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Power to designate highway as included in a freeway, expressway or thruway - see Ohio R.C. 4511.011

Power to enact local traffic regulations - see Ohio R.C. 4511.07, 4511.61

Local traffic control devices - see Ohio R.C. 4511.11

Alteration of prima-facie speed limits - see Ohio R.C. 4511.21, 4511.22(A), 4511.23

Designation of through streets and erection of stop or yield signs - see Ohio R.C. 4511.65; TRAF.

305.01 DIVISION OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND SAFETY CREATED.

Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 737.021 and 737.022, a Division of Traffic Engineering and Safety is hereby created, and the Director of Public Safety shall be the executive head of such Division.

305.02 AUTHORITY AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PLACEMENT OF DEVICES.

The Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to place and maintain traffic control devices upon any street or highway under his jurisdiction as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Traffic Code, or to regulate, warn or guide traffic, and such other traffic control devices as he shall deem necessary for the proper control of traffic. The Director of Public Safety shall determine the location, timing and coordination of such traffic control devices upon the basis of an applicable engineering or traffic investigation and shall consider the following:

- (a) The maximum safety and protection of vehicular and pedestrian traffic from physical injury or property damage.
- (b) The existing and potential traffic movement, volume and conditions.
- (c) The location and frequency of accidents, including studies of remedial measures.
- (d) The recommendations of the Police and Fire Chiefs.
- (e) The acceleration of transportation of persons and property by vehicles so as to expedite travel and promote public safety.
- (f) The convenience and welfare of the general public in parking, standing, loading and unloading, and the use of the streets as affecting business concerns and places of assembly.
- (g) Economy in the expenditure of money.

305.03 CONFORMITY WITH STATE MANUAL.

All traffic control devices placed pursuant to the provisions of this Traffic Code shall conform to the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, as set forth in Ohio R.C. 4511.09.

305.04 POWERS OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR.

The Director of Public Safety is hereby empowered to:

- (a) Designate any street or highway as a through street or highway and require that all vehicles stop or yield the right of way as may be required before entering the same; or in residence districts designate certain streets or highways or portions thereof not to be through streets or highways despite the erection of stop signs or other official traffic control devices at intersecting streets.
- (b) Designate any intersection as a stop intersection and require all vehicles to stop at one or more entrances to such intersection.
- (c) Designate any intersection as a yield intersection and require all vehicles to yield the right of way as required.
- (d) Designate any street as a one-way street and require that all vehicles thereon be moved in one specific direction.
- (e) Designate and mark lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the center line of the roadway.
- (f) Erect signs directing slow-moving traffic to use a designated lane or allocating specified lanes to traffic moving in the same direction.
- (g) Designate those portions of any street, where overtaking and passing other traffic or driving to the left of the center or center line of the roadway would be especially hazardous, by appropriate signs or markings on the street to indicate the beginning and end of such zones. Such

zones may be marked by an auxiliary yellow line placed parallel and to the right of the normal center line or offset marked lane line.

(h) Place markers, buttons or signs within or adjacent to intersections and require that a specific course of direction be traveled by vehicles proceeding in lanes by either permitting, prohibiting or requiring turns at such intersections.

(i) Install traffic control devices, signals and signs at any location to regulate traffic.

(j) Establish safety zones, crosswalks, zones of quiet and play streets.

(k) Close any street or portion thereof to vehicular traffic which is in the process of construction, reconstruction or repair.

(l) Determine the location of any necessary bus stops and taxicab stands.

(m) Determine the location and limiting hours of truck loading zones.

(n) Designate dangerous railroad crossings and erect stop signs thereat.

(o) Erect "No U Turn" signs at any location to prohibit a vehicle from being turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction.

(p) Regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing and parking of vehicles on streets, alleys or public property by erecting signs plainly indicating the prohibitions, restrictions or limitations.

(q) Designate individual parking spaces by markings, which may either be parallel or at a prescribed angle to the curb or edge of the roadway.

(r) Designate truck routes and streets or parts thereof where either a weight limit restriction or truck exclusion has been imposed by rule or regulation provided such is not in conflict with any legislation.

(s) Erect signs to prohibit a right or left turn against a steady red signal at any intersection.

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