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Sec. 41.01. Traffic division of police department established.  
There is hereby established in the police department of this city a traffic division to be under the control of an officer of the police department appointed by and directly responsible to the chief of police. (Code 1960, § 16-5.)

Sec. 41.02. Duties of traffic division.  
It shall be the duty of the traffic division, with such aid as may be rendered by other members of the police department, to enforce the street traffic regulations of this city and all of the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in this city, to make arrests for traffic violations, to investigate accidents and to cooperate with the city traffic engineer and other officers of the city in the administration of the traffic laws and in developing ways and means to improve traffic conditions and to carry out those duties specially imposed upon the division by this chapter and other traffic ordinances of this city. (Code 1960, § 16-6.)

Sec. 41.03. Records of traffic violations.  
The police department or the traffic division thereof shall keep a record of all violations of the traffic ordinances of this city or of the state vehicle laws of which any person has been charged, together with a record of the final disposition of all such alleged offenses. Such record shall be so maintained as to show all types of violations and the total of each. The record shall accumulate

during at least a five year period and from that time on the record shall be maintained complete for at least the most recent five year period.

All forms for records of violations and notices of violations shall be serially numbered. For each month and year a written record shall be kept available to the public showing the disposal of all such forms.

All such records and reports shall be public records. (Code 1960, § 16-7.)

Sec. 41.04. Traffic division to investigate accidents.  
It shall be the duty of the traffic division, assisted by other police officers of the department, to investigate traffic accidents, to arrest and to assist in the prosecution of those persons charged with violations of law causing or contributing to such accidents. (Code 1960, § 16-8.)

Sec. 41.05. Traffic accident reports.  
The traffic division shall maintain a suitable system of filing traffic accident reports. Accident reports or cards referring to them shall be filed alphabetically by location. Such reports shall be available for the use and information of the city traffic engineer. (Code 1960, § 16-9.)

Sec. 41.06. Driver's files to be maintained.  
(a) The police department or the traffic division thereof shall maintain a suitable record of all traffic accidents, warnings, arrests, convictions and complaints reported for each driver, which shall be filed alphabetically under the name of the driver concerned.

(b) The division shall study the cases of all the drivers charged with frequent or serious violations of the traffic laws or involved in frequent traffic accidents or any serious accident, and shall attempt to discover the reasons therefor, and shall take whatever steps are lawful and reasonable to prevent the same or to have the licenses of such persons suspended or revoked.

(c) Such records shall accumulate during at least a five year period and from that time on such records shall be maintained complete for at least the most recent five year period. (Code 1960, § 16-10.)

Sec. 41.07. Traffic division to submit annual traffic safety report.  
The traffic division shall annually prepare a traffic report which shall be filed with the mayor. Such report shall contain information on traffic matters in this city as follows:

(a) The number of traffic accidents, the number of persons killed, the number of persons injured and other pertinent traffic accident data.

(b) The number of traffic accidents investigated and other pertinent data on the safety activities of the police.

(c) The plans and recommendations of the division for future traffic safety activities. (Code 1960, § 16-11.)

Sec. 41.08. City traffic engineer.

(a) The city engineer shall serve as city traffic engineer in addition to any other functions, and shall exercise the powers and duties with respect to traffic as provided in this chapter.

(b) It shall be the general duty of the city traffic engineer to determine the installation and proper timing and maintenance of traffic-control devices, to conduct engineering analyses of traffic accidents and to devise remedial measures, to conduct engineering investigation of traffic conditions, to plan the operation of traffic on the streets and highways of this city to cooperate with other city officials in the development of ways and means to improve traffic conditions and to carry out the additional powers and duties imposed by ordinances of this city.

(c) The city traffic engineer is authorized to prohibit parking on either or both sides of any street within the city between hours and on days of the week specified by him, and to erect signs so indicating.

(d) Wherever in the administration of this chapter the city traffic engineer takes action as provided herein, any such action shall be made knowledgeable to the common council, and any acts shall be subject to review by the city traffic commission and the common council at anytime within ninety days; however, such acts shall remain in full force and effect unless remanded or modified upon such review. (Code 1960, § 16-12; Ord. No. 13-80 §§ 1, 2.)

Sec. 41.09. Emergency and experimental regulations.

(a) The chief of police, by and with the approval of the city traffic engineer, is hereby empowered to make regulations necessary to make effective the provisions of the traffic ordinances of this city and to make and enforce temporary or experimental regulations to cover emergencies or special conditions. No such temporary or experimental regulation shall remain in effect for more than ninety days.

(b) The city traffic engineer may test traffic-control devices under actual conditions of traffic. (Code 1960, § 16-13.)

Sec. 41.09. Traffic Commission-Established; composition; appointment and terms of office of members; officers; meetings.

(a) The traffic commission has been formed to serve without compensation consisting of the city traffic engineer, West Lafayette police chief or designee,

Purdue University police chief or designee, the city street commissioner, a city council representative selected by the city council, and thirteen (13) citizen representatives who do not hold any other elected or appointed city office and who shall be appointed as follows:

By the Mayor:

(1) One representative recommended by the West Lafayette Community School Corporation Board.

(2) One representative recommended by the Tippecanoe County School Corporation Board.

(3) Two representatives recommended by Purdue University.

(4) Two representatives recommended by Greater Lafayette Commerce.

(5) Two "at-large" citizen representatives.

By the Common Council:

(6) One representative from each of the five council districts of the City.

(b) The engineering department shall furnish secretarial assistance.

(c) The thirteen citizen representatives shall be appointed to four-year terms and to provide continuity of the commission, three such terms shall begin on January 1 of each year in which a regular term for the mayor does not begin.

(d) The chair of the commission shall be elected annually at the first meeting after January 1 by the commission and shall be from the thirteen citizen representatives.

(e) All representatives shall have one vote. A quorum for the commission shall be seven voting representatives. All resignations of citizen representatives shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the mayor. The commission shall hold no less than bi-monthly meetings and additional meetings as called by the chair of the commission, the city traffic engineer, or the mayor. (Code 1960, §16-14; Ord. No. 22-08.)

Sec. 41.10. Same--Powers and duties.

It shall be the duty of the traffic commission to advise and coordinate traffic activities, receive complaints having to do with traffic matters, and to recommend to city officials and the city council the ways and means of improving vehicular and pedestrian traffic. (Code 1960, §16-14; Ord. No. 22-08.)

Sec. 41.11. Inspection--Fees imposed.

A fee of five dollars shall be imposed for each motor vehicle inspected. The revenues from the inspection fees shall be received in a special motor vehicle inspection fund. (Ord. No. 30-88, §1).

Sec. 41.12. Creation of Special Motor Vehicle Inspection Fund.

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 9-17-2-12, the city hereby creates a special motor vehicle fund. Upon the completion of an inspection of a motor vehicle and upon remittance of a fee for such inspection, the police officer administering such inspection shall issue an official receipt, to the owner of the motor vehicle. The information from the inspection shall be recorded on an application form prepared by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The fees collected shall be remitted to the clerk-treasurer on a daily basis. (Ord. No. 30-88, § 2.)

Sec. 41.13. Appropriation of Revenue.

The revenue collected from such motor vehicle inspections shall be appropriated only for law enforcement purposes. All expenditures shall be deposited in the Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund, appropriated, claimed, and allowed in the same manner as other claims of the city. (Ord. No. 30-88, § 3.)