

ARTICLE III
ENFORCEMENT AND OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Sec. 3.1 AUTHORITY OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

- (a) Officers of the Police Department or such officers as are assigned by the Police Commissioner are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand, or signal in conformance with traffic laws, provided that, in the event of a fire or other emergency in order to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police Department may direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws.
- (b) Officers of the Fire Department, when at the scene of a fire, may assist the police in directing, or, in the absence of police, may direct traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.
- (c) No officer shall, except in the event of a fire or other emergency, turn-off, or turn to flashing, any traffic signal not specifically arranged for manual control without specific permission from the Police Commissioner or in his/her absence the officer in charge of the Police Department, or the Traffic Director, or in his/her absence, the person in charge of the Traffic Department. In the event of a fire or emergency the officer shall make a record of the time placed to flashing and the time restored back into normal service and report these times to the Police Commissioner and Traffic Director as soon as practical.

Sec. 3.2 OBEDIENCE TO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of an officer as defined in Article 1, relating to the direction, control or regulation of traffic. Any person acting in conformity with any such order or direction shall be relieved from the observance of these rules and regulations with which it conflicts.

Sec. 3.3 PERSONS PROPELLING PUSH CARTS OR RIDING ANIMALS TO OBEY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Every person propelling any push cart or riding an animal upon a roadway, and every person driving any animal-drawn vehicle, shall be subject to the provisions of these regulations applicable to the driver of any vehicle, except those provisions of these regulations which by their very nature can have no application.

Sec. 3.4 USE OF COASTERS, ROLLER SKATES AND SIMILAR DEVICES RESTRICTED

No person upon roller skates, or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device, shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk and when so crossing such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to pedestrians.

Sec. 3.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO OBEY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The provisions of these regulations shall apply to the driver of any vehicle owned by or used in the service of the United States Government, this State, County, or City, and it shall be unlawful for any said driver to violate any of the provisions of these regulations, except as otherwise permitted in these regulations or by State statute.

Sec. 3.6 EXEMPTIONS

The provisions of these rules and regulations shall not apply to drivers actually engaged in work upon a street or highway closed to travel or under construction or repair, to officers when engaged in the performance of their public duties, or to drivers of emergency vehicles while operating in an emergency and in performance of their public duties, when the nature of the work of any of these necessitates departure from any part of these rules and regulations. These exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.