

CHAPTER 42.

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<sup>1</sup> For state law authorizing city to place traffic-control devices, see Indiana Code § 9-21-1-3(a)(2). (Ord. No. 14-11, Appendix A, item 14)

Sec. 42.01. Authority to install.  
The city traffic engineer shall place and maintain traffic-control signs, signals and devices when and as required under this chapter and other traffic ordinances of this city to make effective such provisions, and may place and maintain such additional traffic-control devices as deemed necessary to regulate traffic under this chapter, other traffic ordinances of this city or under state law, or to guide or warn traffic. (Code 1960, § 16-27.)

Sec. 42.02. Manual and specifications.  
All traffic-control signs, signals and devices shall conform to the manual and specifications approved by the state highway department or resolution adopted by the legislative body of this city. All signs and signals required under this chapter for a particular purpose shall so far as practicable be uniform as to type and location throughout the city. All traffic-control devices so erected and not inconsistent with the provisions of state law or this chapter shall be official traffic-control devices. (Code 1960, § 16-28.)

Sec. 42.03. Obedience to official traffic-control devices.  
The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic-control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with this chapter or other traffic ordinances of this city, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle. (Code 1960, § 16-29.)

Sec. 42.04. When traffic devices required for enforcement purposes.  
No provision of this chapter for which signs or markings are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that signs are required, such section shall be effective even though no signs are erected or in place. (Code 1960, § 16-30.)

Sec. 42.05. Traffic-control signal legend.  
Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution" or "Stop," or exhibiting different colored lights successively, one at a time, or with arrows, the following colors only shall be used and such terms and lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

- (a) *Green alone or "GO."*
  - (1) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either 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 or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.
  - (2) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- (b) *Yellow alone or "CAUTION" when shown following the green or "GO" signal.*
  - (1) Vehicular traffic facing the signal is thereby warned that the red or "STOP" signal will be exhibited immediately thereafter and such vehicular traffic shall not enter or be crossing the intersection when the red or "STOP" signal is exhibited.
  - (2) Pedestrians facing such signal are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway, and any pedestrian then starting to cross shall yield the right of way to all vehicles.
- (c) *Red alone or "STOP."*

(1) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until green or "GO" is shown alone.

(2) No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway unless the pedestrian can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.

(d) *Red with green arrow.*

(1) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow but shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

(2) No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway unless the pedestrian can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.

(e) *Location at other than intersection.* 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 marking on the pavement 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. (Code 1960, § 16-31.)

Sec. 42.06. Pedestrian-control signals.

Whenever special pedestrian-control signals exhibiting the words "WALK" or "WAIT" or "DON'T WALK" are in place such signals shall indicate as follows:

(a) *Walk.* Pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right of way by the drivers of all vehicles.

(b) *Wait or Don't Walk.* No pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety zone while the wait signal is showing. (Code 1960, § 16-32.)

Sec. 42.07. Flashing signals.

Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in a traffic sign or signal it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

(a) *Flashing red (stop signal).* When a red lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles

shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked, or, if none, then before entering into the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

(b) *Flashing yellow (caution signal).* When a yellow lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution. (Code 1960, § 16-33.)

Sec. 42.08. Display of unauthorized signs, signals or markings.

(a) 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 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 sign or signal.

(b) 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.

(c) This section shall not 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.

(d) Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the authority having jurisdiction over the highway is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice. (Code 1960, § 16-34.)

Sec. 42.09. Interference with official traffic-control devices or signs or signals.

No person shall without lawful authority attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down or remove any official traffic-control device or any inscription, shield or insignia thereon, or any other part thereof. (Code 1960, § 16-35.)

Sec. 42.10. Authority to establish play streets.

The city traffic engineer with the approval of the chief of police shall have authority to declare any street or part thereof a play street and to place appropriate signs or devices in the roadway indicating and helping to protect the same. (Code 1960, § 16-36.)

Sec. 42.11. Operation of vehicles on play streets.

Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating any street or part thereof as a play street, no person shall drive a vehicle upon any such street or portion thereof except drivers of vehicles having business or whose residences are within such closed area, and then any such driver shall exercise the greatest care in driving upon any such street or portion thereof. (Code 1960, § 16-37.)

Sec. 42.12. City traffic engineer to designate crosswalks and establish safety zones.

The city traffic engineer is hereby authorized:

(a) To designate and maintain, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where in the engineer's opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at such other places as deemed necessary.

(b) To establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as the engineer may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians. (Code 1960, § 16-38.)

Sec. 42.13. Traffic lanes.

(a) The city traffic engineer is hereby authorized to mark traffic lanes upon the roadway of any street or highway where a regular alignment of traffic is necessary.

(b) Where such traffic lanes have been marked, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep such vehicle within the boundaries of any such lane except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement. (Code 1960, § 16-39.)

Sec. 42.20. Regulation of speed by traffic signals.<sup>2</sup>

The city traffic engineer is authorized to regulate the timing of traffic signals so as to permit the movement of traffic in an orderly and safe manner at speeds slightly at variance from the speeds otherwise applicable within the district or at intersections and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof. (Code 1960, § 16-41.)

<sup>2</sup> For state law as to authority of city relative to speed regulations, see Indiana Code § 9-21-1-3(a)(11).

Sec. 42.40. Required position and method of turning at intersections.<sup>3</sup>

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do 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 turn on two-way roadways.* At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of such center line where it enters the intersection and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the center line of the roadway being entered. Whenever practicable the left turn shall

be made in that portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.

(c) *Left turns on other than two-way roadways.* At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered. (Code 1960, § 16-42.)

<sup>3</sup> For state law authorizing city to regulate turns at intersections, see Indiana Code § 9-21-1-3(a)(10).

Sec. 42.41. Authority to place and obedience to turning markers.

(a) The city traffic engineer is authorized to place markers, buttons or signs within or adjacent to intersections indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles at such intersections, and such course to be traveled as so indicated may conform to or be other than as prescribed by law or ordinance.

(b) When authorized marker, button or other indications are placed within an intersection indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of such indications. (Code 1960, § 16-43.)

Sec. 42.42. Authority to place restricted turn signs.

The city traffic engineer is hereby authorized to determine those intersections at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right, left or U turn, and shall place proper signs at such intersections. The making of such turns may be prohibited between certain hours of any day permitted at other hours, in which event the same shall be plainly indicated on the signs or they may be removed when such turns are permitted. (Code 1960, § 16-44.)

Sec. 42.43. Obedience to no-turn signs.

Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right, left or U turn is permitted no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any such sign. (Code 1960, § 16-45.)

Sec. 42.44. Limitations on turning around.

The driver of any vehicle shall not turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street in a business district and shall not upon any other street so turn a vehicle unless such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic. (Code 1960, § 16-46.)

Sec. 42.45. Speed Regulations.

(a) The Indiana motor vehicle laws regulating the speed of vehicles shall be applicable to all public streets or highways in the City, except as this section otherwise provides.

(b) The City may increase or decrease the State speed limits in accordance with Indiana Code § 9-21-5-6. Speed limits established by this section shall be based upon an engineering and traffic investigation that determines the increase or decrease in speed regulations to be safe and reasonable.

(c) It is made unlawful for any person to drive or operate a vehicle in excess of any speed limit implemented by this section, when signs are in place giving notice of the maximum speed limit.

(d) It has been determined, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that the speed permitted by state law on the streets or portions thereof listed below, is unreasonable and unsafe under the conditions found to exist on such streets. As a result of the engineering and traffic investigation, the following speed limits are hereby established on the following designated streets, or portions thereof:

Street	From	To	Posted
<u>Speed</u>			
Smiley St.	Meridian St.	Salisbury St.	25 m.p.h.
Lawn Ave.	Grant St.	Vine St.	25 m.p.h.
W. Oak St.	Grant St.	Vine St.	25 m.p.h.
Vine St.	Fowler Ave.	Meridian St.	25 m.p.h.
Chauncey St.	Stadium Ave.	Meridian St.	25 m.p.h.
Sylvia St.	Grant St.	Salisbury St.	25 m.p.h.
W. Lutz Ave.	Grants St.	Rusk St.	25 m.p.h.
Pearl St.	Rusk St.	Vine St.	25 m.p.h.
Rusk St.	W. Lutz Ave.	Pearl St.	25 m.p.h.
W. Lutz St.	Vine St.	Salisbury St.	25 m.p.h.
E. Lutz St.	Salisbury St.	Littleton St.	25 m.p.h.
Chauncey St.	Fowler Ave.	Lutz St.	25 m.p.h.
Quincey St.	Salisbury St.	State Rd. 43 (N. River Rd.)	25 m.p.h.
Maple St.	Quincey St.	Stadium Ave.	25 m.p.h.
Littleton St.	Fowler Ave.	Stadium Ave.	25 m.p.h.
Rose St.	Robinson St.	Kingston Dr.	25 m.p.h.
Stadium Ave.	Robinson St.	Terry Ln.	25 m.p.h.
Terry Ln.	Stadium Ave.	North to End (Court)	25 m.p.h.
Oak St.	Salisbury St.	Robinson St.	25 m.p.h.
Dehart St.	Salisbury St.	State Rd. 43 (N. River Rd.)	25 m.p.h.

Connelly St.	Salisbury St.	Rose St.	25 m.p.h.
Park Lane	Rose St.	East to End (Court)	25 m.p.h.
Lincoln St.	Robinson St.	Rose St.	25 m.p.h.
Kingston Dr.	Salisbury St.	Rose St.	25 m.p.h.
Riverton Dr.	E. Sunset Ln.	Kingston Dr.	25 m.p.h.
E. Sunset Ln.	Sunset Ct.	Rose St.	25 m.p.h.
E. Sunset Ct.	Sunset Ln.	Schilling St.	25 m.p.h.
Schilling St.	Riverton Dr.	Sunset Ct.	25 m.p.h.
Crum Ct.	Quincey St.	South to End (Court)	25 m.p.h.

(Ord. No. 46-01, § 1.)