



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING AND ESTABLISHING NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Jonesboro, State of Arkansas, as follows:

ARTICLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SECTION 1: PURPOSE: This ordinance is designed to enact certain traffic and other regulations that will address issues of public safety not currently addressed under state law or city ordinance; allow for the appropriate routing of traffic in emergency and temporary congestion circumstances, and to address issues of pedestrian safety and vehicular safety and congestion caused by the improper parking of vehicles or other roadway and sidewalk obstructions.

ARTICLE 2: REGULATIONS TO BE NEWLY ENACTED

SECTION 1: Temporary Restrictions: The Director of the Street Department, Fire Chief or Police Chief are authorized to temporarily prohibit parking, stopping, or standing on driveways, streets, alleys, and parking lots and may cause traffic to be restricted or rerouted as necessitated by construction, emergency situations, or special events on public streets. When time permits notice of such restrictions shall be given by the posting of temporary signs or barriers by any designated City official. It shall be prohibited to violate such regulations.

SECTION 2: Roller-Skates (or Roller Blades), Skateboards, and Scooters: Unless otherwise designated for such, it is prohibited to operate roller-skates, skateboard, or scooter on any public property not designated for such purpose. This includes, but is not limited to: streets, alleys, drives, sidewalks, walkways, patios, plazas, parking lots and garages, steps of buildings, and rock walls. This shall also include operation of such conveyances on private property without the consent of the property owner or proprietor.

SECTION 3: Utilizing City Street for a Play Area: Unless previously authorized by special permit or with special permission as part of a block party or similar event, no city street shall be utilized as a play area. Additionally, residents shall not place basketball goals or other game and play equipment within 15 feet of the travelled portion of the roadway.

ARTICLE 3: ADDENDUM TO EXISTING REGULATIONS

SECTION 1: That city regulation, Section 66-188, 'Parking not to obstruct traffic', which currently reads "No vehicle shall be stopped as to obstruct a crossing and shall not be stopped or allowed to stand within the intersection of any street or alley." Shall be removed from the code in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Obstructing Traffic - It shall be prohibited for any person to park or bring to a halt on any city street, paved

sidewalk (unless part of a private or public driveway) or designated bike path any vehicle, trailer or other obstruction in such a manner as to interfere with normal vehicular or pedestrian traffic. When a sidewalk is available, pedestrians shall not leave the sidewalk, curb or other places of safety and walk or run in the path of vehicular traffic. Additionally, pedestrians shall not utilize the roadway in a manner making it impossible for drivers utilizing the roadway to yield.

“Interference with normal vehicular traffic” shall be defined as obstructing the street to reduce the available width of the roadway to less than 20 feet or, in the case of a cul de sac or turnaround, reduce the free flow of traffic by reducing the turning radius to less than 60 feet as such dimensions of available roadway are necessary for the safe operations of fire trucks or other emergency vehicles.

SECTION 2: That city regulation, Section 66-150, ‘Driving on sidewalk’, which currently reads “No person shall drive any vehicle on any paved sidewalk or curb unless going into or coming out of premises into which a driveway has been constructed connecting with the street.”, should be amended to include definition of a vehicle and read as follows: “No person shall drive any vehicle, including motorized conveyances such as scooters and mopeds (but not motorized wheelchairs), on any paved sidewalk or curb unless going into or coming out of premises into which a driveway has been constructed connecting with the street.”

SECTION 3: That city regulation, Section 66-154, ‘Alighting from moving vehicle’, which currently reads “No person riding in any vehicle operated over the streets and alleys of the city shall alight there from while the same is in motion, but shall wait until said vehicle comes to a full stop.”, should be amended to include positioning of said vehicle in relation to the side of the road and read “No person riding in any vehicle operated over the streets and alleys of the city shall alight there from while the same is in motion, but shall wait until said vehicle comes to a full stop within eighteen inches of the right-hand curb or side of the roadway.”

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of September, 2011.