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301.34 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE VEHICLE.

“Highway maintenance vehicle” means a vehicle used in snow and ice removal or road surface maintenance, including a snow plow, traffic line striper, road sweeper, mowing machine, asphalt distributing vehicle, or other such vehicle designed for use in specific highway maintenance activities.

(ORC 4511.01(QQQ))

301.35 HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

“Highway traffic signal” means a power-operated traffic control device by which traffic is warned or directed to take some specific action. The term includes a beacon, an in-road warning light, a lane-use control signal, and a traffic control signal. The term does not include a power-operated sign, steadily illuminated pavement marker, gate, flashing light signal, warning light, or steady burning electric lamp.

(ORC 4511.01(MMM))

301.36 HYBRID BEACON.

“Hybrid beacon” means a special type of beacon that is intentionally placed in a dark mode where no indications are displayed between periods of operation and, when operated, displays both steady and flashing highway traffic signal indications. The term includes both of the following:

(a) An emergency-vehicle hybrid beacon used to warn and control traffic at an otherwise unsignalized location to assist authorized emergency vehicles in entering or crossing a street or highway;

(b) A pedestrian hybrid beacon used to warn and control traffic at an otherwise unsignalized location to assist pedestrians in crossing a street or highway at a marked crosswalk.

(ORC 4511.01(LLL))

301.37 IN-ROAD WARNING LIGHT.

“In-road warning light” means a special type of highway traffic signal that is installed in the roadway surface to warn road users that they are approaching a condition on or adjacent to the

roadway that might not be readily apparent and might require the road users to reduce speed or come to a complete stop.

(ORC 4511.01(ZZZ))

301.38 INTERSECTION.

“Intersection” means:

(a) The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways that join one another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways that join at any other angle might come into conflict. The junction of an alley, driveway, or site roadway open to public travel with a public roadway or highway does not constitute an intersection, unless the public roadway or highway at the junction is controlled by a traffic control device.

(b) If a highway includes two roadways separated by a median, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway constitutes a separate intersection if the opposing left-turn paths cross and there is sufficient interior storage for the design vehicle. As used in this division, “design vehicle” means the longest vehicle authorized under Ohio R.C. 5577.05 to operate on that roadway without a permit.

(c) At a location controlled by a highway traffic signal, regardless of the distance between the separate intersections as described in subsection (b) of this definition:

(1) If a stop line, yield line, or crosswalk has not been designated on the roadway within the median between the separate intersections, the two intersections and the roadway and median constitute one intersection.

(2) Where a stop line, yield line, or crosswalk is designated on the roadway on the intersection approach, the area within the crosswalk and any area beyond the designated stop line or yield line constitute part of the intersection.

(3) Where a crosswalk is designated on a roadway on the departure from the intersection, the intersection includes the area that extends to the far side of the crosswalk. (ORC 4511.01(KK))

301.39 LANE-USE CONTROL SIGNAL.

“Lane-use control signal” means a signal face or comparable display on a full-matrix changeable message sign that displays indications to permit or prohibit the use of specific lanes of a roadway or a shoulder where driving is sometimes authorized or to indicate the impending prohibition of such use.

(ORC 4511.01(AAAA))

301.40 LANED HIGHWAY.

“Laned highway” means a highway the roadway of which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

(ORC 4511.01(GG))

301.41 LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES.

“Limited driving privileges” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4501.01.

301.42 LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

“Local authorities” means every county, municipal, and other local board or body having authority to adopt police regulations under the Constitution and laws of this state.

(ORC 4511.01(AA))

301.43 LOW-SPEED MICROMOBILITY DEVICE.

“Low-speed micromobility device” means a device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars, is propelled by an electric motor or human power, and has an attainable speed on a

paved level surface of not more than twenty miles per hour when propelled by the electric motor.
(ORC 4511.01(WWW))

301.44 MEDIAN.

“Median” means the portion of a highway separating opposing directions of the traveled way or the area between two roadways of a divided highway, measured from edge of traveled way to edge of traveled way. The median excludes turn lanes. The width of a median may be different between intersections, interchanges, and at opposite approaches of the same intersection.

(ORC 4511.01(NNN))

301.45 MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE OR MOTOR SCOOTER.

“Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4501.01.

301.46 MOTOR VEHICLE.

“Motor vehicle” means every vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead electric trolley wires, except motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power cranes and other equipment used in construction work, and not designed for or employed in general highway transportation, hole-digging machinery, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging machinery, farm machinery, and trailers designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on a street or highway for a distance of no more than ten miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less.

(ORC 4511.01(B))

301.47 MOTORCYCLE.

“Motorcycle” means every motor vehicle, other than a tractor, having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, including but not limited to motor vehicles known as “motor-driven cycle”, “motor scooter”, “autocycle”, “cab-enclosed motorcycle”, or “motorcycle” without regard to weight or brake horsepower.

(ORC 4511.01(C))

301.48 MOTORIZED BICYCLE OR MOPED.

“Motorized bicycle” or “moped” means any vehicle having either two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than one brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of not greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. The terms do not include an electric bicycle.

(ORC 4511.01(H))

301.49 MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIR.

“Motorized wheelchair” means any self-propelled vehicle designed for, and used by, a person with a disability and that is incapable of a speed in excess of eight miles per hour.

(ORC 4511.01(EEE))

301.50 MULTI-WHEEL AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR.

“Multi-wheel agricultural tractor” means a type of agricultural tractor that has two or more wheels or tires on each side of one axle at the rear of the tractor, is designed or used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled machinery, has no provision for carrying loads independently of the drawn vehicles or machinery, and is used principally for agricultural purposes.

(ORC 4511.01(GGG))

301.51 NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER.

“Natural resources officer” means an officer appointed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 1501.24.

(ORC 4511.01(XXX))

301.52 OPERATE.

“Operator” means to cause or have caused movement of a vehicle.

(ORC 4511.01(HHH))

301.53 PARKED OR PARKING.

“Parked” or “parking” means the standing of a vehicle upon a street, road, alley, highway or public ground, whether accompanied or unaccompanied by a driver, but does not include the temporary standing of a vehicle for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or loading merchandise or passengers.

301.54 PEDESTRIAN.

“Pedestrian” means any person on foot, in a motorized or non-motorized wheelchair, or using another equivalent device, such as skates or a skateboard. The term includes a personal delivery device as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.513 unless the context clearly suggests otherwise.

(ORC 4511.01(X))

301.55 PERSON.

“Person” means every natural person, firm, partnership, association or corporation.

(ORC 4511.01(W))

301.56 POLE TRAILER.

“Pole trailer” means every trailer or semitrailer attached to the towing vehicle by means of a reach, pole, or by being boomed or otherwise secured to the towing vehicle, and ordinarily used for transporting long or irregular shaped loads such as poles, pipes, or structural members capable, generally, of sustaining themselves as beams between the supporting connections.

(ORC 4511.01(O))

301.57 POLICE OFFICER.

“Police officer” means every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic, or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

(ORC 4511.01(Z))

301.58 PREDICATE MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAFFIC OFFENSE.

“Predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense” means any of the following:

(a) A violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12, 4511.132, 4511.16, 4511.20, 4511.201, 4511.21, 4511.211, 4511.213, 4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.432, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 4511.452, 4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.48, 4511.481, 4511.49, 4511.50, 4511.511, 4511.53, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.56, 4511.57, 4511.58, 4511.59, 4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.66, 4511.661, 4511.68, 4511.70, 4511.701, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4511.713, 4511.72, 4511.73, 4511.763, 4511.771, 4511.78, or 4511.84;

(b) A violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.17(A)(2), 4511.51(A) through (D), or 4511.74(A);

(c) A violation of any provision of Ohio R.C. 4511.01 through 4511.76 for which no penalty otherwise is provided in the section that contains the provision violated;

(d) A violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.214;

(e) A violation of a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to any section or provision set forth or described in subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this definition.

(ORC 4511.01(III))

301.59 PRIVATE ROAD.

“Private road” means every way or place in private ownership used for vehicular travel by the

owner, and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons. (ORC 4511.01(DD))

301.60 PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE.

“Public safety vehicle” means any of the following:

- (a) Ambulances, including private ambulance companies under contract to a municipality, township, or county, and private ambulances and nontransport vehicles bearing license plates issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.49;
- (b) Motor vehicles used by public law enforcement officers or other persons sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state;
- (c) Any motor vehicle when properly identified as required by the Director of Public Safety, when used in response to fire emergency calls or to provide emergency medical service to ill or injured persons, and when operated by a duly qualified person who is a member of a volunteer rescue service or a volunteer fire department, and who is on duty pursuant to the rules or directives of that service. The State Fire Marshal shall be designated by the Director of Public Safety as the certifying agency for all public safety vehicles described herein;
- (d) Vehicles used by fire departments, including motor vehicles when used by volunteer firefighters responding to emergency calls in the fire department service when identified as required by the Director of Public Safety;
- (e) Any vehicle used to transport or provide emergency medical service to an ill or injured person, when certified as a public safety vehicle, shall be considered such a vehicle when transporting an ill or injured person to a hospital, regardless of whether such vehicle has already passed a hospital;
- (f) Vehicles used by the Motor Carrier Enforcement Unit for the enforcement of orders and rules of the Public Utilities Commission as specified in Ohio R.C. 5503.34. (ORC 4511.01(E))

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