

350 CMR 4.00: TRAFFIC RULES

Section

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(1) The operator of a vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control sign, signal, device, marking or legend unless otherwise directed by a Authorized Police officer.

(2) No person shall operate a vehicle on any land, roadway, driveway, parkway or bridge, under the care and control of the Commission, at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper having regard to traffic, the use of the way, and the safety of the public; and in no event in excess of the posted limits.

(3) No person shall park a motor vehicle within any reservation or upon any road, driveway, parkway or bridge, nor allow any vehicle to stand upon the traveled portion of any road, driveway, parkway or bridge, nor upon the shoulder of any roadway where parking is prohibited by signs or markings, nor in such a manner as to interfere in any way with the removal or plowing of ice or snow. No person shall drive or park a vehicle upon grass areas. A Massachusetts State Police Officer or MDC Park Ranger may remove a vehicle parked in violation of 350 CMR 4.00, except those specifically exempt by law, to some convenient place, and the owner shall be liable to charge for the removal and storage of the vehicle as well as subject to punishment by fine.

(4) All vehicles shall be operated on the right-hand side of the traveled portion of any road, driveway, parkway or bridge except when passing another vehicle, provided, however, that passing another vehicle shall be permitted in the right-hand lane of any roadway that has two or more lanes of traffic in which the traffic movement is restricted to one direction. In turning, stopping or backing up a vehicle, the operator shall signal, either by mechanical or automatic electrical device, or by hand, indicating the direction about to be taken.

(5) No person shall stop or park a vehicle so as to obstruct a road, driveway, parkway, intersection, sidewalk or pedestrian crossing or on a hill or curve where it would be a hazard or obstruction for other traffic. When stopping or parking a vehicle off of the traveled portion of the road, the front of the vehicle should be facing the direction in which traffic in the nearest traffic lane is flowing, and the vehicle should be stopped or parked parallel and within 12 inches of the curb; but in no case should any vehicle stop or park within 20 feet of any intersection nor within ten feet of a fire hydrant.

(6) Massachusetts State Authorized Police Officers, MDC Rangers or other MDC authorized personnel may divert vehicular traffic or pedestrians, when necessary, to avoid congestion or promote safety and convenience. No person having charge of a motor vehicle shall refuse or neglect to stop or position said vehicle when directed by an authorized police officer, MDC Ranger or authorized MDC personnel or where indicated by signs, markings or barriers.

(7) When indicated by a sign, traffic signal or device, every operator of a motor vehicle shall bring their vehicle to a full stop before entering any road, driveway, or parkway. When indicated to yield the right-of-way by a sign, the operator shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop before entering the intersection, provided, however, the requirement to stop shall not apply when a driver approaching a "yield" sign can enter the intersection in safety without causing interference to approaching traffic.

(8) Notwithstanding where traffic signals may indicate that vehicles may proceed, the operator of a vehicle shall yield to any pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk and, further, an operator shall not pass any other vehicle which has slowed or stopped to permit a pedestrian to cross at a marked crosswalk.

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(9) No person shall signal or stop the operator of any vehicle or approach the occupants for the purpose of soliciting a ride, or selling or distributing any merchandise, advertising matter, or ticket of admission.

(10) No person shall operate a truck, bus, camper, trailer or mobile home or any vehicle with a seating capacity of more than 12 persons upon any road, driveway, parkway, boulevard or bridge under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan District Commission which is restricted to pleasure vehicles only, provided, however, that "pickup trucks," so-called, having a gross vehicle weight of 5,000 pounds or less and a maximum overall height of seven feet or less are permitted. Those vehicles which are prohibited may gain access to a destination situated on, or only accessible by the use of a restricted roadway, by entering from the nearest unrestricted roadway and exiting in the same manner; provided, however, that in no case shall a person operate a vehicle having a gross vehicle weight in excess of ten tons upon any roadway of the Metropolitan District Commission except by express written consent of said Commission.

(11) No person, other than an employee of the Metropolitan District Commission or an employee in the service of an independent contractor acting for the Commission, shall pile, push or plow snow or ice onto any road, driveway, parkway, bridge, or property under the care and control of the Metropolitan District Commission except by express written consent of said Commission.

4.02: Violations

Any person violating any of 350 CMR 4.00 shall for each offense be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00. (St. 1980, c. 106).

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

350 CMR 4.00: M.G.L. c. 92, § 37A.