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Sec. 43.01. Authority to erect stop signs.

Whenever traffic engineer designates and describes a through street it shall be the duty of the city traffic engineer to place and maintain a stop sign on each and every street intersecting such through street unless traffic at any such intersection is controlled by traffic-control signals; provided, that at the intersection of two such through streets or at the intersection of a through street and a heavy traffic street not so designated, stop signs shall be erected at the approaches of either or both of such streets as may be determined by the city traffic engineer upon the basis of engineering and traffic study. (Code 1960, § 16-51.)

Sec. 43.02. Intersections where stop or yield is required.

The city traffic engineer is hereby authorized to determine and designate intersections where particular hazards exist upon other than through streets and may designate any such intersection as a stop intersection or a yield intersection and erect stop signs or yield signs at one or more entrances to such intersection. (Code 1960, § 15-52.)

Sec. 43.03. Stop signs or yield signs.

(a) Every stop sign erected pursuant to this article shall bear the word "STOP" in letters not less than eight inches in height, and every yield sign shall bear the word "YIELD" in letters not less than seven inches in height. Such signs shall at nighttime be rendered luminous by steady or flashing internal illumination, or by a fixed flood light projected on the face of the sign. Every stop sign and every yield sign shall be located as near as practicable at the nearest line of the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, at the nearest line of the roadway.

(b) In residence and business districts, and at any place where parked vehicles may frequently obscure the stop or yield signs, the signs shall be mounted so that their lower edge will be seven feet

above the top of the curb. The left edge of the sign shall be not less than one foot nor more than three feet back from the face of the curb.

Where there is a marked crosswalk on the pavement, the sign shall be erected four feet in advance of the crosswalk line nearest to approaching traffic. (Code 1960, § 16-53.)

Sec. 43.04. Vehicles to stop at stop signs.

(a) When stop signs are erected as herein authorized at or near the entrance to any intersection, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, in the event there is no crosswalk, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but 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 except when directed to proceed by a police officer or traffic-control signal.

(b) After the driver of a vehicle has stopped at the entrance to a through highway, such driver shall yield the right of way to other vehicles which have entered the intersection from the through highway as to constitute an immediate hazard, but the driver having so yielded, may proceed and the drivers of all other vehicles approaching the intersection on the through highway shall yield the right of way to the vehicle so proceeding into or across the through highway.

(c) After the driver of a vehicle has stopped in obedience to a stop sign at an intersection where a stop sign is erected at one or more entrances thereto although not a part of a through highway, such driver shall proceed cautiously, yielding to vehicles not so obliged to stop which are within the intersection or approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard, but may then proceed. (Code 1960, § 16-54.)

Sec. 43.05. Vehicle entering yield intersection.

(a) The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign shall in obedience to such sign slow down to a speed reasonable for the existing conditions, or shall stop if necessary, and shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard. The driver having so yielded and having stopped in order to so yield, may then proceed, and the drivers of all other vehicles approaching the intersection on intersecting roadways shall yield to the vehicle so proceeding. A driver who enters a yield intersection without stopping and who has or causes a collision with a vehicle which entered the intersection from an intersecting roadway shall prima facie be considered not to have yielded the right of way as required herein. The foregoing shall not relieve the drivers of other vehicles approaching the intersection at such distance as not to constitute an immediate hazard from the duty to drive with due care to avoid a collision.

(b) The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign if required for safety to stop shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, in the event there is no crosswalk, at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway. (Code 1960, § 16-55.)

Sec. 43.06. Emerging from alley, driveway or building.

The driver of a vehicle within a business or residence district emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yielding the right of way to any pedestrian as may be necessary to avoid collision, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway. (Code 1960, § 16-56.)

Sec. 43.07. Stop when traffic obstructed.

No driver shall enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic-control sign indication to proceed. (Code 1960, § 16-57.)

Sec. 43.20. 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. (Code 1960, § 16-58.)

Sec. 43.21. Crossing fire hose.

No vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected hose of a fire department when laid down on any street or private drive way to be used at any fire or alarm of fire, without the consent of the fire department official in command. (Code 1960, § 16-59.)

Sec. 43.22. Driving through funeral or other procession.

No driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated as required in this chapter. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or police officers. (Code 1960, § 16-60.)

Sec. 43.23. Operation of vehicles in processions.

Each driver in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right-hand edge of the roadway as practical and shall follow the vehicle ahead as closely as is practical and safe. (Code 1960, § 16-61.)

Sec. 43.24. Funeral processions to be identified.

A funeral composed of a procession of vehicles shall be identified as such by the display upon the outside of each vehicle of a pennant or other identifying insignia or by such other method as may be determined and designated by the traffic division. (Code 1960, § 16-62.)

Sec. 43.25. Permits for parades and processions.

No funeral procession or parade containing one hundred or more persons or twenty or more vehicles, except the forces of the United States Army or Navy, the military forces of this state, the forces of the police and fire departments, shall occupy, march or proceed along the street except in accordance with a permit issued by the chief of police and such other regulations as are set forth herein which may apply. (Code 1960, § 16-63.)

Sec. 43.26. Vehicles not to be driven on sidewalk.

The driver of a vehicle shall not drive within any sidewalk area except at a permanent or temporary driveway. (Code 1960, § 16-64.)

Sec. 43.27. Limitations on backing.

The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic. (Code 1960, § 16-65.)

Sec. 43.28. Riding on motorcycles.

A person operating a motorcycle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and such operation shall not carry any other person nor any other person ride on a motorcycle unless such motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the rear side of the operator. (Code 1960, § 16-66.)

Sec. 43.29. Attaching bicycles, sleds, etc., to vehicles.

No person riding any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or him or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway. (Code 1960, § 16-67.)

Sec. 43.30. Careless operation of vehicles.

It is unlawful to operate a vehicle upon any street, highway or alley within the city with careless disregard for or indifferent lack of attention to surrounding conditions and circumstances. (Ord. No. 27-67.)

Sec. 43.31. Overtaking or passing a bicyclist.

The operator of any motor vehicle driving on the roadways of West Lafayette may only overtake or pass a bicyclist when there is a safe distance, which in no case shall be less than three (3) feet clearance between the motor vehicle and the bicycle. (Ord. No. 12-13)