

TITLE 7

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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CHAPTER 5

ADOPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE CODE

Sections:

7-5-100	Adoption of Motor Vehicle Code
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7-5-100. Adoption of Motor Vehicle Code.

(a) Wyoming Statutes Sections 31-5-101 through 31-5-1213 (1987, as amended) inclusive being the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, are hereby adopted by reference and incorporated in this section as a part of the Code of the Town of Ranchester as fully as if completely set out herein, except for the following sections thereof, which are specifically deleted therefrom:

Section 31-5-227
Section 31-5-233

Provided that the regulations hereby adopted shall be deemed to pertain only to the operation of vehicles within the Town of Ranchester, despite reference to the contrary existing therein. The term "superintendent" shall be interpreted to mean the "Town Marshal;" powers so granted to the Town Marshal shall be subject to approval by the governing body. The term "justice of the peace" shall be construed to refer to the municipal judge of the town. Further provided that the definitions contained in §31-5-102 shall apply to all articles and sections in Title 7 of the Code of the Town of Ranchester. Further provided that the terms "division," "department," the "commission," and "director" shall be construed to be the governing body of the Town of Ranchester.

(b) Wyoming Statutes Sections 31-2-101 through 31-2-606 inclusive, being the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, Title and Registration, are hereby adopted by reference and incorporated in this Title as a part of the Code of the Town of Ranchester as fully as if completely set out herein.

(c) Wyoming Statutes Sections 31-4-101 through 31-4-105 inclusive, being the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, General Offenses and Penalties, are hereby

adopted by reference and incorporated in this Title as a part of the Code of the Town of
Ranchester as fully as if completely set out herein

(d) One copy of the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, excluding those sections deleted, shall be kept available in the office of the Town Clerk for examination and inspection by the public during normal business hours. (Ord. 224, 2006; Ord. 220, 2005; Ord. 217, 2003; Ord. 214, 2001; Ord. 192 §1 §3, 1998; Ord. 85, 1976)

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CHAPTER 10

MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES

Sections:

7-10-100	Speed
7-10-110	Barriers
7-10-120	Backing
7-10-130	U-Turns
7-10-140	Careless/Noisy Driving

7-10-100. Speed.

(a) No person shall drive a vehicle on a street at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing.

(b) Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with subsection (a) of this section, the limits specified in this section or established as hereinafter authorized shall be maximum lawful speeds, and no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway or street at a speed in excess of such maximum limits:

(1) Twenty miles per hour when passing a school building, or the grounds thereof, or a school crossing, during school recess or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours; provided, that the presence of such school building, grounds thereof or school crossing is indicated plainly by signs or signals conforming to the provisions thereof.

(2) Twenty miles per hour in any urban district unless otherwise posted.

(3) Seventy-miles per hour on all four lane divided highways, unless otherwise posted.

(4) Sixty-five miles per hour in other locations, unless otherwise posted.

(c) Authorized emergency vehicles shall not be subject to the provisions of this section. (Ord. 214, 2001)

7-10-110. Barriers. No vehicle shall be driven over any newly laid pavement or cement or other construction area where any barrier or sign has been placed warning against driving in such area or stating that the area is closed to traffic. (Ord. 214, 2001)

7-10-120. Backing.

(a) The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same farther than is necessary to avoid an accident or to be put into such a position to enable it to proceed on its way or to park correctly.

(b) No vehicle shall be backed up to the curb except to load or unload merchandise and then only as long as is necessary to complete such loading or unloading. (Ord. 214, 2001)

7-10-130. U-Turns.

(a) No U-Turn shall be made at any intersection on which a sign stating thereon “No U-Turn” has been erected by the town. No U-turn shall be made unless it can be made without interfering with other traffic and unless the width of the street will permit such turn to be made with one continuous motion and without striking the curb. A driver wishing to make a U-turn in an intersection where it is permitted shall proceed beyond the center of the intersection and turn to the left one continuous motion and without striking the curb. A driver wishing to make a U-turn between intersections where it is permitted shall turn to the left after giving the proper signal and turn in one continuous motion without striking the curb.

(b) The term, U-turn, as used herein shall include:

- (1) turning a vehicle across the opposite lane of traffic to park on the other side of a street;
- (2) backing a vehicle so as to change its direction and proceed in the opposite direction;
- (3) any other maneuver within the right of way of a street or intersection for the purpose of reversing the direction of travel of a vehicle. (Ord. 214, 2001)

7-10-140. Careless/Noisy Driving. No person shall operate a motor vehicle within the Town of Ranchester in such careless, imprudent or noisy manner as shall endanger the person or property of themselves or others, or disturb the public peace. (Ord. 219, 2004)

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CHAPTER 15

PARKING AND STOPPING

Sections:

7-15-100	No Parking Areas
7-15-110	Time Limitations: Removal of Vehicles
7-15-120	Parking on Private Property

7-15-100. No Parking Areas.

(a) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

- (1) On a sidewalk;
- (2) In front of any public or private driveway;
- (3) On a crosswalk;
- (4) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway;
- (5) Within an intersection;
- (6) Within 10 feet of any fire hydrants;
- (7) In any lane of traffic;
- (8) Along any curb which has been painted yellow;
- (9) In any other area which has been designated and marked by the city as a no parking zone.

(10) With the right hand tires of the vehicle more than 18 inches from the right hand curb or shoulder.

(11) With the vehicle parked in the opposite direction of the authorized flow of traffic. (Ord. 214, 2001; Ord. 61 §5, 1956)

7-15-110. Time Limitations: Removal of Vehicles. The town reserves the right to move any vehicle or other object or device which is parked or placed on any place on any street or alley or parking lot owned or operated by the town as may be necessary for street cleaning operations, street construction and repairs, and other city services, and any such removal shall be at the expense of the owner. (Ord. 214, 2001)

7-15-120. Parking on Private Property. It shall be unlawful for the driver or operator of any vehicle to drive or park upon any private property, or on any property where driving or parking is prohibited by order of the Town Marshal, unless such driver or operator has permission from the owner of such property. (Ord. 214, 2001)

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CHAPTER 20

SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS

Sections:

7-20-100	Emergencies
7-20-110	Special Zones
7-20-120	Parades or Assemblages
7-20-130	Snowmobiles Prohibited
7-20-140	Obstruction of Public Crossing

7-20-100. Emergencies.

(a) In case of emergency, provisions of this Title may be superseded by orders of any police officer.

(b) Officers of the fire department when at the scene of a fire or answering an alarm, may direct or assist the police in directing traffic.

(c) The provisions of Title 7 of the Code of the Town of Ranchester shall not apply to the operation of vehicles by bona fide law enforcement personnel acting in the course of their duties. (Ord. 214, 2001)

7-20-110. Special Zones.

(a) The mayor, with the approval of the town council, is authorized to designate temporary or permanent quiet zones, safety zones, parking zones, limited parking zones, speed zones, stop streets or intersections, yield streets or intersections, and one-way streets and alleys.

(b) All such zones and restrictions shall be marked according to law.

(c) In the event that any such zone is designated for the convenience or necessity and at the request of any person other than the town, the expense of designating and marking such zone shall be paid in advance to the town treasurer. (Ord. 214, 2001)

7-20-120. Parades or Assemblages. No street may be used by anyone for any parade, procession, or street assemblage, except funeral processions, without first having secured written permission from the town marshal. All other vehicles shall yield the right of way to funeral processions, and no vehicle other than an authorized emergency vehicle shall be driven through a funeral procession nor shall it overtake and pass a funeral procession. (Ord. 214, 2001)

7-20-130. Snowmobiles Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile of any kind or description over, across, or upon any public street or highway or sidewalk within the town limits of the Town of Ranchester. (Ord. 214, 2001)

7-20-140. Obstruction of Public Crossing.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, including a railroad company, to obstruct the free passage of any public crossing within the Town by means of any railroad car or locomotive engine, or permit the same to remain in or upon any public crossing across which a railroad may be constructed or operated for a period exceeding fifteen minutes at any one time.

(b) All railroad or railway companies and the owners of any railroad track shall install and maintain, at their own expense, automatic electric flashing type highway crossing warning signals, which shall be in proper working order at all times.

(c) Any railroad or railway company failing or neglecting to provide automatic electric flashing type highway crossing warning signals shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(d) Service of process of any warrant in order to cite any railroad corporation or company and bring it into court for prosecution of any violation under this Section may be made upon such railroad corporation or company by serving the same upon the train master, conductor, engineer, road foreman, station agent, freight depot agent or any other head officer of such corporation or company, and when such service has been made as herein set forth, it shall have the same force and effect as when an individual is arrested and brought into court in the police courts of the Town. (Ord. 204, 1999)

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CHAPTER 25
PENALTIES

Sections:

7-25-100	Fines for Violations
7-25-110	Removal of Illegally Parked Vehicles

7-25-100. Fines for Violations. Unless otherwise stated, any person found guilty of violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this Title shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, unless otherwise provided, be fined not more than \$750.00 plus the costs of prosecution. (Ord. 214, 2001)

7-25-110. Removal of Illegally Parked Vehicles. Any vehicle left parked or standing in violation of any section of this Title may be impounded by the Town Marshal and removed to the nearest garage or other place of safety, and such vehicle may be reclaimed by its owner upon payment of all costs incurred in the removal, preservation and storage of such vehicle. (Ord. 214, 2001)