a vehicle that:

(a) Is self-propelled utilizing electricity as its primary propulsion method;

(b) Has at least three wheels in contact with the ground;

(c) Does not use handlebars to steer; and

(d) Exhibits the manufacturer's compliance with 49 CFR 565 or displays a seventeen-character vehicle identification number as provided in 49 CFR 565.

(49) **"Manufacturer"** means any person, firm, association, corporation, or trust, whether resident or nonresident, who manufactures or assembles new and unused motor vehicles of a type required to be registered under articles 1 to 4 of this title.

(50) **"Manufacturer's suggested retail price"** means the retail price of such motor vehicle suggested by the manufacturer plus the retail price suggested by the manufacturer for each accessory or item of optional equipment physically attached to such vehicle prior to the sale to the retail purchaser.

(51) **"Markings"** means all lines, patterns, words, colors, or other devices, except signs, set into the surface of, applied upon, or attached to the pavement or curbing or to objects within or adjacent to the roadway, conforming to the state traffic control manual and officially placed for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

(52) **"Metal tires"** means all tires the surface of which in contact with the highway is wholly or partly of metal or other hard, nonresilient material.

(52.5) **"Military vehicle"** means a vehicle of any size or weight that is valued for historical purposes, that was manufactured for use by any nation's armed forces, and that is maintained in a condition that represents its military design and markings.

(53) **"Minor driver's license"** means the license issued to a person who is at least sixteen years of age but who has not yet attained the age of twenty-one years.

(54) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2010, (HB 10-1172), ch. 320, p. 1486, § 1, effective October 1, 2010.)

(55) **"Motorcycle"** means an autocycle or a motor vehicle that uses handlebars or any other device connected to the front wheel to steer and that is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, except that the term does not include a farm tractor, low-speed electric vehicle, or low-power scooter.

(56) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2009, (HB 09-1026), ch.281, p. 1260, § 22, effective October 1, 2009).

(57) **"Motor home"** means a vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters and which is built into, as an integral part of or a permanent attachment to, a motor vehicle chassis or van.

(58) **"Motor vehicle"** means any self-propelled vehicle that is designed primarily for travel on the public highways and that is generally and commonly used to transport persons and property over the public highways or a low-speed electric vehicle; except that the term does not include electrical assisted bicycles, low-power scooters, wheelchairs, or vehicles moved solely by human power. For the purposes of the offenses described in sections 42-2-128, 42-4-1301, 42-4-1301.1, and 42-4-1401, C.R.S., for farm tractors and off-highway vehicles, as defined in section 33-14.5-101 (3), C.R.S., operated on streets and highways, "motor vehicle" includes a farm tractor or an off-highway vehicle that is not otherwise classified as a motor vehicle. For the purposes of sections 42-2-127, 42-2-127.7, 42-2-128, 42-2-138, 42-2-206, 42-4-1301, and 42-4-1301.1, C.R.S., "motor vehicle" includes a low-power scooter..

(59) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2009, (HB 09-1026), ch. 281, p. 1260, § 22, effective October 1, 2009.)

(60) **"Mounted equipment"** means any item weighing more than five hundred pounds that is permanently mounted on a vehicle, including mounting by means such as welding or bolting the equipment to a vehicle.

(60.3) **"Multipurpose trailer"** means a wheeled vehicle, without motive power, that is designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle over the public highways. A "multipurpose trailer" is generally and commonly used for temporary living or sleeping accommodation and transporting property wholly upon its own structure and is registered as a vehicle.

(60.5) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2009, (SB 09-075), ch. 418, p. 2320, § 4, effective August 5, 2009.)

(61) **"Noncommercial or recreational vehicle"** means a truck, or unladen truck tractor, operated singly or in combination with a trailer or utility trailer or a motor home, which truck, or unladen truck tractor, or motor home is used exclusively for personal pleasure, enjoyment, other recreational purposes, or personal or family transportation of the owner, lessee, or occupant and is not used to transport cargo or passengers for profit, hire, or otherwise to further the purposes of a business or commercial enterprise.

(62) **"Nonresident"** means every person who is not a resident of this state.

(63) **"Off-highway vehicle"** shall have the same meaning as set forth in section 33-14.5-101 (3), C.R.S.

(64) **"Official traffic control devices"** means all signs, signals, markings, and devices, not inconsistent with this title, placed or displayed by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

(65) **"Official traffic control signal"** means any device, whether manually, electrically, or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

(66) **"Owner"** means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle; or, if a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee or if a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of articles 1 to 4 of title 42, C.R.S. The term also includes parties otherwise having lawful use or control or the right to use or control a vehicle for a period of thirty days or more.

(67) **"Park"** or **"parking"** means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than very briefly for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers.

(68) **"Pedestrian"** means any person afoot or any person using a wheelchair.

(68.5) (a) **"Persistent drunk driver"** means any person who:
(I) Has been convicted of or had his or her driver's license revoked for two or more alcohol-related driving violations;
(II) Continues to drive after a driver's license or driving privilege restraint has been imposed for one or more alcohol-related driving offenses;
(III) Drives a motor vehicle while the amount of alcohol in such person's blood, as shown by analysis of the person's blood or breath, was 0.15 or more grams of alcohol per one hundred milliliters of blood or 0.15 or more grams of alcohol per two hundred ten liters of breath at the time of driving or within two hours after driving; or
(IV) Refuses to take or complete, or to cooperate in the completing of, a test of his or her blood, breath, saliva, or urine as required by section 18-3-106(4) or 18-3-205(4), C.R.S., or section 42-4-1301.1(2), C.R.S.
(b) Nothing in this subsection (68.5) shall be interpreted to affect the penalties imposed under this title for multiple alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses, including, but not limited to, penalties imposed for violations under sections 42-2-125(1)(g) and (1) (i) and 42-2-202(2), C.R.S.

(69) **"Person"** means a natural person, estate, trust, firm, copartnership, association, corporation, or business entity.

(69.5) **"Plug-in electric motor vehicle"** means:

(a) a motor vehicle that has received an acknowledgement of certification from the federal internal revenue service that the vehicle qualifies for the plug-in electric drive vehicle credit set forth in 26 U.S.C. sec. 30D as amended, or successor statute; or

(b) any motor vehicle that can recharged from an external source of electricity and that uses electricity stored in a rechargeable battery pack to propel or contribute to the propulsion of the vehicle's drive wheels.

(70) **"Pneumatic tires"** means all tires inflated with compressed air.

(71) **"Pole," "pipe trailer,"** or **"dolly"** means every vehicle of the trailer type having one or more axles not more than forty-eight inches apart and two or more wheels used in connection with a motor vehicle solely for the purpose of transporting poles or pipes and connected with the towing vehicle both by chain, rope, or cable and by the load without any part of the weight of

said dolly resting upon the towing vehicle. All the registration provisions of articles 1 to 4 of title 42, C.R.S., shall apply to every pole, pipe trailer, or dolly.

(72) **"Police officer"** means every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

(72.2) **"Power takeoff equipment"** means equipment that is attached to a motor vehicle and is powered by the motor that powers the locomotion of the motor vehicle.

(72.5) **"Primary user"** means an organization that collects bulk data for the purpose of in-house business use.

(72.7) **"Principal office"** means the office in this state designated by a fleet owner as its principal place of business.

(73) **"Private road"** or **"driveway"** means every road or driveway not open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

(74) Repealed.

(75) **"Railroad sign or signal"** means any sign, signal, or device erected by authority of a public body or official or by a railroad and intended to give notice of the presence of railroad tracks or the approach of a railroad train.

(76) **"Reciprocal agreement"** or **"reciprocity"** means an agreement among two or more states, provinces, or other jurisdictions for coordinated, shared, or mutual enforcement or administration of laws relating to the registration, operation, or taxation of vehicles and other personal property in interstate commerce. The term includes without limitation the "international registration plan" and any successor agreement providing for the apportionment, among participating jurisdictions, of vehicle registration fees or taxes.

(77) **"Reconstructed vehicle"** means any vehicle which has been assembled or constructed largely by means of essential parts, new or used, derived from other vehicles or makes of vehicles of various names, models, and types or which, if originally otherwise constructed, has been materially altered by the removal of essential parts or by the addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used, derived from other vehicles or makes of vehicles.

(78) **"Registration period"** or **"registration year"** means any consecutive twelve-month period.

(79) **"Registration period certificate"** means the document issued by the department to a fleet owner, upon application of a fleet owner, which states the month in which registration is required for all motor vehicles owned by the fleet owner.

(80) **"Residence district"** means the territory contiguous to and including a highway not comprising a business district when the frontage on such highway for a distance of three hundred feet or more is mainly occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.

(81) **"Resident"** means any person who owns or operates any business in this state or any person who has resided within this state continuously for a period of ninety days or has obtained gainful employment within this state, whichever shall occur first.

(82) **"Right-of-way"** means the right of one vehicle operator or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preference to another vehicle operator or pedestrian approaching under such circumstances of direction, speed, and proximity as to give rise to danger of collision unless one grants precedence to the other.

(83) **"Road"** means any highway.

(84) **"Road tractor"** means every motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon independently or any part of the weight of a vehicle or load so drawn.

(85) **"Roadway"** means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the sidewalk, berm, or shoulder even though such sidewalk, berm, or shoulder is used by persons riding bicycles or other human-powered vehicles and exclusive of that portion of a highway designated for exclusive use as a bicycle path or reserved for the exclusive use of bicycles, human-powered vehicles, or pedestrians. In the event that a highway includes two or more separate roadways, "roadway" refers to any such roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.

(86) **"Saddlemount combination"** means a combination of vehicles in which a truck or laden or unladen truck tractor tows one or more additional trucks or laden or unladen truck tractors and in which each such towed truck or laden or unladen truck tractor is connected by a saddle to the frame or fifth wheel of the vehicle immediately in front of such truck or laden or unladen truck tractor. For the purposes of this subsection (86), **"saddle"** means a mechanism which connects the front axle of a towed vehicle to the frame or fifth wheel of a vehicle immediately in front of such towed vehicle and which functions like a fifth wheel kingpin connection. A saddlemount combination may include one fullmount.

(87) **"Safety zone"** means the area or space officially set aside within a highway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is so plainly marked or indicated by proper signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

(88) **"School bus"** means a motor vehicle that is designed and used specifically for the transportation of school children to or from a public or private school or a school-related activity, whether the activity occurs within or without the territorial limits of any district and whether or not the activity occurs during school hours. "School bus" does not include informal or intermittent arrangements, such as sharing of actual gasoline expense or participation in a car pool, for the transportation of school children to or from a public or private school or a school-related activity.

(88.5) (a) **"School vehicle"** means a motor vehicle, including but not limited to a school bus, that is owned by or under contract to a public or private school and operated for the transportation of school children to or from school or a school-related activity.

(b) **"School vehicle"** does not include:

(I) Informal or intermittent arrangements, such as sharing of actual gasoline expense or participation in a car pool, for the transportation of school children to or from a public or private school or a school-related activity; or

(II) A motor vehicle that is owned by or under contract to a child care center, as defined in section 26-6-102 (5), C.R.S., and that is used for the transportation of children who are served by the child care center.

(89) **"Semitrailer"** means any wheeled vehicle, without motor power, designed to be used in conjunction with a laden or unladen truck tractor so that some part of its own weight and that of its cargo load rests upon or is carried by such laden or unladen truck tractor and that is generally and commonly used to carry and transport property over the public highways.

(90) **"Sidewalk"** means that portion of a street between the curb lines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians.

(91) **"Snowplow"** means any vehicle originally designed for highway snow and ice removal or control or subsequently adapted for such purposes which is operated by or for the state of Colorado or any political subdivision thereof.

(92) **"Solid rubber tires"** means every tire made of rubber other than a pneumatic tire.

(93) **"Specially constructed vehicle"** means any vehicle which has not been originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles.

(93.5) (a) **"Special mobile machinery"** means machinery that is pulled, hauled, or driven over a highway and is either:

(I) A vehicle or equipment that is not designed primarily for the transportation of persons or cargo over the public highways; or

(II) A motor vehicle that may have been originally designed for the transportation of persons or cargo over the public highways, and has been redesigned or modified by the addition of mounted equipment or machinery, and is only incidentally operated or moved over the public highways.

(b) "Special mobile machinery" includes vehicles commonly used in the construction, maintenance, and repair of roadways, the drilling of wells, and the digging of ditches.

(94) **"Stand"** or **"standing"** means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than momentarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

(95) **"State"** means a state, territory, organized or unorganized, or district of the United States.

(96) **"State motor vehicle licensing agency"** means the department of revenue.

(97) **"State traffic control manual"** means the most recent edition of the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways", including any supplement thereto, as adopted by the transportation commission.

(98) **"Steam and electric trains"** includes:

(a) **"Railroad"**, which means a carrier of persons or property upon cars, other than street cars, operated upon stationary rails;
(b) **"Railroad train"**, which means a steam engine, electric, or other motor, with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon rails, except streetcars;
(c) **"Streetcar"**, which means a car other than a railroad train for transporting persons or property upon rails principally within a municipality.

(99) **"Stinger-steered"** means a semitrailer combination configuration wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame located behind and below the rearmost axle of the power unit.

(100) **"Stop"** or **"stopping"** means, 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 official traffic control device.

(101) **"Stop line"** or **"limit line"** means a line which indicates where drivers shall stop when directed by an official traffic control device or a police officer.

(101.5) **"Street rod vehicle"** means a vehicle manufactured in 1948 or earlier with a body design that has been modified for safe road use.

(102) **"Supervisor"** means the executive director of the department of revenue or head of a group, division, or subordinate department appointed by the executive director in accordance with article 35 of title 24, C.R.S.

(102.5) **"Surge brakes"** means a system whereby the brakes of a trailer are actuated as a result of the forward pressure of the trailer against the tow vehicle during deceleration.

(102.7) **"Temporary special event license plate"** means a special license plate valid for a limited time period that is issued to a person or group of people in connection with a special event. "Temporary special event license plate" does not mean a special plate for the purposes of section 42-3-207, C.R.S.

(103) **"Through highway"** means every highway or portion thereof on which vehicular traffic is given preferential right-of-way and at the entrances to which other vehicular traffic from intersecting highways is required by law to yield the right-of-way to vehicles on such through highway in obedience to a stop sign, yield sign, or other official traffic control device when such signs or devices are erected as provided by law.

(103.5) (a) **"Toy vehicle"** means any vehicle, that has wheels and is not designed for use on public highways or for off-road use.
(b) "Toy vehicle" includes, but is not limited to, gas-powered or electric-powered vehicles commonly known as mini bikes, "pocket" bikes, kamikaze boards, go-peds, and stand-up scooters.
(c) **"Toy vehicle"** does not include off-highway vehicles or snowmobiles.

(104) **"Traffic"** means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, and vehicles, streetcars, and other conveyances either singly or together while using any highway for the purposes of travel.

(104.5) **“Traffic Investigation or Survey”** means a documented, data driven, comprehensive analysis using methods consistent with an Engineering Study as defined in the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

(105) **"Trailer"** means any wheeled vehicle, without motive power, which is designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle and to carry its cargo load wholly upon its own structure and that is generally and commonly used to carry and transport property over the public highways. The term includes, but is not limited to, multipurpose trailers as defined in subsection (60.3) of this section.

(106) (a) **"Trailer coach"** means a wheeled vehicle having an overall length, excluding towing gear and bumpers, of not less than twenty-six feet, without motive power, that is designed and generally and commonly used for occupancy by persons for residential purposes, in temporary locations, and that may occasionally be drawn over the public highways by a motor vehicle and is licensed as a vehicle.

(b) **"Manufactured home"** means any preconstructed building unit or combination of preconstructed building units, without motive power, where such unit or units are manufactured in a factory or at a location other than the residential site of the completed home, which is designed and commonly used for occupancy by persons for residential purposes, in either temporary or permanent locations, and which unit or units are not licensed as a vehicle.

(107) **"Transporter"** means every person engaged in the business of delivering vehicles of a type required to be registered under articles 1 to 4 of this title from a manufacturing, assembling, or distributing plant to dealers or sales agents of a manufacturer.

(108) **"Truck"** means any motor vehicle equipped with a body designed to carry property and which is generally and commonly used to carry and transport property over the public highways.

(109) **"Truck tractor - laden"** or **"laden truck tractor"** means any motor vehicle carrying cargo that is generally and commonly designed and used to draw, and is drawing a semitrailer or trailer and its cargo load over the public highways.

(109.5) **"Truck tractor - unladen"** or **"unladen truck tractor"** means any motor vehicle not carrying cargo that is generally used to draw a semitrailer or trailer and its cargo load over the public highways.
(109.7) “UDD” means underage drinking and driving, and use of the term shall incorporate by reference the offense described in section 42-4-1301(2)(d), C.R.S.

(110) **"Used vehicle"** means every motor vehicle which has been sold, bargained for, exchanged, or given away, or has had the title transferred from the person who first acquired it from the manufacturer or importer, and has been so used as to have become what is commonly known as "secondhand" within the ordinary meaning thereof.

(111) **"Utility trailer"** means any wheeled vehicle weighing two thousand pounds or less, without motive power, which is designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle and which is generally and commonly used to carry and transport personal effects, articles of household furniture, loads of trash and rubbish, or not to exceed two horses over the public highways.

(112) **"Vehicle"** means a device that is capable of moving itself, or of being moved, from place to place upon wheels or endless tracks. "Vehicle" includes, without limitation, a bicycle, electrical assisted bicycle, or EPAMD, but does not include a wheelchair, off-highway vehicle, snowmobile, farm tractor, or implement of husbandry designed primarily or exclusively for use and used in agricultural operations or any device moved exclusively over stationary rails or tracks or designed to move primarily through the air.

(112.5) **"Vendor"** means an organization that collects bulk data for the purpose of reselling the data.

(113) **"Wheelchair"** means a motorized or nonmotorized wheeled device designed for use by a person with a physical disability.

APPENDIX

PART A.

I N S T R U C T I O N S
FOR ADOPTING
THE MODEL TRAFFIC CODE BY REFERENCE

(Based on parts 1 and 2 of article 16 of title 31 and part 4 of article 15 of title 30 Colorado Revised Statutes; and on section 43-2-135(1)(g), C.R.S.)

1. Adopting Ordinance (see specimen)

   (a) Form and Content. The form and content of the adopting ordinance should be patterned as closely as possible after the specimen.

   (b) Exceptions. Any and all sections of the Code that are inapplicable to the municipality or county and are thereby to be deleted must be enumerated in the adopting ordinance.

   (c) Penalties. Any penalties shall be subject to sections 31-16-204 or 30-35-404, C.R.S.

2. Introduction:

   The Board of Trustees, City Council or Board of County Commissioners shall meet and introduce the adopting ordinance.

3. Notice of Hearing: (see specimen)

   After introduction of the adopting ordinance the Board of Trustees, City or Town Council, Board of County Commissioners must schedule a public hearing and give notice of such hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be published twice in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the municipality, once at least eight days preceding the hearing, and once at least fifteen days preceding the hearing. If there is no such newspaper the notice shall be posted in the same manner as provided for the posting of a proposed ordinance.

4. Content of Notice:

   The notice of public hearing shall state the time and place of the hearing and shall also state that copies of the Code, being considered for adoption, are on file at the office of the City(Town) Clerk or County Clerk and are open to public inspection during regular business hours. The notice shall also contain brief explanation of the purpose of the Code, the subject matter, the name and address of the agency by which it has been developed, and the date of publication of the Code. See sections 30-35-403 or 31-16-203, C.R.S.

5. Copies of Code:

   Not fewer than three copies of the Code, all certified to be true copies by the City (Town) Clerk or County Clerk, shall be filed in the Clerk's office fifteen days preceding the public hearing. The Code will be available online, without charge, at the following Colorado Department of Transportation website address:

   https://www.codot.gov/programs/operations/traffic-safety/operations#traffic-code...please

6. Deletions or Additions:

   After the hearing, the governing body may amend, adopt or reject the adopting ordinance. If any deletions or additions are made in the Code by the Board of Trustees, City or Town Council, or Board of County Commissioners they must be duly noted in the adopting ordinance.

7. Colorado Department of Transportation Approval:

   Approval by the Colorado Department of Transportation is required by law for all regulations pertaining to streets which are state highways. This approval will take the form of a written certification signed by the Chief Engineer or designee. Approval should be sought following the public hearing and before the actual publication of the adopting ordinance so that the Department will have time to certify its approval of the regulations and schedules prior to the date the ordinance is calendared to become effective.

8. Requirements for Department Approval:

For purposes of review and approval the Colorado Department of Transportation requires an authenticated copy of the adopting ordinance. A draft copy of the adopting ordinance may be submitted for review by CDOT prior to authentication.

9. Publication or Posting of Ordinance:

After passage by the City or Town Council, or Board of County Commissioners the adopting ordinance shall be published in full in some newspaper published within the corporate limits, or if there be none, then in some newspaper or online news publication of general circulation in the municipality or county. If there is no such newspaper or online news publication, the notice shall be posted in the same manner as provided for the posting of a proposed ordinance.

10. Effective Date:

The ordinance shall neither take effect nor be in force until the expiration of thirty days after it has been published or posted, except when the ordinance contains a special clause declaring that an emergency exists and that the ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety. The excepted ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and compliance with requirements for the mayor's approval as provided by section 31-16-104, C.R.S., provided it has been passed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the governing body of the City or Town. However, in no case shall regulations pertaining to state highways become effective until approval has been obtained from the Colorado Department of Transportation.

11. Public Record:

After adoption of the Code by reference, the City, Town or County Clerk shall keep on file at least three copies for public inspection while the ordinance is in force, except that one of these copies may be placed in the office of the chief enforcement officer instead of in the office of the Clerk.

APPENDIX

PART B.

SPECIMEN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTING MODEL TRAFFIC CODE BY REFERENCE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC BY THE (CITY TOWN COUNTY) OF _____ COLORADO; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2020 EDITION OF THE "MODEL TRAFFIC CODE" REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE (CITY TOWN COUNTY) OF _____ COLORADO:

Section 1. Adoption.

Pursuant to parts 1 and 2 of article 16 of title 31 and part 4 of article 15 of title 30, C.R.S., there is hereby adopted by reference the 2020 edition of the "Model Traffic Code" promulgated and published as such by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety and Engineering Services, 2829 W Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204. The subject matter of the Model Traffic Code relates primarily to comprehensive traffic control regulations for the City, Town, County. The purpose of this Ordinance and the Code adopted herein is to provide a system of traffic regulations consistent with state law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the state and the nation. Three (3) copies of the Model Traffic Code adopted herein are now filed in the office of the Clerk of the (City Town County) of _____ Colorado, and may be inspected during regular business hours.

Section 2. Deletions.

The 2020 edition of the Model Traffic Code is adopted as if set out at length save and except the following articles and/or sections which are declared to be inapplicable to this municipality and are therefore expressly deleted:

(The adopting municipality or county should list and cross reference to affected sections any deletions. If none, in the above statement write "none".)

Section 3. Additions or Modifications.

The said adopted Code is subject to the following additions or modifications:

(The adopting municipality or county should set forth in full any additions to or modifications of the adopted Code. If none, so indicate by inserting the word "None.")

Section 4. Penalties.

The following penalties, herewith set forth in full, shall apply to this ordinance:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions adopted in this ordinance.

(b) Every person convicted of a violation of any provision adopted in this ordinance shall be punished by a surcharge in accordance with 42-4-1701(4)(e)(II), C.R.S.

{**For use by Home Rule Towns and Cities**}
(c) In addition to Section 4. Penalties.(b), every person convicted of a violation of any provision adopted in this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding _____ dollars ($_____), or by imprisonment not exceeding _____ (00) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

{**For use by Counties**}
(c) Every person convicted of a violation of any provision adopted in this ordinance shall be punished by a minimum fine in accordance with Section 1701, not exceeding _____ ($_____), or by both such fine and imprisonment not exceeding _____(00) days.

(d)

Section 5. Application.

This ordinance shall apply to every street, alley, sidewalk area, driveway, park, and to every other public way or public place or public parking area, either within or outside the corporate limits of this municipality or county, the use of which this municipality or county has jurisdiction and authority to regulate.

Section 6. Validity.

If any part or parts of this ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The (City Town Council) (Board of County Commissioners) hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part or parts thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared invalid.

Section 7. Repeal.

Existing or parts of ordinances (identifying ordinance number may be cited) covering the same matters as embraced in this ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this ordinance.

Section 8. Interpretation.

This ordinance shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to conform with the State's uniform system for the regulation of vehicles and traffic. Article and section headings of the ordinance and adopted Model Traffic Code shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or extent of the provisions of any article or section thereof.

Section 9. Certification.

The City, Town, County Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and make not less than three copies of the adopted Code available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

PASSED BY THE (CITY COUNCIL - BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS) AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING AND SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ , 20___ .

_____
Mayor or Chairman

(SEAL) (CITY TOWN COUNTY) OF _____

ATTEST:

_____
(City Town County) Clerk

APPENDIX

PART C.

SPECIMEN NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given of a public hearing before the (City Town Council Board of County Commissioners) of _____ Colorado, at _____(time) of the _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____(location)for the purpose of considering the adoption by reference of the "Model Traffic Code" 2020 edition, as the traffic ordinance of the (City, Town, County) of _____, Colorado.

Copies of the Model Traffic Code are on file at the office of the (City, Town, County) Clerk and may be inspected during regular business hours. If enacted as an ordinance of this City or County the Model Traffic Code will not be published in full, but in accordance with state law, copies will be kept on file.

The "Model Traffic Code" 2020 edition is published by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Traffic Engineering and Safety Branch, 2829 West Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204. The subject matter of the Model Traffic Code relates primarily to comprehensive traffic control regulations for the (City Town County). The purpose of the Ordinance and the Code adopted therein is to provide a system of traffic regulations consistent with state law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the state and the nation.

At its next regular meeting following this hearing, the (City Town Council) (Board of County Commissioners) will consider passage of the adopting Ordinance.

This notice given and published by the order of the (City Town Council) (Board of County Commissioners).

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20___.

(CITY TOWN COUNTY) OF _____, COLORADO

_____ (City Town County) Clerk

First notice of hearing _____ 20__

Second notice of hearing _____ 20__

APPENDIX

PART D.

SPECIMEN CERTIFICATION - POSTING OF ORDINANCE

STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF _____

TOWN OF _____

The undersigned Clerk of the Town of _____ Colorado, hereby certifies, upon resolution of the Board of Trustees, that there is no newspaper published within or which has a general circulation within the municipality; that upon the authorization and direction of the Board of Trustees the undersigned has caused to be posted in three (3) public places namely:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

An ordinance entitled: "ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2020 EDITION OF THE 'MODEL TRAFFIC CODE FOR COLORADO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS'; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES THEREOF."

The same being Ordinance No. _____

Dated this ___ day of _____ 20___.

The undersigned further attests that each of the copies of said Ordinance remained posted continuously and uninterruptedly for the period required by law.

WITNESS the hand and seal of the undersigned on this _____ day of _____ 20___

_____

Town Clerk (SEAL)

APPENDIX

PART E.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AMENDING MODEL TRAFFIC CODE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY REFERENCE

(Based on parts 1 and 2 of article 16 of title 31, as amended, and section 43-2-135 (1)(g), C.R.S.)

1. Amending Ordinance:

Colorado law provides that whenever a Code is amended by the agency which originally promulgated or adopted it, any municipality which has previously adopted the Code by reference may also adopt the amendments by reference through the same procedure as required for the adoption of the original Code; or an ordinance may be enacted in regular manner, setting forth the entire text of the amendments. The instructions which follow apply to the latter method.

2. Form and Content:

The form and content of the amending ordinance should conform to the requirements set forth in part 1 of article 16 of title 31, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended.

Amendments pertaining to sections of the Code which are inapplicable to the municipality should be deleted in the amending ordinance.

3. Public Hearing:

No hearing is required if an ordinance is enacted setting forth the entire text of the amendments.

4. Publication or Posting:

Publication or posting requirements for the amending ordinance are the same as for any other ordinance adopted by a City or Town. Publication or posting procedures are described in Part D of this Appendix.

5. Colorado Department of Transportation Approval:

Colorado Department of Transportation approval of the amended regulations is required before any regulations pertaining to streets which are state highways become effective. This approval will take the form of a written certification signed by the Chief Engineer or designee.

6. Effective Date:

The amending ordinance will take effect upon adoption and compliance with requirements for the mayor's approval or thirty days after publication as provided by law. The procedure in each case is described in item no. 10 Part A of this Appendix.

7. Public Record:

After passage of the amending ordinance the City or Town Clerk should continue to keep on file at least three copies of the adopted code, for public inspection in the manner shown in item no. 11 in Part A of this Appendix.

APPENDIX

PART F.

LISTING OF AMENDMENTS FOR UPDATING PREVIOUS EDITION OF MODEL TRAFFIC CODE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE

Colorado statutes grant municipalities the option of enacting an ordinance in the regular manner for the purpose of amending a code previously adopted by reference. To accomplish this, however, the entire text of the amendments must be set forth in such an ordinance. Local Governments that desire to follow this procedure instead of adopting the current edition of the Code by reference may obtain a listing and description of all pertinent changes from the Colorado Department of Transportation. The procedure for amending a code directly rather than by reference is set forth in Part E of this Appendix.

Whenever possible, municipalities are urged to adopt the latest edition of the Code by reference instead of resorting to an amending ordinance. This procedure has several important advantages:

(1) It avoids the problem of relating the various revisions and additions in an amending ordinance to the adopted edition of the Code;

(2) It enables a city or town to have on record the latest references to applicable State statutes and national recommendations as well as informative and current editorial notes relating to the various traffic regulations; and

(3) It facilitates the task of drafting the municipal ordinance pertaining to the Code.

APPENDIX

PART G.

SPECIMEN CERTIFICATION OF MODEL TRAFFIC CODE

*(Form to be affixed to inside front or back cover of each Code provided for public inspection.)

STATE OF COLORADO

CERTIFICATION

COUNTY OF _____

CITY (TOWN) OF _____

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that this Model Traffic Code is a true and accurate copy of the Code adopted by reference by the (City Town County) of _____, Colorado under Ordinance No. _____ pursuant to and as provided by parts 1 and 2 of article 16 of title 31 or part 4 of article 15 title 30, C.R.S.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____ .

By_____
Mayor or Chairman

ATTEST: (CITY TOWN COUNTY) OF _____

_____
Clerk

(SEAL)

WHY A MODEL TRAFFIC CODE FOR COLORADO?

1. Uniformity of basic road rules.

2. Uniformity of local traffic regulations.

3. Standardization of traffic regulation and control on streets that are state highways.

4. Compatibility of traffic ordinances with State and national vehicle codes.

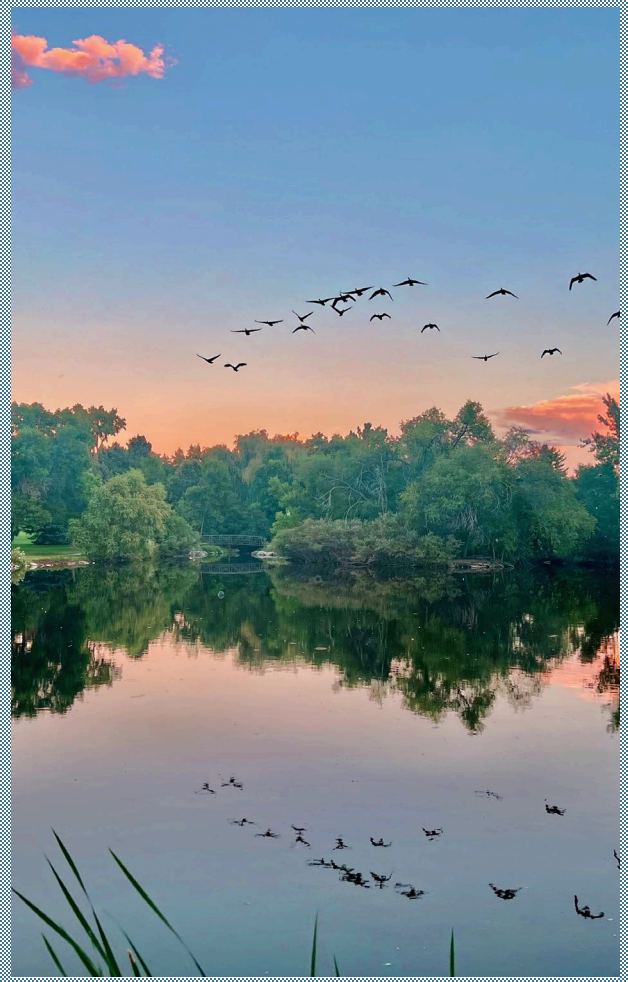
ALL CONTRIBUTING TO
GREATER TRAFFIC SAFETY
AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
IN MOVING PEOPLE AND GOODS
THROUGH AND WITHIN
OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS!

(See Forward to Code for details)

UPDATES TO TITLE 9 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND THE MODEL TRAFFIC CODE

Reid Betzing, City Attorney
Brent Soderlin, Director of Public Works & Utilities

AUGUST 27, 2024



Littleton Colorado

HIGHLIGHTS

- Update Definitions to Better Address the types of vehicles on our roadways
- Snowplow safety
- Regulations concerning the use of speed and red light cameras
- Expanded safety for emergency vehicles and others
- Bicycle safety right of way protections.

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ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

- Added electric scooters to the list of definitions that are enforceable as well as regulations concerning their use.

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SNOWPLOW SAFETY

- Added prohibitions of passing snowplows in echelon formations

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AUTOMATED VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS

- Expanded the ability and regulations concerning using vehicle identification systems

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HAZARD VEHICLE SAFETY

- Added requirements for drivers to move over to available lanes for utility vehicles, disabled vehicles with hazards and other types of vehicles.

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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCERS

- Added new regulations and rules related to bicycle lanes as well as vulnerable users of our roadways

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QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS?

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