

Chapter 28 - TRAFFIC

Sec. 28-1. - Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions contained in Texas Transportation Code Title 7, shall apply. In addition thereto, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them:

Alley: The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, having no legal or official name and of twenty (20) feet or less in width.

Curb loading zone: A space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials.

Freight curb loading zone: A space adjacent to a curb for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of freight or passengers.

Negligence: The driving at a greater rate of speed than allowed by law, or the violation of any traffic law or ordinance of this city, or the failure to use that degree of care and caution as a person of ordinary prudence would use under like or similar circumstances.

Passenger curb loading zone: A place adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers.

Traffic: Includes a pedestrian on a public roadway, sidewalk, or other right-of-way.

Traffic division: The traffic division of the police department of this city.

Zone of quiet: All territory within the distance of two hundred fifty (250) feet from any hospital, sanatorium or other institution for the treatment or care of sick persons, having facilities for loading ten (10) or more sick persons at the same time, whereabout signs or markers bearing the words "Zone of Quiet-Hospital" shall have been placed by order of the police department, and are conspicuously displayed on streets, alleys and public grounds, indicating approach to the boundary line of such zones of quiet.

(UPDATED)

Sec. 28-2. - Adoption of state law.

All of the provisions of the Texas Transportation Code Title 7 are hereby adopted insofar as they are applicable to the city.

(UPDATED)

Sec. 28-11. - Sight obstructions.

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or allow any tree, shrubbery, wire, overhanging roof, awning, or other obstacle on private property to obstruct, extend or protrude over or into any street, alley or highway so that same interferes with the visibility of drivers or free movement of any motor vehicle.

It shall be the duty of any person or persons owning or occupying real property and whose responsibility shall include that portion of public property bordering on any street, alley or public way upon which there may be trees, to prune or remove such trees to a clear height of seven (7) feet above the sidewalk, and to a clear height of twelve (12) feet above the driving surface, so that they will not obstruct the passage of pedestrians, obstruct or handicap vehicles upon streets and alleys, obstruct or shade street lights, obstruct fire hydrants, obstruct the view of traffic signs, or obstruct the view of any street or alley intersection.

(UPDATED)

Sec. 28-53 - Parking of unhitched trailers and towable recreational vehicles in public streets prohibited.

(a) The following definitions are hereby adopted and incorporated herein:

"Motor vehicle," "Trailer," and "Towable recreational vehicle" are hereby defined in the Texas Transportation Code section § 541.201.

(b) Neither trailers nor towable recreational vehicles as defined by subsection (a) shall be parked in dedicated city streets unless they are properly hitched to motor vehicles as defined by subsection (a).

(c) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each and every day that a violation of this section occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

(ADDED)