

Updates to the 2025 *Standard Traffic Ordinance* and the *Uniform Public Offense Code*

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It is that time of year again when the League updates the *Standard Traffic Ordinance* (STO) and the *Uniform Public Offense Code* (UPOC) in accordance with changes made by the Kansas Legislature. With the quickened legislative session, there weren't many bills that necessitated changes to the STO and UPOC. This article describes those changes.

Changes to the STO

Sec. 40.3 Passing a Stationary Vehicle Displaying Hazard or Caution Signals

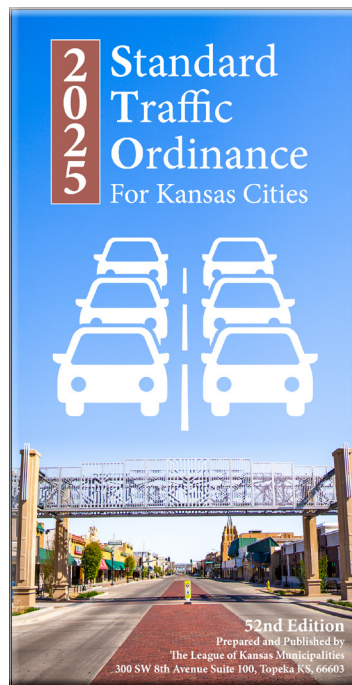
This section is newly added in accordance with SB 8, which requires drivers that are approaching vehicles that are stopped and displaying hazards or caution signals to move over into the other lane if possible, or to slow down to a safe speed to pass the vehicle.

Sec. 114.5 Unlawful Operation of a Work-Site Utility Vehicle.

The League discovered the references to all-terrain vehicles in subsection (c)(3) were incorrect and updated the section with the correct references to work-site utility vehicles.

Sec 201.1 Failure to Comply with a Traffic Citation.

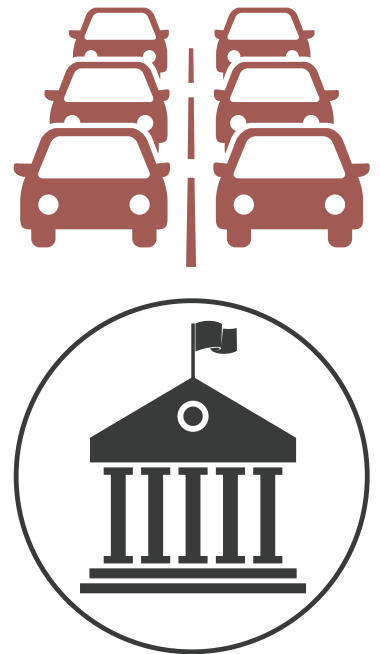
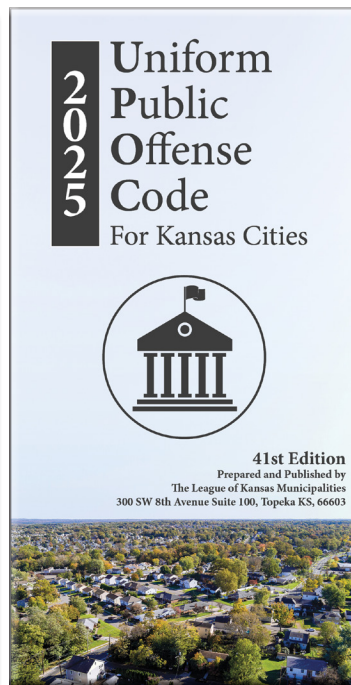
This section as it was previously written has been removed, as the law expired on December 31, 2024. This section has now been replaced with the previous contents of Sec 201.2 *Failure to Comply with a Traffic Citation.*



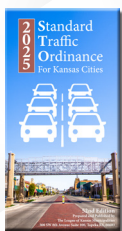
Changes to the UPOC

Sec 6.7.2. Trespassing on a Critical Infrastructure Facility.

The definition of a Critical Infrastructure Facility was amended by HB 2061, with subsection (d)(7) being expanded to include more types of facilities, support structures, and related equipment buildings.

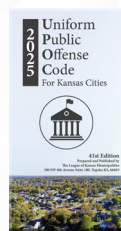


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