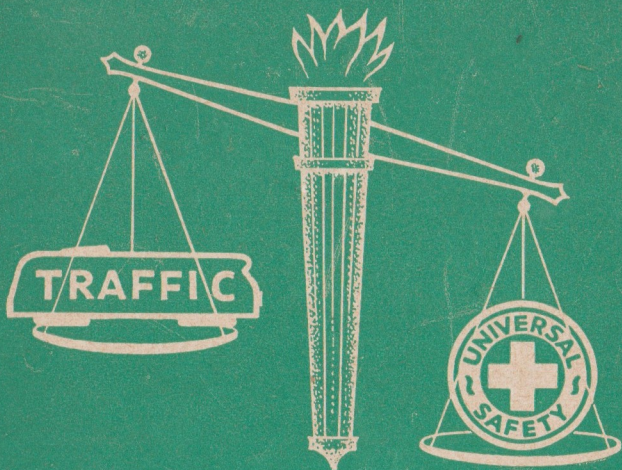


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THE FIRST ESSENTIAL OF SAFETY

***A Brief Outline  
of the More Important  
Chicago Traffic  
Regulations***

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## *Purposes of Traffic Regulations*

1. To extend to all street users the protection and consideration we like to receive ourselves.
  2. To promote safety for all.
  3. To provide the greatest convenience for the greatest number.
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THIS BOOKLET WAS ORIGINALLY PREPARED FOR CHICAGO SURFACE LINES CAR AND BUS OPERATORS. FEELING THAT THE OUTLINE WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OTHERS, THE COMPANY HAS PRINTED A LIMITED QUANTITY FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION.

It is our hope that through a fuller knowledge of traffic rules and the reasons which underlie them, safety of all users of the street may be increased.

The paragraphs presented, unless otherwise indicated, are based on that portion of the Municipal Code of Chicago covering motor traffic regulation.

The chapter and item number which follows each subject refers to the full text of each regulation.

# CHICAGO

## TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

### *Operation of Vehicles*

#### **Accidents**

Operator of any vehicle which has collided with any other vehicle or person in such a manner as to cause injury or damage, shall stop immediately to ascertain the extent of such injury or damage.

Motorists must report accidents involving personal injury or property damage to police. (27-68)

(In case of an accident with an unattended vehicle the motorist's name and address shall be left on the vehicle struck.) (Revised Statutes of Illinois, 1945 Edition, Chapter 95½, Section 136.)

#### **Inspection of Motor Vehicles**

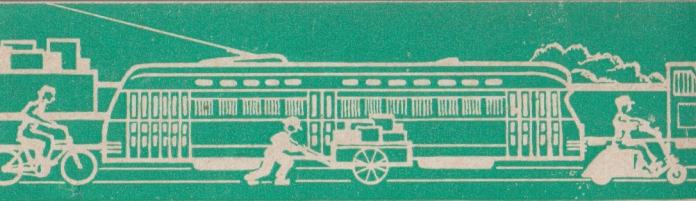
All motor vehicles shall be inspected semi-annually at one of the Municipal testing lanes, must qualify for safety and carry the city windshield sticker certificate. (27-83, 84)

#### **Speed Limits**

1. Business district — 20 miles per hour.
2. Residential district — (closely settled) 25 miles per hour.
3. Residential district — (sparsely settled) 35 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted.

The above maximum speeds are permitted only at locations and under conditions where they are safe. (27-38)





## **Vehicle Turning Movements**

1. Left Turns — General Restrictions. Any driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection with the intent to make a left turn shall do so with caution and with due regard for traffic approaching from the opposite direction. Turn shall not be made until it can be done with safety. (Revised Statutes of Illinois, 1945 Edition, Chapter 95½, Section 166).
2. Left Turns — Prohibited in area bounded by Lake, Wabash, Van Buren and Franklin, and other locations where such turning interferes with safe and orderly traffic movements.
3. "U" Turns — Shall not be made in above area except where permission is given by signs. "U" turns shall not be made elsewhere in the city unless they can be made safely and without interfering with other traffic. (27-43, 44)
4. Signals — Shall be given from the left side of a vehicle, as follows: When stopping (hand and arm extended downward); when turning left (hand and arm extended horizontal); when turning right (hand and arm extended upward, or moved with a sweeping motion from rear to front). (27-40)

## **Right of Way — Pedestrians**

Pedestrians have the right of way when crossing the roadway within any crosswalk, except where traffic is regulated by police officers or traffic signals. (27-41)

## ***Emergency Vehicles and Special Privilege Vehicles***

Fire Department, Fire Insurance Patrol, Police Department, Ambulances, repair or service vehicles of any public service corporation, have the right of way when responding to calls and may park in restricted areas when necessary in the performance of their duties. Funeral processions also have the right of way. (27-1, 6, 54)

## ***Driving in Car Tracks***

It is unlawful for operator of any vehicle driving on any car track to fail to remove vehicle as soon as practicable after signal from operator of street-car. (27-56)

## ***Moving Restrictions***

Before moving large or heavy articles over city streets, persons are required to obtain special permits from the Commissioner of Streets and Electricity, who will prescribe moving time and routing.

(Applies where length exceeds 65 feet or weight on one axle exceeds 24,000 pounds.) (27-77)





## ***Passing Streetcars —***

### ***Stopping Behind Streetcars***

Streetcars shall not be passed on the left whether in motion or temporarily at rest.

Vehicles shall stop not less than 10 feet from nearest open doorway of any standing streetcar, even though green light may be showing at traffic controlled intersections. Vehicles may not pass the standing streetcar until boarding and alighting is completed and passengers have reached a place of safety. This stop is not necessary where safety zones are established. (27-55)

## ***Bicycles***

Bicycles and motor scooters are classed as vehicles and are required to obey all traffic regulations. (27-1)

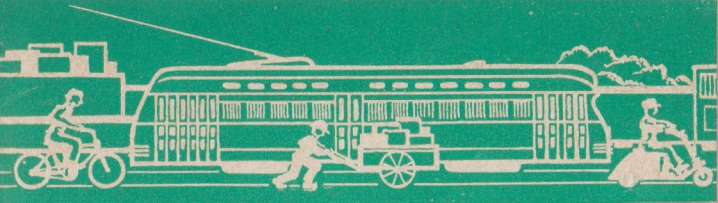
## ***Lights***

After sundown motor vehicles must display two white lights in front and a red light in rear. Head lights must be dimmed or depressed to avoid confusing oncoming traffic. (27-72)

## ***Priority at Intersections***

Where traffic is not controlled by police or traffic signals and no thru street signs exist, vehicles approaching from the right have priority. (27-46)





When a streetcar has started across an intersection, other vehicles shall not drive upon or across the tracks within the intersection in front of the car. (27-56)

## Other Items

Obstruction of Traffic — No vehicle shall be operated or allowed to remain on any street unreasonably obstructing traffic.

Driving from Alleys, Driveways and Garages — Vehicles emerging from alleys, driveways or garages shall stop before crossing the sidewalk to enter the roadway. (27-39, 45)

## *Parking Restrictions*

### MINIMUM DISTANCES THAT VEHICLES

#### MAY BE PARKED FROM ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

Crosswalk . . . . .	20 feet
Fire Hyrant . . . . .	15 feet
On side of street opposite	
fire station entrance . . . . .	75 feet
Safety Zone (Rear of) . . . . .	30 feet
R. R. Crossing (Nearest Rail) . . . . .	50 feet
Thru Street Signs . . . . .	50 feet
Traffic Signal . . . . .	50 feet (27-19)





## **LOCATIONS WHERE PARKING IS PROHIBITED ENTIRELY**

Any street where less than 20 feet of roadway would be left available for movement of vehicular traffic.

In any intersection or crosswalk.

Opposite any street excavation or obstruction.  
Streetcar loading zones (between zone and curb).

Subways or approaches.

Upon bridges or viaducts.

Wherever "No Parking" signs are erected.

## **Double Parking Is Illegal at Any Time or Location (27-19, 24, 30)**

### ***Parking Time Restrictions***

Between Wacker and Harrison, Michigan and Market, 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. weekdays and 7 A.M. to 3 P.M. Saturdays. (Sundays and holidays are excepted.)

On any street for a longer period than 30 minutes between the hours of 2 A.M. and 6 A.M. any day.

On the school side of streets between the lot lines extended of such school property, between 8 A.M. and 4 P.M. any school day. (27-25, 29, 32)

## **Other Restrictions**

Unattended vehicles shall not be left with motor running, or on a grade without setting brake and turning front wheels toward curb. (27-33)

## *Traffic Signals* (Three Color Type)

Green — "Go" — but yield right of way to pedestrians or vehicles in intersection when light changes.

Yellow — (Following green) — "Stop."

Yellow — (Following red) — remain standing until green shows.

Red — "Stop." (27-14)

## *Non-Vehicular Traffic*

### **Blind Person Protection**

Driver of any vehicle who approaches or comes in contact with a blind person, carrying a white cane or otherwise identified, shall immediately stop and take such precautions before proceeding as may be necessary to avoid accident or injury to such blind persons. (27-94)

### **Boarding and Alighting**

It is unlawful to board or alight from a streetcar or other vehicle while it is in motion. (27-93)





*Motormen and Bus Operators Are Required to  
Obey All City Traffic Regulations*

