
AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tim Vandall, City Administrator
FROM: Elizabeth Sanford, Finance Director
DATE: August 31, 2023
SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1101 – Standard Traffic Ordinance Adoption

Ordinance No. 1101 adopts the 2023 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas, 50th Edition, published by the League of Kansas Municipalities with changes as outlined in the ordinance. This is an annual procedure for updating the Lansing traffic code.

Action:

Staff recommends a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1101 adopting the “2023 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 50th Edition.”

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ORDINANCE NO. 1101

AN ORDINANCE INCORPORATING THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE BY REFERENCE

An ordinance regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Lansing, Kansas; incorporating by reference the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 50th Edition of 2023, with certain omissions, changes and additions; prescribing additional regulations; providing certain penalties; and repealing Ordinance No. 1087 and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances of the City of Lansing in conflict herewith.

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Lansing, Kansas:

SECTION 1.

15-101. INCORPORATING STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Lansing, Kansas, that certain standard traffic ordinance known as the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 50th Edition of 2023, prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas, save and except such articles, sections, parts or portions as are hereafter omitted, deleted, modified or changed. One official copy of said Standard Traffic Ordinance shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as Adopted by Ordinance No. 1101," with all sections or portions thereof intended to be omitted or changed clearly marked to show any such omission or change and to which shall be attached a copy of this ordinance and filed with the city clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours. The police department, municipal judge and all administrative departments of the city charged with enforcement of the ordinance shall be supplied, at the cost of the city, such number of office copies of such Standard Traffic Ordinance similarly marked as may be deemed expedient.

15-102. OMISSIONS, CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES

Article 1: Section 1 of said Standard Traffic Ordinance, relating to definitions, is hereby amended to add as follows:

Motorized Minibikes. Any motorized minibike not more than 51 inches in length, 14 inches in width and 30 inches in height, by the manufacturer's specifications which may be propelled by either gasoline or electric power and having a seat designed to be straddled by the operator, except a motorized bicycle and electric-assisted bicycle.

(All other definitions not modified, deleted, or changed shall remain in effect.)

Article 4: Section 17 of said Standard Traffic Ordinance is hereby changed to read as follows:

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 railroad sign or signal, 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 railroad sign or signal.
- (b) No person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway any official traffic control device bearing thereon any commercial advertising, except for business signs included as part of official motorist service panels or roadside area information panels approved by the secretary of transportation.
- (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 governing body is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.
- (e) Traffic regulations on Private Property. Whenever the person in possession or control of any private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular traffic by permission of the owner shall cause to be posted at each entrance thereto a permanently lettered clearly legible sign with the following legend:

“TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF LANSING ENFORCED ON THIS
PROPERTY. SPEED LIMIT 10 MPH.” (OR AS POSTED.)

then such private property shall thereafter be deemed to be under the traffic regulations of the city as provided by law.

Article 7: Section 33 of said Standard Traffic Ordinance is hereby changed to read as follows:

Maximum Speed Limits.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with K.S.A. 8-1557, and amendments thereto, the limits specified in this subsection or established as hereinafter authorized by law shall be maximum lawful speeds, and no person shall operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of such maximum limits:

- (1) All vehicles 20 miles per hour in any business district;

(2) All vehicles 20 miles per hour in any park;

(3) All vehicles 20 miles per hour in any posted school zone or any public thoroughfare on or across which children pass going to and from school during school days, including the following locations and times:

Ida Street	from Brookridge Street to 416 Ida Street	7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bittersweet Street	from West Mary Street to Ida Street	
West Mary Street	from 200 ft west of Bittersweet Street to 200 ft east of West Kay Street	
South 2nd Street	from East Mary Street to East Olive Street	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
East Olive Street	from 206 East Olive Street to South 2nd Street	

(4) All vehicles 20 miles per hour in any residential district and on other streets within the city, if said limits were set prior to 1994. All speed limits set after 1994 shall be 30 miles an hour in any residential district or other streets within the city except where modified by engineering and traffic investigation as provided hereafter in subsection (c) of this section.

The maximum speed limit established by or pursuant to this paragraph shall be of force and effect regardless of whether signs are posted giving notice thereof, and, notwithstanding any signs giving notice of minimum speed limit in excess of the limits established by or pursuant to this paragraph, shall not be of any force or effect, subject to the following exception.

Whenever the Public Works Director shall determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any speed limit herein set forth is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist, the Public Works Director shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit consistent with applicable state and local statutes which shall be effective at all times or during daytime or nighttime or at such other times as may be determined when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected pursuant to Governing Body action and K.S.A. 8-1560 and 8-2002.

(b) No person shall drive a school bus to or from school, or interschool or intraschool functions or activities, at a speed greater than 45 miles per hour on any roadway having a dirt, sand or gravel surface, and in no event shall a school bus be driven to and from school or activities in excess of 55 miles per hour, notwithstanding any maximum speed limit in excess thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall also apply to buses used for the transportation of students enrolled in community junior colleges or area vocational schools, when such buses are transporting students to or from school functions or activities.

(c) Speed limits on certain streets within the City of Lansing. The Governing Body, having determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed limit permitted under state law and Section 33 of the "Standard Traffic Ordinance" is greater or less than is reasonable under the conditions found to exist within the city, hereby determines and

declares that the reasonable and safe speed limit on the portion of the streets is as listed below. The Public Works Director is hereby directed to cause to have erected appropriate signs giving notice of such speed limit along the streets maintained by the city.

STREET	PORTION CONTROLLED	APPLICABLE SPEED LIMIT
147th Street	4-H Road to South City Limits	40 mph
155th Street	South to City Limits	25 mph
4-H Road	Within City Limits	40 mph
Centre Drive	4-H Road to West Mary	25 mph
Centre Drive	West Mary to West Kansas	30 mph
Clearview Drive	Stone Lane to Rock Creek Drive	20 mph
DeSoto Road	West Eisenhower to 4-H Road	40 mph
East Eisenhower Road	North Main to North 8th Street	35 mph
East Gilman Road	South Main to East City Limits	35 mph
East Mary Street	US Highway 73 to ½ mile east of US Highway 73	20 mph
East Mary Street	½ mile east of US Highway 73 to City Limits	35 mph
Granite Street	Clearview Drive to Ridge Drive	20 mph
Hickory Trail	North of 4-H Road	25 mph
Ida Street	Entire Road	25 mph
Main Street	South City Limits to Rock Creek Loop	65 mph
Main Street	Rock Creek Loop to Gilman Road	50 mph
Main Street	Gilman Road to Olive Street	50 mph
Main Street	Olive Street to Eisenhower Road	40 mph
Maple Lane	Hickory Trail to South Valley Drive	25 mph
McIntyre Road	South Main to 147th Street	35 mph
McIntyre Road	South Main to East City Limits	35 mph
Ridge Drive	147th Street to Granite Street	20 mph
Sherwood Forest	Entire Subdivision	30 mph
Stone Lane	Clearview Drive to Ridge Drive	20 mph
West Eisenhower Road	New Lawrence to West City Limits	40 mph
West Eisenhower Road	New Lawrence to North Main	40 mph
West Gilman Road	Entire Road	25 mph
West Mary Street	Entire Road	35 mph

Article 14: Section 114.1 of said Standard Traffic Ordinance is hereby changed to read as follows:

Unlawful Operation of All-Terrain Vehicle

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), (c), (d), and (e), it shall be unlawful for any person to operate an all-terrain vehicle:

1. on any interstate highway, federal highway or state highway; or

2. on any city street, alley, public parking lot, right-of-way or upon property owned by the City of Lansing.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), all-terrain vehicles owned and operated by a county noxious weed department, or all-terrain vehicles owned and operated by persons contracting with a county noxious weed department or the Kansas Department of Transportation may be allowed to operate such all-terrain vehicles upon the right-of-way of any federal highway or state highway for the purpose of eradicating noxious weeds and such all-terrain vehicles may be operated incidentally upon such federal highway or state highway and within the corporate limits of the city as required in the fulfillment of its eradication duties.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), all-terrain vehicles owned and operated by the City of Lansing, Kansas, or all-terrain vehicles owned and operated by persons contracting with the City of Lansing, Kansas may be allowed to operate such all-terrain vehicles upon and within the corporate limits of the city as required in the performance of its duties.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), all-terrain vehicles owned and operated by those agencies providing emergency and first-responder services for the City of Lansing, Kansas may be allowed to operate such all-terrain vehicles upon and within the corporate limits of the city as required in the performance their duties.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), persons engaged in agricultural purposes may operate an all-terrain vehicle on a federal highway or state highway and within the corporate limits of the city under the following conditions:

1. The operator of the all-terrain vehicle must be a licensed driver and be operating within the restrictions of the operator's license;
2. The federal highway or state highway must have a posted speed limit of 65 miles per hour or less;
3. The operator of the all-terrain vehicle must operate the all-terrain vehicle as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, except when making or preparing to make a left turn; and
4. The purpose of the trip using the all-terrain vehicle must be for agricultural purposes.

(f) No all-terrain vehicle shall be operated on any public highway, street or road between sunset and sunrise unless equipped with lights as required by law for motorcycles.

(g) Any person operating an all-terrain vehicle pursuant to (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle imposed by law. (K.S.A. Supp. 8-15,100)

Article 14: Section 114.2 of said Standard Traffic Ordinance is hereby changed to read as follows:

Unlawful Operation of a Micro Utility Truck.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a micro utility truck:
 - 1. on any interstate highway, federal highway, or state highway; or
 - 2. on any city street, alley, public parking lot, right-of-way or upon property owned by the City of Lansing.
- (b) No micro utility truck may be operated on any public highway, street, or road unless such vehicle complies with the equipment requirements under the provisions of Article 17 of Chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and amendments thereto.
- (c) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not prohibit a micro utility truck from crossing a federal or state highway.
- (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), micro utility trucks owned and operated by a county noxious weed department, or micro utility trucks owned and operated by persons contracting with a county noxious weed department or the Kansas Department of Transportation may be allowed to operate such micro utility trucks upon the right-of-way of any federal highway or state highway for the purpose of eradicating noxious weeds and such micro utility trucks may be operated incidentally upon such federal highway or state highway and within the corporate limits of the city as required in the fulfillment of its eradication duties.
- (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), micro utility trucks owned and operated by the City of Lansing, Kansas, or micro utility trucks owned and operated by persons contracting with the City of Lansing, Kansas may be allowed to operate such micro utility trucks upon and within the corporate limits of the city as required in the performance of its duties.
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), micro utility trucks owned and operated by those agencies providing emergency and first-responder services for the City of Lansing, Kansas may be allowed to operate such micro utility trucks upon and within the corporate limits of the city as required in the performance their duties.
- (g) Any person operating a micro utility truck pursuant to (b), (d), (e) or (f) shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle imposed by law. (K.S.A. Supp. 8-15,106)

Article 14: Sec. 114.5 of said Standard Traffic Ordinance is hereby changed to read as follows:

Unlawful Operation of a Work-Site Utility Vehicle.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a work-site utility vehicle:
 - 1. On any interstate highway, federal highway, or state highway; or

2. on any city street, alley, public parking lot, right-of-way or upon property owned by the City of Lansing.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), work-site utility vehicles owned and operated by a county noxious weed department, or work-site utility vehicles owned and operated by persons contracting with a county noxious weed department or the Kansas Department of Transportation may be allowed to operate such work-site utility vehicles upon the right-of-way of any federal highway or state highway for the purpose of eradicating noxious weeds and such work-site utility vehicles may be operated incidentally upon such federal highway or state highway and within the corporate limits of the city as required in the fulfillment of its eradication duties.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), work-site utility vehicles owned and operated by the City of Lansing, Kansas, or work-site utility vehicles owned and operated by persons contracting with the City of Lansing, Kansas may be allowed to operate such work-site utility vehicles upon and within the corporate limits of the city as required in the performance of its duties.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), work-site utility vehicles owned and operated by those agencies providing emergency and first-responder services for the City of Lansing, Kansas may be allowed to operate such work-site utility vehicles upon and within the corporate limits of the city as required in the performance of their duties.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), persons engaged in agricultural purposes may operate a work-site utility vehicle on a federal highway or state highway and within the corporate limits of the city under the following conditions:

1. The operator of the work-site utility vehicle must be a licensed driver and be operating within the restrictions of the operator's license;
2. The federal highway or state highway must have a posted speed limit of 65 miles per hour or less;
3. The operator of the work-site utility vehicle must operate the work-site utility vehicle as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, except when making or preparing to make a left turn; and
4. The purpose of the trip using the work-site utility vehicle must be for agricultural purposes.

(f) No work-site utility vehicle shall be operated on any public highway, street, or road between sunset and sunrise unless equipped with lights as required by law for motorcycles.

(g) Any person operating a work-site utility vehicle pursuant to (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle imposed by law. (K.S.A. Supp. 8-15,109)

Article 14: Sec. 114.6 of said Standard Traffic Ordinance is hereby added to read as follows:

Unlawful Operation of a Motorized Mini Bike. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, or for the owner to permit the operation of, a motorized mini bike upon a street, highway, public parking lot, or property owned by the City of Lansing.

Article 17: Section 181.1 of said Standard Traffic Ordinance is hereby added to read as follows:

One-way glass and sun screening devices on vehicles registered out of state; requirements, exceptions; penalties.

(a) No motor vehicle which is required to be registered in another state and which is operated on the streets and highways of the City of Lansing shall be equipped with one-way glass or any sun screening device, as defined in Section 1, used in conjunction with windshields, side wings, front side windows, the side windows behind the driver, and/or rear windows that do not meet the following requirements:

(1) A sun screening device when used in conjunction with the windshield shall be nonreflective and shall not be red, yellow or amber in color. A sun screening device shall be used only along the top of the windshield and shall not extend downward beyond the AS1 line which is clearly defined and marked;

(2) a sun screening device when used in conjunction with the side wing or side windows located at the immediate right and left of the driver, the side windows immediately behind the driver and the rear most window shall be nonreflective; and

(3) the total light transmission shall not be less than 19% when a sun screening device is used in conjunction with other existing sun screening devices

(b) Subsection (a)(3) shall not apply to a window of a law enforcement motor vehicle that is clearly identified as such by words or other symbols on the outside of the vehicle.

(c) This section shall not prohibit labels, stickers or other informational signs that are required or permitted by state law.

(d) Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a traffic offense and shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$500.

15-103. TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS AND TRAFFIC OFFENSES

A. An ordinance traffic infraction is a violation of any section of this ordinance that prescribes or requires the same behavior as that prescribed or required by a statutory provision that is classified as a traffic infraction in K.S.A. 8-2118.

B. All traffic violations which are included within this ordinance and which are not ordinance traffic infractions, as defined in subsection (a) of this section, shall be considered traffic offenses.

15-104. PENALTIES

(See Article 20: Section 201 of the Standard Traffic Ordinances)

SECTION 2.

REPEAL. Ordinance No. 1087 and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances of the City of Lansing in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in The Leavenworth Times.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lansing, Kansas, on this 7th day of September, 2023.

{SEAL}

Anthony R. McNeill, Mayor

Attest:

Tish Sims, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Catalina Thompson, City Prosecutor