

CHAPTER 340: MISCELLANEOUS DRIVING RULES

SECTION 340.010: FOLLOWING EMERGENCY VEHICLE PROHIBITED

The driver of any vehicle other than one on official business shall not follow any emergency vehicle traveling in response to an emergency call closer than five hundred (500) feet or drive into or park such vehicle within the block where any emergency vehicle has stopped in answer to an emergency call.

SECTION 340.020: CROSSING FIRE HOSE

No vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected hose of a Fire Department when laid down on any street, private driveway or streetcar track, to be used at any fire or alarm of fire, without the consent of the Fire Department Official in command.

SECTION 340.030: 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 Title. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or Police Officers.

SECTION 340.040: DRIVING IN PROCESSION

Each driver in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right-hand edge of the roadway as practicable and shall follow the vehicle ahead as close as is practicable and safe.

SECTION 340.050: FUNERAL PROCESSION 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 Police Department.

SECTION 340.060: WHEN PERMITS REQUIRED FOR PARADES AND PROCESSIONS

No funeral, procession or parade containing two hundred (200) or more persons or fifty (50) or more vehicles except the forces of the United States Army or Navy, the military forces of this State and the forces of the Police and Fire Departments, shall occupy, march or proceed along any street except in accordance with a permit issued by the Village Clerk and such other regulations as are set forth herein which may apply.

SECTION 340.070: VEHICLE SHALL NOT BE DRIVEN ON A SIDEWALK

The driver of a vehicle shall not drive within any sidewalk area except on a permanent or temporary driveway.

SECTION 340.080: 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.

SECTION 340.090: 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, nor shall any person leave a door open on the side of a motor vehicle available to moving traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers.

SECTION 340.100: RIDING ON MOTORCYCLES, ADDITIONAL PASSENGER, REQUIREMENTS

A. A person operating a motorcycle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and such operator shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a motorcycle unless such motorcycle is designed to carry more than one (1) person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two (2) persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the rear or side of the operator.

B. The operator of a motorized bicycle shall ride only astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and shall not permit more than one (1) person to ride thereon at the same time, unless the motorized bicycle is designed to carry more than one (1) person. Any motorized bicycle designed to carry more than one (1) person must be equipped with a passenger seat and footrests for the use of a passenger.

**SECTION 340.110: RIDING BICYCLE ON SIDEWALKS, LIMITATIONS--
MOTORIZED BICYCLES PROHIBITED**

- A. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk on property not zoned as residential.
- B. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.
- C. No person shall ride a motorized bicycle upon a sidewalk.

**SECTION 340.120: ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, PROHIBITED--
EXCEPTIONS, OPERATION UNDER AN EXCEPTION--PROHIBITED USES--
PENALTY**

- A. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in [Section 300.020](#), upon the streets and highways of this Village, except as follows:
 - 1. All-terrain vehicles owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use;
 - 2. All-terrain vehicles operated for agricultural purposes or industrial on-premises purposes between the official sunrise and sunset on the day of operation;
 - 3. All-terrain vehicles whose operators carry a special permit issued by this Village pursuant to Section 304.013, RSMo.
- B. No person shall operate an off-road vehicle, as defined in Section 304.001, RSMo., within any stream or river in this Village, except that off-road vehicles may be operated within waterways which flow within the boundaries of land which an off-road vehicle operator owns, or for agricultural purposes within the boundaries of land which an off-road vehicle operator owns or has permission to be upon, or for the purpose of fording such stream or river of this State at such road crossings as are customary or part of the highway system. All Law Enforcement Officials or Peace Officers of this State and its political subdivisions shall enforce the provisions of this Subsection within the geographic area of their jurisdiction.
- C. A person operating an all-terrain vehicle on a street or highway pursuant to an exception covered in this Section shall have a valid license issued by a State authorizing such person to operate a motor vehicle, but shall not be required to have passed an examination for the operation of a motorcycle, and the vehicle shall be operated at speeds of less than thirty (30) miles per hour. When operated on a street or highway, an all-terrain vehicle shall have a bicycle safety flag, which extends not less than seven (7) feet above the ground, attached to the rear of the vehicle. The

bicycle safety flag shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty (30) square inches and shall be dayglow in color.

D. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle:

1. In any careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another;
2. While under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance; or
3. Without a securely fastened safety helmet on the head of an individual who operates an all-terrain vehicle or who is being towed or otherwise propelled by an all-terrain vehicle, unless the individual is at least eighteen (18) years of age.

E. No operator of an all-terrain vehicle shall carry a passenger, except for agricultural purposes.

F. A violation of this Section shall be a class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 340.130: RIDING BICYCLES, SLEDS, ROLLER SKATES, BY ATTACHING TO ANOTHER VEHICLE, PROHIBITED

No person riding upon any bicycle, motorized bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself/herself to any vehicle upon a roadway. Neither shall the driver of a vehicle knowingly pull a rider behind a vehicle.

SECTION 340.140: CONTROLLED ACCESS

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.

SECTION 340.150

It shall be unlawful for the directing officer or the operator of any commercial vehicle to direct the operation of or to operate the same in such a manner as to prevent the use of any street for purposes of travel for a period of time longer than five minutes.

SECTION 340.160: DRIVING THROUGH SAFETY ZONE PROHIBITED

No vehicle shall at any time be driven through or within a safety zone.

**SECTION 340.170: MANNER OF OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES--
CAREFUL AND PRUDENT**

Every person operating a motor vehicle on the roadways of this Village shall drive the vehicle in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed so as not to endanger the property of another or the life or limb of any person and shall exercise the highest degree of care.

SECTION 340.180: DRIVING TO THE RIGHT

A. Upon all public roads or highways of sufficient width a vehicle shall be driven upon the right-half of the roadway, except as follows:

1. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction pursuant to the rules governing such movement;

2. When placing a vehicle in position for and when such vehicle is lawfully making a left turn in compliance with the provisions of this Title;

3. When the right-half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair;

4. Upon a roadway designated by local ordinance as a one-way street and marked or signed for one-way traffic.

B. It is unlawful to drive any vehicle upon any highway or road which has been divided into two (2) or more roadways by means of a physical barrier or by means of a dividing section or delineated by curbs, lines or other markings on the roadway, except to the right of such barrier or dividing section, or to make any left turn or semi-circular or U-turn on any such divided highway, except in a cross-over or intersection.

C. All vehicles in motion upon a highway having two (2) or more lanes of traffic proceeding in the same direction shall be driven in the right-hand lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle or when preparing to make a proper left turn or when otherwise directed by traffic markings, signs or signals.

SECTION 340.190: PASSING REGULATIONS

A. The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to the limitations and exceptions hereinafter stated:

1. The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle; and

2. 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 and shall not increase the speed of such driver's vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

B. The driver of a motor vehicle may overtake and pass to the right of another vehicle only under the following conditions:

1. When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn;
2. Upon a Village street with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width for two (2) or more lines of vehicles in each direction;
3. Upon a one-way street.

The driver of a motor vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only under the foregoing conditions when such movement may be made in safety. In no event shall such movement be made by driving off the paved or main traveled portion of the roadway. The provisions of this Subsection shall not relieve the driver of a slow-moving vehicle from the duty to drive as closely as practicable to the right-hand edge of the roadway.

C. Except when a roadway has been divided into three (3) traffic lanes, no vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the centerline of a highway or public road in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction 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 completely made without interfering with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction or any vehicle overtaken.

D. No vehicle shall at any time be driven to the left side of the roadway under the following conditions:

1. When approaching the crest of a grade or upon a curve of 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.
2. When the view is obstructed upon approaching within one hundred (100) feet of any bridge, viaduct, tunnel or when approaching within one hundred (100) feet of or at any intersection or railroad grade crossing.

SECTION 340.200: HAND AND MECHANICAL SIGNALS

No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of or 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 the giving of an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein.

1. An operator or driver when stopping, or when checking the speed of the operator's vehicle, if the movement of other vehicles may reasonably be affected by such checking of speed, shall extend such operator's arm at an angle below horizontal so that the same may be seen in the rear of the vehicle.

2. An operator or driver intending to turn the operator's vehicle to the right shall extend such operator's arm at an angle above horizontal so that the same may be seen in front of and in the rear of the vehicle, and shall slow down and approach the intersecting highway as near as practicable to the right side of the highway along which such operator is proceeding before turning.

3. An operator or driver intending to turn the operator's vehicle to the left shall extend such operator's arm in a horizontal position so that the same may be seen in the rear of the vehicle, and shall slow down and approach the intersecting highway so that the left side of the vehicle shall be as near as practicable to the centerline of the highway along which the operator is proceeding before turning.

4. The signals herein required shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by a signal light or signal device in good mechanical condition of a type approved by the State Highway Patrol; however, when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded that a hand and arm signal would not be visible both to the front and rear of such vehicle then such signals shall be given by such light or device.

SECTION 340.210: STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS

A. The driver of a vehicle upon a highway upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children and whose driver has in the manner prescribed by law given the signal to stop, shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by its driver to proceed.

B. Every bus used for the transportation of school children shall bear upon the front and rear thereon a plainly visible sign containing the words "*School Bus*" in letters not less than eight (8) inches in height. Each bus shall have lettered on the rear in plain and distinct type the following: "*State Law: Stop While Bus is Loading and Unloading*". Each school bus subject to the provisions of Sections 304.050 to 304.070, RSMo., shall be equipped with a mechanical and electrical signaling device

approved by the State Board of Education, which will display a signal plainly visible from the front and rear and indicating intention to stop.

C. The driver of a school bus in the process of loading or unloading students upon a street or highway shall activate the mechanical and electrical signaling devices, in the manner prescribed by the State Board of Education, to communicate to drivers of other vehicles that students are loading or unloading. No driver of a school bus shall take on or discharge passengers at any location upon a highway consisting of four (4) or more lanes of traffic, whether or not divided by a median or barrier, in such manner as to require the passengers to cross more than two (2) lanes of traffic; nor shall he/she take on or discharge passengers while the vehicle is upon the road or highway proper unless the vehicle so stopped is plainly visible for at least three hundred (300) feet in each direction to drivers of other vehicles upon the highway and then only for such time as is actually necessary to take on and discharge passengers.

D. The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or overtaking a school bus which is on a different roadway, which is proceeding in the opposite direction on a highway containing four (4) or more lanes of traffic, or which is stopped in a loading zone constituting a part of, or adjacent to, a limited or controlled access highway at a point where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.

SECTION 340.220: RIGHT-OF-WAY AT INTERSECTION--SIGNS AT INTERSECTIONS

A. The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle which has entered the intersection from a different highway, provided however, there is no form of traffic control at such intersection.

B. When two (2) vehicles 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 driver of the vehicle on the right. This Subsection shall not apply to vehicles approaching each other from opposite directions when the driver of one (1) of such vehicles is attempting to or is making a left turn.

C. The driver of a vehicle within an intersection intending to turn to the left 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.

D. The driver of a vehicle intending to make a left turn into an alley, private road or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction when the making of such left turn would create a traffic hazard.

E. The State Highways and Transportation Commission or local authorities with respect to roads under their respective jurisdictions, on any section where

construction or major maintenance operations are being effected, may fix a speed limit in such areas by posting of appropriate signs, and the operation of a motor vehicle in excess of such speed limit in the area so posted shall be deemed prima facie evidence of careless and imprudent driving and a violation of [Section 340.160](#).

SECTION 340.230: PROHIBTING HEAVY VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON FALCON LANE

- A. No tractor-trailer, nor any category of vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds, may be operated upon Falcon Lane within the Village limits of Wardsville, Missouri.
- B. Exceptions to the prohibition set forth in (A.) hereof are as follows:
 - 1.) Such heavy vehicles as are traveling by necessity in order to permit the operator to make a local delivery to Falcon Lane structures or accomplish some other limited, lawful, occasional or temporary purpose;
 - 2.) The operation of emergency vehicles upon Falcon Lane;
 - 3.) The operation of school buses;
 - 4.) The operation of vehicles owned or operated by the Village, public utilities, any contractor or material man which is and while engaged in the repair, maintenance or construction of streets, street improvement, utilities, or sanitation collection for structures on Falcon Lane within the Village;
 - 5.) Such heavy vehicles as are owned by individuals residing upon Falcon Lane, which use shall be limited to ingress and egress of said vehicles to and from resident's home.
- C. In the event such a vehicle causes damage to said Falcon Lane, the owner and/or operator of said vehicle shall be liable for all costs to repair said street.
- D. The Village of Wardsville is hereby authorized and instructed to install the appropriate signs prohibiting truck traffic on Falcon Lane as set forth above.
- E. Violation of this Section of the Village Code shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$250.00