

CHAPTER 5

CONDITION OF VEHICLES

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9-5-1: CLEAR VISION: It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle which is so loaded or in such a condition that the operator does not have a clear vision of all parts of the roadway essential to the safe operation of the vehicle. Any vehicle which is constructed or loaded so that the driver's view of the roadway to the rear is obstructed shall be equipped with a mirror so attached as to give him a view of the roadway behind. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 398)

9-5-2: UNNECESSARY NOISE: It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle upon the street which makes an unusually loud or unnecessary noise. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 399)

9-5-3: HORN: Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a good and sufficient audible signaling device in efficient working order. Such signaling device shall be sounded when necessary to give timely warning of the approach of the vehicle, but such horn or other signaling device shall not be sounded for any purpose other than as a warning of impending danger.

No motor vehicle other than an emergency vehicle shall be equipped with a siren or gong signaling device. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 400)

9-5-4: GAS AND SMOKE: It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle which emits dense clouds of gas or smoke or such an amount of smoke or fumes as to be dangerous to the health of persons or so as to endanger the drivers of other vehicles. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 401)

9-5-5: PROJECTING LOADS: The maximum width of any vehicle and its load shall not exceed eight feet (8') excepting loads of loose straw, corn fodder or similar farm products, agricultural implements and threshing machines.

No passenger type vehicle shall be operated upon the streets with a load extending beyond the line of the fenders on the left side of the vehicle nor extending more than six inches (6") beyond the line of the fenders on the right side of the vehicle.

No vehicle, unladen or with a load shall exceed a length of thirty five feet (35') extreme dimensions; a truck trailer and a semi-trailer shall be regarded as one vehicle for the purpose of determining length.

No combination of vehicles couples together shall consist of more than two (2) units, and no such combination shall exceed a total length of forty feet (40') whether with or without a load; but such length limitation shall not apply to vehicles operated in the day time when transporting poles, pipes, machinery and other objects which cannot be readily dismembered, nor to such vehicles operated at nighttime by a public utility when engaged in emergency repair work; but such loads carried at night shall be clearly marked with sufficient lights to show the full dimensions of the load.

No part of a load of a vehicle shall extend more than three feet (3') in front of the extreme front portion of the vehicle. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 402)

9-5-6: BRAKES: It shall be unlawful to drive any vehicle upon any street in the Village unless such motor vehicle is equipped with good and sufficient brakes in good working condition, as required by the State traffic law, or to operate any vehicle which is so loaded that the operator does not have ready access to the mechanism operating the brakes of such vehicle. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 403)

9-5-7: MUFFLER: No motor vehicle shall be operated on any street unless such vehicle is provided with a muffler in efficient working condition; and the use of a cut-out is prohibited. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 404)

9-5-8: LIGHTS: It shall be unlawful to operate or park on any street any vehicle not equipped with adequate lights conforming to the requirements of the State laws. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 405)

9-5-9: NONSKID DEVICES: It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle upon any street, equipped with a nonskid device so constructed that rigid or nonflexible portions thereof come into contact with the pavement or roadway. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 406)

9-5-10: TIRES: It shall be unlawful to operate on any street any motor vehicle which is not equipped with tires conforming to the requirements of the State traffic law. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 407)

9-5-11: WEIGHT: It shall be unlawful to drive on any street any motor vehicle with a weight, including the weight of the load, in excess of that permitted by the State traffic law for driving on improved highways or with the weight distributed in a manner not conforming to such law. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 408)

It shall be unlawful to drive any vehicle onto or across East Second Avenue Bridge (County Inventory No. 6200) with a total weight greater than thirteen (13) tons. It shall be unlawful to drive any vehicle onto or across West Second Avenue Bridge (County Inventory No. 6201) with a total weight greater than four (4) tons.

As soon after the passage date of this Ordinance as possible, appropriate warning signs shall be placed prior to the approach of the bridges to advise the public of the foregoing weight limitations. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the posting of the appropriate warning signs as aforesaid.
(Ord. 315, 4-1-74)