

CHAPTER 10

TRAFFIC CONTROL*

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* **State Law reference**—Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, Vernon's Ann. Civ. Stat., art. 6701d; Powers of local authorities, Vernon's Ann. Civ. Stat., art. 6701d, Section 27.

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ARTICLE 10.100 UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE ADOPTED

All the provisions of the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Texas Highways, codified as Article 6701d, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes is hereby adopted insofar as they are applicable to the city. Any provisions of this chapter conflicting therewith are hereby declared null and void to the extent of such conflict and the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Texas Highways shall apply. (Ordinance adopting Code)

ARTICLE 10.200 SPEED LIMITS*

Unless specifically posted otherwise by official traffic control device so indicating, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive any motor vehicle upon the public streets of the City of Ladonia, Texas, at a rate of speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour, which maximum speed shall otherwise be applicable upon all streets. All ordinances establishing differing speed zones are not included in this code but are specifically hereby saved from repeal and are maintained on file in the office of the city secretary. (Ordinance adopting Code)

ARTICLE 10.300 TRUCK ROUTES

- (a) Trucks larger than pickups are hereby prohibited from using city streets (residential) as through ways, including Cole Street, Mill Street, and Redner to Commerce Highway. (Ordinance F-97 adopted 6/10/84 as amended; Ordinance adopting Code)
- (b) "No Thru Truck" signs shall be posted on both ends of E. Paris Street, West Main and Taylor Streets.
- (c) Trucks coming from the South through Commerce shall be required to stay on State Highway 50 through the center of town in order to reach State Highway 34 North or South.
- (d) Trucks arriving from North or South State Highway 34 desiring to continue on State Highway 50 through Commerce shall be required to stay on Highway 34 into the middle of town and then turn onto State Highway 50.
- (e) All trucks, except pickups, making deliveries or having other business on any city street (residential), shall take the nearest route to arrive at their destination and they shall take the nearest direct route to return to State Highway 50 or return to Highway 34.

* **State Law reference**—Authority to establish or alter prima facie speed limits, Vernon's Ann. Civ. St., art. 6701d, Sec. 27(a)(5), Sec. 166, and Sec. 169.

(f) All trucks, except pickups, making deliveries or having other business on any city street (residential) at more than one location shall continue on that street to the last delivery or to the last other business and then take the nearest direct route to arrive at their destination and they shall take nearest direct route to return to State Highway 50 or the nearest direct route to return to State Highway 34.

(g) Any person who shall violate any section of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in accordance with the general penalty provision found in Section 1.106 of this code.

(Ordinance F-97 adopted 6/10/84; Ordinance adopting Code)

ARTICLE 10.400 REGULATING TRAFFIC INJURIOUS TO STREETS

(a) It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to operate or run upon any public street in the City of Ladonia, Texas any vehicle which has on its periphery any block, lug, stud, cleat, ridge, bead or any other protuberance of metal that shall project more than one fourth of an inch (1/4") beyond the tread or traction surface of the tire, unless the said wheels are protected by bands, wooden blocks, skids or some sufficient device to protect the street against injury by reason thereof.

(b) Nothing herein shall prevent the use of tractors with cleats on the driving wheels thereof on dirt or unimproved streets, or the use of vehicles actually engaged at the time in construction or repair of streets.

(c) Anyone violating any of the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in accordance with the general penalty provision found in Section 1.106 of this code.

(Ordinance adopting Code)

ARTICLE 10.500 ROAD TRACTORS

(a) Road tractors are hereby prohibited from using West Main, North Taylor and Paris Streets within the city limits.

(b) Exception will be made for local deliveries to the high schools, moving vans unloading or loading, farm equipment, etc., when these streets become the only route to their destination.

(Ordinance adopted 6/12/84)

(c) All road tractors making local deliveries to the high school, moving vans unloading or loading, farm equipment, etc., shall take the nearest direct route to arrive at their destination and leave these said streets at the nearest exit to that destination and return to State Highway 50 and State Highway 34.

(Ordinance adopting Code)

ARTICLE 10.600 PARKING RESTRICTIONS*

Sec. 10.601 Parking Around City Hall Square and Plaza

(a) Parking shall be permitted around City Hall Square and Plaza for automobiles and pickup trucks without trailers provided the overall length of such vehicle does not exceed eighteen (18) feet. Parking must be within marked spaces only. Parking around City Hall Square and Plaza in any other manner than specified shall be prohibited.

(b) No vehicle shall be permitted to park or stand on the North side of City Hall Plaza except for loading water from the commercial loading zone.

(c) Trucks, tractors and trailers over eighteen (18) feet in combined length shall be prohibited from parking on City Hall Square except in designated areas.

(Ordinance adopting Code)

Sec. 10.602 Truck and Trailer Parking Around Plaza Square; Parallel Parking

(a) The parking of trucks or trailers shall not be allowed in the area around the Plaza Square, or parallel to curb in other areas, in the City of Ladonia.

(b) Trucks left unattended for thirty (30) minutes or more is considered to be parked.

(c) Unattended trailers shall not be parked on the Plaza Square, or on any city street.

(Ordinance 90-4 adopted 4/10/90)

Sec. 10.603 Twenty-Four Hour Parking

It shall be unlawful for any person to leave parked or standing in any street any vehicle for a longer continuous period of time then twenty-four (24) hours. (Ordinance 504, Section 4, adopted 4/14/80)

* State Law reference—Authority to regulate parking, Vernon's Ann. Civ. St., art. 6701d, Section 27(a).

Sec. 10.604 Standing in Any Street

It shall be unlawful for any person to leave standing (occupied or unoccupied) in any street any vehicle. (Ordinance adopting Code)

Sec. 10.605 Parking in Bar Ditches and Shoulders

It shall be unlawful for any person to leave parked or standing any vehicle in the area directly adjacent to any street, such areas commonly known as bar ditches or road shoulders for any time longer than three (3) hours. (Ordinance adopting Code)

Sec. 10.606 Violations

(a) No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to park or stand in violation of this article. The same is hereby declared to be a nuisance per se and the fact such vehicle is unattended or unoccupied by any person shall be prima facia evidence that the owner thereof unlawfully and knowingly parked such vehicle.

(b) Motor vehicles or other vehicles illegally parked or standing in violation of this article shall be removed and impounded in the same manner as provided for removal of motor vehicles under the Texas Abandoned and Motor Vehicle Act.

(c) Any person who shall violate any section of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in accordance with the general penalty provision found in Section 1.106 of this code.

(Ordinance 504, Sections 5–7, adopted 4/14/80)

**ARTICLE 10.700 STOP INTERSECTION AND YIELD
INTERSECTION SIGNAGE***

Though not reproduced herein, those intersections designated as stop intersections or yield intersections and so indicated by the placement of appropriate signage are hereby ratified. All ordinances establishing differing stop and yield intersections are not included in this code but are specifically hereby saved from repeal and are maintained on file in the office of the city secretary. (Ordinance adopting Code)

* **State Law reference**—Authority to place and maintain traffic control devices, Vernon's Ann. Civ. St., art. 6701d, Sec. 32; Destruction of traffic control devices, Sec. 37; Authority to designate stop intersections and erect stop signs, Vernon's Ann. Civ. St., art. 6701d, Sec. 91.

ARTICLE 10.800 EXCEPTIONS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES*

(a) The provisions of this chapter regulating the operation of vehicles shall apply to authorized emergency vehicles, being defined as vehicles of the fire department, police department, and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the chief of police, except as follows: The driver, when operating such vehicle in an emergency, except when otherwise directed by a police officer, may:

- (1) Park or stand, notwithstanding the provisions of this article.
- (2) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign but only after slowing down at such speed as may be necessary for safe operation.
- (3) Disregard regulations governing direction and movement or turning in specified directions so long as he does not endanger life or property.

(b) The foregoing exemption shall not, however, protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of his reckless disregard of the safety of others.

(Ordinance adopting Code)

ARTICLE 10.900 TRAFFIC VISION OBSTRUCTIONS†

(a) No person shall place any fences, boxes, lumber, posts, awnings, signs or any other substance or material whatever nor shall any person allow weeds, bushes, shrubs or other vegetation of any kind to unreasonably obstruct the view of drivers operating motor vehicles traveling any street or alley within the City of Ladonia.

(b) Whenever the chief of police of the City of Ladonia, Texas, determines that vision of any street is obstructed as provided for in subsection (a) of this article, the City of Ladonia shall notify the property owner in writing of the obstruction and give said person a reasonable time not to exceed two (2) weeks to comply with this article by removing said obstruction.

(c) If the obstruction is not removed by the owner of the property, the City of Ladonia may remove the structure or obstruction, or part of the structure or obstruction, at the expense of the City of Ladonia, Texas, on behalf of the owner of the structure or obstruction, and assess the removal expenses on the property on which the structure or obstruction is located. The assessment fee charged by the City of Ladonia, Texas, shall be

* **State Law reference**—Authorized emergency vehicles exempt from certain traffic regulations, Vernon's Ann. Civ. Stat., art. 6701d, Section 24.

† **State Law reference**—Obstruction to driver's view or driving mechanism, V.A.C.S., art. 6701d, Sec. 175.

equal to the reasonable cost of the service as charged by contractors in the area plus twenty-five percent (25%).

(d) Failure to comply with any provisions of this article is punishable by a fine in accordance with the general penalty provision found in Section 1.106 of this code. Each day the obstruction remains after the date allowed for removal shall be a separate violation.

(Ordinance adopting Code)

**ARTICLE 10.1000 EXTENDING CITY LIMITS TO INCLUDE STATE
HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAYS**

(a) The city limits of the City of Ladonia, Texas, shall be extended as follows:

- (1) State Highway 343 West 3.5 miles from present city limit sign to Rehobeth Road.
- (2) Farm to Market 2990 North 3.7 miles from present city limit sign to County Road 3370.
- (3) State Highway 34 North 1.5 miles from the present city limit sign to North of Sulphur River and Fossil Park.
- (4) State Highway 50 South 1.2 miles from the present city limit sign to County Line.
- (5) State Highway 64 East 3.5 miles from the present city limit sign to Pecan Gap city limits.

(b) All distances are measured from present city limit signs.

(Ordinance adopted 2/4/94)