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Police may remove ignition key from unattended vehicle - see TRAF. 303.03

Parking near stopped fire apparatus - see TRAF. 331.27

Lights on parked or stopped vehicles - see TRAF. 337.09

351.01 POLICE MAY REMOVE UNATTENDED VEHICLE WHICH OBSTRUCTS TRAFFIC.

Whenever any police officer finds a vehicle unattended upon any street, bridge or causeway, or in any tunnel, where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, such officer may provide for the removal of such vehicle to the nearest garage or other place of safety.

(ORC 4511.67)

351.02 REGISTERED OWNER PRIMA-FACIE LIABLE FOR UNLAWFUL PARKING.

In any hearing on a charge of illegally parking a motor vehicle, testimony that a vehicle bearing a

certain license plate was found unlawfully parked as prohibited by the provisions of this Traffic Code, and further testimony that the record of the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles shows that the license plate was issued to the defendant, shall be prima-facie evidence that the vehicle which was unlawfully parked, was so parked by the defendant. A certified registration copy, showing such fact, from the Registrar shall be proof of such ownership.

351.03 PROHIBITED STANDING OR PARKING PLACES.

(a) No person shall stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the provisions of this Traffic Code, or while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, in any of the following places:

- (1) On a sidewalk, curb or street lawn area, except a bicycle;
- (2) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (3) Within an intersection;
- (4) Within five feet of any fire hydrant as measured on a line parallel with the centerline of the street, road or way;
- (5) On a crosswalk;
- (6) Within thirty feet of any intersection;
- (7) Within thirty feet of, and upon the approach to, any yield sign, stop sign or highway traffic signal;
- (8) Within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- (9) Within twenty feet of a driveway entrance to any fire station and, on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station, within seventy- five feet of the entrance when it is properly posted with signs;
- (10) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
- (11) Alongside any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
- (12) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a street, or within a street tunnel;
- (13) At any place where signs prohibit stopping, standing or parking, or where the curbing or street is painted yellow, or at any place in excess of the maximum time limited by signs;
- (14) Within one foot of another parked vehicle;
- (15) On the roadway portion of a freeway, expressway or thruway.

(Ord. 95-08. Passed 12-30-08.)

(b) A person is permitted, without charge or restriction, to stand or park on a sidewalk a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter that has an engine not larger than 150 cubic centimeters, a low-speed micromobility device, or a bicycle or electric bicycle, provided that the motor-driven cycle, motor scooter, low-speed micromobility device, bicycle, or electric bicycle does not impede the normal flow of pedestrian traffic. This subsection does not authorize any person to operate a vehicle in violation of Section 331.37, or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(ORC 4511.68)

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