

Chapter 23 Code Amendments – Motor Vehicles and Traffic

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Consideration to Approve



Seat Belts

- Becomes a primary offense
- Can now be stopped for failing to wear seatbelt
- Exceptions Apply:
 - Children in restraints
 - Physically unable to wear based on medical condition



Child Restraints

- Child under 8 must be in a child restraint system (CRS)
- If child under 8 is over 57 inches, the child is not required to be in a CRS but must be in a seatbelt
- Children 8-17 must be in a seatbelt or in a seat
- Not allowed to drink or eat while driving



Stop Signs

- After having stopped, the driver shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such driver is moving across or within the intersection. The right of way shall be given to the vehicle previously in the intersection or to the vehicle at the intersection which has the right of way.



Road Closure

- Law enforcement may close road temporarily due to hazardous conditions for protection and safety of the public
- Must make every reasonable attempt to notify the public. If not practical, may use official traffic signs and advance warning signs
- Once road is closed, it must remain closed until the hazardous conditions are removed



Rotary Traffic Islands

- Adds a provision to the Municipal Code for rotary traffic islands aka “roundabout”
- A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island must be driven to the right of such island
- When exiting a rotary traffic island, a vehicle must be driven into the right-hand lane of the highway



Windshield and Tint

- Adds a provision to the Code windshields and window tint
- May not drive with any obstructed windows
- Must be equipped with wipers and be maintained in good working order
- Cannot operate a vehicle with any material or film on the windshield that transmits less than 70% of visible light



Registration in Vehicle

- Issued registration must be in vehicle or on an electronic device in possession of the driver
- Subject to inspection by police officer
- Upon request by police officer, operator must produce a registration or electronic registration
- Electronic registration must be accessible so that it can be displayed to the officer



Updated to DUI Laws

- Bicycles and animals are no longer considered “vehicles”
- Cannot ride a bicycle or animal while under the influence of alcohol or drugs on public roads or highways



Questions?

