



CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES  
OF THE  
CITY OF  
NEW PHILADELPHIA  
OHIO

Local legislation current through June 13, 2024

State legislation current through February 28, 2024

CERTIFICATION

We, Joel B. Day, Mayor, and Julie Courtright, Council Clerk, of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 731.23 and 731.42, hereby certify that the general and permanent ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, as revised, rearranged, compiled, renumbered as to sections, codified and printed herewith in component codes are correctly set forth and constitute the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, 1973, as completed to June 13, 2024.

/s/ Joel B. Day  
Mayor

/s/ Julie Courtright  
Council Clerk

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CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA

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ORDINANCE NO. 35-73

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN  
CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT  
OF NEW MATTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, has had the matter of recodification and general revision of the ordinances before it for some time, and

WHEREAS, Council has heretofore entered into a contract with the Walter H. Drane Company to prepare and publish such recodification, and

WHEREAS, the recodification of such ordinances, together with the new matter to be adopted, the matters to be amended and those to be repealed are before the Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, of a general and permanent nature, as revised, recodified, rearranged and consolidated into component codes, titles, chapters and sections are hereby approved, adopted and enacted as the Codified Ordinances of New Philadelphia, Ohio, 1973.

One book-form copy of the Codified Ordinances shall be certified as correct by the Mayor and the Clerk of Council, attached to this ordinance as a part hereof, and filed with the permanent ordinance records of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That the provisions of this ordinance, including all provisions of the Codified Ordinances, shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after passage of this ordinance and its approval by the Mayor. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof enacted prior to April 9, 1973, which are inconsistent with any provision of the Codified Ordinances, are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance, except as follows:

- (a) The enactment of the Codified Ordinances shall not be construed to affect a right or liability accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of such enactment, or an action or proceeding for the enforcement of such right or liability. Such enactment shall not be construed to relieve any person from punishment for an act committed in violation of any such legislative provision, nor to affect an indictment or prosecution therefor. For such purposes, any such legislative provision shall continue in full force notwithstanding its repeal for the purpose of revision and modification.

- (b) The repeal provided above shall not affect:
- (1) The grant or creation of a franchise, license, right, easement or privilege;
  - (2) The purchase, sale, lease or transfer of property;
  - (3) The appropriation or expenditure of money or promise or guarantee of payment;
  - (4) The assumption of any contract or obligation;
  - (5) The issuance and delivery of any bonds, obligations or other instruments of indebtedness;
  - (6) The levy or imposition of taxes, assessments or charges;
  - (7) The establishment, naming, vacating or grade level of any street or public way;
  - (8) The dedication of property or plat approval;
  - (9) The annexation or detachment of territory;
  - (10) Any legislation enacted subsequent to April 8, 1973.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council, pursuant to Ohio R. C. 731.23, shall cause to be published in a manner required by law a summary of the new matter contained in the Codified Ordinances. All sections of the Codified Ordinances without a previous ordinance or resolution history at the end thereof indicate that the section contains new matter ordained by this Adopting Ordinance.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety and for the further reason that there exists an imperative necessity for the earliest publication and distribution of the Codified Ordinances to the officials and residents of the City, so as to facilitate administration, daily operation and avoid practical and legal entanglements.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED: May 31, 1973

William L. Jenkins  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Harold G. Wiggins  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: May 31, 1973

Lloyd F. Dinger  
MAYOR

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

The arrangement and numbering of the Codified Ordinances into component codes, titles, chapters and sections are based on an adaptation of the decimal numbering system which is similar to that used in the Ohio Revised Code, and in accord with the best accepted practice in instituting a codification. Each section is self-identifying as to code, chapter and section number. For example, 305.06 indicates that the code number is 3, the chapter number is 305 (or the 5th chapter within code 3), and the section number is .06. The code and chapter numbers appear left of the decimal, with the code number preceding the first two digits left of the decimal, and the chapter number being all digits left of the decimal. The section number appears right of the decimal. As another example, 113.10 indicates the code number is 1, the chapter number is 113 (or the 13th chapter within code 1), and the section number is .10.

This numbering system has the advantage of inherent flexibility in allowing for an almost endless amount of expansion. Codes, titles and chapters initially are odd-numbered, thus reserving the use of even numbers for future legislation. Sections within chapters are consecutively numbered, except that penalty provisions are usually assigned the number .99 as used in the Revised Code. Newly created sections subsequent to the original codification may be indicated by three digits right of the decimal in the event the law properly belongs between two consecutively numbered sections. For example, newly created 575.061, 575.062 and 575.063 follow 575.06 and precede 575.07 to be placed in their logical position.

Section histories enable a user to trace the origin of the law contained in the section. The history indicates the derivation by reference to either its passage date and the ordinance number originally assigned to it at that time, or to its inclusion in any prior code. Sections without histories indicate that the section contains new matter which was ordained by the Adopting Ordinance which enacts the Codified Ordinances.

The Comparative Section Table is included to show the disposition of every ordinance included in the Codified Ordinances. It indicates whether a given ordinance was consolidated with another into one section or split into two or more sections. Cross references direct the user to subject matter reasonably related to material contained within a given chapter.



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EDITOR'S NOTE: References are to individual code sections. As additional aids for locating material, users are directed to:

- (a) The Comparative Section Table, which indicates in the Codified Ordinances the disposition of the ordinances or resolutions integrated therein.
- (b) The Table of Contents preceding each component code, and the sectional analysis preceding each chapter.
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14-2014	8-11-14	902.01	17-2016	12-29-16	935.02
18-2014	9-22-14	301.04, 301.161, 301.162, 303.04, 303.041, 313.03, 333.01, 333.03, 333.031, 337.16, 341.01, 341.03, 351.04, 373.02, 501.01, 505.071, 517.01, 517.02, 525.01, 525.02, 525.05, 529.01, 529.07, 537.03, 537.12, 537.16, 537.17, 545.01, 545.05, 545.18, 549.01, 549.02, 549.04, 549.10	18-2016	12-29-16	935.01
			3-2017	3-13-17	521.00
			9-2017	7-10-17	2017 Replacement Pages
			12-2017	9-11-17	948.01 to 948.18, 948.99
			13-2017	9-11-17	949.01 to 949.15, 949.99
			14-2017	9-11-17	950.01 to 950.10, 950.99
			16-2017	11-13-17	1161.18
			17-2017	10-9-17	901.01
			18-2017	10-9-17	1309.01
			1-2018	1-22-18	197.80 to 197.95
			2-2018	1-22-18	197.051, 197.053, 197.07, 197.081, 197.091, 197.10
31-2014	1-12-15	971.06	4-2018	4-23-18	509.03
10-2015	5-28-15	505.17	5-2018	4-23-18	1339.01 to 1339.21, 1339.99
12-2015	8-24-15	303.081, 303.082, 331.44, 335.072, 335.074, 337.17, 351.03, 501.07, 501.08, 521.08, 525.05, 533.09, 533.14, 537.05, 537.051, 537.06, 545.01, 545.02, 545.05, 545.15, 549.01, 553.03, 1511.01, 1511.03, 1511.04	9-2018	8-13-18	717.01
			10-2018	8-13-18	729.02
			11-2018	8-13-18	723.04
			12-2018	8-13-18	765.02
			13-2018	8-13-18	355.05
			14-2018	8-27-18	167.01 to 167.06
			17-2018	6-11-18	509.03
			19-2018	8-16-18	2018 Replacement Pages
			22-2018	10-24-18	555.01 to 555.05
			23-2018	11-26-18	1323.01 to 1323.03
			24-2018	2-25-18	521.08
17-2015	11-23-15	197.01 to 197.21, 197.97, 197.98, 197.99	25-2018	2-25-19	353.09
			4-2019	5-13-19	901.01, 1141.03, 1309.01, 1309.99
19-2015	12-14-15	505.01, 505.141	5-2019	3-11-19	1167.14
4-2016	4-25-16	121.01	10-2019	6-24-19	143.03
8-2016	8-8-16	313.01	11-2019	8-26-19	2019 Replacement Pages
9-2016	9-7-16	513.17	13-2019	9-9-19	977.01 to 977.05
12-2016	9-12-16	301.19, 303.081, 303.082, 335.031, 335.09, 335.10, 341.01, 341.03, 341.05, 341.06, 351.04, 373.02, 529.07	23-2019	1-27-20	505.18
			1-2020	1-10-20	939.01 to 939.04, 939.07, 939.08, 939.99
			6-2020	3-23-20	505.01
			13-2020	7-27-20	2020 Replacement Pages
			2-2021	3-8-21	1157.08
			12-2021	6-28-21	549.10

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>C.O. Section</u>
13-2021	7-12-21	510.01 to 510.04
16-2021	10-11-21	1161.18
19-2021	9-27-21	555.03, 555.04
20-2021	10-11-21	2021 Replacement Pages
26-2021	11-22-21	133.03
8-2022	6-13-22	1335.44 to 1335.59
9-2022	6-27-22	1511.07
10-2022	5-9-22	Ch. 1519 Ed Note
11-2022	7-11-22	1335.62, 1335.65, 1335.66
12-2022	7-11-22	510.01(e), (f); Repeals 510.04
14-2022	8-8-22	782.01 to 782.10
2-2023	3-13-23	513.19
4-2023	2-13-23	143.03
9-2023	12-28-23	1343.01 to 1343.09, 1343.99
19-2023	11-13-23	1141.05(a)(1)
30-2023	12-28-23	197.03, 197.062, 197.063, 197.094, 197.10, 197.22
5-2024	3-18-24	Repeals 159.02, 159.03
6-2024	3-18-24	Repeals Ch. 778
7-2024	3-25-24	145.02
8-2024	3-25-24	166.01, 784.12(f) (4), 1321.01(b), 1321.02 to 1321.07, 1335.07 to 1335.11, 1335.13, 1335.14, 1335.47, 1335.48, 1335.50, 1335.62, 1335.67, 1335.69
12-2024	3-25-24	901.01 to 901.04
16-2024	4-22-24	513.20
18-2024	6-13-24	373.10
19-2024	6-13-24	1151.05





## EXPLANATION OF TABLES OF SPECIAL ORDINANCES

The Codified Ordinances of New Philadelphia cover all ordinances of a general and permanent nature. The provisions of such general and permanent ordinances are set forth in full in the Codified Ordinances.

References must be made frequently to many special ordinances--particularly those related to property, such as dedications, vacating of property, easement, purchase, sale, etc. In the following Tables A through I, all such ordinances are listed. These tables list ordinance chronologically by subject, and include both a citation to and a brief description of each ordinance.

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TABLE A - FRANCHISES

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Unno.	10-22-1874	To New Philadelphia Gas Light Co. to build and operate a gas system.
Unno.	3-16-1888	To Central District and Printing Telegraph Co. to establish a telephone system.
Unno.	11-6-1889	To Central Thomson-Houston Co. to establish an electric power system.
Unno.	2-20-1890	To Tuscarawas Electric Co. to build and operate a street railway.
Unno.	7-16-1890	To New Philadelphia Gas Light Co. to build gas works.
Unno.	3-2-1892	To Tuscarawas Electric Co. to supply electric power.
Unno.	4-14-1893	To C. E. Mitchener to build and operate street railway.
Unno.	2-5-1896	To C. E. Mitchener to build and operate a street railway.
41	3-23-1898	To A. Beyer to build and operate an electric system.
74	9-22-1899	To G. J. Hoffman and C. L. Cassingham to build and operate a telephone system.
151	6-25-02	To L. E. Myers and W. H. Hoover to build and operate a street railway.
152	6-25-02	To W. R. Sharp to build and operate a heating plant.
214	6-17-04	To Tuscarawas Traction Co. to operate a street railway on Rt. 1.
215	6-17-04	To Canton-New Philadelphia Rwy. Co. to operate a street railway on Rt. 2.
453	11-26-09	To East Ohio Gas Co. to supply gas and regulating rates thereof to 1919.
478	6-28-10	To Tuscarawas County Electric Light Co. to supply electricity and regulating rates thereof to 1911.
752	5-21-15	To Ohio Service Co. to supply electricity and regulating rates thereof to 1920.
924	8-15-19	To East Ohio Gas Co. to supply gas and regulating rates therefor to 1924.
980	8-23-20	To Ohio Service Co. to supply steam heat and regulating rates therefor to 1921.
1013	7-8-21	To Ohio Service Co. to supply electricity and regulating rates therefor to 1931.
1026	9-16-21	To Ohio Service Co. to supply steam heat and regulating rates therefor to 1922.
1056	5-26-22	To Ohio Service Co. to supply steam heat and regulating rates therefor to 1923.
1098	6-15-23	To Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co. to extend its trackage.
1108	8-10-23	To Ohio Service Co. to supply steam heat and regulating rates therefor to 1924.
1163	7-14-24	To East Ohio Gas Co. to supply gas and regulating rates therefor to 1929.
1443	4-16-28	To Ohio Power & Light Co. to operate street railway and bus lines.
1636	3-20-31	To East Ohio Gas Co. to supply gas and regulating rates therefor to 1933.

TABLE A - FRANCHISES (Cont.)

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1748	3-17-33	To East Ohio Gas Co. to supply gas and regulating rates therefor to 1935.
1861	1-7-35	To East Ohio Gas Co. to supply gas and regulating rates therefor to 1938.
1867	3-4-35	To Dover-Phila Transit Co. to operate bus line.
2191	7-12-43	To East Ohio Gas Co. to supply gas and regulating rates therefor to 1945.
2230	4-23-45	To Dover-Phila Transit Co. to operate bus line.
2348	10-25-48	To Dover-Phila Transit Co. to operate bus line.
2495	5-12-52	To Dover-Phila Transit Co., changing fares.
2572	10-26-53	To East Ohio Gas Co. to supply gas and regulating rates therefor to 1955.
2704	4-9-56	To East Ohio Gas Co. to supply gas and regulating rates therefor to 1960.
2738	2-25-57	To Dover-Phila Transit Co., changing fares.
2818	1-12-59	To the Dover-Phila Transit Co. to operate and maintain a motor coach route for 10 yrs. and providing fare and schedule regulations therefor.
2826	8-24-59	Regulating rates that may be charged by the East Ohio Gas Co.
3029	3-22-65	To the TV Antenna System to operate and maintain a community television and other audio and visual systems.
3054	8-23-65	To Doyle Miller, d.b.a. Inter-City Transit to establish, maintain and operate motor bus transportation system.
3063	12-13-65	Amends Ord. 3029.
Res. 1966-11	9-26-66	Assignment and transfer of motor bus franchise granted by Ord. 3054 to the Dover-New Phila. Transit Co.
Res.1966-12	10-10-66	Authorizing increase in fares charged by Dover-New Phila. Transit Co.
3319	6-8-70	Authorizes Public Service Director to extend existing contract with Ohio Power Co. for lighting the streets for 6 mos.
3140	9-11-67	To P.L. Akers, d.b.a. Aker's Bus Line to establish, operate and maintain a motor bus transportation system and providing regulations therefor.
3326	9-27-70	Authorizes advertising for bids for street lighting.
46-75	9-13-76	To Tower Communications, Inc. for CATV renewal.
72-76	11-8-76	Regulating rates to be charged by Tower Communications, Inc. for CATV.
55-80	8-25-80	Regulating rates to be charged by Tower Communications, Inc. for CATV.
25-82	5-10-82	To Tower Communications, Inc. for CATV renewal.
44-84	9-10-84	Amending CATV agreement with Times Mirror Cable T.V., Inc., a successor to Tower Communications, Inc.

TABLE A - FRANCHISES (Cont.)

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
21-87	5-11-87	Nonexclusive franchise to Times Mirror Television of Ohio to operate and maintain a cable television system.
23-87	6-8-87	Amends franchise fee for Times Mirror Television.
6-88	2-8-88	Frontier Power Co. the right to operate and maintain electric power lines throughout the City.
Res. 26-97	10-27-97	Consents to sale of Cable Television franchise from Coxcom, Inc., to Frontier Vision Operation Partners.

TABLE B- EASEMENTS

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Unno.	4-19-1872	To Lake Shore and Tuscarawas RR Co. to occupy certain streets.
Unno.	7-17-1895	To Brown and Bartles Co. to cross Ray and Third Sts. with RR switch.
9	7-29-1896	To Cleveland and Pittsburgh RR to cross Third St.
91	1-28-01	To New Phila. Lumber Co. to build switch across Ray St.
712	7-24-14	To the City from heirs of J. E. Emerson for water main.
962	4-30-20	To Wise McClung Mfg. Co. for a switch and coal dock.
975	7-23-20	To J. E. Harding for coal dock.
1037	2-24-22	To the City from I. M. Printz, et al. for sewer line.
1075	9-8-22	To the City from Ohio Service Co. to construct sewer.
1078	10-6-22	To the City from F. G. Gopp, et al. to erect electric light lines.
1188	9-26-24	To Nagley Lumber Co. for switch across West High St.
1436	3-9-28	To Dept. of Highways for property in Goshen Twp.
1575	12-6-29	To the City from Pennsylvania RR to construct sewer line in Kelley St.
2333	6-28-48	To Ohio Power Co. to erect poles and wires.
2409	4-25-50	To T. Just to construct chimney.
2527	3-9-53	To V. and H. Muelhoffer for sewer line.
2598	2-8-54	To the City from B&O RR to build water line.
2612	3-22-54	To M. L Keller, City quit claim easements.
2864	7-11-60	Releases utility rights in alley vacated by Ord. 2453, between lots 2120 and 2121 and running between Blake Ave. SW and the Ohio Canal.
2885	2-13-61	For utilities across railroad right of way on Wabash Ave. NW from Pennsylvania RR.
2918	2-26-62	To the Citizens National Bank for installation of pneumatic tube at corner of Fair Ave. NE and Public Square.
2940	9-24-62	For water line across railroad right of way on Second Dr. NW from Pennsylvania RR.
2952	1-14-63	For water line across railroad right of way on extension of Emmet Ave. NW from Pennsylvania RR.
2987	1-27-64	To Mary Grace Meissner a right of way over the City dump.
3046	6-14-65	To State of Ohio for relocation of State Route 39.
Res. 1965-11	9-13-65	To Warner & Swasey for access roadway.
19-74	3-25-74	To Ohio Power Co. for sewage treatment plant.
69-75	12-22-75	From Breyer Exchange, Inc. for storm and water lines.
70-75	12-22-75	From Floyd Breyer for storm and water lines.
73-75	12-8-75	To owner of lot 158 for overhang over City property and for underground line for storm water drainage.
71-78	1-22-79	Authorizes Service Director to enter into a contract for granting of an easement for a microwave tower on City reservoir property.

TABLE B - EASEMENTS (Cont.)

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
103-79	1-28-80	Authorizes Service Director to grant an easement to Ohio Power Co. for establishment of right of way across a 4.562 acre parcel of realty located in Goshen Twp.
40-80	5-29-80	To Lauren Mfg. Co. for party wall.
21-81	4-27-81	Authorizes Service Director to obtain easement from Tuscarawas Co. Commissioners for S. Broadway storm sewer project.
26-81	5-28-81	From Tuscarawas Co. Commissioners for storm sewer purposes across east edge to County Road 24.
5-83	3-14-83	To Mini-Shop Drive Thru, Inc. for public travel.
48-86	10-13-86	To the State of Ohio for constructing and maintaining a road.
16-87	4-27-87	To Richard R. Fisher to use a City-owned roadway running off of Ridge Ave. to the City Reservoir.
29-87	6-22-87	Acquisition of easement in connection with the Mill Ave. project Phase I and II.
42-87	8-6-87	Appropriating a temporary easement in connection with the South Broadway road repair.
17-88	3-28-88	To Ohio Power Co. to maintain lines.
22-88	4-25-88	To GTE North Inc. along State Route 416 to construct and maintain lines of communication.
24-88	5-9-88	To Ohio Power Co. to service lines on Lot No. 851.
65-88	10-24-88	A permanent right of way easement to the Ohio State Patrol et al. in order to have access to maintain its radio tower and equipment.
86-89	1-8-90	Vacating portions of easements for road purposes only, on property of Newtowne Mall Associates Ltd.
18-95	6-12-95	Terminates an existing 15 foot easement along property line between Lot No. 5881 and 5882 and establishing a sanitary sewer easement 15 feet in width along the northeast line of Lot 5881.
58-98	6-22-98	Authorizes an easement with North American Petroleum Incorporated to maintain an oil/gas transmission along County Road 24.
34-2009	12-28-09	Authorizes an easement agreement with the Ohio Historical Society to permit an easement for the installation, construction, reconstruction, use, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, removal, servicing and improvement of a certain roadway providing access to the City's cemetery upon the easement area.
35-2009	12-28-09	Authorizes an easement agreement with the Ohio Historical Society to permit an easement for the construction, installation, reconstruction, use, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, removal, servicing, and improvement of a certain sanitary sewer force-main upon the easement area.

TABLE C - VACATING OF STREETS AND ALLEYS

<u>Ord. No.</u> <u>Unno.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
	2-12-1858	Part of East St.
442	7-30-09	Part of Center St.
743	3-12-15	Certain alleys in J. M. Ready's Addition.
838	1-26-17	Part of South Broadway.
1228	3-6-25	Part of Moravian Alley.
1291	2-5-26	Parts of Kaderly and Park Sts.
1394	8-12-27	Certain drives and paths in East Fair St.
1506	11-23-28	Certain alleys in Lewis Addition and Reeves Oak Park Addition.
1524	4-5-29	Certain alleys in Reeves Oak Park Addition.
1735	12-30-32	Alley in East Avenue Allotment.
1888	10-21-35	Part of Oak St.
1955	6-21-37	Part of St. Clair Ave.
2037	11-28-38	Two alleys south off of Ohio Ave.
2044	1-9-39	Certain alleys in Reeves First Addition.
2119	10-14-40	Part of Mill Ave., SW
2260	7-22-46	Parts of Commercial St.
2280	1-13-47	Part of alley adjacent to lots 22-25 in Jane's Second Addition.
2375	6-13-49	Alley adjacent to lots 2044-2047 in Clark's Addition.
2408	4-25-50	Certain alleys in Hardesty's Addition.
2418	6-26-50	Alley adjacent to lots 22-28 of Reeves Fifth Addition.
2453	6-11-51	Alley between Blake Ave. and canal.
2456	5-28-51	Part of Tenth St., NE
2457	5-28-51	Part of Ashwood Lane.
2464	8-20-51	Alley west of Tuscarawas Ave. to West High St.
2494	6-9-52	Alley between lots 4216 and 4223 in Horst's Second Addition.
2506	8-11-52	Alley adjacent to lot 3347-10 in Lewis Addition.
2519	1-26-53	Alley adjacent to lots 4-9 in Williams Addition.
2520	1-12-53	Alley adjacent to lot 28 in Grimes' Third Addition.
2543	7-13-53	Part of Mill Ave. SW
2544	7-13-53	Alley parallel to Eleventh St. in Schweitzer's Addition.
2562	9-28-53	Alley between West High St. and Ashwood Lane.
2580	12-14-53	Alley in Grimes' Third Addition.
2630	5-24-54	Part of Eighth Dr., SW
2632	7-12-54	Alley adjacent to lots 3872-3874 in Kaserman's Addition.
2661	4-11-55	Alley adjacent to lots 44-47 in Grimes' Addition.
2668	4-25-55	Alley between Third St. and Oak St.
2670	6-27-55	Part of Oak St.
2677	8-22-55	Alley adjacent to lots 4551 and 4542.
2678	8-22-55	Alley adjacent to lots 4135 and 4136.
2669	12-12-55	Alley adjacent to lots 19 and 46 in Hardesty's Addition.
2714	7-10-56	Alley between Second St. and Third St.
2718	8-14-56	Alley adjacent to lots 3750 and 3832.

TABLE C - VACATING OF STREETS AND ALLEYS (Cont.)

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2726	11-27-56	Alley between Second St. and Second Dr.
2730	1-14-57	Alley south of lot 4264.
2735	2-11-57	Alley between Anola and Chauncey Aves.
2739	3-25-57	Alley south of Church Ave.
2745	6-10-57	Three unnamed alleys in Grimes' Subdivision.
2750	7-22-57	Alley adjacent to lot 4621 in Reeves Sixth Addition; alley east of Third St. in Reeves Sixth and Seventh Addition.
2862	4-25-60	Portion of Second St. SE between Ferry Ave. and Adams St.
2863	6-27-60	Unnamed 14 ft. alley and unnamed 16 ft. alley in Lewis Allotments, and Lewis Ave. NW.
2907	1-8-62	Utility strip between lots 4768 and 4769 in Reeves Park Lane Addition contingent upon conveyance to City of another utility strip on northeast line of lot 4768.
2974	7-22-63	Portion of Hummell Ave. between South Broadway and Second St. SE.
2993	4-13-64	Portion of unnamed alley between Fourth St. NW and Kaderly St. and lots 3619 and 3627.
2996	4-27-64	Portion of unnamed alley between lots 20 and 21 from Commercial Ave. SE to the Ohio Canal.
3017	10-12-64	Unnamed alley between Fourth St. NW and Kaderly St. running north from Chauncey Ave. NW to a previously vacated portion of the alley.
3060	12-13-65	Second St. NW between Gooding St. and Wabash Ave. NW
3125	4-24-67	Unnamed alley running west from Mill Ave. SW.
3127	5-22-67	Portion of Hoover Alley SW from Commercial Ave. SW to south boundary of the Ohio Canal.
3133	6-26-67	Unnamed alley running north from West High Ave. between lot 1681 and the McBride property.
3146	11-27-67	132.75 ft. portion of unnamed alley running east and west between Tuscarawas Ave. NW and Jordon Dr.
3152	1-8-68	Portion of Larkin Dr. in Halderbaum's Third Addition east of lots 4932 through 4936.
3163	3-11-68	Portion of unnamed alley running 187.2 ft. north and south from North Ave., NE between lots 4420, 4421 and 4424.
3228	2-10-69	Portion of unnamed alley running east from Kelly St. NW between lots 3417 and 3386.
3245	3-24-69	Part of Tuscarawas Ave. NW beginning at west line of Seventh St. NW.
3280	7-12-70	Portion of unnamed alley running in a general northerly and southerly direction from Anola Ave. bounded on east by lots 3286, 3287 and 3288, and on the west by lots 3630, 3629 and 3628.
21-71	6-28-71	7 ft. strip of unnamed alley along west side of lot 1921.
23-71	8-12-71	Portion of Fifth St. SW between lots 4496 through 4505.
14-73	3-26-73	Unnamed alley between lots 1794, 1795 and 1796.



TABLE C - VACATING OF STREETS AND ALLEYS (Cont.)

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
26-74	5-13-74	Unnamed alley between lots 2107, 2108, 2109 and alley vacated by Ord. 3146.
38-75	8-11-75	Unnamed alley between lots 3587, 3561, 3560, 3559, Wabash Ave. and Grandview Ave.
56-75	12-8-75	Unnamed alley between lots 4067 through 4061, 4054 through 4058, 4097; unnamed alley between lots 4076 and 4077; unnamed alley between lots 4081 and 4082.
85-76	12-27-76	Unnamed alley in east-west direction between lots 4563 on the north and 0.17 acre parcel owned by Gertrude A. Stratton on the south.
29-77	5-23-77	Unnamed alley between lots 2892 and 2893.
43-77	7-25-77	Westwood Dr. between lots 5427 and 5428.
50-77	7-25-77	Eight foot alley running north and south in vicinity of property owned by J. F. and J. M. Knapp, C. F. and E. M. Gintz and M. J. Painter.
57-77	12-12-77	Part of Third Ave., Donahey St., part of Gilgen St. and Hall Place situated in Rainsberger and Gilgen's Allotment.
23-78	6-12-78	Carrie Ave. NW in east-west direction between lots 3423 on the south and 3504 on the north.
32-78	6-12-78	Portion of the first alley east of Third St. NW (unnamed) from the northerly side of Carrie Ave. northward to the first alley north of Carrie Ave., bordered on the west by lots 3757 and 3758 and on the east by lot 3803.
46-78	10-9-78	Portion of unnamed alley bordered on the west by the northerly extension of the westernmost lot line of lot 2518; on the east by the northerly extension of the easternmost lot line of lot 2518; bounded on the north by lot 2493 and on the south by lot 2518; and reserving an easement for utility purposes.
53-78	2-26-79	Part of Hall Place located on property of A. B. and V. Cunningham and M.D. and D.L. Whitis.
30-80	6-23-80	Unnamed alley, petition of M.C. and S. Graham, et al.
23-81	6-8-81	Portion of unnamed alley between Lots 2822 and 2821, petition of B.L. Russell.
45-81	10-12-81	Portion of unnamed alley in Lot 1 of Williams outlots.
29-82	6-16-82	Unnamed alley, 15 ft. wide, running east-west from Prospect to Union Aves. between Orchard and Hardesty Aves.
9-85	2-25-85	Portion of Hall Place on property of petitioners Richard and Shirley Watson.
51-88	8-8-88	Portion of unnamed alley between Lot Nos. 2021 on the west and 2022 on the east.
25-89	6-12-89	An unnamed alley extending east and west and bounded on the north by Lot Nos. 5465, 5464 and 5463 and on the south by Lots Nos. 5466, 5467 and 5468.

TABLE C - VACATING OF STREETS AND ALLEYS (Cont.)

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
60-89	11-13-89	An unnamed alley extending east and west between Lewis Ave. and Carrie Ave.
21-92	6-22-92	A certain portion of Third Dr. N.W. where it intersects with Cedar Lane, N.W.
34-92	7-27-92	An alley in the 1200 block of 5th St., N.W. located between Lots 3416 and 3377.
9-95	4-24-95	An unnamed alley extending northwest from Fourth St. and bounded to the south by Lot No. 4424 and to the north by Lot No. 4425.
19-96	5-30-96	An unnamed alley extending northeast from Miller Ave. toward the intersection of Kelly St. and Baker Ave.
20-00	4-10-00	An unnamed alley extending 480 feet east of Third St. between Ohio Ave. and Carrie Ave.
32-00	4-10-00	Eaton St.
47-00	9-25-00	An unnamed alley from Park Ave. NW through property owned by the V.E.J. Co.
21-01	5-31-01	Second St. NW from Wabash Ave. extending south to the South Boundary of City property located at the New Philadelphia City Park.
40-03	8-25-03	An unnamed alley extending 265 feet north of Wabash Ave. and 165 feet south of Emmitt Ave. NW between 1023 Logan St. NW Rear and 1033 Logan St. NW rear.
19-04	4-12-04	An unnamed alley parallel to Park Ave. NW and perpendicular to Fifth St. NW.
20-2004	5-24-04	An unnamed alley extending north from Park Ave. NW to the south side of a private residence and located between lots owned by the New Philadelphia VFW.
30-2004	6-28-04	The remaining three-foot strip (.014 acre) of a vacated alley located off of Commercial Ave. SE.
11-2005	4-25-05	An unnamed alley located at 413 Beitler Ave. and part of the Rebecca Dye Property.
5-2006	3-13-06	An unnamed unimproved platted alley located to the west side of North Broadway.
9-2006	2-27-06	An unnamed alley parallel to Tuscarawas Avenue.
4-2008	3-10-08	An unimproved, unnamed alleyway located between Lot 4097 and Lot 4058 and an unnamed alley located between Lot 4097 and Lot 4068 and 4067 within the City which lots are owned by Investment Realty Properties, Ltd.
5-2008	3-24-08	An unnamed, unopened alley running between the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from West High Avenue, to 11th Street NW, and bordered on the east side by property owned by Investment Realty Properties, Ltd.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Unno.	9-19-1877	Alley between West High St. and Salmon St.
93	2-20-01	Plat of Powelson heirs.
101	7-10-01	Plat of Clark's North Addition.
185	6-26-03	Summit Ave. and the extension of North Third St.
698	5-8-14	Plat of Landis' Subdivision.
701	6-5-14	Deed of County Electric Co.
716	8-21-14	Deed of F. B. Grimm.
721	10-2-14	Plat of Wensel's Addition.
755	6-28-15	Plat of A. M. Kaserman's Addition.
766	9-17-15	Deeds of J. E. Reeves and A. E. Ferguson.
767	9-17-15	Plat of A. E. Ferguson's First Addition.
778	2-4-16	Plat of Beitler's Subdivision.
797	4-28-16	Plat of Graff's First Addition.
845	4-27-17	Plat of W. R. Ritter's Addition.
864	9-14-17	Plat of W. E. Beck's Addition.
867	9-21-17	Plats of E. G. Snyder et al., and W. M. and S.J. Smith.
900	11-15-18	Plat of A. M. Kaserman's Subdivision.
965	6-4-20	Plat of Seibold's Addition.
982	9-17-20	Plat of John Eichenlaub's Oakleaf Addition.
988	12-3-20	Lot 4 in J. and H. Eichenlaub's Oakleaf Addition.
995	2-4-21	Plat of first annex to Reeves' Second Addition.
1007	5-27-21	Plat of Graham's Addition.
1016	7-22-21	Plat of T. B. Stroup's Addition.
1017	7-29-21	Plat of Graff's Second Addition.
1027	9-23-21	Plat of Horst's Addition.
1068	8-11-22	Plats of J. W. Robson et al.
1073	9-29-22	Plat of Beitler heirs Addition.
1077	9-29-22	Plat of N. Tharett of lot 18, Anderman's plat.
1089	3-23-23	Plats of G. W. Knisley, et al.
1094	5-25-23	Plat of Hensel's Subdivision.
1105	7-20-23	Plat of F. C. Schultheiss' Addition.
1106	7-27-23	Plat of E. M. Bippus.
1109	8-17-23	Plat of Horst's Second Addition.
1115	9-28-23	Plat of Hardesty's Second Free Home Addition.
1125	11-2-23	Plat of Graff and Seibolds Addition.
1156	5-16-24	Plat of Stiffler and Russell's Addition.
1161	6-20-24	Plats of W. C. Graff et al.
1190	10-10-24	Plat of Rainsberger and Gilgen's Addition.
1193	10-17-24	Plat of W. W. Hall.
1280	11-4-25	Plat of Tennis Club Addition.
1281	12-4-25	Plat of A. M. Kaserman's Addition.
1290	2-5-26	Plat of New Philadelphia Construction Co.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1325	7-23-26	Plat of J.E. Reeves' Fifth Addition.
1385	7-8-27	Plats of C. G. Kies' Subdivision and A. E . Ferguson's Addition.
1485	9-7-28	Plat of Hardesty's Fourth and Fifth Additions.
1500	10-12-28	Plat of Heinzelman's Addition.
1507	11-23-28	Plats of lands in Lewis Addition and Reeves Oak Park Addition.
1537	6-14-29	Plat of Schultheiss and Kuhn's Subdivision.
1768	6-16-33	Plat of R. S. Long of outlot 2.
1808	1-5-34	Plat of Reeves Realty Co.
2045	1-10-39	Plat of Patterson Mfg. Co.
2069	7-24-39	Plat of V. R. Marsh.
2088	3-11-40	Plat of E. P. and R. O. Kaserman.
2089	3-11-40	Plat of A. E. Swisshelm.
2120	10-14-40	Plat of Ladel Conveyor and Mfg. Co.
2162	12-22-41	Plat of H. A. Hardesty et al.
2220	8-14-44	Plat of G. A. and I. Holleyoak.
2243	2-11-46	Plat of E. A. Hardesty.
2256	6-10-46	Plats of F.E. Angel, R. I. and I.M. Printz and W. Zimmerman.
2271	10-14-46	Plat of M. and N. Goshorn.
2290	6-9-47	Plat of Reeves' Sixth Addition.
2522	12-30-52	Plat of G. F. Porter's Allotment.
2528	3-9-53	Plat of A. D. Martinelli et al.
2529	3-9-53	Plat of E. M. Hardesty.
2540	5-4-53	Plat of Reeves' Seventh Addition.
2555	8-10-53	Plat of Twin Cities Concrete Co.
2642	9-13-54	Plat of United Home Builders Inc.
2659	3-14-55	Plat of Reeves' Eighth Addition.
2710	5-28-56	Plat of Park Lane Addition.
2773	2-10-58	Plat of A. J. Harris Jr. 's Second Addition.
2984	1-13-64	Charles A. Bichsel's First Addition.
3015	8-31-64	Holderbaum's First Addition.
3019	9-14-64	Oldtown Colonial Estates.
3067	12-13-65	Holderbaum's Second Addition.
3106	12-30-66	Holderbaum's Third Addition.
3112	1-23-67	Oldtown Colonial Estates Second Allotment.
3113	2-27-67	Oldtown Colonial Estates Third Allotment.
3128	5-8-67	Llanfair Lane NW.
3170	3-16-68	Martinelli's First Addition.
3203	9-23-68	0.295 acre of Mattevi property for street purposes.
3215	12-9-68	0.06 acre of Kramer property for street purposes; part of Eugene and Betty Miller property for street purposes.
3225	1-27-69	Plat of Holderbaum's Fourth Addition.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
3257	6-9-69	Plat of Oldtown Colonial Estates Fourth Allotment.
3267	8-25-69	Plat of Gol-Mar Estates, Inc., First Allotment.
22-71	6-14-71	Plat of Oldtown Colonial Estates Fifth Allotment.
29-73	5-31-73	2.12 acres of City property and 0.71 acres of City property for street purposes.
34-73	7-9-73	Plat of Donahey Estates, First Addition.
61-73	10-25-73	2.967 acres of Bluebell Village, Inc. property for street purposes.
6-74	1-28-74	Plat of Storrie's First Addition.
18-74	4-15-74	Plat of Hummel Valley Estates First Addition.
22-74	4-15-74	Plat of Hilltop Enterprises, Inc. First Addition.
37-75	7-14-75	Plat of Oldtown Colonial Estates Sixth Allotment.
45-75	9-22-75	4.334 acres of City property for street purposes.
74-75	12-22-75	3.09 acres of City property for street purposes.
10-76	4-26-76	Plat of Myers Subdivision.
20-76	5-10-76	Plat of Southwood Terrace Addition.
52-76	8-9-76	0.445 acres of First Quarter of Township 8, Range 2, for street purposes.
53-76	10-11-76	0.138 acres of First Quarter of Township 8, Range 2, for street purposes.
63-76	10-11-76	0.724 acres in First Quarter of Township 8, Range 2 for street purposes.
74-76	11-22-76	Plat of Hummel Valley Estates First Addition.
25-77	3-28-77	Plat of Joseph T. McKnight Addition.
27-78	5-8-78	Plat of Hummel Valley Estates Third Addition
57-78	5-14-79	Two parcels containing .046 acre between Lots 5354 and 5362 for street purposes.
27-79	5-14-79	Plat of Colonial Estates Seventh Addition.
40-79	5-31-79	Plat of Hummel Valley Estates Fourth Addition.
51-79	7-23-79	Accepting 4 tracts, being part of several tracts conveyed to the Peoples National Bank & Trust Co. for street purposes.
84-79	5-29-79	Plat of Larkin Hummel Valley Estates Fifth Addition.
21-80	4-28-80	Dedicating premises conveyed by Reeves Realty Associates to be named Monroe Street.
36-80	6-9-80	Dedicating premises conveyed by Midas Realty Corp. for street purposes.
63-80	9-22-80	Plat of H. I. Snyder's Second Addition Phase I and Phase II.
72-80	10-13-80	Plat of Schoenbrunn Estates No. 1.
50-81	9-28-81	Dedicating 0.224 acre of First Quarter, Twp. 8, Range 2, for street purposes.
51-81	9-28-81	Dedicating 0.0755 acre of Second Quarter, Twp. 8, Range 2, for street purposes.
61-81	10-12-81	Plat of Schoenbrunn Estates No. 2.
33-82	5-24-82	Dedicating 0.445 acre of U.S. Military Lands, First Quarter, Twp. 8, Range 2, for street purposes.
36-83	9-26-83	Dedicating part of Stratton Ave., S.W. for public use.
24-84	6-11-84	Dedicating a portion of Blake Ave. for public use.
38-84	7-23-84	Plat of Honey Valley First Addition.
39-84	7-23-84	Plat of Donahey Estates Second Addition.
3-85	2-11-85	Plat of Donahey Estates Third Addition.
18-85	4-22-85	Plat of R.A. Watson's First Addition.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
20-85	4-22-85	Plat of H. I. Snyder's Third Addition.
38-85	11-25-85	Plat of Donahey Estates Fourth Addition.
42-86	10-27-86	Plat of Donahey Estates Fifth Addition.
46-87	8-24-87	Plat of Donahey Estates Seventh Addition.
68-87	9-28-87	Dedicating property conveyed by Robert and Mary Edwards as part of a public street and named Jefferson St.
3-88	2-8-88	Accepts conveyance for street purposes, dedicating the street and naming such street.
27-88	5-23-88	Plat of Donahey Estates Sixth Addition.
28-88	5-23-88	Plat of Larkin First Addition.
37-88	6-27-88	Plat of Honey Valley Second Addition.
38-88	8-27-88	Plat of Schoenbrunn Estates Third Addition.
76-89	11-27-89	Plat of Rem Addition, located northeast of Countryside Rd.
37-90	7-12-90	Plat of Northwood Heights, First Addition.
47-90	8-27-90	Plat of Honey Valley Third Addition.
64-91	10-14-91	Plat of Schoenbrunn Estates #4
65-91	10-14-91	Plat of Northwood Heights 2nd Addition.
45-92	8-10-92	Plat of Honey Valley Fourth Addition.
51-92	10-12-92	Plat of Limbaugh, Crider Ave. Addition.
63-92	1-25-93	Plat of Honey Valley Fifth Addition, from the end of Denise Dr. S.E. Phase 3 approximately 635 feet south and ending at the cul-de-sac.
43-93	7-26-93	Plat of Northwood Heights Third Addition, located northwest of Lakeview Rd.
51-93	9-13-93	Plat of Schoenbroun Estates, Fifth Addition.
27-95	6-26-95	Plat of Robert Martinelli and Kathy Pietro.
29-95	6-26-95	Plat of Mistee Dawn Estates.
51-95	11-27-95	Final plat of Beitler St.
57-95	2-26-96	Final plat of 8th Addition of Donahey Estates.
39-96	7-22-96	Plat of Honey Valley Eighth Addition.
40-96	7-22-96	Plat of Mistee Dawn Third Addition.
45-96	7-29-96	Plat of Mistee Dawn Second Addition.
56-96	12-9-96	Plat of Honey Valley Seventh Addition.
48-97	8-11-97	Plat of Mistee Dawn Fourth Addition.
29-98	5-11-98	Plat of Oak Shadows.
75-98	8-24-98	Plat of Mistee Dawn Fifth Addition.
90-98	12-14-98	Accepts McDonald Drive and a portion of West High Ave., and dedicates McDonald Drive.
54-99	7-12-99	Accepts plat of Al and Jane Gasser.
64-99	9-13-99	Accepts plat of Schoenbrunn Estates #6.
65-99	9-13-99	Accepts plat of Parkview Heights Addition.
21-00	4-10-00	Accepts James St. for dedication.
40-00	8-14-00	Accepts the Greco Property, LTD plat along Fifth St.
71-00	1-8-01	Accepts the Creekside Development #2 Plat.
2-01	2-12-01	Accepts plat of Taylor Drive SW Subdivision.
5-01	3-12-01	Accepts plat of Taylor Drive SW Subdivision.
54-01	12-10-01	Accepts the street plat for Pinnacle Drive NW.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
27-02	7-8-02	Accepts the Creekside Development #3 plat.
84-02	10-14-02	Accepts the amended Creekside Development #2 plat.
1-04	1-26-04	Accepts the plat for Lawver Haas Subdivision.
11-04	4-26-04	Accepts the Oak Shadows Phase II Plat.
28-2004	6-14-04	Accepts the D.J.W. Development Phase 1 Plat.
43-2004	8-9-04	Accepts the Goshen Glens Subdivision Phase 1 Plat.
46-2004	8-9-04	Accepts the Rutledge Gate Phase 1 Plat.
22-2005	6-13-05	Accepts the Rutledge Gate Phase 2 Plat.
26-2005	7-11-05	Accepts two plats: The Tuscarawas Regional Technology Park and University Drive NE.
36-2005	10-24-05	Accepts the dedication plat for Tuscarawas Regional Technology Park.
7-2006	3-13-06	Accepts the D.J.W. Development Phase Two Plat.
27-2006	6-12-06	Accepts the Gasser's Creekside Development #4 Plat.
34-2006	7-24-06	Accepts the vacation and dedication plat for Tuscarawas Regional Technology Park.
24-2007	11-26-07	Accepts the Oak Shadow Phase III Plat.
36-2009	1-11-10	Accepts the final plat of the DJW (Phase 3) Addition.
21-2010	10-11-10	Accepts the final plat of the Kent Cove Estates Phase I off of University Drive NE by Developer Fred Hershberger.
23-2013	12-9-13	Accepts the Oak Shadows Phase VI Plat.
12-2014	6-16-14	Accepts the Oak Shadows Phase IV Plat.
17-2014	8-11-14	Accepts the roadway dedication plat for Market Place Commons S.W.
19-2014	9-8-14	Accepting the Oak Shadows Phase V Plat.
30-2014	12-22-14	Accepts the final plat for DJW Development Phase 4.
7-2020	4-13-20	Accepting the final plat for the Deerfield Subdivision.

TABLE E - ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Unno.	2-12-1858	Acquires property in East Addition for cemetery purposes.
Unno.	12-10-1873	Disposes of property to Lake Shore and Tuscarawas RR Co. for station.
160	9-17-02	Acquires property for extension of Seventh St.
204	12-11-03	Acquires property of M.E. McFarland for street purposes.
395	6-26-08	Acquires property of A. Ferguson for street purposes.
529	10-31-11	Acquires property in Goshen Twp. for water works.
534	5-31-12	Acquires property in Goshen Twp. for sewage disposal works.
556	6-14-12	Acquires property in Goshen Twp. for park purposes.
599	1-31-13	Acquires property of A. McBride for sewer line.
635	7-25-13	Acquires property of E. L. Wenger for street purposes.
641	9-19-13	Acquires property of E. L. Wenger and J. P. Stiffler for street purposes.
648	10-24-13	Acquires property of I. F. Carnahan for sewer line.
683	3-6-14	Acquires property in Goshen Twp, for street purposes.
704	6-26-14	Acquires property of J. E. Emerson for water main.
711	7-31-14	Acquires property of F.B. Grimm for W. Ray St.
1112	9-7-23	Acquires twenty acres in Goshen Twp. from Reeves Realty Co.
1391	8-5-27	Disposes of property in Howe's Addition.
1533	5-10-29	Acquires property of A. and E. Buckohr in Goshen Twp. for sewer purposes.
1782	8-18-33	Acquires property from S. Hensel.
1783	8-18-33	Disposes of property in first quarter of Twp. 8, Range 2.
1866	2-18-35	Acquires property at airport from D.J. Brown
1966	9-7-37	Disposes of property in Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
1967	9-7-37	Disposes of property in Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
1968	9-7-37	Disposes of property in Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
1969	9-7-37	Disposes of property in Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
1977	12-6-37	Acquires property of Crites estate for cemetery.
1978	12-6-37	Acquires property of L.H. and E.A. Graybill for airport.
1979	12-6-37	Acquires property of C. O. and M. C. Paulus for airport.
2053	2-27-39	Acquires property adjacent to water works.
2174	5-25-42	Disposes of property in Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
2298	9-22-47	Acquires property of V. Massarelli on Eighth Dr.
2299	9-22-47	Acquires property from S. A. Uptegraph et al.
2300	9-22-47	Disposes of part of lot 3 in Fairview Addition.
2337	7-12-48	Acquires 3 tracts in Schoenbrun tract for airport purposes.
2346	9-27-48	Acquires 2 tracts for street purposes.
2354	11-22-48	Acquires 5 tracts for street purposes.
2432	12-11-50	Acquires property in Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
2448	3-26-51	Acquires 4 tracts in First Annex to Reeves' Second Addition for street purposes.
2479	12-10-51	Acquires property of H. A. and J. Hardesty for street purposes.
2513	11-24-52	Acquires property of R. L. Walton for sewer line.
2533	3-11-53	Disposes of part of water works property to Warner & Swasey Co.



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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2582	12-14-53	Acquires property for extension of Beitler Ave. sewer.
2607	3-8-54	Acquires property in Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
2615	3-29-54	Acquires property in Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp. for City dump.
2621	4-12-54	Acquires property of E. L. Morris for sewage plant.
2649	12-27-54	Acquires part of outlot 2, Stiffler's Subdivision.
2667	4-11-55	Acquires property in Grimes' Addition for street purposes.
2763	5-26-58	Acquires property of G. L. and M. J. Hensy for street purposes.
2836	6-13-60	Acquires Pennsylvania RR right of way from corporation limits to Village of Roswell.
2864	7-11-60	Acquires strip of land from Henry and Florence Ashbaugh on east side of lot 2120 for utilities.
2903	12-11-61	Acquires 21 acres in Goshen Twp. abutting sewage disposal plant.
2956	2-25-63	Disposes of 13.24 acres to Robert Shontz.
2997	4-27-64	Acquires 2.8 acres adjoining sewage disposal plant from Margaret Keller.
3001	6-8-64	Acquires approximately 13 acres adjacent to City dump from Robert and Martha Galbraith.
3004	6-8-64	Disposes of 4.685 acres to State of Ohio for highway purposes.
Res.1964-11	10-26-64	Releases portion of Ohio and Erie Canal land to abutting owners on south side of canal.
3065	12-27-65	Relinquishes rights to 0.173 acre of abandoned Ohio Canal to abutting property owners.
3097	12-12-66	Acquires lots 198, 199 and 200 from estate of Robert Rutledge.
3098	11-14-66	Authorizes bidding to acquire property at 258 North Ave. N.E.
3172	3-25-68	Disposes of land to State of Ohio for relocation of South Broadway bridge.
3175	4-18-68	Authorizes selling of City owned property adjacent to Quay Briggs property.
3211	11-14-68	Disposes of property to State of Ohio, Dept. of Highways.
3250	5-26-69	Authorizes sale of 3.17 acres near Rankin property.
3299	3-23-70	Accepts 11.820 acre tract from Reeves Banking and Trust Co. for street and utility purposes.
3320	7-13-70	Authorizes purchase of .15 acres from H. and P. Kerr.
71-2	3-22-71	Authorizes purchase of part of lot 160.
71-11	3-29-71	Authorizes purchase of T. Hangers, restaurant building and air compressor from Tuscarawas County Aviation, Inc.
71-38	10-25-71	Authorizes purchase of premises of Q. Briggs on S. Broadway.
41-73	6-18-73	Acceptance of Lauren Manufacturing Co. property for industrial development.
Res. 4-75	2-24-75	Authorizes purchase of parcels 2-WL, T-1, T-2 and T-3 for highway purposes.
68-78	12-28-78	Authorizes purchase of part of lot 15 of the Schoenbrunn Tract in Goshen Twp., containing 26.349 acres.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
33-79	4-23-79	Authorizes purchase of .766 acres from R.S. & E.M. Wassem to extend Bluebell Dr.
40-80	5-29-80	Authorizes delivery of deed for land, formerly leased, to Lauren Mfg.
28-81	5-28-81	Authorizes Service Director to enter into contract for purchase of 0.75 acre at Bowers Ave., N.W. and Kelly St.
12-82	1-25-82	Authorizes purchase of property from E. Cookson for future capital improvement needs.
18-82	3-8-82	Authorizes sale of property at 150 S. Broadway.
43-87	8-6-87	Appropriates real estate for the public purpose of the Mills Avenue project.
45-87	8-6-87	Appropriates real estate for the public purpose of the Mills Avenue project.
34-88	6-13-88	Authorizes Park Board to purchase property contiguous to Tuscora Park on behalf of the City.
77-88	12-12-88	Authorizes sale of Valley Manor Nursing Home.
25-90	5-14-90	Authorizes sale of property leased to Lauren Manufacturing Co. to the Department of Transportation.
59-90	12-10-90	Authorizes transfer and ownership of Evergreen Burial Park to the City.
23-91	4-22-91	Settlement agreement to allow certain acreage to be transferred to the City from Buehler Ford Market.
34-94	6-13-94	Authorizes the Mayor to enter into an option to purchase 36.334 acres for \$10,000.
66-94	12-29-94	Authorizes an extension of an offer to purchase real estate under Ord. 34-94.
39-95	9-25-95	Reconveys certain Ohio Canal lands to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
53-95	1-8-96	Reconveys certain Ohio Canal lands to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
8-97	2-24-97	Reconveys certain Ohio Canal lands to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
36-97	7-28-97	Reconveys certain Ohio Canal lands to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
37-97	7-28-97	Reconveys certain Ohio Canal lands to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
12-98	3-23-98	Reconveys certain Ohio Canal lands to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
13-98	3-23-98	Reconveys certain Ohio Canal lands to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
70-98	8-24-98	Reconveys certain Ohio Canal lands to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
79-98	9-14-98	Authorizes an agreement with E.K. and Sally Wright to buy real estate and widen Donahey Ave.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
82-98	11-9-98	Enters into an agreement with Charles and Naoma Minnich to buy real estate and extend utility services.
28-02	3-25-02	Authorizes the purchase of 18.151 acres which adjoins the New Philadelphia City Park from Jack and Carol Phillips for \$96,000.
41-03	7-14-03	Authorizes the Mayor to sign a quit claim deed to return to Benjamin and Eunice Cookson property donated to the City for a skate park.
44-06	12-28-06	Authorizes the sale of 0.6152 acres located at Bowers Ave. NW and Kelly St. NW.
4-09	3-9-09	Accepts the land deeded to the City by the Knisely Family Trust and dedicating said property as a public street Reiser Avenue.
22-2014	9-22-14	Approves an agreement between the City and Susan E. Grover for the purchase of real estate for the purpose of constructing a new Fire Station.
1-2016	1-11-16	Approves an agreement between the City and William Klopfer for the purchase of real estate for the purpose of constructing a new fire station.
2-2017	2-13-17	Authorizes a donation agreement for the Coniglio property acquisition and trail project.
20-2017	9-25-17	Enter into a real property, land exchange agreement for an adjacent (8) acre +/- parcel of vacant land next to the City's cemetery.



TABLE F - LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1513	1-18-29	By City of lot 108 for parking purposes.
2204	2-14-44	By City from D. J. Brown, property for airport purposes.
2227	2-26-45	By City from D. J. Brown, property for airport purposes.
2341	8-9-48	From City by D. Skinner of property at City dump.
2360	12-27-48	From City by Veterans of Foreign Wars, property in Hansel's Addition.
2365	3-28-49	By City from C. D. Kuhn of property in Hansel's Subdivision.
2576	10-13-53	Property in Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
2590	1-25-54	From City by Lake Central Airlines of property at airport.
2603	3-8-54	From City by Pure Oil Co. of canal lands.
2604	3-8-54	From City by Robert Ashbaugh of canal lands.
2627	5-24-54	From City by T.H. and V.P. Findley of canal lands.
2663	3-28-55	By City from C.D.S. Wheeler for off-street parking.
2695	1-23-56	From City to Board of Education of park grounds.
2707	3-26-56	By City to Tuscarawas County Aviation Inc. of City airport.
Res.1961-7	8-14-61	From City by Little Theater of Tuscarawas County, Inc. part of Tuscora Park for cultural arts center for 99 years.
2899	8-14-61	Extension and renewal to B. F. Goodrich Co. for parts of lots 107 and 108 until 11-30-63.
2910	2-12-62	From City by Flytwin, Inc. building site and space at City airport for 5 years.
2962	4-22-63	By City from New Philadelphia Parking, Inc. for portion of lot 208 for off-street parking lot.
2979	10-28-63	From City to William Swaldo for 1 room at 123 Commercial Ave. S.E. for 5 years.
2980	10-14-63	Extension of lease to B. F. Goodrich at 150 South Broadway until 11-30-64.
3012	8-24-64	Amends and extends B. F. Goodrich lease at 150 S. Broadway for 5 years and permits alterations and improvements.
3021	11-9-64	From City to Midwest Airlines, Inc. for use of City airport for 1 year.
3041	5-10-65	By City from Charlotte Wheeler for south half of lot 193 for 5 years.
3043	6-14-65	By City from I. M. Jaffe, premises on North Broadway for public parking lot for 3 years.
3059	10-25-69	By City from Elizabeth Wessel and George Rosenbery, Tuscarawas Savings and Loan Co. and Achsah Scarborough, premises for 3 parking lots for 3 years.
3075	3-28-66	Renewal and extension to Tuscarawas County Aviation, Inc. for use of City airport for 5 years.
3096	10-24-66	By City, premises owned by Linn-Hert-Geib Co. at East High Ave. and Second St. N. E. for 3 years for public parking lot.
3116	2-27-67	From City to Board of County Commissioners for use of scales at City airport for 1 year.

TABLE F - LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY (Cont.)

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Res.1967-8	8-28-67	Renewal to Flytwin, Inc. for building site and space at City airport for 5 years.
3165	2-15-68	From City to Joy Manufacturing Co. a strip of land 22 feet by 190 feet for parking purposes for 1 year, reserving utility rights.
3196	8-26-68	Modifies Res. 1967-8 lease with Flytwin, Inc. and authorizes lease agreement with Marlite Division, Masonite Corp., Inc.
3213	11-14-68	From City to William Swaldo for 1 room at 123 Commercial Ave. S.E. for 3 years for barber shop.
Res.1968-15	11-14-68	Authorizes option for City to lease land for land fill.
3279	10-13-69	Authorizes lease with Mini-Shop, Inc. for premises located at 150 S. Broadway.
Res.1969-16	11-10-69	Authorizes lease with Board of Education for space at the City Airport to establish a course in aviation technology.
3329	9-14-70	Authorizes lease agreement with Reeves Banking and Trust Co. for lot 252 and part of lot 251, for off-street parking facilities.
Res.1972-4	2-28-72	From City to James Mari for premises at 123 Commercial Ave. S. E. for 2 years for barber shop.
41-73	6-18-73	From City to Lauren Manufacturing Co. for industrial development.
59-73	10-25-73	Authorizes lease with Warner and Swasey Co. of City land.
67-73	10-25-73	Authorizing acceptance and lease of real property to Monroe Mall Assoc.
Res. 5-74	6-10-74	Authorizes assignment of City interest in lease with Perkins Associated, Inc.
9-74	1-28-74	Authorizes lease of restaurant space at Municipal airport to highest bidder.
13-74	2-25-74	Authorizes lease of Quaker Stadium with terms to highest bidder.
56-74	10-28-74	Authorizes easement agreement pursuant to lease with Monroe Mall Assoc.
33-75	6-23-75	Authorizes lease of City land at South Broadway and Mill Ave.
75-75	12-22-75	Authorizing rental of court room facilities from Tuscarawas County Commissioners for Municipal Court use.
4-77	5-23-77	Authorizes lease with Board of Education for use of Quaker Stadium and locker room facilities.
37-77	6-27-77	Authorizes lease of parking lot on lots 190 and 191 from the First Presbyterian Church.
38-77	6-27-77	Authorizes for parking lot purposes lease of property from J. S. and K. C. Patrick.
39-77	6-27-77	Authorizes for parking lot purposes lease of property in vicinity of N. Broadway from the American Legion Post #139.
42-77	6-27-77	Authorizes for parking lot purposes lease of west half of lot 140 from H. E. Everhard.

TABLE F - LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY (Cont.)

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
67-77	10-10-77	Authorizes for parking lot purposes lease of part of lot 146 from Ohio Movies, Inc.
68-77	10-10-77	Authorizes for parking lot purposes lease of parts of lots 97 and 98 from D. Skinner.
90-77	11-28-77	Authorizes for parking lot purposes lease of portions of lots 101 and 102 in vicinity of S. Broadway from A. Martinelli.
101-77	12-12-77	From State for airport runway purposes a 4.10 acre parcel for 40 yrs. beginning 10-20-70.
31-78	6-12-78	Authorizes for parking lot purposes lease of premises at rear of 141 N. Broadway, owned by Midland Buckeye Federal Savings & Loan Co.
48-79	7-23-79	Authorizes lease of old City Garage Main Building and attached restroom facility to highest bidder.
75-79	10-22-79	Authorizes lease of 150 S. Broadway to the highest bidder.
21-84	5-31-84	Oil and gas rights lease of .898 acre contiguous to larger tract, formerly railroad property.
16-90	4-9-90	Authorizes for parking lot purposes lease of Lots 190 and 191 from the First Presbyterian Church.
42-90	7-23-90	Authorizes the lease of the Old City Garage to the New Philadelphia Board of Education.
53-91	7-8-91	Authorizes a nondrilling oil and gas lease with North American Petroleum for 33.06 acres.
30-93	6-14-93	Authorizes the Director of Public Service to enter into a lease agreement for real estate located at New Philadelphia Municipal Airport.
32-98	4-27-98	Extend the airport lease with the current fixed based operator on a month to month basis.
106-98	1-25-98	Authorizes a nondrilling oil and gas lease with North American Petroleum, Inc.
49-99	7-12-99	Authorizes a lease for the Airport Restaurant located at Harry Clever Field.
79-99	11-29-99	Lease agreement to relocate Municipal Offices.
87-99	11-29-99	Lease with Clever Aircraft Services Limited.
42-00	8-28-00	A drilling oil and gas lease with Tipka Energy Development Co. for four acres known as the City Reservoir.
27-2010	12-27-10	Authorizes the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the State of Ohio Schoenbrunn Village Ohio Historical Society near the Schoenbrunn Village and the New Philadelphia Airport.





TABLE G - STREET GRADE LEVELS AND CHANGE OF STREET NAME

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
7	7-1-1896	Broadway St.
8	7-1-1896	High St.
39	3-16-1898	East High St. and East Ave.
222	8-19-04	Broadway St.
230	11-25-04	Miller Ave., Cross St., Ray St. and Garden St.
247	6-23-05	Broadway St.
262	10-20-05	Seventh St. and Electric Blvd.
328	5-17-07	Miller Ave., Cross St and Sherman St.
335	6-14-07	Janes St. and Grant St.
443	7-30-09	Center St. renamed East Fair St.
456	12-31-09	Fixing line and grade for numerous streets.
823	9-22-16	West Side of South Ninth St.
2291	6-9-47	Naming Stadium Rd.
2313	3-8-48	Naming Charles Dr. N.E., Third Dr. N.E., Harmon Dr. S.E. and Bank Lane S.E.
2761	12-23-57	Naming Downey Dr.
2870	9-26-60	Seventh St. N.W. from Ray Ave. N.W. to Cedar Lane N.W. renamed Union Ave. N.W.; Fifth Dr. N.W. from Ray Ave. N.W. to Cedar Lane N.W. renamed Kelly St. N.W.
Res. 1967-2	1-9-67	Township Rd. No. 312 named University Drive.
53-80	7-28-80	Stadium Dr. renamed C. Wm. Kidd Dr.
8-81	3-9-81	Countryside Dr. N.W. renamed Hilltop Rd. N.W. in Phase I, H.I. Snyder's Second Addition.
10-94	2-28-94	Renames Cedar Lane, NW, between Third Street, NW and Fourth St. NW to Leo Benjamin Court.
Res. 8-97	4-14-97	Names an unnamed alley in the northeast section of the City Crawshaw Lane.
35-03	7-14-03	Changes the name of Peach Alley to Mishler Lane.
36-03	7-14-03	Designating all secondary thoroughfares in the City which are named Alley to be renamed Lane for all streets running east to west and to change the name from Alley to Drive for all secondary streets running north and south.
20-2016	10-10-16	Changes the name of McDonald Drive to Garland Drive.
19-2022	9-26-22	Honorary designation of a portion of Reiser Ave. SE designated in honor of Battle Motors, specifically at the intersection of Reiser Ave. SE and 21st Street SE to have signage placed under the street name that would read: "Battle Motors Road", the street name itself would remain unchanged.
20-2022	10-24-22	Approx. 1450 feet of unnamed alley of which approximately 525 feet is undeveloped on the West Side. Running due West of 5th Street NW to another unnamed alley, as Locksmith Lane NW.

TABLE H - ANNEXATION AND DETACHMENT OF TERRITORY

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Unno.	9-5-1868	Property in Twp. 8, Range 2 of Goshen Twp.
Unno.	12-7-1881	Part of Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
Unno.	11-19-1884	Part of Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
Unno.	8-19-1891	Property in Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
Unno.	9-7-1892	Property in Goshen Twp. and Dover Twp.
63	3-3-1899	Village of Blakes Mills.
134	2-26-02	Properties in Goshen Twp. and Dover Twp.
190	8-21-03	Property in Wagner's Second Addition.
567	7-26-12	Property adjacent to City park.
934	11-4-19	Two tracts in Goshen Twp. and eight allotments.
1009	5-27-21	Two tracts in Goshen Twp.
1352	12-31-26	Property in Goshen Twp.
1963	8-17-37	Property in Goshen Twp.
1964	8-30-37	Property in Goshen Twp.
2015	4-25-38	Property in Goshen Twp.
2431	12-11-50	Two tracts in Goshen Twp.
2472	10-1-51	Property in Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
2647	12-18-54	Part of Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
2683	11-14-55	Property in Goshen Twp.
2742	2-25-57	Property in Goshen Twp.
Res.1957-9	11-27-57	Property in Goshen Twp.
2892	5-8-61	Detaches territory west and east of South Broadway.
3008	7-13-64	Annexes 0.494 acre of Lieser property in vicinity of Wabash Ave. and proposed Sixth St. S.W.
3013	8-10-64	Annexes 37.119 acres of former Robinson property, now owned by Holderbaum.
3016	9-14-64	Accepts annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp. the petition for which was approved by the County Commissioners on July 6, 1964.
3035	3-22-65	Annexes 3.023 acre tract in Goshen Twp. being part of the "fractional lot" and part of lot 6 in the 4th quarter of Twp. 8, Range 2.
3042	5-10-65	Annexes 3.596 acres in vicinity of Ohio Canal lands and South Broadway.
3045	5-24-65	Annexes real estate in Goshen Twp.
3057	9-27-65	Annexes 16.926 acres of Ward K. Bower et al.
3064	11-8-65	Annexes 2.087 acres of Pollock property.
3084	8-8-66	Annexes 34.596 acres of Lola Gibbs, Carrie Shackelford, Hilan Holderbaum and Watson Bros. Construction, Inc.
3138	8-28-67	Annexes property of Dale Schwartz, Thelma Schwartz and Nellie Reif in Goshen Twp.
3166	3-11-68	Annexes territory in Goshen Twp.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
3187	7-8-68	Annexes 56.655 acres of Holderbaum property.
3191	7-22-68	Annexes 0.3 acre on east side of outlot 5 in Blakes outlots.
3192	11-18-68	Annexes 88.11 acre tract in Goshen Twp. and Dover Twp.
3193	8-12-68	Annexes 0.83 acre in vicinity of lot 4971 and Township Rd. No. 325.
3214	11-14-68	Annexes 28.715 acres in the vicinity of lot 3361, Wabash and Bowers Aves.
3247	4-28-69	Annexes 78.735 acres of Watson Bros. Construction, Inc., Rosa Packer et al.
Res. 1969-19	10-29-69	Resolution of intent to accept annexation of P. C. Knisely property.
3298	1-26-70	Annexes 22.43 acres in the vicinity of Maple Ave. N.W., Twelfth St., Tuscarawas River and the corporation line.
Res. 1970-11	8-24-70	Intention of City to accept annexation of 13 acres belonging to S. Doppelt.
3321	8-24-70	Accepts annexation of 34.378 acres located in Goshen Twp.
3322	8-24-70	Accepts annexation of 201.758 acres located in Goshen Twp.
3323	8-24-70	Accepts annexation of 66.284 acres located in Goshen Twp.
3-73	4-9-73	Annexes 2.67 acres in Goshen Twp.
4-73	10-11-73	Annexes two tracts in Goshen Twp., 0.70 acres and 6.894 acres.
49-73	9-10-73	Annexes 0.928 acres and 64.683 acres in Goshen Twp.
56-73	9-24-73	Annexes 2.50 acres, 0.32 acres, 1.06 acres and 2.50 acres in Goshen Twp.
65-73	10-25-73	Annexes land in vicinity of New Schoenbrunn Allotment.
69-73	11-26-73	Annexes 7.009 acres and 109.88 acres in Goshen Twp.
80-73	1-28-74	Annexes lot 382 in Thiebaud Allotment and Twelfth Street.
4-74	2-11-74	Annexes 0.732 acres in Goshen Twp.
5-74	2-11-74	Annexes 2.42 acres and 2.60 acres in Goshen Twp.
7-74	2-11-74	Annexes 0.50 acres in Goshen Twp.
8-74	2-25-74	Annexes lots 394 and 395 in Robert R. Renner First Allotment.
11-74	3-25-74	Annexes 32.11 acres and 10.42 acres in Goshen Twp. of lots 6 and 15.
27-74	6-24-74	Annexes 3.867 acres in Goshen Twp. of Lots 21 and 23.
55-75	10-30-75	Annexes 0.998 acres and 1.657 acres in Goshen Twp. of lots 4 and 5.
57-75	10-30-75	Annexes 16.675 acres in Goshen Twp. of lot 10.
5-76	4-12-76	Annexes 9.23 acres in Goshen Twp. of lots 15 and 16.
24-76	5-24-76	Annexes 1.395 acres in Goshen Twp.
29-76	7-12-76	Annexing three parcels in Goshen Twp. including lots 372 and 386 in Thiebaud Allotment.
30-77	7-11-77	Annexes 4 parcels in the Third Quarter of Twp. 8, Range 1 of the Schoenbrunn Tract, Goshen Twp.
31-77	6-27-77	Annexes 8.577 acres located in First Quarter of Twp. 8, Range 2 of Goshen Twp.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
6-78	3-27-78	Annexes part of lot 5 of the Schoenbrunn Tract in Goshen Twp., containing 1.318 acres.
7-78	3-27-78	Annexes part of lot 10 of the Schoenbrunn Tract in Goshen Twp., containing 0.842 acres.
33-78	7-10-78	Annexes 0.382 acres in First Quarter of Twp. 8, Range 2 of Goshen Twp.
2-79	2-12-79	Annexes lots 369, 370, 371, 383, 384 and 385 in Thiebaud Allotment in Goshen Twp.; a portion of an 18 ft. east-west alley in such addition, the west end being the extension south of the west line of lot 368 and terminating at 12th St.; and an 18 ft. north-south alley in such addition, the north end terminating at Maple Ave. and the south end terminating at W. High Ave.
9-79	4-9-79	Annexes real estate in Goshen Township of J. & B. Moran and H. I. Snyder.
20-79	4-23-79	Annexes real estate in Goshen Twp. commonly known as the Salt Bowl.
37-79	6-11-79	Annexes .766 acres located in Goshen Twp.
43-79	7-9-79	Annexes part of a 33.25 and 35.75 tract owned by B. Cookson and D. Schwartz.
44-79	7-9-79	Annexes 5 parcels in Goshen Twp. owned by B. Cookson and D. Schwartz.
68-79	10-22-79	Annexes certain territory being a part of lots 4341 and 4342 in Goshen Twp. of J. & J. Winters.
77-79	11-26-79	Annexes certain territory in Goshen Twp. being located in the Fourth Qtr. of Twp. 9, Range 2 owned by H.I. Snyder.
31-80	7-28-80	Accepts application for annexation of 87.53 acres in Goshen Twp.
41-80	8-11-80	Accepts application for annexation of 1.56 acres in Goshen Twp.
42-80	8-11-80	Accepts application for annexation of Lot 381 in Thiebaud Allotment, Goshen Twp.
68-80	10-13-80	Accepts application for annexation of part of Second Quarter, Twp. 8, Range 2 in Goshen Twp.
43-81	9-28-81	Accepts application of N. L. McWilliams for annexation of a 0.465 acre parcel and 0.524 acre parcel in Goshen Twp.
59-81	11-9-81	Accepts application of H. E. Betche for annexation of 0.696 acre in Goshen Twp.
75-81	1-25-81	Accepts application of L. D. Smith for annexation of 0.331 acre in Goshen Twp.
76-81	1-11-81	Accepts application of T. E. and A. J. Larkin for annexation of 9.487 acres in Goshen Twp.
44-82	1-24-83	Accepts application of K. W. and M. M. Burgess for annexation of 10.085 acres in Goshen Twp.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
28-83	9-26-83	Accepts application of T. E. and A. J Larkin for annexation of 10.447 acres in Goshen Twp.
51-83	2-13-84	Accepts application of DeMattio Construction, Inc., for annexation of certain territory within Lots 23 and 24 in 3rd Quarter, Twp. 8, Range 1 in Goshen Twp.
4-84	3-12-84	Accepts application of Ben Cookson, Inc. et al. for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
5-84	3-12-84	Accepts application of H. J. Menapace, et al., for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
30-84	6-25-84	Accepts application of Countryside Properties, for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
50-84	11-12-84	Accepts application of Thomas and Allah Jo Larkin for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
14-85	3-25-85	Accepts application of Thomas and Allah Jo Larkin for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
55-85	12-23-85	Detachment of certain territory upon the application of H. I. Snyder and Dwain R. Hicks.
27-86	7-14-86	Accepts application of Benjamin Cookson, Jr. and Dale E. Schwartz for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
27-87	6-22-87	Accepts application of Robert and Paula Smitley and Russell Bennet for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
37-87	9-14-87	Accepts application of Susan F. Davis for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
64-87	10-26-87	Accepts application of Thomas E. Larkin et al., for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
74-87	11-9-87	Accepts application of New Towne Mall Associates Ltd. for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
1-88	4-11-88	Accepts application of the State Department of Transportation for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
71-88	5-22-89	Accepts application of the State Department of Transportation for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
72-88	5-22-89	Accepts application of Times Mirror Cable Television of Ohio for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
5-90	2-12-90	Accepts application of Sheridan D. Bigler, et al. for the annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
10-90	4-23-90	Accepts application of Dana Lewis for the annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township.
56-90	11-12-90	Accepts application of Gregory and Kimberly Erb for the annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township.
79-91	1-13-92	Accepts application of George E. Limbaugh, Dean Heter and Guy Born of certain territories in Goshen Twp.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
29-92	7-13-92	Accepts application of DeMattio Construction, Inc. for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
31-92	7-13-92	Accepts application of Kathy L. Pietro and Robert E. Martinelli for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
31-93	8-23-93	Accepts application of Dana J. Lewis for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
48-93	9-27-93	Accepts application of Alan Stutzman for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
52-93	9-13-93	Accepts application of G. & G. Partnership et al for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
Res. 4-94	4-11-94	Authorizes the Law Director to proceed with the annexation of 3.74 acres of the area known as the New Philadelphia Reservoir.
16-94	5-9-94	Accepts application of DeMattis Construction, Inc. for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
29-94	5-9-94	Accepts application of DeMattis Construction, Inc. for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Twp.
25-94	6-13-94	Accepts application of Kathy Pietro and Robert Martinelli for annexation of 4.953 acres.
16-95	5-22-95	Accepts application of Russell W. Robb for annexation of territory in Goshen Township.
17-95	5-22-95	Accepts application of Anna Mae Snyder and Jay and Elizabeth Huffman for annexation of territory in Goshen Township.
40-95	9-25-95	Accepts the application of Russelyn and Donald Sundheimer for annexation of territory in Goshen Township.
47-95	12-11-95	Accepts application of Dana and Virginia Lewis for a 1.969 acre tract in Goshen Township.
27-96	6-10-96	Accepts application of G.A.C. Corp. for certain territory in Goshen Township.
51-96	10-14-96	Accepts application of John Winkler and James and Judith Allison for certain territory in Goshen Township.
25-97	6-9-97	Accepts application of Jose and Angelica Martinez for certain territory in Goshen Township.
8-98	3-23-98	Accepts application of George and Nikki Lee Wallick/M&P Development of Tuscarawas County Ltd., for certain territory in Goshen Township.
21-98	3-23-98	Accepts the application of Ernest and JoAnn Ferrell for certain territory in Goshen Township.
26-98	4-13-98	Accepts the application of Philip and Carolyn Dixon for certain territory in Goshen Township.
36-98	5-27-98	Accepts the application of Healea Corp. for certain territory in Goshen Township.
59-98	7-27-98	Accepts the application of Allen and Jane Gassen for certain territory in Goshen Township.
76-98	9-28-98	Accepts the application of Jones and Elizabeth J. Barrow for certain territory in Goshen Township.
80-98	10-26-98	Accepts the application of Joseph B. Marsch, LLC., Joseph and Joyce Greco, and Ohio Limited Liability Co., for the annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
85-98	12-14-98	Accepts application of Thomas Larkin, Patricia Finley and Thomas, James, John, Eugene and Michael Martinelli for certain territory in Goshen Township.
86-98	12-14-98	Accepts application of Sierra and James Hobart for certain territory in Goshen Township.
87-98	12-14-98	Accepts application of Lois Plahtinsky for certain territory in Goshen Township.
91-98	12-28-98	Accepts application of Kenneth Rapport et al. for certain territory in Dover Township.
19-99	4-12-99	Accepts application of Donald and Joan Wagner for certain territory in Goshen Township.
58-99	9-13-99	Accepts application of Allen and Jane Gasser for certain territory in Goshen Township.
56-00	12-28-00	Accepts application of Dwain and Elizabeth Hicks for certain territory in Goshen Township.
7-01	3-26-01	Accepts application of the Tuscarawas County Commissioner Job and Family Services Building for certain territory in Dover Township.
36-01	8-27-01	Accepts application of Endres Land LLC and Enders Floral Co. for annexation of certain territory in Dover Township.
37-01	8-27-01	Accepts application of Gregory and Linda Donaldson for certain territory in Dover Township.
8-02	3-11-02	Accepts application of Jerry and Julie Fisher and John Stocker for certain territory in Goshen Township.
29-02	4-22-02	Annexation of .07 acres adjacent to Larkin First Addition, Donald Drive and Mistie Dawn Estates Fifth Addition.
66-02	11-11-02	Accepts application of David and Nanette Avon for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township.
94-02	4-14-03	Annexation of 6.12 acres owned by Dennis Carr.
2-03	1-13-03	Annexation of .39 acres adjacent to Donald Drive and Mistie Dawn Estates Fifth Addition.
7-03	9-8-03	Annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township upon application of Mark and Brenda Luikart.
42-03	9-22-03	Annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township upon application of Nancy Dietz, Barbara Cohee, Lynn Padro, and Charles and Robert Tinker.
9-04	4-26-04	Annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township upon application of Allen and Jane Gasser.
40-2004	8-9-04	Accepts the application by R&B Venture LLC for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township.
41-2004	8-9-04	Accepts the application by S.S.T. Enterprises for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township.





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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2560	9-28-53	Lots 3661 through 3664 designated industrial.
2588	1-11-54	Lots 3307, 3308 zoned for business.
2706	5-28-56	Three parcels from industrial to residential.
2741	4-8-57	Three areas in vicinity of Lewis Ave., Chauncey Ave., Carrie Ave., Third St. and Fourth St. from residential to business.
2812	1-26-59	Premises owned by Ida Pritz et al. from residential to business.
2860	5-9-60	Lots 4051, 4052 and 4053 at 1020 West High Ave. from residential to business.
2871	11-14-60	Part of lot 312 at 251 Fair Ave. from residential to business.
2873	1-9-61	2.45 acres of Reeves Realty Co. in the vicinity of Wabash Ave. and McKinley Ave. zoned for business and light industry.
2890	5-22-61	Lot 3322 and south half of lot 3321 on Fourth St. S. W. from residential to business.
2898	7-17-61	Lot 63 in Lewis Addition at 1302 Fourth St. N.W. from residential to business.
2925	5-28-62	Lots 2575, 2576, 2577, 3360, 3361, 3387, 3388, 3389, 3390, 3391, 3392 and 3428 from residential to business.
2948	12-17-62	75 ft. at rear of lot 3163 from residential to business.
2950	1-28-63	Lot 497 at 122-130 Fourth St, N,W. from residential to business.
2961	5-13-63	Lot 2741 and part of lot 2742 from residential to business.
2971	6-24-63	Lots 2791 and 2792 on Ridge Ave. N.E. from residential to business,
2975	8-12-63	Part of lot 3323 and adjacent vacated alley at Fourth St. N.W. and Wabash Ave. N. W. from residential to business.
2999	6-8-64	Lots 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858 and 1859 from residential to industrial.
3014	9-14-64	0.494 acre in vicinity of Wabash Ave. and Sixth St. S. W. annexed by Ord. 3008 zoned for business.
3024	12-14-64	39 ft. on south side of lot 104 from business to business and light industry.
3032	3-8-65	Lots 4575, 4576, 4577, 4578, 4579, 2162, 2163, 2164 and 1.32 acres occupied by City school and 0.17 acres owned by Walter and Lois Ervin from residential to business.
3039	5-24-65	Former railroad property, .92 acre, now owned by Reeves Realty Co. zoned for business.
3090	9-26-66	200 ft. on east end of lot 3615 on southwest corner of Brown Ave. N. W. and Tuscarawas Ave. N. W. from residential to industrial.
3118	3-27-67	9.68 acres of Reeves Realty Co. property in vicinity of Wabash Ave. N.W. and Kelly St. N.W., with utility, street and waterline rights reserved, from residential to business and business and light industry.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
3168	6-8-68	Lot 223 and 18 inches of west side of lot 222 at 343 West High Ave. from residential to business.
3224	2-10-69	Lot 169 at 300 East High Ave. from residential to business.
3235	3-10-69	Specifies zoning districts for recently annexed parcels.
3238	3-24-69	Property annexed in Ord. 3166 to business and residential; property annexed in Ord. 3138 zoned Trailer Park District.
3239	4-14-69	Lots 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250 and 2251 on Tuscarawas Ave. N.W. from residential to business and light industry.
3269	9-8-69	Zoning 78.735 acres annexed under Ord. 3247 as business.
3286	1-26-70	Rezoning lots 3298 through 3306 from "R" to "B".
3332	11-23-70	Zones land recently annexed in Ord. 3321, 3322 and 3323 to business, business and industrial, and residential respectively.
72-23	8-14-72	Lots 3310 through 3320 and north half of lot 3321, and lots 3518 through 3530 from residential to business.
72-32	9-25-72	Part of lot 57 (new number 615) at 402 West High Ave. from residential to business.
1-73	2-26-73	Premises of Albert Cercone from residential to business.
10-73	4-23-73	Premises of Schwartz from residential to business.
54-73	10-11-73	Premises of Don E. Unger from residential to business.
55-73	10-11-73	Premises of Reeves Banking and Trust Co. from residential to business.
74-73	12-10-73	Zoning 150.271 acres annexed in Ord. 69-73 as residential.
38-74	8-26-74	Ward 4 except Commercial Ave. rezoned residential, excepting existing nonconforming uses.
60-74	1-13-75	Premises of Larry J. Vance from residential to industrial.
9-75	9-8-75	Area in vicinity of Third St. from residential to office.
10-75	6-23-75	Premises of Kaylor, Dritz, Pennland Enterprises, Inc. and Meese from residential to business.
54-75	12-22-75	Premises of Hilda Rapport from industrial to residential.
9-76	3-22-76	Zoning part of lot 401 as residential.
28-76	6-28-76	Area between Eighth St. N.E. and Eleventh St. N.E. from business and industrial to residential.
30-76	6-28-76	Zoning parts of lots 4 and 5 annexed by Ord. 55-75 as business.
2-78	2-27-78	Rezoning lots 19 and 20 from residential to office.
28-78	6-26-78	Rezoning part of First Quarter, Twp. 8, Range 2 of the United States Military lands from residential to office.
3-79	2-26-79	Zoning the territory annexed by Ord. 2-79 as business.
26-79	6-9-79	Zoning certain territory annexed to City by various ordinances from 1970 thru 1978, as residential and business.
28-79	6-25-79	Zoning certain real estate annexed by Ord. 9-79 as R-residential.
29-79	7-23-79	Zoning certain real estate annexed by Ord. 20-79 as I-industrial.
20-80	4-28-80	Rezoning 646 Front Ave. and 648 Front Ave. from R-residential to B-business.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
39-80	7-28-80	Zoning certain real estate annexed by Ord. 31-80 as "R" Residential.
54-80	8-11-80	Zoning certain real estate annexed by Ord. 41-80 as "B" Business.
56-80	9-8-80	Rezoning Lot 711 at 205 Canal St. S. E. from "R" Residential to "B" Business.
57-80	9-8-80	Zoning certain real estate annexed by Ord. 42-80 as "B" Business.
69-80	10-27-80	Zoning certain real estate annexed by Ord. 68-80 as "B" Business.
70-80	10-27-80	Rezoning Lots 1021 to 1029 between Allen Lane S.W. and Front St. S.W. on the west side of Seventh St. S.W. from "R" Residential to "B" Business.
11-81	5-11-81	Zoning certain real estate annexed by various 1979 ordinances as follows: (a) Ord. 43-79 as "I" Industrial; (b) Ord. 44-79 as "T" Trailer Park; (c) Ord. 68-79 as "R" Residential; (d) Ord. 77-79 as "R" Residential.
30-81	7-13-81	Rezoning Lots 181, 182, 183 and 184 from "R" Residential to "B" Business.
54-81	10-12-81	Zoning real estate annexed by Ord. 43-81 as "R" Residential.
80-81	2-8-81	Zoning real estate annexed by Ords. 75-81 and 76-81 as "R" Residential.
45-82	1-24-83	Zoning real estate annexed by Ord. 44-82 as "R" Residential.
23-83	6-13-83	Rezoning certain properties from "I" Industrial to "R" Residential.
29-83	9-26-83	Territory annexed by Ord. 28-83 zoned "R" Residential.
3-84	2-27-84	Territory annexed by Ord. 51-83 zoned "R" Residential.
6-84	4-23-84	Territory annexed by Ord. 5-84 zoned "R" Residential
9-84	4-23-84	Territory annexed by Ord. 4-84 zoned "I" Industrial.
31-84	7-23-84	Territory annexed by Ord. 30-84 zoned "R" Residential.
46-84	9-27-84	Rezoning certain property owned by Ohio Bell to "O" Office.
51-84	11-12-84	Territory annexed by Ord. 50-84 zoned "R" Residential.
15-85	4-8-85	Territory annexed by Ord. 14-85 zoned "R" Residential.
19-86	6-23-86	Lot No. 496 zoned "O" Office.
30-86	7-14-86	Territory annexed by Ord. 27-86 zoned "C" Commercial.
31-86	7-14-86	Territory annexed by Ord. 31-86 zoned "C" Commercial.
28-87	6-22-87	Territory annexed by Ord. 28-87, zoned "R" Residential.
38-87	9-28-87	Territory annexed by Ord. 38-87, zoned "B" Business.
65-87	10-26-87	Territory annexed by Ord. 64-87, zoned "R" Residential.
75-87	11-23-87	Territory annexed by Ord. 75-87, zoned "B" Business.
2-88	4-11-88	Territory annexed by Ord. 2-88, zoned "B" Business.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
46-88	8-22-88	Lot Nos. 3353, 3354, 3355 zoned Office District.
50-88	9-26-88	Lot Nos. 3631, 3632 and 3633 zoned Office District.
24-89	5-22-89	Territory annexed by Ord. No. 71-88, zoned industrial.
26-89	5-22-89	Territory annexed by Ord. No. 72-88, zoned Business.
21-90	6-25-90	923 East High Ave. zoned Business.
38-90	5-13-90	The former Rink's Discount Center containing approximately 9.261 acres zoned industrial.
44-90	9-10-90	Territory annexed by Ord. 10-90 zoned Business.
55-90	11-12-90	A 0.520 acre parcel and a 0.556 acre parcel located on Fourth St. zoned Business.
19-91	4-8-91	A 0.3316 parcel and a 0.6807 acre parcel located between 11th St. and Ray Ave. rezoned residential.
2-92	1-13-92	Territory annexed by Ord. 79-91 zoned residential.
24-92	6-22-92	1110, 1112 and 1114 Tuscarawas Ave. N.W. from residential to office building.
27-92	7-27-92	The former Rinks Discount Center property, containing approximately 9.261 acres from industrial to business use.
30-92	7-27-92	Territory annexed by Ord. 30-92 zoned residential.
32-92	7-27-92	Territory annexed by Ord. 31-92 zoned residential.
33-92	7-27-92	303 and 309 Tuscarawas Ave. N.W. from residential to Business.
46-92	8-24-92	Real property known as Honey Valley Fourth Addition zoned residential.
4-94	3-28-94	Real estate located at 541 Wabash Ave. NW zoned business.
4-95	3-24-95	Real estate located at 255 Ray Ave. from residential to business.
35-95	9-11-95	Lot Nos. 2749 and 2750 located at 510 Park Ave. N.W. from residential to business.
56-95	2-26-96	Real estate located at 255 Groff Road from industrial to business.
58-95	2-26-96	Real estate located at 1446 Kaderly St. and its two adjacent lots from residential to business.
28-96	6-24-96	Real estate located at 350 Fourth St. from residential to office use.
47-96	10-28-96	Real estate located at the intersection of Cookson Ave. SE and Commercial Ave. SE from industrial to business.
48-96	10-28-96	Real estate located at 1446 Kaderly St. from business to office.
26-97	7-14-97	Real estate located at 504 Bowers Ave. from industrial to business.
10-98	3-23-98	7.416 acres owned by Gary Lawver at Hardesty Ave. from industrial to residential.
104-98	1-25-99	Certain land located off South Broadway and occupied by Buehlers Food Stores from industrial to business.
55-99	8-23-99	1065 West High Ave from industrial to business.
96-99	1-24-00	12.075 acres along East High Ave. from business to industrial.
43-00	8-28-00	.880 acres on Wabash Ave. adjacent to the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. from residential to business.
44-00	8-28-00	1.630 acres owned by Nick Incarnato located on Fourth St. from Industrial to residential.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
68-00	2-12-01	A one acre tract located on Bowers Ave. NW adjacent to Marsh Industries Property from commercial to industrial.
69-00	2-12-01	A 1.3 acre tract located in the 1,000th Block of Kaderly St. near Old Zimmer Patient Care Building from industrial to residential.
70-00	2-12-01	Two acres located at the corner of Union Ave. and Martin St. from industrial to business.
16-01	4-23-01	1.21 acres located in the 800th Block of Kaderly St. near the Old Zimmer Patient Care Building from industrial to residential.
34-01	8-27-01	416 Robinson Drive SE from industrial to business.
36-01	8-27-01	Land annexed by Ord. 36-2001 zoned industrial.
37-01	8-27-01	Land annexed by Ord. 37-2001 zoned industrial.
53-01	12-10-01	118, 122 and 126 Commercial Avenue SW from residential to business.
8-02	3-11-02	Land annexed by Ord. 8-2002 zoned residential.
32-02	5-13-02	Real estate located at 429 Wabash Ave. NW, from residential to office district.
55-2002	8-12-02	3.874 acres being part of the Marsh Industries property bounded on the north by Martin St. located west of Union Ave. and north of Emmett Ave. from Industrial to Residential.
63-2002	9-23-02	A .9868 acre tract owned by Timothy Bober and Jamie Hicks from Business to Industrial.
73-2002	11-11-02	Property located at 115 Howe Ave. SW from Residential to Business.
85-2002	11-25-02	Real estate located at 1103 Fourth St. NW from Residential to Business.
27-2003	7-14-03	Property located at 430 Fair Ave. NW from Residential to Office District.
50-2003	10-27-03	Tuscarawas Regional Technology Park from Residential to Industrial.
16-2004	6-14-04	Lots abutting on West High Ave. from the railroad track crossing on the west in an easterly direction to the intersection of West High Ave., Seventh St. SW and Tuscarawas Ave. from Residential to Business Type B.
29-2004	6-28-04	A 0.319 acre tract located at 812 Kaderly St. from Residential to Business.
18-2006	6-26-06	Certain land owned by Dyer Properties, Ltd. and located on Martin St. NW from Residential to Industrial.
39-2006	11-27-06	The property from Fourth Street SW, west side to Fourth Drive SW, east side and West High Avenue South Side to Allen Lane SW, north side excepting the property located at the south west corner of Fourth Street SW and Allen Lane SW intersection, including: 402 West High Avenue, 408 West High Avenue, 416 West High Avenue, 422 West High Avenue, 407 Allen Lane, 417 Allen Lane, 423 Allen Lane is hereby rezoned to a Business District.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
9-2007	5-31-07	Property located on the corner of Kelly Street and Bowers Avenue owned by Gary Lawver and containing approximately three acres of land from Industrial to Residential.
21-2007	11-26-07	Certain land owned by Kenwood Shoppes Development, Ltd located at Wabash Avenue NW (Adjacent to the Pepsi-Bottling Company) from Residential to Business.
22-2007	11-26-07	Certain land owned by Investment Properties, III, Ltd. Development, Ltd. located at 1037 West High Avenue (former site of Tuscarawas Auto Parts/Rapport's) from Industrial to Business.
3-2008	3-10-08	Certain land located at 809 Emmet Avenue NW from Industrial to Office.
6-2013	7-8-13	Certain land located at 655 Wabash Avenue NW from Residential to Business.
16-2013	11-11-13	Certain land located on Parcel No. 32-03496-000 at the Corner of Tuscarawas Ave. NW and 7th Street NW (Miller Sudio, Inc.) from Residential to Business.
4-2015	4-13-15	Certain land located at 419 Tuscarawas Avenue Northwest from Residential to Office.
5-2015	4-13-15	Certain land located at 1121 Tuscarawas Avenue Northwest from Residential to Business.
7-2016	8-8-16	Rezones 233 Fair Avenue from Residential to Central Business.
24-2017	1-22-18	Rezones 1416 Kaderly Street NW from Residential to Business.
3-2019	3-11-19	The 15 parcels listed in the attached documentation identified as Exhibit A, Quaker Dome Area Rezoning 2019, as recommended by the New Philadelphia Planning Commission from Industrial to Business.
8-2019	6-10-19	Parcel No. 43-01837-000 located on 428 Carrie Ave. N.W. and Parcel No.'s 43-01472.000, 43-01473.000 and 43-01474.000 located on Kaderly Street NW in the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio is hereby rezoned from residential to business zone.
12-2019	8-26-19	Parcel No. 43-03778-000 located on 1226 Kaderly Street NW and Parcel No. 43-03780-000 located on 1230 Kaderly Street NW from Residential to Business Zone.
16-2019	12-9-19	Parcel No.'s 43-00557-000, 43-07785-000, 43-08473-000, 43-02499-000 located on 401 Canal Street SE from Industrial to Business Zone.
17-2019	12-9-19	Parcel No. 43-04652-000 located on 333 Canal Street SE from industrial to Business Zone.
18-2019	12-23-19	Lots abutting the area around the Old Zimmer Building located on Kaderly Ave NW, beginning at Bowers Ave NW. (at Kelly St. NW), east to Kaderly St. NW, south to an unnamed alley, east to 4 <sup>th</sup> Dr. NW, south to Park Avenue NW, east to 4 <sup>th</sup> NW, south to Minnich Ave NW, west through Kaderly St. NW onto an unnamed alley to 5 <sup>th</sup> Dr. NW, north on 5 <sup>th</sup> Dr. NW to Park Ave NW, east on Park Ave. NW to 5 <sup>th</sup> St. NW, north on 5 <sup>th</sup> St. NW to the Harcatus owned property, west to Kelly St. NW and then north on Kelly St. NW, from Industrial to Business Zone.

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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
3-2020	3-9-20	27 Parcels listed in original Ordinance 3-2020 from Industrial to Business Zone.
8-2021	5-24-21	The following addresses from Industrial to Business Zone: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 230 11th Street NW</li> <li>2. 11th Street NW</li> <li>3. 210 11th Street NW</li> <li>4. 1128 Maple Avenue NW</li> <li>5. 1065 West High Avenue</li> </ol>
9-2021	5-24-21	The following addresses located from Residential to Business Zone: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1187 West High Avenue</li> <li>2. West High Avenue</li> <li>3. 1191 West High Avenue</li> <li>4. 1201 West High Avenue</li> </ol>
15-2021	7-26-21	The following address located in the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio are hereby permanently rezoned as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Greco Real Estate LLC, 701 Willow Street SW rezoned from Business Zone to Mobile Home Park Zone</li> <li>2. RLM Park Ltd., 601 Karen Ave. NW rezoned from Residential Zone to Mobile Park Zone</li> <li>3. Greco Real Estate LLC, 236 11th St. NW rezoned from Industrial to Mobile Park Zone</li> </ol>
16-2022	10-24-22	Parcel 43-04799-000 from Industrial Zone to Business Zone.
16-2023	10-9-23	The following parcels owned by the The Little Theatre of Tuscarawas County, Inc., located at 466 Carrie Ave., rezoned from residential to business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parcel No. 43-05263-000 WHOLE 3409 4310</li> <li>2. Parcel No. 43-05264-000 WHOLE 3407 3408</li> </ol>
9-2024	3-11-24	The following parcels located rezoned from Residential Zone to Business Zone: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parcel No. 4300876000</li> <li>2. Parcel No. 4307136000</li> <li>3. Parcel No. 4307281000</li> </ol>
10-2024	2-26-24	Parcel No. 43-00679-000 rezoned from Residential Zone to Industrial Zone.









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CROSS REFERENCES

- See sectional histories for similar State law
- Statute of limitations on prosecutions - see Ohio R.C. 718.06; GEN. OFF. 501.06
- Codification in book form - see Ohio R.C. 731.23
- Imprisonment until fine and costs are paid - see Ohio R.C. 1905.30, 2947.14
- Citation issuance for minor misdemeanors - see Ohio R.C. 2935.26 et seq.
- Ordinances and resolutions - see ADM. Ch. 123
- Rules of construction for offenses and penalties - see GEN. OFF. 501.04

**101.01 DESIGNATION; CITATION; HEADINGS.**

(a) All ordinances of a permanent and general nature of the Municipality as revised, codified, rearranged, renumbered and consolidated into component codes, titles, chapters and sections shall be known and designated as the Codified Ordinances of New Philadelphia, Ohio, 1973, for which designation "Codified Ordinances" may be substituted. Code, title, chapter and section headings do not constitute any part of the law as contained in the Codified Ordinances.  
(ORC 1.01)

(b) All references to codes, titles, chapters and sections are to such components of the Codified Ordinances unless otherwise specified. Any component code may be referred to and cited by its name, such as the "Traffic Code". Sections may be referred to and cited by the designation "Section" followed by the number, such as "Section 101.01".

**101.02 GENERAL DEFINITIONS.**

As used in the Codified Ordinances, unless another definition is provided or the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "And" may be read "or", and "or" may be read "and", if the sense requires it.  
(ORC 1.02(F))
- (b) "Another" when used to designate the owner of property which is the subject of an offense, includes not only natural persons but also every other owner of property.  
(ORC 1.02(B))
- (c) "Bond" includes an undertaking and "undertaking" includes a bond.  
(ORC 1.02(D), (E))
- (d) "Council" means the legislative authority of the Municipality.
- (e) "County" means Tuscarawas County, Ohio.
- (f) "Keeper" or "proprietor" includes all persons, whether acting by themselves or as a servant, agent or employee.
- (g) "Land" or "real estate" includes rights and easements of an incorporeal nature.  
(ORC 701.01(F))
- (h) "Municipality" or "City" means the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.
- (i) "Oath" includes affirmation and "swear" includes affirm.  
(ORC 1.59(B))
- (j) "Owner", when applied to property, includes any part owner, joint owner or tenant in common of the whole or part of such property.
- (k) "Person" includes an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership and association.  
(ORC 1.59(C))
- (l) "Premises", as applied to property, includes land and buildings.
- (m) "Property" means real and personal property.  
(ORC 1.59(E))  
"Personal property" includes all property except real.  
"Real property" includes lands, tenements and hereditaments.
- (n) "Public authority" includes boards of education; the Municipal, County, State or Federal government, its officers or an agency thereof; or any duly authorized public official.

- (o) "Public place" includes any street, sidewalk, park, cemetery, school yard, body of water or watercourse, public conveyance, or any other place for the sale of merchandise, public accommodation or amusement.
- (p) "Registered mail" includes certified mail and "certified mail" includes registered mail.  
(ORC 1.02(G))
- (q) "Rule" includes regulation. (ORC 1.59(F))
- (r) "Sidewalk" means that portion of the street between the curb line and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.
- (s) "This State" or "the State" means the State of Ohio.  
(ORC 1.59(G))
- (t) "Street" includes alleys, avenues, boulevards, lanes, roads, highways, viaducts and all other public thoroughfares within the Municipality.
- (u) "Tenant" or "occupant", as applied to premises, includes any person holding a written or oral lease, or who actually occupies the whole or any part of such premises, alone or with others.
- (v) "Whoever" includes all persons, natural and artificial; partners; principals, agents and employees; and all officials, public or private.  
(ORC 1.02(A))
- (w) "Written" or "in writing" includes any representation of words, letters, symbols or figures. This provision does not affect any law relating to signatures.  
(ORC 1.59(J))

#### 101.03 RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

(a) Common and Technical Usage. Words and phrases shall be read in context and construed according to the rules of grammar and common usage. Words and phrases that have acquired a technical or particular meaning, whether by legislative definition or otherwise, shall be construed accordingly.  
(ORC 1.42)

(b) Singular and Plural; Gender; Tense. As used in the Codified Ordinances, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) The singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular.
- (2) Words of one gender include the other genders.
- (3) Words in the present tense include the future.

(ORC 1.43)

(c) Calendar; Computation of Time.

(1) Definitions.

- A. "Week" means seven consecutive days.
- B. "Year" means twelve consecutive months.

(ORC 1.44)

- (2) If a number of months is to be computed by counting the months from a particular day, the period ends on the same numerical day in the concluding month as the day of the month from which the computation is begun, unless there are not that many days in the concluding month, in which case the period ends on the last day of that month.  
(ORC 1.45)

- (3) A. The time within which an act is required by law to be done shall be computed by excluding the first and including the last day; except that when the last day falls on Sunday or a legal holiday, then the act may be done on the next succeeding day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.
- B. When a public office, in which an act required by law is to be performed, is closed to the public for the entire day that constitutes the last day for doing the act or before its usual closing time on that day, the act may be performed on the next succeeding day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.
- C. As used in subsections (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section, legal holiday means the following days:
1. The first day of January, known as New Year's Day;
  2. The third Monday in January, known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
  3. The third Monday in February, known as Washington-Lincoln Day;
  4. The day designated in the "Act of June 28, 1968", 82 Stat. 250, 5 U.S.C. § 6103, as amended, for the commemoration of Memorial Day;
  5. The nineteenth day of June, known as Juneteenth day;
  6. The fourth day of July, known as Independence Day;
  7. The first Monday in September, known as Labor Day;
  8. The second Monday in October, known as Columbus Day;
  9. The eleventh day of November, known as Veteran's Day;
  10. The fourth Thursday in November, known as Thanksgiving Day;
  11. The twenty-fifth day of December, known as Christmas Day; and
  12. Any day appointed and recommended by the Governor of this state or the President of the United States as a holiday.
- D. If any day designated in this section as a legal holiday falls on a Sunday, the next succeeding day is a legal holiday.  
(ORC 1.14)
- (4) When legislation is to take effect or become operative from and after a day named, no part of that day shall be included.  
(ORC 1.15)
- (5) In all cases where the law shall require any act to be done in a reasonable time or reasonable notice to be given, such reasonable time or notice shall mean such time only as may be necessary for the prompt performance of such duty or compliance with such notice.

(d) Authority. When the law requires an act to be done which may by law as well be done by an agent as by the principal, such requirement shall be construed to include all such acts when done by an authorized agent.

(e) Joint Authority. All words purporting to give joint authority to three or more municipal officers or other persons shall be construed as giving such authority to a majority of such officers or other persons, unless it shall be otherwise expressly declared in the law giving the authority or inconsistent with State statute or Charter provisions.



(f) Exceptions. The rules of construction shall not apply to any law which shall contain any express provision excluding such construction, or when the subject matter or context of such law may be repugnant thereto.

#### 101.04 REVIVOR; EFFECT OF AMENDMENT OR REPEAL.

(a) The repeal of a repealing ordinance does not revive the ordinance originally repealed nor impair the effect of any saving clause therein.  
(ORC 1.57)

(b) An ordinance which is re-enacted or amended is intended to be a continuation of the prior ordinance and not a new enactment, so far as it is the same as the prior ordinance.  
(ORC 1.54)

(c) The re-enactment, amendment or repeal of an ordinance does not, except as provided in subsection (d) hereof:

- (1) Affect the prior operation of the ordinance or any prior action taken thereunder;
- (2) Affect any validation, cure, right, privilege, obligation or liability previously acquired, accrued, accorded or incurred thereunder;
- (3) Affect any violation thereof or penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect thereto, prior to the amendment or repeal;
- (4) Affect any investigation, proceeding or remedy in respect of any such privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment; and the investigation, proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and the penalty, forfeiture or punishment imposed, as if the ordinance had not been repealed or amended.

(d) If the penalty, forfeiture or punishment for any offense is reduced by a re-enactment or amendment of an ordinance, the penalty, forfeiture, or punishment, if not already imposed, shall be imposed according to the ordinance as amended.  
(ORC 1.58)

#### 101.05 CONSTRUCTION OF SECTION REFERENCES.

(a) A reference to any portion of the Codified Ordinances applies to all re-enactments or amendments thereof.  
(ORC 1.55)

(b) If a section refers to a series of numbers or letters, the first and the last numbers or letters are included.  
(ORC 1.56)

(c) Wherever in a penalty section reference is made to a violation of a series of sections or of subsections of a section, such reference shall be construed to mean a violation of any section or subsection included in such reference.

References in the Codified Ordinances to action taken or authorized under designated sections of the Codified Ordinances include, in every case, action taken or authorized under the applicable legislative provision which is superseded by the Codified Ordinances.  
(ORC 1.23)

#### 101.06 CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.

(a) If there is a conflict between figures and words in expressing a number, the words govern.  
(ORC 1.46)

(b) If a general provision conflicts with a special or local provision, they shall be construed, if possible, so that effect is given to both. If the conflict between the provisions is irreconcilable, the special or local provision prevails as an exception to the general provision, unless the general provision is the later adoption and the manifest intent is that the general provision prevail.  
(ORC 1.51)

- (c) (1) If ordinances enacted at different meetings of Council are irreconcilable, the ordinance latest in date of enactment prevails.
- (2) If amendments to the same ordinance are enacted at different meetings of Council, one amendment without reference to another, the amendments are to be harmonized, if possible, so that effect may be given to each. If the amendments are substantively irreconcilable, the latest in date of enactment prevails. The fact that a later amendment restates language deleted by an earlier amendment, or fails to include language inserted by an earlier amendment, does not of itself make the amendments irreconcilable. Amendments are irreconcilable only when changes made by each cannot reasonably be put into simultaneous operation.  
(ORC 1.52)

#### 101.07 DETERMINATION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

- (a) In enacting an ordinance, it is presumed that:
- (1) Compliance with the constitutions of the State and of the United States is intended;
  - (2) The entire ordinance is intended to be effective;
  - (3) A just and reasonable result is intended;
  - (4) A result feasible of execution is intended.
- (ORC 1.47)

(b) An ordinance is presumed to be prospective in its operation unless expressly made retrospective.  
(ORC 1.48)

- (c) If an ordinance is ambiguous, the court, in determining the intention of Council may consider among other matters:
- (1) The object sought to be attained;
  - (2) The circumstances under which the ordinance was enacted;
  - (3) The legislative history;
  - (4) The common law or former legislative provisions, including laws upon the same or similar subjects;
  - (5) The consequences of a particular construction;
  - (6) The administrative construction of the ordinance.
- (ORC 1.49)

#### 101.08 SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of a section of the Codified Ordinances or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of the section or related sections which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions are severable.  
(ORC 1.50)

**101.99 GENERAL PENALTY.**

Whenever, in the Codified Ordinances or in any ordinance of the Municipality, any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, where no specific penalty is otherwise provided, whoever violates any such provision shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation continues or occurs.



CHAPTER 103  
Official Standards

103.01 Grade levels.  
103.02 Official flower.

103.03 Official logo.

CROSS REFERENCES

State standard of time - see Ohio R.C. 1.04  
State legal holidays - see Ohio R.C. 1.14, 5.20 et seq.

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103.01 GRADE LEVELS.

All grade levels within the City shall be determined by reference to the United States Geological Survey marker nearest to the proposed work or construction.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

103.02 OFFICIAL FLOWER.

Council hereby designates and declares that the red rose shall be the official flower of the City. (Res. 1966-5. Passed 4-25-66.)

103.03 OFFICIAL LOGO.

Council does hereby ratify and adopt as the official logo for the City, the logo attached to this Resolution.  
(Res. 18-94. Passed 10-24-94.)



**CHAPTER 105**  
**Wards and Boundaries**

105.01	Number of wards established.	105.04	Ward Three.
105.02	Ward One.	105.05	Ward Four.
105.03	Ward Two.		

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Division into wards - see Ohio R.C. 731.06  
Voting precincts - see Ohio R.C. 3501.18

**105.01 NUMBER OF WARDS ESTABLISHED.**

The City is hereby subdivided into four wards, which are equal in number to the members of Council who are to be elected from wards according to law. The boundaries are those set forth in Sections 105.02 through 105.05, which are so fixed that each ward contains as nearly as practicable an equal number of inhabitants.

(Ord. 168. Passed 12-5-02; Ord. 2881. Passed 2-27-61.)

**105.02 WARD ONE.**

Ward 1 shall be bounded on the north by the northwest and north City limits to the west side of Fourth Street NW;

On the west by the west City limits along Stonecreek Road to 16th Street NW, I-77/U.S. 250, Tuscarawas River;

On the south by the southwest City limits along Tuscarawas River to the west side of Seventh Street SW;

On the east from the west side of Fourth Street NW to the north side of Ray Avenue to the west side of Seventh Street NW to south City limits and Tuscarawas River.

(Ord. 64-2002. Passed 9-23-02.)

**105.03 WARD TWO.**

On the north by the northeast City limits from the east side of Fourth Street NW;

On the east from the east City limits to southeast block just below 13th Street NE;

On the south just below the block adjacent to the 13th Street NE along east side of East High Avenue to eastside of Beaver Avenue to north side of Kaserman Avenue, north side of Cedar Lane to north Third Street NE to north side of North Avenue NE to east side of North Broadway, south to north side of Ray Avenue to east side of Fourth Street NW;

On the west by the east side of Fourth Street NW north to the City limits.

(Ord. 64-2002. Passed 9-23-02.)

**105.04 WARD THREE.**

On the north south side of Ray Avenue at the corner of Seventh Street NW to east side of North Broadway to south side of North Avenue NE to Third Street NE to Cedar Lane, south side of Cedar Lane to Pearl Street and south of Kaserman Avenue NE to Beaver Avenue;

On the east the west side of Beaver Avenue to the west side of East High Avenue, Township Road 634 along East Avenue cemetery;

On the south Township Road 634 along East Avenue Cemetery and City limits along railroad tracks City limits along Tuscarawas River to east side of Seventh Street SW extended;

On the west Seventh Street NW from south City limits near the north side of Tuscarawas River to south side corner of Ray Avenue NW.

(Ord. 64-2002. Passed 9-23-02.)

**105.05 WARD FOUR.**

On the north side along City limits on the south side of Tuscarawas River along Tuscarawas River City limits State Route 250/across Tuscarawas River at Township Road 364 to the west side of East High Avenue to north side of 18th Street SW and City limits to Hicks Avenue NE to City limits north of University Drive;

On the east west City limits out University Drive and out to Reiser Avenue;

On the south all southeast and southwest City limits;

On the west the City limits southwest.

(Ord. 64-2002. Passed 9-23-02.)



CHAPTER 107  
Municipal Building

107.01 No smoking areas.

CROSS REFERENCES

Nonsmoking areas in places of public assembly - see Ohio R.C. 3791.031

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107.01 NO SMOKING AREAS.

(a) All buildings and vehicles owned or occupied by any division of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio are in their entirety declared to be “No Smoking Areas.”

(b) Clearly visible signs that state “No Smoking” shall be erected.

(c) No person shall remove any signs from areas designated as “No Smoking Areas.”

(d) No person shall smoke in any area designated as a “No Smoking Area.”

(e) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and subject to the penalties as set forth in Codified Ordinance Section 501.99(a). (Ord. 99-2002. Passed 1-27-03.)

CHAPTER 109  
City Property

109.01 Motor vehicles.

CROSS REFERENCES

Unauthorized use of a vehicle - see GEN. OFF. 545.06

Unauthorized use of property - see GEN. OFF. 545.08

Tampering with records - see GEN. OFF. 545.14

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109.01 MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) Every motor vehicle owned by the City, except those expressly exempted herein, shall have markings, decals or some other appropriate manner of identification of such motor vehicle as property of the City, with such identification appearing on both sides of the motor vehicle, and such identification shall be affixed to that motor vehicle within sixty days of delivery.

(b) Motor vehicles used directly in connection with the Police Department shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.  
(Ord. 8-78. Passed 3-27-78.)

TITLE THREE - Legislative  
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Chap. 122. Notice of Public Meetings.  
Chap. 123. Ordinances and Resolutions.

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CHAPTER 121  
Council

121.01 Rules of procedure.

CROSS REFERENCES

Release of treasurer's liability for loss of funds - see Ohio R. C. 131.18 et seq.  
General powers - see Ohio R.C. 715.03, 731.47  
Authority to purchase, sell real estate - see Ohio R. C. Ch. 721  
To establish sewerage rates - see Ohio R.C. 729.49  
Composition - see Ohio R.C. 731.01, 731.06  
Qualifications - see Ohio R.C. 731.02, 731.44  
Election and term - see Ohio R.C. 731.03, 733.09  
Clerk - see Ohio R.C. 731.04  
President pro tempore - see Ohio R.C. 731.04, 733.08  
Legislative powers - see Ohio R.C. 731.05  
Vacancy - see Ohio R.C. 731.43  
Meetings - see Ohio R.C. 731.44, 731.46  
Rules and journal - see Ohio R.C. 731.45  
President - see Ohio R.C. 733.07 et seq.  
Hearings against delinquent officers - see Ohio R.C. 733.35 et seq.  
Misconduct - see Ohio R.C. 733.72 et seq.  
Contract interest - see Ohio R.C. 733.78, 2919.08 et seq.  
Wards - see ADM. Ch. 105

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121.01 RULES OF PROCEDURE.

Rule 1. All regular meetings of Council shall be held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, unless the same falls on a legal holiday, in which case the regular meeting shall be held on the following Thursday. Council shall meet at 7:30 p.m. (Res. 1-80. Passed 1-14-80.)

Rule 2. The Mayor, any three members, and the Council President may call special meetings upon at least 24 hours written notice to each member, served personally or left at his/her usual place of residence. (Ord. 4-2016. Passed 4-25-16.)

Rule 3. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except upon immediate repetition, or when a member has the floor or when Council is voting, and the same shall not be debatable.

Rule 4. No member shall be privileged to disturb or interrupt another member in possession of the floor, except by a call to order.

Rule 5. For all purposes save that of seconding motions, no member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the floor until he/she arises to his/her feet and addresses the President by his/her proper title and is recognized by the President.

Rule 6. The Mayor, the Director of Public Service, the Director of Public Safety, the City Auditor and the City Treasurer shall at all times be entitled to any privileges of the floor for the purpose of speaking on any question pertaining to their respective departments.

Rule 7. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question when demanded by any member and the roll shall be called in alphabetical order, in rotation.

Rule 8. Upon every call of the yeas and nays, every member present shall vote. If a member declares, prior to a vote, that he/she prefers not to vote due to a conflict of interest, the reasons for his/her preference shall be stated and Council shall vote to excuse the member. If unanimously excused, there shall be no vote recorded for the silent member. If a member otherwise abstains from voting, his/her abstention shall be counted as a vote for the majority.

Rule 9. Four members of Council shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 10. In the absence of both the President of Council and the President Pro Tem, Council shall elect one of the following committee chairpersons in the order named to serve as President Pro Tem of the meeting: Finance Chairperson; Special and Contact Chairperson; Public Works Chairperson; Annexation and Zoning Chairperson; Safety, Health and Service Chairperson; Salary Committee Chairperson; and Parks and Cemetery Chairperson.

Rule 11. No member shall be permitted to leave Council while it is in session except upon the consent of the chair.

Rule 12. All committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer, subject to the approval of Council. (Res. 1-80. Passed 1-14-80.)

Rule 13. The following standing committees and such other committees as may be required shall be appointed: Finance; Public Works and Economic Development; Safety, Health & Service; Zoning & Annexation; Salary; Parks & Cemetery; and Contact and Special Committees. (Ord. 24-2004. Passed 5-24-04.)

Rule 14. (a) The following procedures for legislative action by the New Philadelphia, Ohio, City Council shall be presented to the City Council for action without first being considered, approved, and recommended by the appropriate Standing City Council Committee. In the event legislation requires immediate action due to an existing emergency or other situation in which a delay would be detrimental to the health, welfare or safety of the residents of New Philadelphia, City Council may waive this rule for the particular instance only by a vote of not less than 2/3 of its members. (Ord. 11-2014. Passed 6-23-14.)

- (1) No matter to be considered for legislative action by the New Philadelphia, Ohio, City Council shall be presented to the City Council for action without first being considered, approved, and recommended by the appropriate City Council Committee. In the event legislation requires immediate action due to an existing emergency or other situation in which a delay would be detrimental to the health, welfare or safety of the residents of New Philadelphia, City Council may waive this rule for that particular instance only by a vote of not less than 2/3 of its members. (Res. 10-2007. Passed 4-9-07.)
- (2) Each ordinance and resolution shall be read by title only, provided Council may require any reading to be in full by a majority vote of its members.
- (3) Each ordinance or resolution shall be read on three different days, provided the legislative authority may dispense with the rule by a vote of at least three-fourths of its members.
- (4) The vote on the passage of each ordinance or resolution shall be taken by yeas and nays and entered upon the journal.
- (5) Each ordinance or resolution shall be passed, except as otherwise provided by law, by a vote of at least a majority of all members of Council.

(b) Action by Council not required by law to be by ordinance or resolution may be taken by motion approved by at least a majority vote of the members present at the meeting when the action is taken.

Rule 15. Any legislation to be prepared by the Director of Law shall be presented to the Director of Law in a form acceptable to him not later than four days prior to the meeting at which the legislation is to be presented to Council. From the legislation thus submitted, the Clerk of Council shall prepare an agenda for the next meeting and have one copy in the hands of each member of Council, the President of Council, the Director of Law and the Mayor, at least seventy-two hours in advance of the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. If any legislation is submitted to the Director of Law later than four days prior to the next Council meeting, there shall be no assurance that this legislation shall be prepared in time for presentation and the party sponsoring the legislation has the responsibility of advising the other Council members of the possibility of this legislation being presented in addition to the legislation listed in the agenda.

Rule 16. The Clerk of Council shall serve notice on all members of special meetings of Council. (Res. 1-80. Passed 1-14-80.)

Rule 17. All questions concerning the government of Council, and the transaction of business thereby, which are not provided for in these rules or by the laws of the State, shall be decided in accordance with parliamentary rules of the most current version of "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised. (Ord. 11-2014. Passed 6-23-14.)

Rule 18. During all meetings of Council, business shall be transacted as far as possible in the following order: Invocation-Pledge of Allegiance; roll call; additions to agenda; minutes of previous sessions; correspondence; administrative reports; commission reports; committee reports; comments from visitors; comments from Council; reading of ordinances; reading of resolutions; unfinished or old business; new business; adjournment.

Prior to voting on any ordinance or resolution or suspension of rules, Council President shall ask for public comment, administration comment and Council comment in that order. (Ord. 4-2016. Passed 4-25-16.)

Rule 19. Any or all rules for the government of Council now or hereafter adopted, may be suspended at any meeting of Council by the concurrent vote of three-fourths of all members elected thereto. The vote for such suspension shall be taken by yeas and nays and entered upon the journal.

Rule 20. Following each meeting of Council, the Clerk of Council shall prepare the minutes of the proceedings, have them typed, printed or reproduced by some other formal written process, and have a copy in the hands of each Councilperson, the President of Council, the Director of Law and the Mayor at least seventy-two hours in advance of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council. The formal reading of such minutes at the meeting of Council shall be dispensed with unless a majority of Council by motion requires them be read aloud in whole or in part; copies of the minutes shall be made available to the news media at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All minutes shall be approved by formal motion as "printed and received".

Rule 21. Minutes of all Council committee meetings shall be kept by the respective committee chairperson. For committee meetings of special significance or importance, the Clerk of Council shall take minutes as requested by the committee chairperson. Otherwise, minutes shall be taken by the chairperson or a committee member designated by the chairperson.

Rule 22. Comments from visitors will normally be limited to a five-minute period. This time limit is at the sole discretion of the President of Council and may be extended to meet special conditions which, in his/her opinion, warrant special consideration.

Rule 23. Any member of Council who finds it impossible to attend a given meeting shall notify the President of Council or the Mayor at the earliest possible date, and otherwise arrange for reports from his/her committee to be given by another committee member. (Res. 1-80. Passed 1-14-80.)

CHAPTER 122  
Notice of Public Meetings

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| <p>122.01 Definitions.</p> <p>122.02 Notice of regular and organizational meetings.</p> <p>122.03 Notice of special meetings.</p> <p>122.04 Notice to news media of special meetings.</p> | <p>122.05 Notification of discussion of specific types of public business.</p> <p>122.06 General rules.</p> |
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CROSS REFERENCES

- Open meetings - see Ohio R.C. 121.22  
Disturbing lawful meeting - see GEN. OFF. 509.04

122.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Clerk" means the Clerk of Council.
- (b) "Day" means calendar day.
- (c) "Meeting" means any prearranged discussion of the public business of the municipal body by a majority of the members of the municipal body.
- (d) "Municipal body" means each of the following: Council; Board of Control; Advisory Board of Home Health; Health Board; Park and Recreation Board; Cemetery Committee; Planning Commission; Board of Zoning Appeals; Civil Service Commission; Airport Commission; Shade Tree Commission; and committees of the above municipal bodies comprised of members of such bodies if such committees are comprised of a majority of the members of the main municipal body, or are decision-making committees.
- (e) "Oral notification" means notification given orally either in person or by telephone, directly to the person for whom such notification is intended, or by leaving an oral message for such person at the address, or if by telephone at the telephone number, of such person as shown on the records kept by the Clerk under these rules.
- (f) "Post" means to post in an area accessible to the public during the usual business hours at the following locations:
  - (1) At the front door to the Mayor's office;
  - (2) The telephone operator's desk in the outer lobby of the Municipal Building; and
  - (3) The doors entering Council Chambers.

A notice identifying the locations at which notification will be posted pursuant to these rules shall be published by the Clerk within ten calendar days after the adoption of these rules.

(g) "Published" means published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Municipality, as defined in Ohio R.C. 7.12, except that no portion of such newspaper need be printed in the Municipality. If at the time of any such publication there is no such newspaper of general circulation, then such publication shall be in a newspaper then determined by the Clerk to have the largest circulation in the Municipality.

(h) "Special meeting" means a meeting which is neither a regular meeting nor an adjournment of a regular (or special) meeting to another time or day to consider items specifically stated on the original agenda of such regular (or special) meeting.

(i) "Written notification" means notification in writing mailed, telegraphed or delivered to the address of the person for whom such notification is intended as shown on the records kept by the Clerk under these rules, or in any way delivered to such person. If mailed, such notification shall be mailed by first-class mail, deposited in a U. S. Postal Service mailbox no later than the second day preceding the day of the meeting to which such notification refers, provided that at least one regular mail delivery day falls between the day of mailing and the day of such meeting.  
(Ord. 71-75. Passed 1-12-76.)

#### 122.02 NOTICE OF REGULAR AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS.

(a) The Clerk shall post a statement of the times and places of regular meetings of each municipal body for each calendar year not later than the second day preceding the day of the first regular meeting (other than the organizational meeting) of the calendar year of that municipal body. The Clerk shall check at reasonable intervals to ensure that such statement remains so posted during such calendar year. If at any time during the calendar year the time or place of regular meetings, or of any regular meeting, is changed on a permanent or temporary basis, a statement of the time and place of such changed regular meetings shall be so posted by the Clerk at least twenty-four hours before the time of the first changed regular meeting.

(b) The Clerk shall post a statement of the time and place of any organizational meeting of a municipal body at least twenty-four hours before the time of such organizational meeting.

(c) Upon the adjournment of any regular or special meeting to another day, the Clerk shall promptly post notice of the time and place of such adjourned meeting.  
(Ord. 71-75. Passed 1-12-76.)

#### 122.03 NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

(a) Except in the case of a special meeting referred to in Section 122.04, the Clerk shall, no later than twelve hours before the time of a special meeting of a municipal body, post a statement of the time, place and purpose of such special meeting.

(b) The statement under this section and the notifications under Section 122.04 shall state such specific or general purpose or purposes then known to the Clerk to be intended to be considered at such special meeting and may state, as an additional general purpose, that any other business as may properly come before such municipal body at such meeting may be considered and acted upon.  
(Ord. 71-75. Passed 1-12-76.)



**122.04 NOTICE TO NEWS MEDIA OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

(a) Any news medium organization that desires to be given advance notification of special meetings of a municipal body shall file with the Clerk a written request therefor. Except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action as referred to in subsection (d) hereof, a special meeting shall not be held unless at least twelve hours advance notice of the time, place and purposes of such special meeting is given to the news media that have requested such advance notification in accordance with subsection (b) hereof.

(b) News media requests for such advance notification of special meetings shall specify: the municipal body that is the subject of such request; the name of the medium; the name and address of the person to whom written notifications to the medium may be mailed, telegraphed or delivered; (and) the names, addresses and telephone numbers (including addresses and telephone numbers at which notifications may be given either during or outside of business hours) of at least two persons to either one of whom oral notifications to the medium may be given; and at least one telephone number which the request identifies as being named, and which can be called at any hour for the purpose of giving oral notification to such medium.

Any such request shall be effective for one year from the date of filing with the Clerk or until the Clerk receives written notice from such medium canceling or modifying such request, whichever is earlier. Each requesting news medium shall be informed of such period of effectiveness at the time it files its request. Such requests may be modified or extended only by filing a complete new request with the Clerk. A request shall not be deemed to be made unless it is complete in all respects, and such request may be conclusively relied on by the City, the municipal body that is the subject of such request and the Clerk.

(c) The Clerk shall give such oral notification or written notification, or both, as the Clerk determines, to the news media that have requested such advance notification in accordance with subsection (b) hereof of the time, place and purposes of each special meeting, at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of such special meeting.

(d) In the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action, a special meeting may be held without giving twenty-four hours advance notification thereof to the requesting news media. The persons calling such meeting, or any one or more of such persons or the Clerk on their behalf, shall immediately give oral notification or written notification, or both, as the person or persons giving such notification determine, of the place and purposes of such special meeting to such news media that have requested such advance notification in accordance with subsection (b) hereof. The minutes or the call, or both, of any such special meeting shall state the general nature of the emergency requiring immediate official action. (Ord. 71-75. Passed 1-12-76.)

**122.05 NOTIFICATION OF DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC TYPES OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.**

(a) Any person, upon written request and as provided herein, may obtain reasonable advance notification of all meetings at which any specific type of public business is scheduled to be discussed.

Such person may file a written request with the Clerk specifying: the person's name, and the address and telephone numbers at or through which the person can be reached during and outside of business hours; the specific type of public business the discussion of which the person is requesting advance notification; the municipal body that is the subject of such request and the number of calendar months, not to exceed twelve, which the request covers. Such request may be canceled by request from such person to the Clerk.

Each such written request shall be accompanied by stamped self-addressed envelopes sufficient in number to cover the number of regular meetings during the time period covered by the request and an estimated number of six special meetings. The Clerk shall notify in writing the requesting person when the supply of envelopes is running out, and if the person desires notification after such supply has run out, such person must deliver to the Clerk an additional reasonable number of stamped self-addressed envelopes as a condition to receiving further notifications.

Such request may be modified or extended only by filing a complete new request with the Clerk. A request shall not be deemed to be made unless it is complete in all respects, and such request may be conclusively relied on by the City, the municipal body that is the subject of such request, and the Clerk.

(b) The Clerk shall if possible give such advance notification under this section by written notification. If such written notification cannot be given or has not been given, the Clerk shall give oral notification.

The contents of written notification under this subsection (b) may be a copy of the agenda of the meeting. Written notification under this subsection (b) may be accomplished by giving advance written notification, by copies of the agenda, of all meetings of the municipal body that is the subject of such request.  
(Ord. 71-75. Passed 1-12-76.)

#### 122.06 GENERAL RULES.

(a) Any person may telephone the Clerk to determine, based on information available at that time: the time and place of regular meetings; the time, place and purpose of any then known special meetings; and whether the available agenda of any such future meeting states that any specific type of public business, identified by such person, is to be discussed at such meeting.

(b) A reasonable attempt at notification shall constitute notification in compliance with these rules.

(c) A certificate by the Clerk as to compliance with these rules shall be conclusive upon this City and the municipal body involved.

(d) The Clerk shall maintain a record of the date and manner, and time if pertinent under these rules, of all actions taken with regard to notices and notifications under these rules, and shall retain copies of proofs of publication of any notifications or notices published thereunder.

(e) To better insure compliance with these rules as to notice and notification, it shall be the responsibility of the chairman or secretary of a municipal body other than Council, or the person or persons calling the meetings, to timely advise the Clerk of future meetings, and the subject matters to be discussed thereat, of such municipal body.  
(Ord. 71-75. Passed 1-12-76.)



CHAPTER 123  
Ordinances and Resolutions

EDITOR'S NOTE: There are no sections in Chapter 123.  
This chapter is established to provide a place for cross references  
and any future legislation.

CROSS REFERENCES

Newspaper publication - see Ohio R.C. 7.12, 701.04, 731.21 et seq.  
Adoption and style - see Ohio R.C. 715.03, 731.17 et seq.  
Subject and amendment - see Ohio R.C. 731.19  
Authentication by Council President and Clerk - see Ohio R.C. 731.20  
Publication in book form - see Ohio R.C. 731.23  
Adoption of technical codes - see Ohio R.C. 731.231; BLDG. 1307. 01;  
FIRE PREV. 1511.01  
Publication certification - see Ohio R.C. 731.24 et seq.  
Posting - see Ohio R.C. 731.25  
Initiative and referendum - see Ohio R.C. 731.28 et seq.  
Emergency measures - see Ohio R.C. 731.30



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## CHAPTER 131

## Mayor

131.01 Setting of parking fees.

131.02 Modifying various licensing fees.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Removal from office - see Ohio R.C. 3.07 et seq.

Veto power - see Ohio R.C. 731.27

Election and term - see Ohio R.C. 733.02

General powers - see Ohio R.C. 733.03

Appointment of municipal officers - see Ohio R.C. 733.05

Acting mayor - see Ohio R.C. 733.07

Vacancy - see Ohio R.C. 733.08

General duties - see Ohio R.C. 733.30 et seq.

Reports to Council - see Ohio R.C. 733.32, 733.41

Protest of excessive expenditures - see Ohio R.C. 733.33

Charges against delinquent officers - see Ohio R.C. 733.34 et seq.

Disposition of fines and other moneys - see Ohio R.C. 733.40

Powers during and to announce emergency - see TRAF. 351.17, GEN. OFF. 509.08

## 131.01 SETTING OF PARKING FEES.

The Mayor is authorized to set the monthly fee paid for a parking permit for City owned parking lots and/or parking lots privately owned but operated by the City. (Ord. 34-96. Passed 8-12-96.)

## 131.02 MODIFYING VARIOUS LICENSING FEES.

The administrative offices of New Philadelphia, specifically the Mayor, are hereby authorized to modify the various licensing fee required under the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia by an amount not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) per year for any increase, subject to approval by Council. (Ord. 75-99. Passed 11-22-99.)

CHAPTER 133  
Auditor

133.01	Investment of funds.	133.04	Deputy Auditor.
133.02	Income tax personnel.	133.05	Awarding bidded contracts.
133.03	Filing fee and costs for rezoning, annexation, street vacation.		

CROSS REFERENCES

Uniform Bond Law - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 133  
 Uniform Depository Act - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 135  
 Election and term - see Ohio R.C. 733.10  
 Books and accounts - see Ohio R.C. 733.11  
 Receiving bids - see Ohio R.C. 733.18  
 Deputy auditor - see Ohio R.C. 733.19  
 Appropriation and expenditure - see Ohio R.C. 5705.41  
 City income tax - see ADM. Ch. 191

133.01 INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

Whenever there are moneys in the Treasury of the City which will not be required to be used for a period of six months or more, such moneys may, in lieu of being deposited in a bank or banks, be invested in accordance with the provisions of Ohio R.C. 731.56 through 731.59. Investments so purchased shall be sold in accordance with Ohio R.C. 731.57. (Ord. 71-73. Passed 11-26-73.)

133.02 INCOME TAX PERSONNEL.

(a) Personnel necessary to administer the City income tax shall be employed within and be a part of the City Auditor's Department. (Ord. 25-83. Passed 6-27-83.)

(b) Personnel shall consist of the following:

- (1) One full-time employee to be designated the Tax Administrator, who shall administer the City income tax. The Tax Administrator shall be bonded in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);
- (2) Two full-time employees, who shall render clerical duties for the City Income Tax Department and shall otherwise act as assistants to the Tax Administrator and other duties as assigned by the Tax Administrator. Each such employee shall be bonded in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);
- (3) Part-time personnel who shall render services to the Tax Administrator for the operation of the City Income Tax Department shall be bonded in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(c) Both the Tax Administrator and the full-time employees shall be subject to the penalty of immediate dismissal upon violation of the provisions of Section 10 relative to the disclosure of confidential information as provided in the Income Tax Ordinance 3283, passed December 22, 1969. (Ord. 59-85. Passed 12-9-85.)



133.03 FILING FEE AND COSTS FOR REZONING, ANNEXATION,  
STREET VACATION.

(a) Any person, firm or corporation filing any request for rezoning a parcel of land shall at the time pay a filing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) with the City Auditor, and, at the time of such deposit, shall execute an agreement in the form approved by the Law Director, that they agree to be responsible for, and to reimburse the City for any costs incurred in making any necessary notifications individually, or by publication, as well as the cost of publishing the ordinance itself upon passage.

(b) Any person, firm or corporation filing a petition to have a street or alley or any portion thereof vacated shall at the time of filing the petition pay a filing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) with the City Auditor, and, shall execute an agreement in a form approved by the Law Director wherein such petitioners agree to be responsible for, and reimburse the City for any costs incurred in connection with notice of public hearing, or publication of the ordinance vacating such street or portion thereof. (Ord. 26-2021. Passed 11-22-21.)

133.04 DEPUTY AUDITOR.

It is hereby authorized and directed that a Deputy Auditor shall be appointed to fulfill the duties of the Auditor during the absence of the Auditor for illness or vacation.

A committee consisting of the Mayor, the Director of Law and the Treasurer shall select a person to perform the duties of the Auditor in the event the Auditor fails or is unable to make an appointment.

(Ord. 31-75. Passed 6-9-75.)

133.05 AWARDING BIDDED CONTRACTS.

(a) If the City of New Philadelphia is required by law, ordinance or resolution to award a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, a bidder on the contract shall be considered responsive if his proposal responds to bid specifications in all material respects and contains no irregularities or deviations from the specifications which would affect the amount of the bid or otherwise give the bidder a competitive advantage. The factors that the City shall consider in determining whether a bidder on the contract is responsible include the experience of the bidder, his financial condition, his conduct and performance on previous contracts, his facilities, his management skills, and his ability to execute the contract properly. An apparent low bidder found not to be responsive and responsible shall be notified by the City of New Philadelphia of that finding and the reasons for it in writing and by certified mail.

(b) Where the City of New Philadelphia determines to award a contract to a bidder other than the apparent low bidder or bidders for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, alteration, repair, painting or decoration of public improvements, it shall meet with the apparent low bidder or bidders upon a filing of a timely written protest. The protest must be received within five days of the notification required in subsection (a) hereof. No final award shall be made until the City of New Philadelphia either affirms or reverses its earlier determination. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Revised Code, the procedure described in this division is not subject to Ohio R.C. Chapter 119.

(c) The policy stated in subsection (a) hereof, is hereby enacted in accordance with Ohio R.C. 9.312.  
(Ord. 28-91. Passed 4-8-91.)

CHAPTER 135  
Treasurer

135.01 Deputy Treasurer.

135.02 Income tax personnel.  
(Repealed)

CROSS REFERENCES

Loss of funds; release of liability - see Ohio R.C. 131.18 et seq.  
Uniform Depository Act - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 135  
Election and term - see Ohio R.C. 733.42  
Accounts - see Ohio R.C. 733.43  
Powers and duties - see Ohio R.C. 733.44  
Annual report to Council - see Ohio R.C. 733.45

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135.01 DEPUTY TREASURER.

It is hereby authorized and directed that a Deputy Treasurer be appointed to fulfill the duties of the Treasurer during the absence of the Treasurer for illness or vacation.

A committee consisting of the Mayor, the Director of Law and the Auditor shall select a person to perform the duties of the Treasurer.  
(Ord. 30-75. Passed 6-9-75.)

135.02 INCOME TAX PERSONNEL.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 135.02 was repealed by Ordinance 25-83, passed June 27, 1983.)



CHAPTER 137  
Director of Law

137.01 Assistant to the police prosecutor.

CROSS REFERENCES

Election and term - see Ohio R.C. 733.49

Qualifications - see Ohio R.C. 733.50

Powers and duties - see Ohio R.C. 733.51 et seq.

Annual report to Council - see Ohio R.C. 733.62

Counsel for City school board - see Ohio R. C. 3313.35

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137.01 ASSISTANT TO THE POLICE PROSECUTOR.

The position of Assistant to the Police Prosecutor is hereby established, and the Director of Law of the City is hereby authorized to employ someone for the position, which is to be full time.  
(Ord. 69-79. Passed 9-24-79; Ord. 90-79. Passed 12-10-79.)

**CHAPTER 139**  
**Department of Public Safety**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Contracts - see Ohio R.C. 733.22 et seq., 737.02 et seq.  
 Appointment of Director - see Ohio R.C. 737.01  
 General duties of Director and records - see Ohio R.C. 737.02 et seq.  
 Police Department - see ADM. Ch. 141  
 Fire Department- see ADM. Ch. 143  
 Authority of Director - see TRAF. 305.01  
 Director to investigate hazardous intersections - see TRAF. 305.02  
 Traffic Control Map and File - see TRAF. 305.04 et seq.  
 Obedience to school crossing guard - see TRAF. 303.02

**139.01 POSITION OF DIRECTOR TO BE SEPARATE.**

The position of Director of Public Safety shall be a separate and distinct position.  
 (Ord. 2397. Passed 12-30-49.)

**139.02 SUBDEPARTMENTS.**

The following subdepartments are hereby established within the Department of Public Safety:

Police Department  
 Fire Department.

(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**139.03 SCHOOL GUARDS.**

There is hereby established the position of school crossing guard under the jurisdiction of the Director of Public Safety.  
 (Ord. 2387. Passed 10-25-49.)

**CHAPTER 141**  
**Police Department**

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| <p>141.01 Age limits for original appointments.</p> <p>141.02 Auxiliary police.</p> | <p>141.03 Clothing allowance for auxiliary police.</p> <p>141.04 Special police officer unit.</p> |
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

- Original appointment; probationary period and age - see Ohio R.C. 124.27, 124.30, 124.41
- Reductions, suspensions and removals - see Ohio R.C. 124.34 et seq., 737.12
- Civil service application - see Ohio R.C. 737.051, 737.10, 737.11
- Composition and control - see Ohio R.C. 715.05, 737.05
- Auxiliary police unit - see Ohio R. C. 737.051, 737.06
- Hours and leave - see Ohio R.C. 737.07
- General duties - see Ohio R.C. 737.11
- Recovered property and disposition - see Ohio R.C. 737.29 et seq.
- Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 742
- Resisting an officer - see GEN. OFF. 525.09
- Residency requirement - see ADM. 159.03

**141.01 AGE LIMITS FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS.**

No person is eligible to receive an original appointment to the Police Department as a policeman or policewoman subject to the civil service laws of this State unless such person has reached the age of twenty-one years. (Ord. 64-93. Passed 10-11-93.)

**141.02 AUXILIARY POLICE.**

(a) There is hereby established an Auxiliary Police Unit within the Police Department in accordance with Ohio R. C. 737.051. A minimum of six members of the auxiliary police shall be maintained under the jurisdiction of the Police Department.

(b) The Chief of Police shall have exclusive control of the stationing and transfer of all patrolmen, auxiliary police officers, and other officers and employees of the Police Department and Auxiliary Police Unit, under such general rules and regulations as the Director of Public Safety prescribes, in accordance with Ohio R. C. 737.06. (Ord. 3306. Passed 4-27-70.)

**141.03 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR AUXILIARY POLICE.**

A clothing allowance is hereby established for auxiliary police officers in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year with the stipulation and agreement from any individual receiving this clothing allowance that should such individual discontinue participation as a New Philadelphia auxiliary police officer the two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be repaid prorated quarterly for the calendar year. This clothing allowance shall be yearly. (Ord. 29-2000. Passed 5-8-00.)

141.04 SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER UNIT.

(a) Within the Department of the Public Safety, a special officer unit shall be created. Officers who honorably retire from the department with a minimum of five years service with the New Philadelphia Police Department and who desire to be recognized as members of that unit shall notify the Safety Director. The Safety Director (at his sole discretion) may appoint special police officers.

(b) Special officers shall serve as long as the Safety Director may desire or until they resign.

(c) The Special Officer position shall be voluntary and compensated at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per year. The Safety Director shall have authority to authorize uniforms. The unit members shall not be in the classified civil service of the City of New Philadelphia. No benefits or seniority may accrue or continue to accrue for these special officers. Special Officers may perform mentoring, teaching and other duties only at the request of the Chief of Police or Safety Director. The special officers shall have full police powers and all police officers certifications shall be maintained.

(d) If any special officers want to perform voluntary services for the citizens of the City of New Philadelphia, they shall be permitted to do so only under the terms and conditions as established by the Safety Director and solely with the discretion of the Chief of Police under the direction of the Safety Director.

(e) If the Safety Director and the Mayor conclude that it is in the best interest of the Citizens of the City of New Philadelphia, they shall have authority to appoint to the special police unit additional special officers who are honorably retired from other Ohio Police Departments and Ohio Sheriff Departments.

(f) Members of this voluntary unit shall not be governed by or covered by any union contract. (Ord. 14-2011. Passed 12-12-11.)



CHAPTER 143  
Fire Department

143.01	Age limits for original appointments.	143.04	Filling air tanks; fees.
143.02	Emergency ambulance service.	143.05	Hazmat Team Response fee.
143.03	Certification of Fire Department personnel.	143.06	Criteria for Fire Chief.

CROSS REFERENCES

Original appointment; probationary period and age - see Ohio R.C. 124.27, 124.30, 124.42

Reductions, suspensions and removals - see Ohio R.C. 124.34 et seq., 737.12

Civil service application - see Ohio R.C. 737.10, 737.11

Fire protection contracts - see Ohio R.C. 307.05, 505.44, 717.02

Composition and control - see Ohio R.C. 715.05, 737.08, 737.21

Schooling, buildings and equipment - see Ohio R.C. 715.05, 737.23

General duties - see Ohio R.C. 737.11

False fire alarm or report - see GEN. OFF. 509.06

Residency requirements - see ADM. 159.03

143.01 AGE LIMITS FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS.

No person is eligible to receive an original appointment to the Fire Department as a fireman or firewoman subject to the civil service laws of this State unless such person has reached the age of twenty-one years.  
(Ord. 67-93. Passed 10-25-93.)

143.02 EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

(a) Established. There is hereby established an emergency ambulance service to be operated by personnel of the Fire Department.

(b) Equipment. The Mayor is hereby directed to acquire by lease or purchase two emergency vehicles together with all necessary supplies and equipment for the operation of the service.

(c) Base. The Mayor is further authorized to make such repairs and remodeling to the Sharp property necessary for the quartering of personnel and the efficient operation of the service. (Ord. 76-73. Passed 12-22-73.)

(d) Fees.

- (1) All income derived from fees paid for emergency ambulance service rendered by the Fire Department, and any user fees or clerical charges fees from services provided, shall be deposited in the ambulance expendable trust created for the purpose of supporting that service.
- (2) The Fire Department shall charge rates established by a representative committee composed of the following:
  - A. The Chairperson of the Safety, Health and Service Committee of Council.
  - B. The Chairperson of the Finance Committee of Council.
  - C. The Chairperson of the Salary Committee of Council.
  - D. The Safety Director of the City of New Philadelphia.
  - E. The Chief of the Fire Department.
 (Ord. 77-97. Passed 1-26-98.)
- (3) The ambulance rates for the year 2010 are hereby established as follows:

<u>Level of Care</u>	<u>2010</u>
ALS1	\$489.25
ALS2	\$515.00
BLS	\$360.50
Mileage	\$ 12.00
ALS No Transport	\$ 77.25
Medic Assist	\$180.25

(Ord. 32-2009. Passed 12-28-09.)

The ambulance committee shall meet at least once annually, in open session, for review of the fees charged for ambulance service, however, increases in fees shall not be effective until one year from the date of the last increase without the consent of Council. Furthermore, the fees charged for service shall not be decreased below the base rates established by Council in Ordinance No. 42-93 without consent of Council.

- (3) These fees shall not be used for any other purpose in the Fire Department except for expenses incurred by the City which are directly related to the establishment, maintenance and preservation of emergency ambulance service for the City. These expenses may include but not be limited to:
  - A. The purchase of vehicles (ambulances) to transport victims from the scene to the primary care facility and the maintenance and repair of such vehicles.
  - B. The purchase, maintenance and repair of equipment used on the vehicles (ambulances) and related medical equipment used in the treatment of victims and equipment needed for compliance to Federal, State and Local regulations concerning disease and infection control.

- C. The supplies used in the treatment of victims and supplies needed for compliance to Federal, State and Local regulations concerning disease and infection control.
- D. Computer software and updates, office supplies and equipment and the maintenance and repair of such equipment to allow the billings for such services to be done, maintained and tracked in an efficient and expeditious manner.
- E. To provide schooling in order to maintain required standards of victim care and to maintain Federal, State and Local regulations for the required training of EMT-A, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic.
- F. To provide and fund the position of Squad Co-Ordinator for the ambulance service. This person shall be appointed by the Chief of the Fire Department by selecting the person with the highest score in a competitive test. The competitive test shall consist of a written examination. Duties of the squad co-ordinator shall include, but not be limited to, supervising the scheduling of all continuing education courses; maintaining records of all training, certifications and expiration dates of such certifications; supervising the maintenance and repair of all ambulances and equipment; ordering and maintaining supplies used in the ambulance service and supervising the ambulance service to insure it conforms to all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. This position shall be initiated no earlier than January 1, 1998. Compensation for this position shall be in the form of a stipend paid in equal payments with the regular payroll. This stipend shall be independent of the person's regular pay and shall not affect the hourly rate of pay they receive nor any other portion of the payroll affected by the hourly rate. The rate of compensation shall be evenly divided over the entire year. This amount and all applicable employer taxes and pension payments shall be drawn from the Ambulance Expendable Trust Fund from the personal services account. The amount of compensation paid to the squad-co-ordinator shall be reviewed annually by the ambulance committee as set forth in subsection (d)(2) hereof and the committee shall have the authority to recommend increases to the stipend as they deem appropriate and forward such recommendation to the Salary Committee of Council for approval.
- G. To provide wages, salaries and overtime for the manning and operation of the ambulance service. The ambulance committee as set forth in subsection (d)(2) hereof shall meet each November with the City Auditor and determine the amount of overtime generated in the preceding twelve months by the ambulance service. The committee shall then determine what amount that shall be transferred to the General Fund to cover such costs, taking into consideration the funds available in the ambulance expendable trust and the operating costs needed in the next fiscal year to maintain the ambulance service as set forth in this ordinance. At no time shall be the amount transferred exceed thirty percent (30%) of the entire available funds without the consent of Council by resolution vote in open session. (Ord. 77-97. Passed 1-26-98.)

(e) Area Covered. The emergency service shall cover the City of New Philadelphia.

(f) Restrictions. No invalid service is authorized hereby and the type of ambulance service shall be confined to emergency situations. (Ord. 76-73. Passed 12-22-73.)

(g) Funds. To provide wages, salaries and overtime for the manning and operation of the ambulance service. The ambulance committee as set forth in subsections (d)(2) hereof shall meet each November with the City Auditor and determine the amount of overtime generated in the proceeding twelve months by the ambulance service. From the funds collected under this ordinance the operating costs, wages, salaries and overtime for the manning and operation of the ambulance service shall be paid. (Ord. 12-2003. Passed 3-10-03.)

#### 143.03 CERTIFICATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.

(a) In order for a person to be eligible for appointment to the Fire Department, he/she shall possess the minimum certification as a 36-hour Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician - Basic. Firefighter II and Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic certifications must be obtained and maintained at any new hire' s own expense within 24 months of initial appointment to avoid immediate termination.

(b) Any member of the Fire Department who fails to keep his/her Firefighter II and EMT Paramedic certification shall lose his/her position with the New Philadelphia Fire Department. (Ord. 4-2023. Passed 2-13-23.)

#### 143.04 FILLING AIR TANKS; FEES.

(a) The Fire Department shall collect fees for filling and refilling air tanks pursuant to a written schedule adopted by the Fire Chief, Safety Director and Mayor and shall deposit all monies into an air compressor maintenance fund.

(b) All monies collected by the Fire Department shall be deposited into Account #211, a special revenue fund, to be used for the purpose of maintaining and repairing the air compressor system at the Fire Department. (Ord. 64-92. Passed 12-14-92.)

#### 143.05 HAZMAT TEAM RESPONSE FEE.

The Fire Department shall collect fees for Hazmat Team Response using a written schedule adopted by the Fire Chief, Safety Director and Mayor and shall deposit all monies into Hazmat Team fund. (Ord. 15-94. Passed 4-25-94.)

#### 143.06 CRITERIA FOR FIRE CHIEF.

(a) Any person holding the position of Fire Chief in the City shall within 5 months of obtaining such position receive and maintain Ohio certificate Level 2 Professional Fire Fighter.

(b) Any person holding the position of Fire Chief in the City shall within 6 months of obtaining such position receive and maintain certification as an EMT-Paramedic.

(c) Any person holding the position of Fire Chief in the City shall within 6 months of obtaining such position receive and maintain certification as a Fire Officer Level 1 and Fire Officer Level 2. Fire Chief Officer Designation is also preferred.

(d) Any person holding the position of Fire Chief in the City shall within 6 months of obtaining such position receive and maintain certification as an Ohio certified Fire Safety Inspector. (Ord. 20-2013. Passed 12-23-13.)

**CHAPTER 145**  
**Department of Public Service**

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| 145.01 Positions of Director to be separate. | 145.04 Waiver of residency requirement.                 |
| 145.02 Subdepartments.                       | 145.05 Fees for review of plats and construction plans. |
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

- Compulsory service connections - see Ohio R.C. 729.06, 743.23, 743.37
- Management and control of sewerage system - see Ohio R.C. 729.50 et seq.; S.U.& P.S. Ch. 931
- Contracts - see Ohio R.C. 733.22 et seq., 735.05 et seq.
- Director's appointment, general duties and records - see Ohio R.C. 735.01, 735.02
- Management and control of waterworks - see Ohio R.C. 743.02 et seq.; S.U.& P.S. Ch. 935
- Street excavation permits - see S.U.& P.S. 901.01
- Tree and shrub planting permits - see S.U.& P.S. 905.01
- Garbage and rubbish collection - see S.U.& P.S. Ch. 971
- To designate nonsmoking areas - see ADM. 107.01

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**145.01 POSITION OF DIRECTOR TO BE SEPARATE.**  
The position of Director of Public Service shall be a separate and distinct position.  
(Ord. 2397. Passed 12-30-49.)

**145.02 SUBDEPARTMENTS.**  
The following subdepartments are established within the Department of Public Service:  
General Services Department  
Water Distribution Department  
Water Billing Department  
Cemetery Department  
Waste Water Treatment Department  
Public Lands and Buildings Department  
Park Department  
Code Enforcement Department  
Planning and Zoning Department  
IT/Mapping Department  
(Ord. 7-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

**145.03 CITY SURVEYOR.**  
The Director of Public Service is hereby authorized and directed to employ a full-time City Surveyor. The person so employed shall be a licensed surveyor.  
(Ord. 3233. Passed 1-13-69.)

**145.04 WAIVER OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.**

The residence requirement as set out in Ohio R.C. 735.01 in reference to the Director of Public Service becoming a resident of the City within six months after his appointment hereby waived. (Ord. 73-79. Passed 11-12-79.)

**145.05 FEES FOR REVIEW OF PLATS AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS.**

No final plats and construction plans within the limits of the City shall hereafter be submitted to the Director of Public Service without the appropriate fee being deposited with the Director of Public Service when submitting such documents for review. The fees shall be used to defray the cost of reviewing and processing the final plats and construction plans. Fees shall be established by resolution adopted by the Council upon recommendation by the Director of Public Service, who shall annually provide City Council with a schedule of fees for such review and processing.  
(Ord. 16-89. Passed 3-27-89.)

**145.06 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT CONTROLLERS.**

All traffic controllers installed in New Philadelphia, Ohio shall conform to Ohio Department of Transportation specification 633:

- (a) Controller Assembly, 8 Phase, Systems Ready, Model ASC/2S-1000 As Manufactured by Econolite Control Products. The controller shall be a Model ASC/2S-1000 as manufactured by Econolite Control Products and shall incorporate or be furnished with all the design features, auxiliary equipment, accessories and pre-wired cabinet features as required in the standard bid item.
- (b) Controller, Master, Traffic Responsive, Model ASC-2M-1000 As Manufactured by Econolite Control Products. The controller shall be a Model ASC/2M-1000 Zone Monitor Master, as manufactured by Econolite Control Products and shall incorporate or be furnished with all the design features auxiliary equipment, accessories and pre-wired cabinet features as required in the standard bid item.
- (c) Central Office Monitor With Aries Software As Manufactured by Econolite Control Products. The Central Office Monitor shall include the Aries Closed Loop Software, as manufactured by Econolite Control Products and shall incorporate or be furnished with all the design features as required in the standard bid item.
- (d) Cabinet Assembly. The cabinet shall be a Nema TS2 type 1 in a Nema TS2 Cabinet as manufactured by PathMaster Incorporated.  
The traffic controllers shall be solid state digital micro processor type controllers with menu-driven prompts, internal TBC, telemetry unit, and all other accessories which are necessary to make the controller completely functional and operational. The Service Director shall have the authority upon expert recommendation to modify this standard in order to establish minimum compatibility for the traffic light system in New Philadelphia, Ohio.  
(Ord. 8-2001. Passed 3-26-01.)

CHAPTER 147  
Board of Health

147.01 Board established.  
147.02 Health Commissioner.

147.03 Health Department.

CROSS REFERENCES

Power to provide for public health - see Ohio R.C. 715.37  
Power to abate health nuisances - see Ohio R.C. 715.44  
Power to inspect animals and food products - see Ohio R.C. 715.46  
Powers and nuisances - see Ohio R.C. 3707.01 et seq., 3709.36  
Enforcement of orders - see Ohio R.C. 3707.02, 3707.48 et seq.,  
3707.99  
General duties - see Ohio R.C. 3709.22 et seq., 3709.36  
Notice to fill lots, remove putrid substances - see GEN. OFF. 521.05  
Noxious or offensive odors - see GEN. OFF. 521.09  
Open meetings - see ADM. Ch. 122

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147.01 BOARD ESTABLISHED.

Under the provisions of Ohio R.C. 3709.05 a Board of Health is hereby established to be composed of such members and performing such duties as provided for by law. (Ord. 947. Passed 2-6-20.)

147.02 HEALTH COMMISSIONER.

The Board of Health shall appoint a Health Commissioner and such other employees as it may believe necessary. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

147.03 HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Health may establish a Health Department in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)







(c) The Park and Recreation Board shall enter into contracts with lessees or licensees upon such terms as the board believes most advantageous to the City. Any contract entered into by the Park and Recreation Board under this section shall be approved by the Mayor and the form reviewed by the Law Director according to law. The Park and Recreation Board shall have authority to negotiate all such contracts.

(d) The Board shall keep a strict account of all moneys received from any concessions, contracts, licensees or other purpose and shall make timely deposits with the City through the Auditor and Treasurer's office. All such deposits shall be credited to the Park Fund to be used at the park locations. Monthly reports of income and expenses shall be submitted to the New Philadelphia City Auditor and Treasurer.

(e) The Park Board shall give a monthly report to the Mayor's Office including financial records and of any other matters for which the Park Board shall be active. An annual report should be submitted to New Philadelphia City Council showing Park Board activity and all incomes and expenses authorized by and/or controlled by the Park and Recreation Board. (Ord. 13-2009. Passed 4-27-09.)

CHAPTER 151  
Civil Service Commission

EDITOR'S NOTE: There are no sections in Chapter 151.  
This chapter has been established to provide a place for cross  
references and any future legislation.

CROSS REFERENCES

Civil service - see Ohio Const., Art. XV, Sec. 10  
Civil Service Law - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 124  
Civil Service Commission- see Ohio R.C. 124.40  
Application to police and fire personnel - see Ohio R. C. 737.051,  
737.10, 737.11  
Open meetings - see ADM. Ch. 122



**CHAPTER 153**  
**Shade Tree Commission**

153.01	Establishment; membership.	153.04	Powers and duties.
153.02	Term; vacancies.	153.05	Organization; rules; journal; quorum; special reports.
153.03	Service to be noncompensatory.		

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to regulate shade trees and shrubbery - see Ohio R.C. 715.20  
Assessments for tree planting or maintenance - see Ohio R.C. 727.011  
Injury or destruction - see GEN. OFF. 541.05  
Permit required for planting - see S.U. & P. S. 905.01  
Open meetings - see ADM. Ch. 122

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**153.01 ESTABLISHED; MEMBERSHIP.**

There is hereby established a Shade Tree Commission which shall consist of the following five members: the Director of Public Service, the Chairman of the Safety, Health and Service Committee of Council and three persons, residents of the City, who shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council. (Ord. 2-2009. Passed 3-9-09.)

**153.02 TERM; VACANCIES.**

The term of the three persons of the Shade Tree Commission to be appointed by the Mayor shall be three years except for 2009 when each member shall be appointed for one, two, or three years. In the event that a vacancy occurs during the term of any member, a successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term. (Ord. 2-2009. Passed 3-9-09.)

**153.03 SERVICE TO BE NONCOMPENSATORY.**

Members of the Shade Tree Commission shall serve without compensation. (Ord. 2-2009. Passed 3-9-09.)

**153.04 POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The Shade Tree Commission has power to study, investigate, plan, advise, report and recommend to Council, the Director of Public Service or the Mayor, any action, program, plan or legislation which the Commission finds or determines to be necessary or advisable for the care, preservation, trimming, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in public ways, streets and alleys. (Ord. 2-2009. Passed 3-9-09.)

**153.05 ORGANIZATION; RULES; JOURNAL; QUORUM; SPECIAL REPORTS.**

(a) The Shade Tree Commission shall choose its own officers, follow Modified Roberts Rules of Order, and keep minutes of its proceedings. A majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. All plans, findings, advice, reports and recommendations made by the Commission shall be in writing and designate by name those members of the Commission approving or concurring therein. Members who do not so approve or concur therein have the right, as a part of such report, to state their reasons for refusing to approve or concur.

(b) The Commission, when requested by Council, the Mayor or Director of Public Service, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.

(c) The Shade Tree Commission shall meet in January and July of each year. A copy of the minutes of any meeting shall be submitted to City Council. An annual report shall be provided to Council by the end of January each year.  
(Ord. 2-2009. Passed 3-9-09.)

**CHAPTER 155**  
**Airport Commission**

155.01	Established; membership; service of appointed members to be noncompensatory; secretary.	155.05	Budget.
155.02	Term of office; vacancies.	155.06	Councilmanic approval of executive officer.
155.03	Duties of the Airport Commission.	155.07	Annual report.
155.04	Organization; rules of procedure; meetings.	155.08	Minimum standards for aeronautical activity.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Appropriation of property - see Ohio R. C. 717.01  
Airports - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 4561, 4563

**155.01 ESTABLISHED; MEMBERSHIP; SERVICE OF APPOINTED MEMBERS TO BE NONCOMPENSATORY; SECRETARY.**

There is hereby created the New Philadelphia Airport Commission composed of nine members who are residents of Tuscarawas County and who shall serve without compensation:

- (a) From its membership, the Commission elect a Commission Chair, who shall not vote except in the case of a tie.
- (b) Three members of Council, appointed by the President of Council and confirmed by a resolution of Council.
- (c) Six residents to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a resolution of Council. Appointed members may serve prior to conformation by Council, but no longer than three months without Council approval.
- (d) The Commission shall elect a member as secretary.  
(Ord. 53-99. Passed 9-13-99.)

**155.02 TERM OF OFFICE; VACANCIES.**

(a) The terms of elected members of the Airport Commission shall be concurrent with their respective tenure of office.

(b) The terms of appointees of the Mayor shall, upon original appointment, be as follows: two for one year, two for two years and two for three years. Thereafter, all appointments made by the Mayor shall be for terms of three years.

(c) Vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise shall be for the balance of the term of the vacated seat in the manner of the original appointment.  
(Ord. 53-99. Passed 9-13-99.)

**155.03 DUTIES OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION.**

The duties of the Airport Commission are as follows:

- (a) To oversee the operation, maintenance and management of the airport facilities, existing and acquired.
- (b) To study problems and determine the needs of the City in connection with aviation, both locally and in its relation to the development of future transportation service.
- (c) To study, plan, advise and recommend to Council on all matters pertaining to the New Philadelphia Airport including, but not limited to, the acquisition, development and construction of necessary facilities.
- (d) To make recommendations to Council as to the desirable legislation concerning aviation activities of the City.
- (e) To receive assignments from the Mayor, Council or the Director of Public Service for study, consideration and recommendation of any problems confronting the City in the field of aviation.  
(Ord. 53-99. Passed 9-13-99.)

**155.04 ORGANIZATION; RULES OF PROCEDURE; MEETINGS.**

As soon as convenient after the appointment of members, the Airport Commission shall organize under its chairman. It shall adopt its own rules and procedures. The Commission shall hold a regular meeting each calendar month, and such additional meetings at the call of the chair or by the call of three Commission members.  
(Ord. 53-99. Passed 9-13-99.)

**155.05 BUDGET.**

The Airport Commission shall submit to the Mayor, not later than June 1 of each year, its proposed budget for the ensuing year. (Ord. 53-99. Passed 9-13-99.)

**155.06 COUNCILMANIC APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.**

Any administrative officer, fixed base operator, airport manager or person exercising functions delegated to them by the Airport Commission shall be confirmed by a resolution of Council. (Ord. 53-99. Passed 9-13-99.)

**155.07 ANNUAL REPORT.**

By February of each year, the Airport Commission shall submit to City Council an annual report of airport activities from the previous year. The report shall include capital improvements made and revenue collected at the airport facilities.  
(Ord. 53-99. Passed 9-13-99.)

**155.08 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR AERONAUTICAL ACTIVITY.**

The minimum standards for aeronautical activity as revised and updated and approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration March 25, 1999, a copy of which is attached to Ordinance 45-99 is hereby adopted as the revised updated minimum standards policy for aeronautic activity at Harry Clever field New Philadelphia, Ohio. (Ord. 45-99. Passed 6-14-99.)



CHAPTER 157  
Engineer

EDITOR'S NOTE: There are no sections in Chapter 157. This chapter has been established to provide a place for cross references and any future legislation.

CROSS REFERENCES

Plat approval and acceptance of streets - see Ohio R.C. 711.08, 711.191; P. & Z. Ch. 1121  
Civil engineer - see Ohio R. C. 733.80  
General duties - see Ohio R. C. 735.32  
Registration as a professional engineer - see Ohio R. C. Ch. 4733

**CHAPTER 159**  
**Employment Provisions**

EDITOR'S NOTE: Legislation pertaining to salaries and other employee benefits is not codified herein since these provisions are subject to frequent change. Consult the City Auditor's office for information concerning such legislation currently in effect.

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| <p>159.01 Jury duty; compensation.</p> <p>159.02 Sick leave; visit by City nurse.<br/>(Repealed)</p> <p>159.03 Residence requirements.<br/>(Repealed)</p> <p>159.04 Public employees retired compensation.</p> | <p>159.05 Reimbursement for travel expenses.</p> <p>159.06 Overtime and compensatory time for nonunion employees.</p> <p>159.07 Running for non-City elected office.</p> <p>159.08 Funeral leave.</p> <p>159.09 Use of medical marijuana prohibited.</p> |
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Welfare - see Ohio Const. Art. II, Sec. 34  
 Workmen's compensation - see Ohio Const Art. II, Sec. 35;  
     Ohio R.C. Ch. 4123  
 Wages and hours on public works - see Ohio Const. Art. II, Sec. 37;  
     Ohio R. C. Ch. 4115  
 Blanket bonds - see Ohio R.C. 3.06  
 Deductions for dues and savings - see Ohio R.C. 9.41, 9.43  
 Public Employees Retirement System - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 145  
 Power to fix bonds - see Ohio R.C. 731.04, 731.08  
 Power to fix salaries and compensation - see Ohio R.C. 731.04, 731.08  
 Expenses - see Ohio R.C. 733.79, 737.23  
 Strikes by public employees - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 4117

**159.01 JURY DUTY; COMPENSATION.**

All City employees who are called to serve as jurors in any County or Federal court, shall be paid the difference between the compensation of jurors and their regular City compensation. (Ord. 3129. Passed 6-12-67.)

**159.02 SICK LEAVE; VISIT BY CITY NURSE. (REPEALED)**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 159.02 was repealed by Ordinance 5-2024, passed March 18, 2024.)

**159.03 RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT. (REPEALED)**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 159.03 was repealed by Ordinance 5-2024, passed March 18, 2024.)

**159.04 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM.**

(a) The City hereby adopts a plan under the Ohio Public Employee Deferred Compensation Program and extends to all eligible employees the opportunity to join.

(b) The Mayor is hereby authorized by Council to execute an agreement with the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board on terms and conditions which the Mayor determines are in the best interest of the City, which agreement shall authorize the Board to offer a plan under the program to all eligible employees of the City and thereafter to administer the plan on behalf of such employees. (Res. 12-79. Passed 10-22-79.)

**159.05 REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES.**

(a) Whenever possible, employees shall attempt to use City owned vehicles. Whenever a private vehicle is used, mileage reimbursement for City employees using a personal vehicle shall be at the current rate as established by the Federal Government Regulations or Internal Revenue Service. For private vehicle usage, all vehicles shall be covered with a policy of liability insurance. City shall not be responsible or liable for any expenses associated with the use of a private vehicle except for mileage reimbursement. City shall not be responsible for any fines or penalties incurred by employee. No personal side trips shall be permitted without express written consent by Mayor, and such will be at the sole cost of employee. Any side trips shall not be considered in scope of employment for workers compensation or other purposes.

(b) Meal reimbursement shall be limited to the maximum approved rate pursuant to the current Internal Revenue Service amount set for meals and incidental expenses for each locality. There shall be no reimbursement for alcoholic beverages and no such beverages shall be charged on any city account. Receipts must be attached to any reimbursement request (there will be no reimbursement for meals included with conference or meeting).

(c) Lodging reimbursement shall be limited to the current rate as established by the Internal Revenue Service Schedule for motels and meals. If the room is more than ten percent (10%) higher than the Internal Revenue Service rate, it shall be the employee's personal expense unless such amount is approved by the finance committee on a case by case basis. There will be no reimbursement for in room service, pay to view, dry cleaning, similar expenses, or personal phone calls. Receipts must be attached to any reimbursement request.

(d) When two employees of the same gender are required to remain overnight at the same location, lodging shall be made for a single room with a double accommodations when practical and available.

(e) Any and all requests for reimbursement including all itemized receipts and/or supporting documentation shall be made to the department head and to the Auditor of the City of New Philadelphia by established and existing procedures for such reimbursement within thirty (30) days. (Ord. 2-2010. Passed 3-8-10.)

#### 159.06 OVERTIME AND COMPENSATORY TIME FOR NONUNION EMPLOYEES.

(a) Definitions.

- (1) "Exempt employee" means any individual who is exempted by definition from the overtime and minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended (FLSA). Exempt employees shall include but are not limited to the following classifications:
  - A. Executive administrative or professional employees (Section 13(a)(1), FLSA).
  - B. Elected officials and their appointed staff (Section 3 (e)(2)(C), FLSA).
  - C. Other exemptions defined by Section 13, FLSA, and the Code of Federal Regulations promulgated by the Department of Labor.
- (2) "Nonexempt employee" means any individual who is not exempted from the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, and who is entitled to minimum wage and overtime compensation as provided thereunder.

(b) Overtime and compensatory time for nonexempt and exempt employees shall be as follows:

- (1) Nonexempt employees.
  - A. Approved overtime shall be paid to all City employees who are not exempt from the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended.
  - B. Employees shall be paid at a rate of one and one-half times the employee's regular wage rate for hours worked in excess of forty in one work week, in the manner and methods provided in the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended.
  - C. Approved overtime shall be paid to an employee for each minute worked.
  - D. If any employee entitled to overtime works on a regular scheduled day that falls on any part of a holiday pursuant to FLSA Section 151.06(a), he shall be entitled to holiday pay. The holiday pay shall be one and one-half times the employee's base pay and the employee shall receive not less than one holiday pay for a given holiday.
  - E. Overtime and compensatory time disputes shall be resolved by the Appointing Authority. Overtime and compensatory time entitlements shall be approved by the Appointing Authority and shall be properly recorded as to when it was earned and when it was used on a biweekly basis when the payroll is submitted. The records on file in the Auditor's office shall be final.
  - F. Employees may waive the right to overtime pay and receive in lieu thereof compensatory time off. Employees shall be entitled to one and one-half compensatory hours for each hour actually worked in excess of forty hours in one week.
  - G. Employees may not accrue more than forty hours total of unused compensatory time for overtime hours worked during the term of their employment.
  - H. All compensatory hours in excess of forty accrued prior to the effective date of this section shall be utilized in the next 365 days. In exceptional circumstances, this period of time may be extended with the approval of the Appointing Authority.
  - I. Employees may use accrued compensatory time with the approval of the Department Head taking into account the scheduling needs of the department. Compensatory time hours used will not count as hours worked during the applicable work period for purposes of determining overtime.
  - J. Upon termination of employment, employees with unused compensatory time shall be paid at the final regular rate, whichever is higher.
- (2) Exempt employees.
  - A. Professional, administrative, executive, fiduciary and other employees who are exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, shall be entitled to compensatory hours, only as set forth within this section.
  - B. Exempt employees shall not be paid overtime. Exempt employees shall be entitled to one and one-half compensatory hours for each hour actually worked in excess of forty hours in one week.

- C. Exempt employees may work a flexible work schedule on those occasions when hours in excess of forty in a work week are required.
- D. Exempt employees may not accrue more than 120 hours total of unused compensatory time for overtime hours worked during the term of their employment. Any compensatory hours earned in excess of 120 hours shall be used within thirty days of the end of the pay period in which such hours are accumulated.
- E. All compensatory hours in excess of 120 hours accrued prior to the effective date of this section shall be utilized in the next 365 days. In exceptional circumstances, this period of time may be extended with the approval of the Appointing Authority.
- F. Exempt employees may use accrued compensatory time with the approval of the Appointing Authority taking into account the scheduling needs of the department. Compensatory time hours used will not count as hours worked during the applicable work period for purposes of determining overtime.
- G. Notwithstanding anything contained to the contrary in this section, elected officials shall not be entitled to overtime pay or to compensatory time off for any hours worked in excess of forty in any one week.

(c) This Ordinance shall not apply to those persons covered by union contracts.  
(Ord. 9-94. Passed 4-11-94.)

#### 159.07 RUNNING FOR NON-CITY ELECTED OFFICE.

The City of New Philadelphia does hereby authorize any City employee to run for non-City elected office at any partisan election without any repercussion or action taken by the City. (Ord. 74-99. Passed 11-22-99.)

#### 159.08 FUNERAL LEAVE.

All employees whom are not in the bargaining units shall be granted funeral leave as follows:

Employees who have a death in the immediate family shall be granted three work days absence with pay to attend to funeral arrangement and/or funeral. The three work days of leave shall be taken within one week of the death. The immediate family shall be interpreted to mean father, mother, sister, brother, husband, wife, children, grandmother, grandfather, great grandmother, great grandfather, grandson, granddaughter, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepchildren, foster children, foster parents, guardian or other person who stands in place of a parent (loco parentis), stepmother, stepfather, brother-in-law and sister-in-law. The loco parentis relationship must be demonstrated by the employee to the employer prior to the death of the claimed person who stands in the place of a parent. If a death or funeral of a member in the immediate family occurs more than 175 miles from home, absence of five work days will be allowed, but only three days with pay. If a funeral leave is taken beyond the above limits, said leave shall be without pay. In all cases, the employee will inform the head of the Department when such leave will be extended. Holidays will not be counted as work days for the purpose of this section. (Ord. 37-2000. Passed 6-12-00.)

159.09 USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROHIBITED.

(a) The City adopts all permissible provisions of Ohio R.C. 3796.28. The City specifically allows and permits the City and Administration to apply, enforce and continue with its drug free workplace policies, and use prohibitions, and to enforce the provisions as allowed by Ohio R.C. 3796.28, and specifically prohibits the use of medical marijuana by either employees or prospective employees of the City.

(b) The City adopts all permissible provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. The use of marijuana, medical or otherwise, is banned and strictly prohibited on all public property within the City Corporation Limits.  
(Ord. 13-2016. Passed 9-26-16.)





**CHAPTER 161**  
**Ambulance Service Inspection Board**

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| 161.01 Creation; members; duties. | 161.03 Organization; meetings; |
| 161.02 Terms; vacancies.          | report.                        |

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Reports of unusual or violent deaths - see Ohio R.C. 313.12  
 Joint ambulance districts - see Ohio R.C. 505.71 et seq.  
 Emergency medical service - see Ohio R. C. 4731.82 et seq.  
 Emergency ambulance service - see ADM. 143.02  
 Vehicle operation at stop sign or signal - see TRAF. 331.20  
 Right of way - see TRAF. 331.21  
 Speed - see TRAF. 333.06  
 Pedestrians to yield to - see TRAF. 371.08  
 False reports - see GEN. OFF. 509.07

**161.01 CREATION; MEMBERS; DUTIES.**

(a) There is hereby created a Board to be known and designated as Ambulance Service Inspection Board composed of the Safety Director, Health Commissioner, Chief of the Fire Department and a qualified automotive mechanic. All members are to serve without pay or further compensation for the performance of their duties.

(b) The Safety Director shall act as Chairman of the Board and inspect all pertinent records of the company or individual holding a contract with the City for emergency ambulance service.

(c) The Health Commissioner shall inspect or direct an inspection by the Health Nurse to determine the proper sanitation and health procedures to be followed by the ambulance service.

(d) The Chief of the Fire Department shall periodically inspect all the equipment of the emergency ambulance to determine that such equipment meets the requirements of the contract entered into with the City.

(e) The Safety Director shall select a qualified automotive mechanic whose duty will be to inspect the emergency vehicles for mechanical readiness and safety and for patient safety. (Ord. 64-73. Passed 11-26-73.)

**161.02 TERMS; VACANCIES.**

The terms of office of the Safety Director, Health Commissioner and Fire Department Chief shall be concurrent with their respective term of office. The term of the qualified automotive mechanic will be two years. Vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be for the balance of the term in connection with which the vacancy occurred and shall be filled by the person occupying the position in which the vacancy occurred or in the same manner as original appointments are made.

(Ord. 64-73. Passed 11-26-73.)

**161.03 ORGANIZATION; MEETINGS; REPORT.**

As soon as convenient after their appointment, the Ambulance Service Inspection Board shall organize under its Chairman and shall select one of its members as Secretary. It shall adopt its own rules of procedure. The Board shall hold regular meetings each calendar month and such additional meetings as may be deemed necessary.

The Board shall submit to the Council not later than January 15 of each year, commencing in 1975, a written report of its activities.

(Ord. 64-73. Passed 11-26-73.)

**CHAPTER 163**  
Traffic Advisory Commission

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| 163.01 Established; membership.    | 163.03 Duties.                 |
| 163.02 Terms of office; vacancies. | 163.04 Organization; meetings. |

**CROSS REFERENCES**

- Safety Director's authority - see TRAF. 305.01  
Traffic control devices - see TRAF. Ch. 313

**163.01 ESTABLISHED; MEMBERSHIP.**

There is hereby created a commission to be known and designated as Traffic Advisory Commission composed of eleven members, all of whom shall be residents of the City, including a member of the Health, Safety and Service Committee of Council (the Chairman or another member of the Committee acting as a substitute), a registered traffic engineer, an employee of the State Department of Transportation, one resident of each of the four wards of the City, a member of the Police Department, the City Traffic Technician, and the Director of Public Service and the Director of Public Safety, who shall serve as the Chairman. In the absence of the Director of Public Safety, the member of the Health, Safety and Service Committee shall chair the meeting. The members, other than the Traffic Technician, Council Representative and Directors of Service and Safety, shall be appointed by the Mayor. All members of the Traffic Advisory Commission shall serve without pay and those employees of the City, other than the two Directors and the Council representative, shall be granted compensatory time off for actual time spent at meetings.  
(Ord. 30-88. Passed 6-27-88.)

**163.02 TERMS OF OFFICE; VACANCIES.**

The term of the Council representative, Service Director and the Safety Director shall be concurrent with their respective tenure of office. The terms of the appointees of the Mayor shall be for two years, any of whom may be reappointed. Vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise shall be for the balance of the term in connection with which the vacancy occurred and shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made.  
(Ord. 65-76. Passed 10-11-76.)

**163.03 DUTIES.**

The duties of the Traffic Advisory Commission shall be as follows:

- (a) To study the problems and determine the needs of the City in connection with establishing an orderly traffic control pattern.
- (b) To study, plan, advise and recommend to the Safety Director on matters pertaining to traffic control patterns and traffic control signals throughout the City.
- (c) To make recommendations from time to time to Council as to desirable legislation concerning traffic control patterns and devices throughout the City.
- (d) To receive assignments from the Mayor, Service Director, Council or the Safety Director for study, consideration and recommendation of any problem confronting the City in the area of traffic control.
- (e) All studies, materials, traffic court reports, etc., shall become the property of the City and be placed on file in the Municipal Building.  
(Ord. 65-76. Passed 10-11-76.)

**163.04 ORGANIZATION; MEETINGS.**

As soon as convenient after its appointment, the Traffic Advisory Commission shall organize under its chairman and shall elect one of its members to serve as Secretary. It shall adopt its own rules of procedure but will specify that minutes of all meetings shall be sent to the Council regularly. The Commission shall meet at least once each month on a regularly specified day and time and shall hold such special meetings as necessary. The meetings shall be public and any interested citizen may appear and offer suggestions and comments, subject to the rules and procedures as adopted by the Commission.  
(Ord. 30-88. Passed 6-27-88.)

CHAPTER 165  
Records Commission

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| 165.01 | Established. | 165.03 | Meetings; duties.      |
| 165.02 | Membership.  | 165.04 | Public Records Policy. |

CROSS REFERENCES  
Photostat or microfilm recording - see Ohio R.C. 9.01

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165.01 ESTABLISHED.

There is hereby created, in accordance with Ohio R.C. 149.39, the Records Commission of the City, which shall consist of the Mayor, who shall be the chairman, and three additional members.  
(Ord. 74-89. Passed 11-27-89.)

165.02 MEMBERSHIP.

The members of the Records Commission shall be the chief fiscal officer, the chief legal officer and a citizen appointed by the chief executive. A secretary, who may or may not be a member of the Records Commission, shall be appointed by the Commission, and shall serve at its pleasure. The Commission members and secretary shall serve without compensation. The Commission may employ an archivist.  
(Ord. 74-89. Passed 11-27-89.)

165.03 MEETINGS; DUTIES.

The Records Commission shall meet every six months and upon call of the chairman, and shall perform the duties set forth in Ohio R.C. 149.39, and in addition thereto shall, when it is deemed advisable by the membership, initiate and promulgate plans for the reproduction of City records, by lawful means, for the purposes of more economical storage and improved safety thereof, and may conduct investigations of the necessity for and the practicability of such plans.  
(Ord. 74-89. Passed 11-27-89.)

**165.04 PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY.**

(a) **Mission Statement.** Openness leads to a better informed citizenry, which leads to better government and better public policy. Consistent with the premise that government at all levels exists first and foremost to service the interests of the people, it is the mission and intent of the City of New Philadelphia to at all times fully comply with and abide by both the spirit and the letter of Ohio's Public Records Act.

(b) **Defining Public Records.** All records kept by the City of New Philadelphia are public unless they are exempt from disclosure under Ohio law. All public records must be organized and maintained in such a way that they can be made available for inspection and copying.

- (1) A record is defined to include the following: A document in any format - paper electronic (including, but not limited to, business e-mail) - that is created, received by, or comes under the jurisdiction of the City of New Philadelphia that documents the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations or other activities of the office.

(c) **Response Timeframe.** Public records are to be made available for inspection during regular business hours, with the exception of published holidays. Public records must be made available for inspection promptly. Copies of public records must be made available within a reasonable period of time. "Prompt" and "reasonable" take into account the volume of records requested; the proximity of the location where the records are stored; and the necessity for any legal review and redaction of the records requested.

(d) **Handling Requests:** No specific language is required to make a request for public records. However, the requestor must at least identify the records requested with sufficient clarity to allow the office to identify, retrieve, and review the records. If it is not clear what records are being sought, the office must contact the requestor for clarification, and should assist the requestor in revising the request by informing the requestor of the manner in which the office keeps its public records.

- (1) The requestor does not have to put a records request in writing, and does not have to provide his or her identity or the intended use of the requested public records. It is this office's general policy that this information is not to be requested. However, the law does permit the office to ask for a written request, the requestor's identity, and/or the intended use of the information requested, but only if a written request or disclosure of identity or intended use will benefit the requestor by enhancing the office's ability to identify, locate, or deliver the public records that have been requested; and after telling the requestor that a written request is not required and that the requestor may decline to reveal the requestor's identity or intended use.
- (2) In processing the request, the office does not have an obligation to create new records or perform new analysis of existing information. An electronic record is deemed to exist so long as a computer is already programmed to produce the record through simple sorting, filtering, or querying. Although not required by law, the office may accommodate the requestor by generating new records when it makes sense and is practical under the circumstances.

- (3) In processing a request for inspection of a public record, an office employee must accompany the requestor during inspection to make certain original records are not taken or altered.
- (4) A copy of the most recent edition of the Ohio Sunshine Laws manual is available via the Attorney General's internet website ([www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov)) for the purpose of keeping employees of the office and the public educated as to the office's obligations under the Ohio Public Records Act, Open Meetings Act, records retention laws and Personal Information Systems Act.

(e) Electronic Records. Records in the form of e-mail, text messaging, and instant messaging, including those sent and received via a hand-held communications device are to be treated in the same fashion as records in other formats, such as paper or audiotape.

- (1) Public records content transmitted to or from private accounts or personal devices is subject to disclosure. All employees or representatives of this office are required to retain their e-mail records and other electronic records in accordance with applicable records retention schedules.

(f) Denial or Redaction of Records. If the requestor makes an ambiguous or overly broad request or has difficulty in making a request for public records, the request may be denied, but the denial must provide the requestor an opportunity to revise the request by informing the requestor of the manner in which records are maintained and accessed by the office.

- (1) Any denial of public records requested must include an explanation, including legal authority. If the initial request was made in writing, the explanation must also be in writing. If portions of a record are public and portions are exempt, the exempt portions may be redacted and the rest released. When making public records available for public inspection or copying, the office shall notify the requestor of any redaction or make the redaction plainly visible. If there are redactions, each redaction must be accompanied by a supporting explanation, including legal authority.

(g) Copying and Mailing Costs. Those seeking public records may be charged only the actual cost of making copies, not labor.

- (1) A requestor may be required to pay in advance for costs involved in providing the copy. The requestor may choose whether to have the record duplicated upon paper, upon the same medium in which the public record is kept, or upon any other medium on which the office determines that the record can reasonably be duplicated as an integral part of the office's normal operations.
- (2) If a requestor asks that documents be mailed, he or she may be charged the actual cost of the postage and mailing supplies. There is no charge for documents e-mailed.  
(Ord. 13-2014. Passed 9-8-14.)





CHAPTER 166  
Code Administrator

166.01 Established.

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166.01 ESTABLISHED.

Council does hereby establish the full-time position of Code Administrator to enforce the Zoning Codes, Housing Codes, and the International Property Maintenance Codes within the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.  
(Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)



CHAPTER 167  
Cemetery Endowment Fund

<p>167.01 Established.</p> <p>167.02 Contributions to fund by owners of lots previously sold.</p> <p>167.03 Annual payments from trust funds.</p> <p>167.04 Trust funds deposited in New Philadelphia Cemetery Endowment Fund.</p>	<p>167.05 Funds for additional care or beautification.</p> <p>167.06 Expenditure from the New Philadelphia Cemetery Endowment Funds.</p>
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**167.01 ESTABLISHED.**

\$200.00 from every cemetery lot sale, plus a \$600.00 from every niche sale shall be deposited into the New Philadelphia Cemetery Endowment Fund #815 for purposes of replenishing any funds expended and maintaining the endowment fund, the principal and interest of which shall be used for the purpose of improving and expanding City owned cemeteries. The balance may be invested by the City Auditor in securities in which sinking funds or municipal trust funds are authorized by statute or ordinance to be invested. Any unencumbered portions at any time not invested shall be kept on deposit, at interest, in regular City depositories. The principal and earnings from the New Philadelphia Cemetery Endowment Fund shall be used to defray the costs of improving and expanding City owned cemeteries, and may include, but not be limited to any real estate purchases, common structures, and any structures erected on lots or burial sites, the drives, walks, and general improvements to the cemeteries.  
(Ord. 14-2018. Passed 8-27-18.)

**167.02 CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUND BY OWNERS OF LOTS PREVIOUSLY SOLD.**

The City will at all times accept contributions to the New Philadelphia Cemetery Endowment Fund in respect of any lot previously sold.  
(Ord. 14-2018. Passed 8-27-18.)

**167.03 ANNUAL PAYMENTS FROM TRUST FUNDS.**

In addition to the Endowment Funds, the City is authorized to receive from trustees, executors or other custodians of trust funds under wills or agreements providing for the upkeep of lots and monuments and headstones in cemeteries belonging to or under the control of the City, such annual payments as such custodians of the trust fund are able and willing to make. The funds so received shall be expended by the Cemetery Superintendent in the maintenance and beautification of the particular lot and the maintenance and repair of any headstone and monument standing thereon for which such contribution is made. The City Auditor is authorized to issue receipts for such funds stipulating that the same shall be expended solely for the improvements of the lots, headstones and monuments designated by such custodian of the trust fund.

(Ord. 14-2018. Passed 8-27-18.)

**167.04 TRUST FUNDS DEPOSITED IN NEW PHILADELPHIA CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND.**

Trust funds previously established for the perpetual care of cemetery lots already sold may be turned in whole or in part into the New Philadelphia Cemetery Endowment Fund with the concurrence of the City Auditor and Cemetery Superintendent and of the purchaser of any such lot or his or her representative or successor in interest having power to assent thereto. Any such funds shall be treated as a permanent part of the New Philadelphia Cemetery Endowment Fund under Section 167.05. (Ord. 14-2018. Passed 8-27-18.)

**167.05 FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL CARE OR BEAUTIFICATION.**

Purchasers of cemetery lots may create and the City may accept the custody and administration of permanent funds for the purpose of providing the perpetual care or beautification of designated lots in addition to the care provided from the Cemetery Operating Fund. All permanent funds so accepted shall be evidenced by an agreement in form prescribed and approved by the Director of Law, executed by the purchaser in his or her own behalf and by the Cemetery Superintendent and the City Auditor on behalf of the City. For the purpose of custody and investment, but not otherwise, the principal amount of the trust funds, whether created prior to the enactment of this section or under its terms, shall be treated as a permanent part of the New Philadelphia Cemetery Endowment Fund. The earnings of the permanent funds shall be applied exclusively to the perpetual care and beatification of the designated lot for which the funds were accepted. The expenditure may be made each year as the earnings accrue, or a reserve may be accumulated of the earnings in such amount as the Cemetery Superintendent may deem necessary to meet emergencies and unanticipated requirements. (Ord. 14-2018. Passed 8-27-18.)

**167.06 EXPENDITURE FROM THE NEW PHILADELPHIA CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUNDS.**

Any and all expenditures or transfers from the New Philadelphia Cemetery Endowment Fund shall be approved by a Resolution of the New Philadelphia City Council. (Ord. 14-2018. Passed 8-27-18.)

TITLE SEVEN - Judicial  
Chap. 171. Municipal Court.

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CHAPTER 171  
Municipal Court

EDITOR'S NOTE: The New Philadelphia Municipal Court having territorial jurisdiction within the City and Auburn, Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek and Wayne Townships in Tuscarawas County has been established under Ohio R.C. 1901.01 et seq. Ohio R.C. 1901.25 provides that the Municipal Court may provide by rule how jurors shall be chosen. Jurors' fees in any criminal case involving the violation of a City ordinance shall be paid out of the City Treasury. The Municipal Court, pursuant to Ohio R.C. 1901.26(A), may establish a schedule of fees and costs to be taxed in any action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal. Ohio R.C. 1901.31(F) provides that fines received for violation of New Philadelphia ordinances shall be paid into the City Treasury. Rule 13 of the Ohio Traffic Rules as promulgated by the Ohio Supreme Court provides that the Court shall establish a traffic violations bureau and specifies certain restrictions as to the designated offenses and schedule of fines to be accepted as waiver payment in lieu of Court appearance.

CROSS REFERENCES

Release of Court Clerk's liability for loss of funds - see Ohio R.C.  
131.18 et seq.

Municipal court - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 1901

Bond for Court Clerk required - see Ohio R.C. 1901.31(D)

Notification to Director of liquor law convictions - see Ohio R.C. 4301.991

Record of traffic violations - see Ohio R.C. 4513.37



TITLE NINE - Taxation	
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Chap. 197.	Income Tax Effective January 1, 2016.

CHAPTER 191  
Income Tax

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CROSS REFERENCES

Power to levy income tax - see Ohio Const. Art. XVIII, Sec. 3  
Payroll deductions - see Ohio R.C. 9.42  
Municipal income taxes - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 718  
Income tax personnel - see ADM. 133.02

191.01 PURPOSE.

To provide funds for the purposes of (i) general municipal operations and (ii) providing funds for the provision of municipal fire and police services, there is hereby levied a tax on qualifying wages, commissions, and other compensation, and on net profits and other taxable income as hereinafter provided.  
(Ord. 3-2005. Passed 5-9-05.)

## 191.02 DEFINITIONS.

(a) As used in this Chapter, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except as and if the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- (1) “Adjusted federal taxable income” means a C corporation’s federal income before net operating losses and special deductions as determined under the Internal Revenue Code, adjusted as follows:
  - A. Deduct intangible income to the extent included in federal taxable income. The deduction shall be allowed regardless of whether the intangible income relates to assets used in a trade or business or assets held for the production of income.
  - B. Add an amount equal to five percent (5%) of intangible income deducted under subsection (a)(1)A. hereof, but excluding that portion of intangible income directly related to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of property described in section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code;
  - C. Add any losses allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income if the losses directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;
  - D.
    1. Except as provided in subsection (a)(1)D.2. hereof, deduct income and gain included in federal taxable income to the extent the income and gain directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;
    2. Subsection (a)(1)D.1. hereof does not apply to the extent the income or gain is income or gain described in section 1245 or 1250 of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - E. Add taxes on or measured by net income allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income;
  - F. In the case of a real estate investment trust and regulated investment company, add all amounts with respect to dividends to, distributions to, or amounts set aside for or credited to the benefit of investors and allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income;
  - G. If the taxpayer is not a C corporation and is not an individual, the taxpayer shall compute adjusted federal taxable income as if the taxpayer were a C corporation, except:
    1. Guaranteed payments and other similar amounts paid or accrued to a partner, former partner, member, or former member shall not be allowed as a deductible expense; and
    2. Amounts paid or accrued to a qualified self-employed retirement plan with respect to an owner or owner-employee of the taxpayer, amounts paid or accrued to or for health insurance for an owner or owner-employee, and amounts paid or accrued to or for life insurance for an owner-employee shall not be allowed as a deduction.



Nothing in subsection (a)(1) hereof, shall be construed as allowing the taxpayer to add or deduct any amount more than once or shall be construed as allowing any taxpayer to deduct any amount paid to or accrued for purposes of federal self-employment tax.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as limiting or removing the ability of any municipal corporation to administer, audit, and enforce the provisions of its municipal income tax.

- (2) "Administrator" means the individual designated by the ordinance, appointed to administer and enforce the provisions of the ordinance.
- (3) "Association" means a partnership, limited partnership, S Corporation any other form of unincorporated enterprise, owned by one or more persons.
- (4) "Board of Review" means the Board created by and constituted as provided in Section 191.14.
- (5) "Business" means an enterprise, activity, profession or undertaking of any nature conducted for profit or ordinarily conducted for profit, whether by an individual, partnership, association, corporation or any other entity, including but not limited to the renting or leasing of property, real, personal, or mixed.
- (6) "Corporation" means a corporation, Sub-S Corporation, or joint stock association organized under the laws of the United States, the State of Ohio, or any other state, territory or foreign country or dependency.
- (7) "Day" means a full day or any fractional part of a day.
- (8) "Domicile" means the place where a taxpayer has his true, fixed, and permanent home, and to which, whenever the taxpayer is absent, he has the intention of returning. Factors to be considered when determining domicile are, but are not limited to: registration of vehicles; current driver's license; address on Federal and State income tax returns; address of voter's registration; attendance at schools by taxpayer's family; county of taxpayer's estate if deceased.
- (9) "Employee" means one who works for wages, salary, commission or other type of compensation in the service of an employer.
- (10) "Employer" means an individual, partnership, association, corporation, governmental body, unit or agency, or any other entity, whether or not organized for profit, who or which employs one or more persons on a salary, wage, commission or other compensation basis.
- (11) "Fiduciary" means a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, or any other person acting in any fiduciary capacity for any individual, trust, or estate.
- (12) "Fiscal year" means an accounting period of twelve months ending on any day other than December 31.
- (13) "Generic form" means an electronic or paper form designed for reporting estimated municipal income taxes and annual municipal income tax liability or for filing a refund claim that is not prescribed by a particular municipal corporation for the reporting of that municipal corporation's tax on income.

- (14) "Gross receipts" means the total income of a taxpayer from any source whatsoever.
- (15) "Income from a pass-through entity" means partnership income of partners, membership interests of members of a limited liability company, distributive shares of shareholders of an S corporation, or other distributive or proportionate ownership shares of income from other pass-through entities.
- (16) "Intangible Income" means income of any of the following types: income yield, interest, capital gains, dividends, or other income arising from the ownership, sale, exchange, or other disposition of intangible property including, but not limited to, investments, deposits, money, or credits as those terms are defined in Chapter 5701. of the Ohio Revised Code, and patents, copyrights, trademarks, tradenames, investments in real estate investment trusts, investments in regulated investment companies, and appreciation on deferred compensation. "Intangible income" does not include prizes, awards, or other income associated with any lottery winnings or other similar games of chance.
- (17) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended.
- (18) "Internet" means the international computer network of both Federal and nonfederal interoperable packet switched data networks, including the graphical subnetwork known as the world wide web.
- (19) "Joint Economic Development District" means districts created under the Ohio Revised Code sections 715.70 through 715.83, as amended from time to time.
- (20) "Limited liability company" means a limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705 of the Ohio Revised Code or under the laws of another state.
- (21) "Municipality" means the City New Philadelphia.
- (22) "Net profit" for a taxpayer other than an individual means adjusted federal taxable income and "net profit" for a taxpayer who is an individual means the individual's profit, other than amounts described in division (F) of section 191.03, required to be reported on schedule C, schedule E, or schedule F.
- (23) "Nonqualified deferred compensation plan" means a compensation plan described in section 3121(v)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (24) "Nonresident" means an individual domiciled outside the City.
- (25) "Nonresident incorporated business entity" means an incorporated business entity not having an office or place of business within the Municipality.
- (26) "Nonresident unincorporated business entity" means an unincorporated business entity not having any office or place of business within the City.
- (27) "Other payer" means any person, other than an individual's employer or the employer's agent, that pays an individual any amount included in the federal gross income of the individual.

- (28) "Owner" means a partner of a partnership, a member of a limited liability company, a shareholder of an S corporation, or other person with an ownership interest in a pass-through entity.
- (29) "Owner's proportionate share", with respect to each owner of a pass-through entity, means the ratio of (a) the owner's income from the pass-through entity that is subject to taxation by the municipal corporation, to (b) the total income from that entity of all owners whose income from the entity is subject to taxation by that municipal corporation.
- (30) "Pass-through entity" means a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or any other class of entity the income or profits from which are given pass-through treatment under the Internal Revenue Code.
- (31) "Pension" means income earned or received as a result of retirement from employment from an IRS qualified retirement plan and which is generally, although not exclusively, reported to the taxpayer by the payor on a Form 1099-R or similar form.
- (32) "Person" includes individuals, firms, companies, business trusts, estates, trusts, partnerships, limited liability companies, associations, corporations, governmental entities, and any other entity.
- (33) "Place of business" means any bona fide office, other than a mere statutory office, factory, warehouse or other space which is occupied and used by the taxpayer in carrying on any business activity individually or through one or more of his employees or agents.
- (34) "Principal place of business" means in the case of an employer having headquarters' activities at a place of business within a taxing municipality, the place of business at which the headquarters is situated. In the case of any employer not having its headquarters' activities at a place of business within a taxing municipality, the term means the largest place of business located in a taxing municipality.
- (35) "Qualified plan" means a retirement plan satisfying the requirements under section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code as amended.
- (36) "Qualifying wages" means wages, as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to any wage limitations, adjusted in accordance with section 718.03(A) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (37) "Resident" means an individual domiciled in the City.
- (38) "Resident incorporated business entity" means an incorporated business entity whose office, place or operations or business situs is within the Municipality.
- (39) "Resident unincorporated business entity" means an unincorporated business entity having an office or place of business within the City.
- (40) "Return preparer" means any person other than a taxpayer that is authorized by a taxpayer to complete or file an income tax return, report, or other document for or on behalf of the taxpayer.
- (41) "Schedule C" means Internal Revenue Service schedule C filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.
- (42) "Schedule E" means Internal Revenue Service schedule E filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

- (43) "Schedule F" means Internal Revenue Service schedule F filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.
- (44) "S corporation" means a corporation that has made an election under subchapter S of Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code for its taxable year.
- (45) "Tax Administrator" means the person appointed to administer the Municipality's Income Tax Ordinance and to direct the operation of the Municipal Income Tax Department or the person executing the duties of the Tax Administrator.
- (46) "Taxable Year" means the corresponding tax reporting period as prescribed for the taxpayer under the Internal Revenue Code.
- (47) "Taxing Municipality" means a municipality levying a tax on income earned by nonresidents working within such municipality or on income earned by its residents.
- (48) "Taxpayer" means a person subject to a tax on income levied by a municipal corporation. "Taxpayer" does not include any person that is a disregarded entity or a qualifying subchapter S subsidiary for federal income tax purposes, but "taxpayer" includes any other person who owns the disregarded entity or qualifying subchapter S subsidiary.

(b) The singular shall include the plural, and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter, and all periods set forth shall be inclusive of the first and last mentioned dates. (Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

#### 191.03 IMPOSITION OF TAX.

(a) Basis of Imposition. Subject to the provisions of this chapter, an annual tax is hereby imposed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per year of which one percent (1%) shall be used for the purposes specified in Section 191.01(i) and of which one-half percent (1/2%) shall be used for the purposes specified in Section 191.01(ii), which results from a one percent (1%) income tax approved by the City on December 22, 2003 and a one-half percent (1/2%) income tax approved by the electors on May 3, 2005, effective on and after July 1, 2005, upon the following:

- (1) On all qualifying wages, commissions, spousal support, other compensation, and other taxable income earned or received by residents of the municipality.
- (2) On all qualifying wages, commissions, other compensation and other taxable income earned or received by nonresidents for work done or services performed or rendered in the municipality.
- (3) On the portion attributable to the Municipality of the net profits earned by all resident unincorporated businesses, pass-through entities, professions or other activities, derived from work done or services performed or rendered, and business or other activities conducted in the Municipality. On the portion of the distributive share of the net profits earned by a resident owner, a resident unincorporated business entity or pass-through entity not attributable to the Municipality and not levied against such unincorporated business entity or pass-through entity.

- (4) On the portion attributable to the Municipality on the net profits by all nonresident unincorporated businesses, pass-through entities, professions or other activities, derived from work done or services performed or rendered and business or other activities conducted in the Municipality, whether or not such unincorporated business entity has an office or place of business in the Municipality. On the portion of the distributive share of the net profits earned by a resident owner of a nonresident unincorporated business entity or pass-through entity not attributable to the Municipality and not levied against such unincorporated business entity or pass-through entity.
- (5) On the portion attributable to the Municipality of the net profits earned by all corporations that are not pass-through entities from work done or services performed or rendered and business or other activities conducted in the Municipality, whether or not such corporations have an office or place of business in the Municipality.  
(Ord. 3-2005. Passed 5-9-05.)
- (6) On any and all income received as gambling winnings whether it be from lottery, internet sweepstakes, or other game of chance in excess of \$599.99. This section is meant to include winnings at any internet sweepstakes café or other gambling winnings won in the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and each person earning such winnings in the City of New Philadelphia shall be obligated to file a city income tax return and pay city income tax on such winnings.  
(Ord. 26-2010. Passed 11-22-10.)

(b) Businesses Both In and Outside the Municipal Boundaries. This section does not apply to taxpayers that are subject to and required to file reports under Chapter 5745, of the Ohio Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) hereof, net profit from a business or profession conducted both within and without the boundaries of a municipal corporation shall be considered as having a taxable situs in such municipal corporation for purposes of municipal income taxation in the same proportion as the average ratio of the following:

- (1) Multiply the entire net profits of the business by a business apportionment percentage formula to be determined by:
  - A. The average original cost of the real and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession in such municipal corporation during the taxable period to the average original cost of all of the real and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession during the same period, wherever situated.  
As used in the preceding paragraph, real property shall include property rented or leased by the taxpayer and the value of such property shall be determined by multiplying the annual rental thereon by eight;
  - B. Wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the taxable period to persons employed in the business or profession for services performed in such municipal corporation to wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the same period to persons employed in the business or profession, wherever their services are performed, excluding compensation that is not taxable by the municipal corporation under section 718.011 of the Ohio Revised Code;

- C. Gross receipts of the business or profession from sales made and services performed during the taxable period in such municipal corporation to gross receipts of the business or profession during the same period from sales and services, wherever made or performed.
- D. Adding together the percentages determined in accordance with subsections (b)(1)A, B, and C, hereof, or such of the aforesaid percentages as are applicable to the particular taxpayer and dividing the total so obtained by the number of percentages used in deriving such total.
1. A factor is applicable even though it may be apportioned entirely in or outside the Municipality.
  2. Provided however, that in the event a just and equitable result cannot be obtained under the business apportionment percentage formula provided for herein, the Tax Administrator, upon application of the taxpayer, shall have the authority to substitute other factors or methods calculated to effect a fair and proper apportionment.
- (c) As used in subsection (b) hereof, "sales made in a municipal corporation" mean:
- (1) All sales of tangible personal property delivered within such municipal corporation regardless of where title passes if shipped or delivered from a stock of goods within such municipal corporation;
  - (2) All sales of tangible personal property delivered within such municipal corporation regardless of where title passes even though transported from a point outside such municipal corporation if the taxpayer is regularly engaged through its own employees in the solicitation or promotion of sales within such municipal corporation and the sales result from such solicitation or promotion;
  - (3) All sales of tangible personal property shipped from a place within such municipal corporation to purchasers outside such municipal corporation regardless of where title passes if the taxpayer is not, through its own employees, regularly engaged in the solicitation or promotion of sales at the place where delivery is made.
- (d) Operating loss carry forward.
- (1) The municipality does allow a net operating loss carry forward for three years. The municipality does not allow a net operating loss carry back.
- (e) A husband and wife may, for any tax year, elect to file separate or joint returns. A loss from the business activity of one spouse may not be used to reduce the taxable income of the other spouse. Also, a loss from the operation of a business, including rental losses, may not be used to offset the income on a taxpayer's W-2 Form.

- (f) Consolidated returns.
- (1) A consolidated return may be filed by a group of corporations who are affiliated through stock ownership if that affiliated group filed for the same tax period a consolidated return for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to section 1501 of the Internal Revenue Code. A consolidated return must include all companies that are so affiliated.
  - (2) Once a consolidated return has been filed for any taxable year, consolidated returns shall continue to be filed in subsequent years unless the applicable requirements of the Rules and Regulations for discontinuing the filing of consolidated returns have been met. (Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

#### 191.04 EXCLUSIONS.

The provisions of this Chapter shall not be construed as levying a tax upon the following:

- (a) Proceeds from welfare benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, pensions, social security benefits, and qualified retirement plans as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.
- (b) Proceeds of insurance, annuities, workers' compensation insurance, permanent disability benefits, compensation for damages for personal injury and like reimbursements, not including damages for loss of profits and wages.
- (c) Compensation attributable to a plan or program described in section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (d) Dues, contributions and similar payments received by charitable, religious, educational organizations, or labor unions, trade or professional associations, lodges and similar organizations.
- (e) Gains from involuntary conversion, cancellation of indebtedness, interest on federal obligations and income of a decedent's estate during the period of administration (except such income from the operation of a business).
- (f) Compensation for damage to property by way of insurance.
- (g) Interest and dividends from intangible property.
- (h) Military pay or allowances of members of the Armed Forces of the United States and of members of their reserve components, including the Ohio national guard.
- (i) Income of any charitable, educational, fraternal or other type of nonprofit association or organization enumerated in Ohio Revised Code 718.01 to the extent that such income is derived from tax-exempt real estate, tax-exempt tangible or intangible property, or tax-exempt activities.
- (j) Any association or organization falling in the category listed in the preceding paragraph receiving income from non-exempt real estate, tangible or intangible personal property, or business activities of a type ordinarily conducted for profit by taxpayers operating for profit shall not be excluded hereunder.
- (k) In the event any association or organization receives taxable income as provided in the preceding paragraph from real or personal property ownership or income producing business located both within and without the corporate limits of the Municipality, it shall calculate its income apportioned to the Municipality under the method or methods provided above.

- (l) If exempt for federal income tax purposes, fellowship and scholarship grants are excluded from Municipal income tax.
- (m) The rental value of a home furnished to a minister of the gospel as part of his compensation, or the rental allowance paid to a minister of the gospel as part of his compensation, to the extent used by him to rent or provide a home pursuant to section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (n) Compensation paid under section 3501.28 or 3501.36 of the Ohio Revised Code to a person serving as a precinct official, to the extent that such compensation does not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) annually. Such compensation in excess of one thousand dollars may be subjected to taxation. The payer of such compensation is not required to withhold Municipal tax from that compensation.
- (o) Compensation paid to an employee of a transit authority, regional transit authority, or a regional transit commission created under Chapter 306 of the Ohio Revised Code for operating a transit bus or other motor vehicle for the authority or commission in or through the Municipality, unless the bus or vehicle is operated on a regularly scheduled route, the operator is subject to such tax by reason of residence or domicile in the Municipality, or the headquarters of the authority or commission is located within the Municipality.
- (p) The Municipality shall not tax the compensation paid to a nonresident individual for personal services performed by the individual in the Municipality on twelve (12) or fewer days in a calendar year unless one of the following applies:
  - (1) The individual is an employee of another person, the principal place of business of the individual's employer is located in another municipality in Ohio that imposes a tax applying to compensation paid to the individual for services paid on those days; and the individual is not liable to that other municipality for tax on the compensation paid for such services.
  - (2) The individual is a professional entertainer or professional athlete, the promoter of a professional entertainment or sports event, or an employee of such promoter, all as may be reasonably defined by the Municipality.
- (q) The income of a public utility, when that public utility is subject to the tax levied under section 5727.24 or 5727.30 of the Ohio Revised Code, except a municipal corporation may tax the following, subject to Chapter 5745. of the Ohio Revised Code:
  - (1) The income of an electric company or combined company;
  - (2) The income of a telephone company.As used in this subsection (q), "combined company", "electric company", and "telephone company" have the same meanings as in section 5727.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (r) An S corporation shareholder's distributive share of net profits of the S corporation, other than any part of the distributive share of net profits that represents wages as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or net earnings from self-employment as defined in section 1402(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent such distributive share would not be allocated or apportioned to this state under division (B)(1) and (2) of section 5733.05 of the Ohio Revised Code if the S corporation were a corporation subject to the taxes imposed under Chapter 5733. of the Ohio Revised Code.



- (s) An S corporation shareholder's distributive share of net profits or losses of the S corporation.
- (t) Generally the above noted items in this section are the only forms of income not subject to the tax. Any other income, benefits, or other forms of compensation shall be taxable.  
(Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

#### 191.05 EFFECTIVE DATE.

The tax shall be levied, collected and paid with respect to the salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation, and with respect to the net profits of persons, businesses, professions, or other activities, as defined in this chapter, earned or received on and after July 1, 2005.  
(Ord. 3-2005. Passed 5-9-05.)

#### 191.06 ANNUAL TAX RETURN AND PAYMENT OF TAX DUE.

(a) Each taxpayer or resident 18 years of age or older, who engages in business or other activity or whose qualifying wages, commissions or other compensation are subject to the tax imposed by this tax code, shall, whether or not a tax is due thereon, make and file a return on or before April 15th of each year with the Administrator. When the return is made for a fiscal year or other period different from the calendar year, the return shall be filed within four months from the end of such fiscal year or other period. Any person otherwise subject to the tax who is registered with the City as being retired with no earned income, shall be exempt from filing an annual tax return at the discretion of the Administrator.

(b) A husband and wife may, for any tax year, elect to file separate or joint returns. However, a loss from the business activity of one spouse may not be used to reduce the taxable income of the other spouse. Also, a loss from the operation of a business, including rental losses, may not be used to offset the income on a taxpayer's W-2 Form.

(c) The Administrator is hereby authorized to provide by regulation, subject to the approval of the Board of Review, that the W-2 form furnished by an employer or employers, for a nonresident employee showing the full amount of tax deducted by such employer or employers from the salaries, wages or commissions or other compensation, as required by Section 191.07 and paid to the City, or other municipality or state, imposing a tax equal to or greater than the New Philadelphia income tax, on the same taxable income, shall be accepted as the return required of a nonresident employee under this chapter, whose sole income subject to the tax or taxes under this chapter is such salary, wages, commissions or other compensation.

(d) Such return shall be filed with the Administrator on a form or forms furnished by or obtainable from the Administrator or on a suitable generic form, setting forth:

- (1) The aggregate amounts of qualifying wages, commissions and other compensation earned or received or other income defined by statute as taxable; and
- (2) Gross income from such business less allowable expenses incurred in the acquisition of such gross income to arrive at a net profit; and
- (3) The amount of the tax imposed by this chapter thereon; and

- (4) Any credits to which the taxpayer may be entitled under the provisions of this chapter; and
  - (5) Such other pertinent statements, information returns or other information as the Administrator may require.
- (e) The taxpayer making a return required hereunder shall, at the time of the filing thereof, pay to the Administrator the balance of the tax, due, if it exceeds \$4.99.
- (1) Should the return or the records of the Administrator indicate an overpayment of the tax to which the City is entitled under the provisions of this ordinance, such overpayment shall be first applied against any existing tax liability, penalties, or interest, and the balance, if any, at the election of the taxpayer communicated to the Administrator, shall be refunded or applied against any subsequent liability hereunder; provided that an overpayment of less than five dollars (\$5.00) shall not be refunded.
  - (2) Where necessary, an amended return shall be filed in order to report additional income and pay any additional tax due, or claim a return of tax overpaid, subject to the requirements and/or limitations contained in Sections 191.12 and 191.16. Such amended return shall be on a form obtainable on request from the Administrator. A taxpayer may not change the method of accounting or apportionment of net profits after the due date for filing the annual return.
  - (3) Within three months from the final determination of any Federal tax liability affecting the taxpayer's New Philadelphia tax liability, such taxpayer shall make and file an amended New Philadelphia return showing income subject to the New Philadelphia tax based upon such final determination of Federal tax liability, and pay any additional tax shown due thereon or make claim for return of any overpayment.
- (f) The officer or employee of such employer having control or supervision or charged with the responsibility of filing the return and making the payment, shall be personally liable for failure to file the return or pay the tax, penalties, or interest due as required herein. The dissolution, bankruptcy or reorganization of any such employer does not discharge an officer's or employee's liability for a prior failure of such business to file a return or pay taxes, penalties, or interest due.
- (g) The Tax Return Is Considered Received if mailed, on the date postmarked by the United States Postal Service or on the date delivered without mailing to the Municipal Tax Office.

(h) Extension of time for filing returns. Taxpayers granted extensions of time for filing their federal income tax returns may have an extension for filing their New Philadelphia Tax Return provided that a copy of the federal extension is filed with the Administrator on or before the original due date of the New Philadelphia Tax Return. The extended date for filing the New Philadelphia return will be the same as the extended date for the federal return regardless of the original due date of the tax return. Statutory interest of one-half percent (1/2%) per month or fraction thereof will be charged from the original due date of the return until date of actual payment. The extension is for extending the due date of the tax return and does not extend the time for paying any tax due. If a taxpayer wishes to extend the time for filing the New Philadelphia tax return to a date other than that provided by the automatic federal extension, the taxpayer must file such a request in writing to the Administrator prior to the due date of the automatic extension. The extension may be granted by the Administrator upon terms and conditions set forth by him or her. A taxpayer's extension request may be denied if the taxpayer is delinquent in the filing of any tax returns or payments of any taxes, penalties, or interest due. The granting of an extension does not extend the time for paying the tax, it only extends the time for filing the tax return.

(i) The failure of any taxpayer to receive or procure a return, declaration or other required form shall not excuse the taxpayer from filing such forms or from paying the tax due.

(j) Payments received for taxes due shall be allocated first to penalties due, then to interest due, and then to taxes due.

(k) The Administrator is authorized but is not required to arrange for the payment of unpaid taxes, interest and penalties on a schedule of installment payments, when the taxpayer has proved to the Administrator that, due to certain hardship conditions, he/she is unable to pay the full amount of the tax due. Such authorization shall not be granted until proper returns are filed by the taxpayer for all amounts owed by him/her under this chapter. (Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

#### 191.07 COLLECTION AT SOURCE; WITHHOLDING BY EMPLOYER.

(a) Each employer within or doing business within the City who employs one or more persons on a salary, wage, commission or other compensation basis as defined herein, shall, at the time of the payment thereof, deduct the tax of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) from the gross salaries, wages, commissions or other compensation earned or received by residents regardless of where such compensation was earned, and shall deduct the tax of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) from the salaries, wages, commissions or other compensation as defined herein as earned or received within the City by nonresidents thereof. (Ord. 3-2005. Passed 5-9-05.)

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) hereof, if such employer within or doing business within the City who or which employs a City resident in another taxing municipality requiring such employer to deduct its tax from all employees engaged therein, such employer shall withhold for and remit to the City only the difference, if any, between the tax on such City resident required to be withheld by such other taxing municipality and the tax imposed by this ordinance; or shall withhold City tax on 100% of the income subject to City tax if the City resident/employee is employed at a location where a municipal tax is not imposed.

(c) Each such employer shall, on or before the last day of the month following the close of each calendar quarter, make a return and remit the tax hereby required to be withheld to the Administrator. Such employer shall be liable for the payment of taxes hereby required to be deducted and withheld, whether or not such taxes have in fact been so deducted and withheld.

(d) Effective January 1, 2001, New Philadelphia shall not require any nonresident employer, agent of such nonresident employer, or other payor that is not situated in New Philadelphia to deduct and withhold New Philadelphia tax from the salaries, wages, and other compensation earned or received by an individual unless the total amount of New Philadelphia Tax required to be withheld and deducted for all of the nonresident employer's employees or other payor's payees exceeds one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for that calendar year.

(e) Effective January 1, 2001, if the New Philadelphia tax required to be deducted and withheld from the salaries, wages, and other compensation of all of the nonresident employer's employees or other payor's payees exceeds one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for any calendar year beginning with the calendar year commencing on January 1, 2001, and thereafter, then the said nonresident employer, agent of such employer, or other payor, is required to deduct and withhold New Philadelphia tax in each ensuing year, even if the amount of tax required to be withheld and deducted in each of those ensuing years is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) or less, except as provided in subsection (f) hereof.

(f) If a nonresident employer, agent of such employer, or other payor that is not situated in New Philadelphia is required to deduct and withhold New Philadelphia tax for an ensuing year as set forth at subsection (e) hereof immediately preceding, and the total amount of tax required to be deducted and withheld in accordance with subsection (e) hereof in each of the three (3) consecutive ensuing years is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) or less, then New Philadelphia tax shall not be required to be deducted and withheld by the employer, employer's agent, or other payor in any subsequent year to the last of those three (3) consecutive ensuing years unless the amount required to be deducted and withheld and deducted in any such subsequent year exceeds one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

(g) An "Other Payor" as used in the preceding three paragraphs means any person that pays an individual any item included in the taxable income of the individual, other than the individual's employer or that employer's agent.

(h) Such employer in collecting such tax shall be deemed to hold the same, until payment is made by such employer to the City, as a trustee for the benefit of the City, and any such tax collected by such employer from its employees shall, until the same is paid to the City, be deemed a trust fund in the hands of such employer.

(i) The officer or the employee having control of or charged with the responsibility of filing the return and making payment, shall be personally liable for failure to file the return or pay the tax due as required by this section. The dissolution, bankruptcy or reorganization of any such employer does not discharge an officer's or employee's liability for a prior failure of the corporation to file returns or pay taxes, penalties, or interest due.

(j) On or before January 31 following any calendar year, such employer shall file with the Administrator an annual reconciliation return along with an information return for such employee from whom New Philadelphia income tax has been or should have been withheld, providing the W-2s and name, address and Social Security number of the employee, the total amount of compensation paid during the year and the amount of municipal income tax withheld from the employee with the municipality for which said tax was withheld identified. The information return shall also include all of the information required to be reported by the employer to IRS on a W-2 form. At the time of filing the annual reconciliation return the employer shall pay over any amounts deducted or which should have been deducted during the preceding year but which was not remitted. The annual reconciliation form shall be obtained from the Administrator.

(k) All individuals, businesses, employers, brokers or others who are required under the Internal Revenue Code to furnish forms 1099 to IRS for individuals or businesses to whom or which they have non-employee compensation shall furnish copies of the said form 1099's to the Administrator or in lieu thereof, a list containing the same information as required by IRS on the 1099's on or before the due date for such forms 1099's as established by IRS. Failure to provide the foregoing information may result in any deduction for payment by the taxpayer taken on the taxpayer's return to be disallowed.

(l) Every employer shall retain all records necessary to compute withholding taxes due New Philadelphia for a period of five years from the date the Reconciliation Form, W-2 Forms, and 1099 forms are filed.

(m) The return is considered received when all returns and forms required to be filed by an employer are considered received on the date postmarked by the United States Postal Service or on the date delivered without mailing by the taxpayer to the City.

(n) The failure of any employer to receive or procure a return, or other required form shall not excuse the employer from preparing any information return, withholding tax returns or from filing such forms or from paying the tax due.

(o) Payments received for withholding taxes due shall be applied first to penalties due, then to interest due, and then to taxes due.  
(Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

#### 191.08 DECLARATIONS; ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS.

(a) Every person who anticipates any taxable income which is not subject to Section 191.07 or who engages in any business, profession enterprise and activity subject to the tax imposed by Section 191.03, Shall file a declaration setting forth such estimated income or the estimated profit or loss from such business activity together with the estimated tax due thereon.

- (1) Such declaration shall be filed on or before April 30th of each year during the life of this ordinance, or before the 30th day of the fourth month from the date in which the taxpayer becomes subject to tax for the first time.
- (2) Those taxpayers reporting on a fiscal year basis shall file a declaration before the 30th day of the fourth month after the beginning of each fiscal year or period.

- (3) Such declaration shall be filed upon a form furnished by, or obtainable from, the Administrator. Credit may be taken for New Philadelphia income tax to be withheld, if any, from any portion of such income. In addition, credit may be taken for tax paid to other municipalities in accordance with the provisions of Section 191.16.
- (4) The original declaration, or any subsequent amendment thereof, may be increased or decreased on or before any subsequent payment date provided for herein.
- (5) If the net estimated tax due after the deduction for allowable credits is \$100.00 or more, such declaration shall be accompanied by a payment of at least one fourth of the net estimated annual tax due.
- (6) At least a similar amount shall be paid on or before the 30th day of the seventh, tenth and thirteenth month after the beginning of the taxpayer's taxable year, provided that in case an amended declaration has been duly filed, or the taxpayer is taxable for a portion of the year only, the unpaid balance shall be paid in equal installments on or before the remaining payment dates.

(b) On or before the 30th day of the fourth month of the year following that for which such declaration or amended declaration was filed, an annual return shall be filed and any balance which may be due New Philadelphia shall be paid therewith in accordance with the provisions of Section 191.06.

(c) If a taxpayer's total tax payments made in accordance with this section including any credits available to the taxpayer per Sections 191.07 and 191.16 do not equal at least 90% (ninety percent) of the taxpayers current years annual tax liability or 100% (one hundred percent) of the taxpayers annual tax liability for the immediately preceding tax year, then interest shall be assessed on the underpayment of tax due as follows:

- (1) The taxpayers annual tax liability as established on the taxpayers annual return shall be divided by four (4) to determine the amount of tax that should have been paid quarterly on an estimated basis. The difference between that amount of tax which should have been paid quarterly on an estimated basis and the amount of tax actually paid on an estimated basis shall be subject to interest of one percent (1%) per month on portion thereof from the due date of the quarterly installment to the date that the annual return is due on the tax paid thereon, whichever is earlier.
- (2) In the event that the taxpayer provides satisfactory evidence to the Tax Administrator that the taxpayer's income fluctuated in such a manner that the interest assessable should not be charged, the Tax Administrator may waive any portion of the interest upon request of the taxpayer and submission of evidence of the fluctuation.  
(Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

**191.09 DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.**

It shall be the duty of the Administrator to:

- (a) Collect and receive the tax imposed by this chapter in the manner prescribed herein, to keep accurate records thereof and to record daily all moneys so received.
- (b) Enforce payment of all taxes due the City hereunder, to keep accurate records for a period of not less than five years showing the amount due from each taxpayer required to file a declaration and/or make any return, including taxes withheld and to show the dates and amounts of payments thereof.
- (c) The Administrator is hereby charged with the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter, and is hereby empowered, subject to the approval of the Board of Review, to adopt, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations relating to any matter or thing pertaining to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance, including provision for the reexamination and correction of returns.
- (d) In any case where a taxpayer has failed to file a return or has filed a return which does not show the proper amount of tax due, the Administrator may determine the amount of tax appearing to be due the City from the taxpayer and shall send to such taxpayer by mail a written statement showing the amount of tax, if any, so determined together with interest and penalties thereon. Such determination may be modified or amended based upon information or data subsequently secured by or made available to the Administrator. If the taxpayer fails to respond to the assessment within 30 days, the tax, penalties, and interest assessed shall become due and payable and collectible as are other unpaid taxes.
- (e) Subject to the consent of the Board of Review or pursuant to regulation approved by the said Board, the Administrator shall have the power to compromise any interest or penalty, or both, imposed by Section 191.11.
- (f) If the Administrator issues a decision or opinion to a taxpayer regarding a tax obligation that is subject to appeal, the Administrator shall notify the taxpayer of the taxpayer's right to appeal the decision and of the manner in which the appeal can be made.

(Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

**191.10 INVESTIGATIVE POWERS OF ADMINISTRATOR; PENALTY FOR DIVULGING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.**

(a) The Administrator, or any employee of the City designated by the Administrator, is hereby authorized to examine the books, papers, records, and Federal or State income tax returns of any employer or of any taxpayer or person subject to the tax for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of any return made, or, if no return was made, to ascertain the tax due under this chapter. Every such employer, supposed employer, taxpayer or supposed taxpayer is hereby directed, and required to furnish upon written request by the Administrator, or his duly authorized agent or employee, the means, facilities and opportunity for making such examination and investigations as are hereby authorized.

(b) The Administrator is hereby authorized to order any person deemed by the Administrator to have knowledge or information pertinent to the tax liability of any taxpayer to appear before him or her and may examine such person, under oath, concerning any income which was or should have been returned for taxation or any transaction tending to affect such income, and for this purpose may compel the production of books, papers, records and Federal or State income tax returns and the attendance of all persons before him or her whether as parties or witnesses, whenever he believes such persons have knowledge of such income or information pertinent to such inquiry.

(c) The refusal to produce books, papers, records and Federal or State income tax returns, or the refusal to submit to such examination by any employer or person subject or presumed to be subject to the tax or by any officer, agent or employee of a person subject to the tax or required to withhold tax or the failure of any person to comply with the provisions of this section or with an order or subpoena of the Administrator authorized hereby shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance, punishable as provided in Section 191.13.

(d) Any information gained from, or as the result of, any declarations, returns, investigations, reports, hearings or verifications required or authorized by this chapter shall be confidential, except for official purposes, which includes the exchange of information with other tax authorities or in accordance with proper judicial order. Any such person divulging such information in violation of this chapter shall be subject to prosecution as provided in Section 191.13. Each disclosure shall constitute a separate offense. In addition, information may be released by the Administrator in accordance with and upon the execution by a taxpayer of a waiver and consent form or authorization form which form or forms shall be furnished by the Administrator. In addition to the penalty provided in Section 191.13 any employee of the City who violates the provisions hereof relative to the disclosure of confidential information shall be subject to immediate dismissal.

(e) Every taxpayer shall maintain, and retain for a period of five years after the date a declaration or return is due or withholding taxes paid, all records necessary to exhibit and compute his liability for taxes due or to be withheld under the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

#### 191.11 INTEREST AND PENALTIES.

(a) All taxes imposed and moneys withheld or required to be withheld by employers under the provisions of this chapter and remaining unpaid after they have become due shall bear interest, in addition to the amount of the unpaid tax or withholdings, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, or fraction thereof.

(b) In addition to interest as provided in subsection (a) hereof, penalties based on the unpaid tax are hereby imposed as follows:

- (1) For failure to pay taxes due, other than taxes withheld; one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof.
- (2) For failure to remit taxes withheld from employees; three percent (3%) per month or fraction thereof.
- (3) For failure to file a tax return by the date due, including due dates extended as set forth at Section 191.06(g) there shall be due a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in addition to all other penalties and interest, even if no tax is due.



(c) The penalty provided in this section shall not be assessed on an additional tax assessment made by the Administrator when a return has been filed in good faith and the tax paid thereon within the time prescribed by the Administrator nor, in the absence of fraud, shall either penalty or interest be assessed on any additional tax assessment resulting from a Federal audit, providing an amended return is filed and the additional tax is paid within three months after the final determination of the Federal tax liability, whichever is later.

(d) Upon recommendation of the Administrator, the Board of Review may abate penalty or interest, or both, or upon an appeal from the refusal of the Administrator to recommend abatement of penalty or interest, the Board of Review may nevertheless abate penalty or interest, or both. (Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

#### 191.12 COLLECTION OF UNPAID TAXES BY CIVIL LITIGATION; REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS.

(a) All taxes imposed by this chapter shall be collectible, together with any interest and penalties thereon, by suit, as other debts of like amount are recoverable. Such suit shall be brought within three (3) years after the tax was due or the return was filed, whichever is later in accordance with Ohio R.C. 718.12 A.

(b) Taxes erroneously paid shall not be refunded unless a claim for refund is made within the time limitation specified in Ohio R.C. 718.12 C. Amounts less than five dollars (\$5.00) shall not be refundable.

(c) A loss from the operation of a business or profession may be offset against net profits from other business or professional activities in the amount of the loss commensurate with the portion of profits, if profits existed, with respect to which credit could not be claimed for tax paid to another municipality. Accordingly, if the profits of an activity are subject to tax by another municipality, the portion of a loss that may be not be used to offset profits is determined by multiplying the loss by a fraction, the numerator being either the tax rate of the other taxing municipality or the percentage rate to which credit for tax paid to another municipality is limited, whichever is the lesser, and the denominator being the existing New Philadelphia tax rate. Any unused loss, or portion thereof, allowable for offset as determined in this manner, may be carried forward as set forth in Article III-C-1 of the income tax rules and regulations. (Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

#### 191.13 VIOLATIONS; CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

Any person or taxpayer who or which:

- (a) Fails, neglects or refuses to make any return, information return or declaration required by this chapter; or
- (b) Makes any false or fraudulent return; or knowingly makes any incomplete return; or
- (c) Fails, neglects or refuses to pay the tax, penalties or interest imposed by this chapter; or
- (d) Fails neglects or refuses to withhold the tax from his employees or to remit such withholding to the Administrator; or
- (e) Refuses to permit the Administrator or any duly authorized agent or employee to examine his books, records, papers and Federal income tax returns relating to the income or net profits of a taxpayer; or

- (f) Fails to appear before the Administrator and to produce his books, records, papers or Federal income tax returns relating to the income or net profits of a taxpayer upon order or subpoena of the Administrator; or
- (g) Refuses to disclose to the Administrator any information with respect to the income or net profits of a taxpayer; or
- (h) Fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter or any order or subpoena of the Administrator authorized hereby; or
- (i) Gives to an employer false information as to his true name, correct Social Security number, or residence address, or fails to promptly notify an employer of any change in his residence address and the date thereof; or
- (j) Fails to use ordinary diligence in maintaining proper records of employees' residence addresses, total wages paid and City tax withheld or knowingly gives false or misleading information to the Administrator; or
- (k) Attempts to do anything whatever to avoid payment of the whole or any part of the tax, penalties or interest imposed by this chapter; or
- (l) Fails neglects or refuses to complete and return to the Administrator any tax form whose purpose is to determine if a resident must file a City tax return; Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned not more than six (6) months or both, for each offense.
- (m) Prosecutions for an offense made punishable under this chapter shall be commenced within three (3) years after the commission of the offense, provided that in the case of fraud, failure to file a return, or the omission of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the compensation or net profits required to be reported, prosecutions may be commenced within six (6) years after the commission of the offense in accordance with Ohio R.C. 718.12B.
- (n) The failure of any employer, taxpayer or person to receive or procure a return, declaration or other required form shall not excuse him from making any return, information return or declaration, from filing such form or from paying the tax. (Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

#### 191.14 BOARD OF REVIEW.

(a) A Board of Review, consisting of a chairman and two other individuals, each to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council, is hereby created. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall adopt its own procedural rules and shall keep a record of its transactions. Any hearing by the Board may be conducted privately and the provisions of Section 191.10 with reference to the confidential character of information required to be disclosed by this chapter shall apply to such matters as may be heard before the Board.

(b) All rules and regulations and amendments or changes thereto, which are adopted by the Administrator under the authority conferred by this chapter, must be approved by the Board of Review before the same becomes effective. The Board shall hear and pass on appeals from any ruling or decision of the Administrator, and at the request of the taxpayer or Administrator, is empowered to substitute alternate methods of allocation.

(c) Any taxpayer dissatisfied with any ruling or decision of the Administrator which was made under the authority conferred by Section 191.09(c) and/or Section 191.09(e) and who has filed the required returns or other documents pertaining to the contested issue may appeal there from to the Board of Review within thirty (30) calendar days from the issuance of such ruling or decision by the Administrator. The appeal must state the alleged errors in the Administrator's ruling or decision. The Board must schedule a hearing within forty-five (45) calendar days of receiving the appeal unless the taxpayer expressly waives the hearing and chooses instead to let the Board render its decision on the writings submitted by the Administrator and the taxpayer. If the taxpayer does not waive the hearing, the taxpayer is entitled to appear before the Board and bring with him or her representation of his or her choosing. The Board must issue a written decision within ninety (90) days after the final hearing and send a notice of its decision by ordinary mail to the taxpayer within 15 days after issuing the decision. If the Board fails to comply with the provisions of this section, the taxpayer's appeal will default in favor of the taxpayer. Hearing held in accordance with this Section is not a meeting of a public body subject to ORC 121.22.

(d) Any person dissatisfied with any ruling or decision of the Board of Review may appeal there from to a court of competent jurisdiction as provided by law within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the Board's ruling.  
(Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

#### 191.15 USE OF FUNDS.

Funds shall be allocated to the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund as may be determined by Council.  
(Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

#### 191.16 CREDIT FOR TAX PAID TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY.

(a) Credits and Limitations Thereof. Every individual taxpayer who resides in the City of New Philadelphia who received net profits, salaries, wages, commissions, or other personal service compensation for work done or services performed or rendered outside of the City of New Philadelphia, if it be made to appear that he has paid a municipal income tax on the same income taxable under this chapter to another municipality, shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter of the amount so paid by him or in his behalf to such other municipality. The credit shall not exceed one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) on such income earned in such other municipality or municipalities where such tax is paid.  
(Ord. 3-2005. Passed 5-9-05.)

(b) The credits provided for shall not be allowed unless the same are claimed in a timely return or form acceptable to, and filed with the Administrator. In the event a taxpayer fails, neglects or refuses to file such timely return or form, he shall not be entitled to such credit and shall be liable for the full amount of tax assessed by this ordinance, together with such interest and penalties, both civil and criminal, as are prescribed in this chapter.

(c) No credit shall be given for any tax paid to a school district or a county.  
(Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

**191.17 SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this chapter, or any tax against any individual of any of the several groups specified herein, is found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall affect only such clause, sentence, section or part of this chapter and shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this chapter. It is hereby declared to be the intention of Council that this chapter would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.  
(Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

**191.18 COLLECTION OF TAX AFTER TERMINATION OF CHAPTER.**

(a) This chapter shall continue effective insofar as the levy of taxes is concerned for an indefinite period, provided however, that annual returns for the year ending December 31, 2004, shall be filed on or before April 15, 2005. This ordinance and all prior ordinances shall continue to be effective until all taxes, penalties and interest due under the said ordinances are fully paid and all tax returns due are filed, and any and all civil litigation and criminal prosecutions for the collection of said taxes have been fully consummated.

(b) Annual returns due for all or any part of the last effective year of this chapter shall be due on the date provided in Section 191.06 and Section 191.07 of this chapter as though the same were continuing.  
(Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

**191.19 DETERMINATION OF INCOME SUBJECT TO TAX.**

(a) In the taxation of income that is subject to municipal income taxes, if the books and records of a taxpayer conducting a business or profession both within and without the boundaries of a municipal corporation disclose with reasonable accuracy what portion of its net profit is attributable to that part of the business or profession conducted within the boundaries of the municipal corporation, then only such portion shall be considered as having a taxable situs in such municipal corporation for purposes of municipal income taxation. In the absence of such records, net profit from a business or profession conducted both within and without the boundaries of a municipal corporation shall be considered as having a taxable situs in such municipal corporation for purposes of municipal income taxation in the same proportion as the average ratio of:

- (1) The average net book value of the real and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession in such municipal corporation during the taxable period to the average net book value of all of the real and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession during the same period, wherever situated. As used in the preceding paragraph, real property shall include property rented or leased by the taxpayer and the value of such property shall be determined by multiplying the annual rental thereon by eight;
- (2) Wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the taxable period to persons employed in the business or profession for services performed in such municipal corporation to wages, salaries, and to other compensation paid during the same period to persons employed in the business or profession, wherever their services are performed excluding compensation described in Division (f)(8) of Section 718.01 of the Revised Code.

- (3) Gross receipts of the business or profession from sales made and services performed during the taxable period in such municipal corporation to gross receipts of the business or profession during the same period from sales and services, whoever made or performed. If the foregoing allocation formula does not produce an equitable result, another basis may be substituted, under uniform regulations so as to produce an equitable result.
- (b) As used in subsection (a) hereof, "sales made in a municipal corporation" mean:
  - (1) All sales of tangible personal property delivered within such municipal corporation regardless of where title passes if shipped or delivered from a stock of goods within such municipal corporation.
  - (2) All sales of tangible personal property delivered within such municipal corporation regardless of where title passes even though transported from a point outside such municipal corporation if the taxpayer is regularly engaged through its own employees in the solicitation or promotion of sales within such municipal corporation and the sales result from such solicitation or promotion;
  - (3) All sales of tangible personal property shipped from a place within such municipal corporation to purchasers outside such municipal corporation regardless of where title passes if the taxpayer is not, through its own employees, regularly engaged in the solicitation or promotion of sales at the place where delivery is made.  
(Ord. 51-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)



CHAPTER 193  
Motor Vehicle Tax

193.01 Levy. 193.03 Use.  
193.02 Reduction.

CROSS REFERENCES

State provisions - see Ohio R.C. 4503.04 et seq.  
Income Tax - see ADM. Ch. 191

193.01 LEVY.

Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4504.172, an annual license tax, in addition to the taxes levied by the Ohio R.C. 4503.04, 4503.07, 4503.16 and 4503.18, in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) per vehicle shall be levied on all vehicles which are registered, as the term is defined by the Ohio R.C. 4503.10, within the City.  
(Ord. 53-87. Passed 9-28-87.)

193.02 REDUCTION.

This tax is subject to reduction in the manner provided by the Ohio R.C. 4503.11 and the exemptions provided by the Ohio R.C. 4503.16, 4503.17, 4503.171, 4503.41 and 4503.43.  
(Ord. 53-87. Passed 9-28-87.)

193.03 USE.

The monies collected from the annual license tax shall be used for the purpose articulated by the Ohio R.C. 4504.172.  
(Ord. 53-87. Passed 9-28-87.)





**CHAPTER 195**  
**Transient Occupancy Tax**

195.01	Purpose.	195.05	Vendor to collect tax.
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195.03	Imposition of tax.	195.07	Interest and penalties.
195.04	Transient guest to pay.		

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Income tax - see ADM. Ch. 191  
Motor vehicle tax - see ADM. Ch. 193

**195.01 PURPOSE.**

It is the intent of this chapter to levy the excise tax of 3% on transactions by which lodging by a hotel/motel is or is to be furnished to transient guests as referred to and authorized by Ohio R.C. 5739.08(A). Accordingly, this chapter shall be construed to effectuate those purposes and so as to be consistent with any requirement of law compliance with which is a prerequisite to the validity of the tax intended to be levied hereby.  
(Ord. 2-2013. Passed 7-22-13.)

**195.02 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purposes of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- (a) "Hotel" means every establishment kept, used, maintained, advertised or held out to the public to be a place where sleeping accommodations are offered for a consideration to guests, in which five or more rooms are used for the accommodation of guests, whether the rooms are in one or several structures, and including, but not limited to, hotels, motels, inns and bed & breakfast establishments.

- (b) "Occupancy" means the use or possession, or the right to the use or possession of any room or rooms, or space or portion thereof, in any hotel for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes. The use or possession or right to use or possess any room or any suite of connecting rooms as office space, banquet or private dining rooms, or exhibit, sample or display space shall not be considered occupancy within the meaning of this definition unless the person exercising the right uses or possesses, or has the right to use or possess, all or any portion of the room or suite of rooms for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes.
- (c) "Transient Guest" means a person occupying a room or rooms for sleeping accommodations for less than thirty consecutive days.
- (d) "Vendor" means The person who is the owner or operator of the hotel or transient accommodation and who furnishes the lodging.  
(Ord. 2-2013. Passed 7-22-13.)

#### 195.03 IMPOSITION OF TAX

(a) Subject to the provisions of this chapter, an excise tax of 3% is imposed on transactions by which lodging by a hotel/motel is or is to be furnished to transient guests as referred to and authorized by Ohio R.C. 5739.08(A).

(b) The tax applies and is collectible at the time the lodging is furnished regardless of the time when the price is paid. The tax does not apply to rooms used by federal government employees who are exempt from this lodging tax if the room is paid by direct billing to a department or agency of the federal government; if the room is occupied for 30 or more days by the same guest(s); and to rooms used only for meetings and not for occupancy.

(c) For the purpose of the proper administration of this chapter, and to prevent the evasion of the tax it is presumed that all lodging furnished by hotels or transient accommodations in the City of New Philadelphia to transient guests is subject to tax until the contrary is established.

(d) Without limiting the use of this bed or lodging tax funds, the revenues generated by this tax can and shall be used for any lawful service or capital expenditure authorized by the City of New Philadelphia and, without limiting the application of this provision, may also be used as follows:

- (1) Promotion of the City of New Philadelphia and local facilities, including but not limited to, local museums, historic sites, and the downtown of the City of New Philadelphia;
- (2) The borders of the city for beautification, signage or the provision of information concerning the available facilities and areas of interest in the City, tourist orientated business;
- (3) Beautification or improvement of public property, including, but not limited to, the construction and/or improvement of any park grounds, surrounding park areas, bike paths, hiking paths, or running/jogging paths;
- (4) To enhance the shoreline of the Tuscarawas River and any of its tributaries or parks or recreational facilities associated therewith;
- (5) Special events and any cultural arts, and community organization activities as approved by the administration of the City of New Philadelphia and the City Council; and/or
- (6) Any other lawful purpose as approved by the administration of the City of New Philadelphia and the City Council.  
(Ord. 2-2013. Passed 7-22-13.)

2013 Replacement

2024 Replacement

**195.04 TRANSIENT GUEST TO PAY.**

(a) The tax imposed by this chapter shall be paid by the transient guest to the vendor, and each vendor shall collect from the transient guest the full and exact amount of the tax payable on each taxable lodging.

(b) If the transaction is claimed to be exempt, the transient guest must furnish to the vendor, and the vendor must obtain from the transient guest, a statement specifying the reason that the sale is not legally subject to the tax. If no statement is obtained, it shall be presumed the tax applies.

(c) No transient guest shall refuse to pay the full and exact tax as required by this chapter, or present to the vendor false evidence indicating that the lodging as furnished is not subject to the tax.

(d) To the extent that guests supply and the vendor receives and retains a copy of a certificate that demonstrates that the guest is an employee of any state, federal government, or any political subdivision of any state and the guest is staying at the facility for purposes related to their state, federal or political subdivisions duties, no bed or lodging tax shall be paid by those guests, nor collected by owner or vendor. Unless otherwise excepted by a provision of this chapter or a subsequent amendment and to prevent the evasion of this tax, it is presumed that all lodging furnished by a hotel, motel, bed and breakfast or other facility that provides any transient accommodations is subject to this tax until the contrary is established by the entity claiming the exception by clear and convincing evidence.

(Ord. 2-2013. Passed 7-22-13.)

**195.05 VENDOR TO COLLECT TAX.**

(a) The vendor shall collect the full amount of this tax on all taxable lodging. No vendor shall fail to collect the full and exact tax as required by this chapter.

(b) The tax is owed and collectible at the time the lodging is furnished regardless of when the price is paid or negotiated.

(c) No vendor shall refund, remit or rebate to a transient guest, either directly or indirectly any of the tax levied pursuant to this chapter, or make in any form of advertising, verbal or otherwise, any statements which might imply that he is absorbing the tax, or paying the tax for the transient guest by adjustment of prices, or furnishing lodging at a price including the tax, or rebating the tax in any other manner.

(d) The tax shall be paid monthly and reported on forms as required by the tax office of the City of New Philadelphia.

(e) The vendor shall keep and retain all records required by law and shall file all returns and deposit with the tax office of the City of New Philadelphia all forms and monies as required by that department.

(f) Each vendor shall file a monthly return on forms prescribed by the Tax Administrator showing receipts from furnishing lodging, the amount of tax due from the vendor to the City of New Philadelphia for the period covered by the return, and such other information as the Tax Administrator deems necessary for the proper administration of this chapter. The monthly return is due on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the collections. The Tax Administrator may extend the time for making and filing returns. Returns shall be filed by mailing the same to the Tax Administrator, together with payment of the amount of tax shown to be due thereon. The Tax Administrator shall stamp or otherwise mark on all returns the date received by him or her and shall also show thereon by stamp or otherwise the amount of payment received with the return.

(g) Each vendor shall keep complete and accurate records of lodgings furnished, together with a record of the tax collected thereon, which shall be the amount due under this chapter, and shall keep all invoices and such other pertinent documents. If the vendor furnishes lodging not subject to the tax, the vendor's records shall show the identity of the transient guest, if the sale was exempted by reason of such identity, or the nature of the transaction if exempted for any other reason. Such records and other documents shall be open during business hours to the inspection of the Tax Administrator and shall be preserved for a period of four years, unless the Tax Administrator, in writing, consents to their destruction within that period, or by order requires that they be kept longer.  
(Ord. 20-2013. Passed 7-22-13.)

#### 195.06 ADMINISTRATION OF TAX.

(a) The collection of this tax shall be assigned to the Tax Administrator. In the event that the New Philadelphia City Council, on behalf of the City, enters into an agreement with any other entity or municipal corporation to act as agent for the City for the purpose of administering the income tax laws of the City and or providing a central facility for the collection of the income tax, as provided in Chapter 191 of the New Philadelphia Codified Ordinances, then all or part of the duties and authority of the Tax Administrator and City Auditor may be assigned by such agreement to such other entity or municipal corporation.

(b) The Tax Administrator may, and is hereby authorized, subject to approval of Council, to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of New Philadelphia with any other municipality corporation for the purpose of administering the income tax laws of the City, as its agent, and of providing central collection facilities for the collection of the income tax on behalf of the City. (Ord. 20-2013. Passed 7-22-13.)

#### 195.07 INTERESTS AND PENALTIES.

(a) The owner of the facility, the vendor and aU principals, shareholders, partners or others with ownership interest in the hotel, motel, bed and breakfast, or other facility covered by this ordinance are all jointly and severally liable for this tax and the duty to file returns with the City of New Philadelphia.

(b) If the owner or vendor shall fail to file the monthly tax documents as required or fail to pay the tax monthly, a security deposit equal to the minimum of \$2,500.00 per month or an amount equal (for each month where either a return is not filed or the tax is not paid) equal to the average monthly tax paid by the institution in the prior 12 month whichever is greater, shall be paid by the owner or vendor. Owners, shareholders, principals, partners, and all executives with fiduciary responsibilities shall be jointly and severally liable for the tax owed and the filing of returns under this chapter. Interest at the rate of 18% per annum shall be assessed on all past due obligations. The return and tax shall be paid by the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which the tax is collected.

(c) In addition to any other requirements imposed by this chapter, a failure to pay the monthly tax or to file the required returns shall constitute a minor misdemeanor on the first offense and a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on all subsequent offenses.  
(Ord. 2-2013. Passed 7-22-13.)



CHAPTER 197  
Income Tax Effective January 1, 2016

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#### CROSS REFERENCES

Power to levy income tax - see Ohio Const. Art. XVIII, Sec. 3  
 Payroll deductions - see Ohio R.C. 9.42  
 Municipal income taxes - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 718  
 Income tax personnel - see ADM. 133.02

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#### 197.01 AUTHORITY TO LEVY TAX; PURPOSES OF TAX; RATE.

To provide funds for municipal purposes, there shall be and is hereby levied a tax at one and one-half percent (1.5%) on qualifying wages, commissions and other compensation, and on other net profits and taxable income as specifically authorized and as stated in Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code and specifically sections ORC 718.01, 718.011, and 718.012 as hereinafter provided. The primary location where an employee is domiciled for tax purposes is New Philadelphia where the individual for all or part of a taxable year was domiciled in the municipal corporation on the last day of the immediately preceding taxable year or if the tax administrator reasonably concludes that the individual is domiciled in the municipal corporation for all or part of the taxable year. The determination of the tax administrator on the question of the domicile of an individual or employee, if not contrary to a specific dictate of ORC section 718.012, is presumptively valid and enforceable, and cannot be overturned, except pursuant to the abuse of discretion standard of Ohio law. The employee shall be considered domiciled in New Philadelphia for tax imposition purposes where the employee works out of a yard or facility that the employer maintains in New Philadelphia. Such yard or facility is the primary location where the individual is employed.  
 (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.011 AUTHORITY TO LEVY TAX.

(A) The tax on income and the withholding tax established by this Chapter 197 are authorized by Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution. The tax on income and the withholding tax established by this Chapter 197 are deemed to be levied in accordance with, and to be consistent with, the provisions and limitations of Ohio Revised Code 718 (ORC 718). This Chapter is deemed to incorporate the provisions of ORC 718.



(B) The tax is an annual tax levied on the income of every person residing in or earning or receiving income in the municipal corporation, and shall be measured by municipal taxable income. The Municipality shall tax income at a uniform rate. The tax is levied on Municipal Taxable Income, as defined herein. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.012 PURPOSES OF TAX; RATE.

(A) The tax imposed by this chapter and pursuant to Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code and Article XIII, Section 6 and Article XVIII, Section 13 of the Ohio Constitution for the general municipal operations, maintenance, new equipment, service and facilities, capital improvements, and any other lawful purpose under Ohio law.

(B) The tax imposed shall be the tax rate authorized by New Philadelphia citizens and New Philadelphia City Council as authorized by law and at a rate of one and one-half (1.5%) of income as lawfully tax pursuant to ORC Chapter 718 and the Ohio Constitution Article XIII and Article XVIII. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.013 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

The funds collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited in the general fund of the City of New Philadelphia, and such funds shall be disbursed in the order determined by specific authorizations provided by New Philadelphia City Council, or in the following order:

(A) Such part thereof as is necessary to defray the cost of collecting the tax and enforcing the provisions thereof.

(B) The balance of the net available income tax receipts shall be used to defray the operating expenses of the City. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.014 STATEMENT OF PROCEDURAL HISTORY; STATE MANDATED CHANGES TO MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX.

(A) Significant and wide-ranging amendments to ORC 718 were enacted by Am Sub HB 5, passed by the 130th General Assembly, and signed by Governor Kasich on December 19, 2014, and H.B. 5 required municipal corporations to conform to and adopt the provisions of ORC 718 in order to have the authority to impose, enforce, administer and collect a municipal income tax.

(B) As mandated by H.B. 5, municipal income tax Ordinance 17-15, effective January 1, 2016, comprehensively amends Chapter 197 in accordance with the provisions of ORC 718 to allow the Municipality to continue the income tax and withholding tax administration and collection efforts on behalf of the Municipality. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.02 EFFECTIVE DATE.

(A) Ordinance No. 17-2015, effective January 1, 2016, and corresponding changes to ORC 718, apply to municipal taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. All provisions of this Chapter 197 apply to taxable years beginning 2016 and succeeding taxable years.

(B) Ordinance 17-2015 does not repeal the existing sections of Chapter 191 for any taxable year prior to 2016, but rather amends Chapter 191 effective January 1, 2016 through the addition of Chapter 197 that applies to municipal tax years on or after January 1, 2016. For municipal taxable years beginning before January 1, 2016, the Municipality shall continue to administer, audit, and enforce the income tax of the Municipality under ORC 718 and ordinances and resolutions of the Municipality as that Chapter 191 and those ordinances and resolutions existed before January 1, 2016. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

**197.03 DEFINITIONS.**

Any term used in this chapter that is not otherwise defined in this chapter has the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in laws of the United States relating to federal income taxation or in Title LVII of the Ohio Revised Code, unless a different meaning is clearly required. If a term used in this chapter that is not otherwise defined in this chapter is used in a comparable context in both the laws of the United States relating to federal income tax and in Title LVII of the Ohio Revised Code and the use is not consistent, then the use of the term in the laws of the United States relating to federal income tax shall control over the use of the term in Title LVII of the Ohio Revised Code.

For purposes of this Section, the singular shall include the plural, and the masculine shall include the feminine and the gender-neutral.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "ADJUSTED FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME," for a person required to file as a C corporation, or for a person that has elected to be taxed as a C corporation under division 23(D) of this section, means a C corporation's federal taxable income before net operating losses and special deductions as determined under the Internal Revenue Code, adjusted as follows:
  - (A) Deduct intangible income to the extent included in federal taxable income. The deduction shall be allowed regardless of whether the intangible income relates to assets used in a trade or business or assets held for the production of income.
  - (B) Add an amount equal to five per cent of intangible income deducted under division (1)(A) of this section, but excluding that portion of intangible income directly related to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of property described in section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code;
  - (C) Add any losses allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income if the losses directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;
  - (D)
    - (i) Except as provided in division (1)(D)(ii) of this section, deduct income and gain included in federal taxable income to the extent the income and gain directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;
    - (ii) Division (1)(D)(i) of this section does not apply to the extent the income or gain is income or gain described in section 1245 or 1250 of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - (E) Add taxes on or measured by net income allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income;
  - (F) In the case of a real estate investment trust or regulated investment company, add all amounts with respect to dividends to, distributions to, or amounts set aside for or credited to the benefit of investors and allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income;
  - (G) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal taxable income, any income derived from a transfer agreement or from the enterprise transferred under that agreement under section 4313.02 of the Ohio Revised Code;

- (H) (i) Except as limited by divisions (1)(H)(ii), (iii) and (iv) of this section, deduct any net operating loss incurred by the person in a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2017. The amount of such net operating loss shall be deducted from net profit that is reduced by exempt income to the extent necessary to reduce municipal taxable income to zero, with any remaining unused portion of the net operating loss carried forward to not more than five consecutive taxable years following the taxable year in which the loss was incurred, but in no case for more years than necessary for the deduction to be fully utilized.
- (ii) No person shall use the deduction allowed by division (1)(H) of this section to offset qualifying wages.
- (iii) (a) For taxable years beginning in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022, a person may not deduct, for purposes of an income tax levied by a municipal corporation that levies an income tax before January 1, 2016, more than fifty per cent of the amount of the deduction otherwise allowed by division (1)(H)(i) of this section.
- (b) For taxable years beginning in 2023 or thereafter, a person may deduct, for purposes of an income tax levied by a municipal corporation that levies an income tax before January 1, 2016, the full amount allowed by division (1)(H)(i) of this section.
- (iv) Any pre-2017 net operating loss carry forward deduction that is available must be utilized before a taxpayer may deduct any amount pursuant to division (1)(H) of this section.
- (v) Nothing in division (1)(H)(iii)(a) of this section precludes a person from carrying forward, for use with respect to any return filed for a taxable year beginning after 2018, any amount of net operating loss that was not fully utilized by operation of division (1)(H)(iii)(a) of this section. To the extent that an amount of net operating loss that was not fully utilized in one or more taxable years by operation of division (1)(H)(iii)(a) of this section is carried forward for use with respect to a return filed for a taxable year beginning in 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022, the limitation described in division (1)(H)(iii)(a) of this section shall apply to the amount carried forward.
- (I) Deduct any net profit of a pass-through entity owned directly or indirectly by the taxpayer and included in the taxpayer's federal taxable income unless an affiliated group of corporations includes that net profit in the group's federal taxable income in accordance with division (E)(3)(b) of Section 197.063 of this Chapter.
- (J) Add any loss incurred by a pass-through entity owned directly or indirectly by the taxpayer and included in the taxpayer's federal taxable income unless an affiliated group of corporations includes that loss in the group's federal taxable income in accordance with division (E)(3)(b) of Section 197.063 of this Chapter.

If the taxpayer is not a C corporation, is not a disregarded entity that has made the election described in division (47)(B) of this section, is not a publicly traded partnership that has made the election described in division (23)(D) of this section, and is not an individual, the taxpayer shall compute adjusted federal taxable income under this section as if the taxpayer were a C corporation, except guaranteed payments and other similar amounts paid or accrued to a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member shall not be allowed as a deductible expense unless such payments are in consideration for the use of capital and treated as payment of interest under section 469 of the Internal Revenue Code or United States treasury regulations. Amounts paid or accrued to a qualified self-employed retirement plan with respect to a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member of the taxpayer, amounts paid or accrued to or for health insurance for a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member, and amounts paid or accrued to or for life insurance for a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member shall not be allowed as a deduction.

Nothing in division (1) of this section shall be construed as allowing the taxpayer to add or deduct any amount more than once or shall be construed as allowing any taxpayer to deduct any amount paid to or accrued for purposes of federal self-employment tax.

- (2) (A) "ASSESSMENT" means any of the following:
- (i) A written finding by the Tax Administrator that a person has underpaid municipal income tax, or owes penalty and interest, or any combination of tax, penalty, or interest, to the municipal corporation;
  - (ii) A full or partial denial of a refund request issued under Section 197.096 (B)(2) of this Chapter;
  - (iii) A Tax Administrator's denial of a taxpayer's request for use of an alternative apportionment method, issued under Section 197.062(B)(2) of this Chapter; or
  - (iv) A Tax Administrator's requirement for a taxpayer to use an alternative apportionment method, issued under Section 197.062(B)(3) of this Chapter.
  - (v) For purposes of division (2)(A)(i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this Section, an assessment shall commence the person's time limitation for making an appeal to the Local Board of Tax Review pursuant to Section 197.18 of this Chapter, and shall have "ASSESSMENT" written in all capital letters at the top of such finding.
- (B) "ASSESSMENT" does not include notice(s) denying a request for refund issued under Section 197.096 (B)(3) of this Chapter, a billing statement notifying a taxpayer of current or past-due balances owed to the municipal corporation, a Tax Administrator's request for additional information, a notification to the taxpayer of mathematical errors, or a Tax Administrator's other written correspondence to a person or taxpayer that does not meet the criteria prescribed by division (2)(A) of this section.

- (3) "AUDIT" means the examination of a person or the inspection of the books, records, memoranda, or accounts of a person, ordered to appear before the Tax Administrator, for the purpose of determining liability for a municipal income tax
- (4) "BOARD OF REVIEW" has same meaning as "Local Board of Tax Review".
- (5) "CALENDAR QUARTER" means the three-month period ending on the last day of March, June, September, or December.
- (6) "CASINO OPERATOR" and "CASINO FACILITY" have the same meanings as in section 3772.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (7) "CERTIFIED MAIL," "EXPRESS MAIL," "UNITED STATES MAIL," "POSTAL SERVICE," and similar terms include any delivery service authorized pursuant to section 5703.056 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (8) "COMPENSATION" means any form of remuneration paid to an employee for personal services.
- (9) "DISREGARDED ENTITY" means a single member limited liability company, a qualifying subchapter S subsidiary, or another entity if the company, subsidiary, or entity is a disregarded entity for federal income tax purposes.
- (10) "DOMICILE" means the true, fixed and permanent home of the taxpayer to which, whenever absent, the taxpayer intends to return.
- (11) "EXEMPT INCOME" means all of the following:
- (A) The military pay or allowances of members of the armed forces of the United States or members of their reserve components, including the national guard of any state;
- (B) (i) Except as provided in division (11)(B)(ii) of this section, intangible income;
- (ii) A municipal corporation that taxed any type of intangible income on March 29, 1988, pursuant to Section 3 of S.B. 238 of the 116th general assembly, may continue to tax that type of income if a majority of the electors of the municipal corporation voting on the question of whether to permit the taxation of that type of intangible income after 1988 voted in favor thereof at an election held on November 8, 1988.
- (C) Social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits, unemployment compensation, pensions, retirement benefit payments, payments from annuities, and similar payments made to an employee or to the beneficiary of an employee under a retirement program or plan, disability payments received from private industry or local, state, or federal governments or from charitable, religious or educational organizations, and the proceeds of sickness, accident, or liability insurance policies. As used in division (11)(C) of this section, "unemployment compensation" does not include supplemental unemployment compensation described in section 3402(o)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (D) The income of religious, fraternal, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational institutions to the extent such income is derived from tax-exempt real estate, tax-exempt tangible or intangible property, or tax-exempt activities.

- (E) Compensation paid under section 3501.28 or 3501.36 of the Ohio Revised Code to a person serving as a precinct election official to the extent that such compensation does not exceed one thousand dollars for the taxable year. Such compensation in excess of one thousand dollars for the taxable year may be subject to taxation by a municipal corporation. A municipal corporation shall not require the payer of such compensation to withhold any tax from that compensation.
- (F) Dues, contributions, and similar payments received by charitable, religious, educational, or literary organizations or labor unions, lodges, and similar organizations;
- (G) Alimony and child support received;
- (H) Awards for personal injuries or for damages to property from insurance proceeds or otherwise, excluding compensation paid for lost salaries or wages or awards for punitive damages;
- (I) Income of a public utility when that public utility is subject to the tax levied under section 5727.24 or 5727.30 of the Ohio Revised Code. Division (11)(I) of this section does not apply for purposes of Chapter 5745. of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (J) Gains from involuntary conversions, interest on federal obligations, items of income subject to a tax levied by the state and that a municipal corporation is specifically prohibited by law from taxing, and income of a decedent's estate during the period of administration except such income from the operation of a trade or business;
- (K) Compensation or allowances excluded from federal gross income under section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (L) Employee compensation that is not qualifying wages as defined in division (34) of this section;
- (M) Compensation paid to a person employed within the boundaries of a United States air force base under the jurisdiction of the United States air force that is used for the housing of members of the United States air force and is a center for air force operations, unless the person is subject to taxation because of residence or domicile. If the compensation is subject to taxation because of residence or domicile, tax on such income shall be payable only to the municipal corporation of residence or domicile.
- (N) An S corporation shareholder's distributive share of net profits of the S corporation, other than any part of the distributive share of net profits that represents wages as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or net earnings from self-employment as defined in section 1402(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (O) Income of individuals under age 18 is exempt from municipal taxation.
- (P)
  - (i) Except as provided in divisions (11)(P)(ii), (iii), and (iv) of this section, qualifying wages described in division (B)(1) or (E) of Section 197.052 of this Chapter to the extent the qualifying wages are not subject to withholding for the Municipality under either of those divisions.
  - (ii) The exemption provided in division (11)(P)(i) of this section does not apply with respect to the municipal corporation in which the employee resided at the time the employee earned the qualifying wages.

- (iii) The exemption provided in division (11)(P)(i) of this section does not apply to qualifying wages that an employer elects to withhold under division (D)(2) of Section 197.052 of this Chapter
- (iv) The exemption provided in division (11)(P)(i) of this section does not apply to qualifying wages if both of the following conditions apply:
  - (a) For qualifying wages described in division (B)(1) of Section 197.052 of this Chapter, the employee's employer withholds and remits tax on the qualifying wages to the municipal corporation in which the employee's principal place of work is situated, or, for qualifying wages described in division (E) of Section 197.052 of this Chapter, the employee's employer withholds and remits tax on the qualifying wages to the municipal corporation in which the employer's fixed location is located;
  - (b) The employee receives a refund of the tax described in division (11)(P)(iv)(a) of this section on the basis of the employee not performing services in that municipal corporation.
- (Q)
  - (i) Except as provided in division (11)(Q)(ii) or (iii) of this section, compensation that is not qualifying wages paid to a nonresident individual for personal services performed in the Municipality on not more than twenty days in a taxable year.
  - (ii) The exemption provided in division (11)(Q)(i) of this section does not apply under either of the following circumstances:
    - (a) The individual's base of operation is located in the Municipality.
    - (b) The individual is a professional athlete, professional entertainer, or public figure, and the compensation is paid for the performance of services in the individual's capacity as a professional athlete, professional entertainer, or public figure. For purposes of division (11)(Q)(ii)(b) of this section, "professional athlete," "professional entertainer," and "public figure" have the same meanings as in Section 197.052 of this Chapter.
  - (iii) Compensation to which division (11)(Q) of this section applies shall be treated as earned or received at the individual's base of operation. If the individual does not have a base of operation, the compensation shall be treated as earned or received where the individual is domiciled.
  - (iv) For purposes of division (11)(Q) of this section, "base of operation" means the location where an individual owns or rents an office, storefront, or similar facility to which the individual regularly reports and at which the individual regularly performs personal services for compensation.

- (R) Compensation paid to a person for personal services performed for a political subdivision on property owned by the political subdivision, regardless of whether the compensation is received by an employee of the subdivision or another person performing services for the subdivision under a contract with the subdivision, if the property on which services are performed is annexed to a municipal corporation pursuant to section 709.023 of the Ohio Revised Code on or after March 27, 2013, unless the person is subject to such taxation because of residence. If the compensation is subject to taxation because of residence, municipal income tax shall be payable only to the municipal corporation of residence.
- (S) Income the taxation of which is prohibited by the constitution or laws of the United States.  
Any item of income that is exempt income of a pass-through entity under division (11) of this section is exempt income of each owner of the pass-through entity to the extent of that owner's distributive or proportionate share of that item of the entity's income.
- (12) "FORM 2106" means internal revenue service form 2106 filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.
- (13) "GENERIC FORM" means an electronic or paper form that is not prescribed by a particular municipal corporation and that is designed for reporting taxes withheld by an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer, estimated municipal income taxes, or annual municipal income tax liability, including a request for refund.
- (14) "INCOME" means the following:
- (A) (i) For residents, all income, salaries, qualifying wages, commissions, and other compensation from whatever source earned or received by the resident, including the resident's distributive share of the net profit of pass-through entities owned directly or indirectly by the resident and any net profit of the resident, except as provided in division (23)(D) of this section.
- (ii) For the purposes of division (14)(A)(i) of this section:
- (a) Any net operating loss of the resident incurred in the taxable year and the resident's distributive share of any net operating loss generated in the same taxable year and attributable to the resident's ownership interest in a pass-through entity shall be allowed as a deduction, for that taxable year and the following five taxable years, against any other net profit of the resident or the resident's distributive share of any net profit attributable to the resident's ownership interest in a pass-through entity until fully utilized, subject to division (14)(A)(iv) of this section;
- (b) The resident's distributive share of the net profit of each pass-through entity owned directly or indirectly by the resident shall be calculated without regard to any net operating loss that is carried forward by that entity from a prior taxable year and applied to reduce the entity's net profit for the current taxable year.



- (iii) Division (14)(A)(ii) of this section does not apply with respect to any net profit or net operating loss attributable to an ownership interest in an S corporation unless shareholders' distributive shares of net profits from S corporations are subject to tax in the municipal corporation as provided in division 11(N) or division 14(E) of this Section.
- (iv) Any amount of a net operating loss used to reduce a taxpayer's net profit for a taxable year shall reduce the amount of net operating loss that may be carried forward to any subsequent year for use by that taxpayer. In no event shall the cumulative deductions for all taxable years with respect to a taxpayer's net operating loss exceed the original amount of that net operating loss available to that taxpayer.
- (B) In the case of nonresidents, all income, salaries, qualifying wages, commissions, and other compensation from whatever source earned or received by the nonresident for work done, services performed or rendered, or activities conducted in the Municipality, including any net profit of the nonresident, but excluding the nonresident's distributive share of the net profit or loss of only pass-through entities owned directly or indirectly by the nonresident.
- (C) For taxpayers that are not individuals, net profit of the taxpayer;
- (D) Lottery, sweepstakes, gambling and sports winnings, winnings from games of chance, and prizes and awards. If the taxpayer is a professional gambler for federal income tax purposes, the taxpayer may deduct related wagering losses and expenses to the extent authorized under the Internal Revenue Code and claimed against such winnings. Credit for tax withheld or paid to another municipal corporation on such winnings paid to the municipal corporation where winnings occur is limited to the credit as specified in Section 197.081 of this Chapter.
- (15) "INTANGIBLE INCOME" means income of any of the following types: income yield, interest, capital gains, dividends, or other income arising from the ownership, sale, exchange, or other disposition of intangible property including, but not limited to, investments, deposits, money, or credits as those terms are defined in Chapter 5701. of the Ohio Revised Code, and patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade names, investments in real estate investment trusts, investments in regulated investment companies, and appreciation on deferred compensation. "Intangible income" does not include prizes, awards, or other income associated with any lottery winnings, gambling winnings, or other similar games of chance.
- (16) "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE" means the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Sta. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 1, as amended.
- (17) "LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY" means a limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705 of the Ohio Revised Code or under the laws of another state.
- (18) "LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW" and "BOARD OF TAX REVIEW" means the entity created under Section 197.18 of this Chapter..

- (19) "MUNICIPAL CORPORATION" means, in general terms, a status conferred upon a local government unit, by state law giving the unit certain autonomous operating authority such as the power of taxation, power of eminent domain, police power and regulatory power, and includes a joint economic development district or joint economic development zone that levies an income tax under section 715.691, 715.70, 715.71, or 715.74 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (20) (A) "MUNICIPAL TAXABLE INCOME" means the following:
- (i) For a person other than an individual, income reduced by exempt income to the extent otherwise included in income and then, as applicable, apportioned or sitused to the Municipality under Section 197.062 of this Chapter, and further reduced by any pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward available to the person for the Municipality.
  - (ii) (a) For an individual who is a resident of a Municipality other than a qualified municipal corporation, income reduced by exempt income to the extent otherwise included in income, then reduced as provided in division (20)(B) of this section, and further reduced by any pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward available to the individual for the Municipality.
  - (b) For an individual who is a resident of a qualified municipal corporation, Ohio adjusted gross income reduced by income exempted, and increased by deductions excluded, by the qualified municipal corporation from the qualified municipal corporation's tax on or before December 31, 2013. If a qualified municipal corporation, on or before December 31, 2013, exempts income earned by individuals who are not residents of the qualified municipal corporation and net profit of persons that are not wholly located within the qualified municipal corporation, such individual or person shall have no municipal taxable income for the purposes of the tax levied by the qualified municipal corporation and may be exempted by the qualified municipal corporation from the requirements of section 718.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.
  - (iii) For an individual who is a nonresident of the Municipality, income reduced by exempt income to the extent otherwise included in income and then, as applicable, apportioned or sitused to the Municipality under Section 197.062 of this Chapter, then reduced as provided in division (20)(B) of this section, and further reduced by any pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward available to the individual for the Municipality.
- (B) In computing the municipal taxable income of a taxpayer who is an individual, the taxpayer may subtract, as provided in division (20)(A)(ii)(a) or (iii) of this section, the amount of the individual's employee business expenses reported on the individual's form 2106 that the individual deducted for federal income tax purposes for the taxable

- year, subject to the limitation imposed by section 67 of the Internal Revenue Code. For the municipal corporation in which the taxpayer is a resident, the taxpayer may deduct all such expenses allowed for federal income tax purposes. For a municipal corporation in which the taxpayer is not a resident, the taxpayer may deduct such expenses only to the extent the expenses are related to the taxpayer's performance of personal services in that nonresident municipal corporation.
- (21) "MUNICIPALITY" means the city of New Philadelphia.
- (22) "NET OPERATING LOSS" means a loss incurred by a person in the operation of a trade or business. "Net operating loss" does not include unutilized losses resulting from basis limitations, at-risk limitations, or passive activity loss limitations.
- (23) (A) "NET PROFIT" for a person other than an individual means adjusted federal taxable income.
- (B) "NET PROFIT" for a person who is an individual means the individual's net profit required to be reported on schedule C, schedule E, or schedule F reduced by any net operating loss carried forward. For the purposes of this section, the net operating loss carried forward shall be calculated and deducted in the same manner as provided in division (1)(H) of this section.
- (C) For the purposes of this chapter, and notwithstanding division (23)(A) of this section, net profit of a disregarded entity shall not be taxable as against that disregarded entity, but shall instead be included in the net profit of the owner of the disregarded entity.
- (D) (i) For purposes of this chapter, "publicly traded partnership" means any partnership, an interest in which is regularly traded on an established securities market. A "publicly traded partnership" may have any number of partners.
- (ii) For the purposes of this chapter, and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the net profit of a publicly traded partnership that makes the election described in division (23)(D) of this section shall be taxed as if the partnership were a C corporation, and shall not be treated as the net profit or income of any owner of the partnership.
- (iii) A publicly traded partnership that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes and that is subject to tax on its net profits in one or more municipal corporations in this state may elect to be treated as a C corporation for municipal income tax purposes. The publicly traded partnership shall make the election in every municipal corporation in which the partnership is subject to taxation on its net profits. The election shall be made on the annual tax return filed in each such municipal corporation. Once the election is made, the election is binding for a five-year period beginning with the first taxable year of the initial election. The election continues to be binding for each subsequent five-year period unless the taxpayer elects to discontinue filing municipal income tax returns as a C corporation for municipal purposes under division (D)(iv) of this section.

- (iv) An election to discontinue filing as a C corporation must be made in the first year following the last year of a five-year election period in effect under division (D)(iii) of this section. The election to discontinue filing as a C corporation is binding for a five-year period beginning with the first taxable year of the election and continues to be binding for each subsequent five-year period unless the taxpayer elects to discontinue filing municipal income tax returns as a partnership for municipal purposes. An election to discontinue filing as a partnership must be made in the first year following the last year of a five-year election period.
  - (v) The publicly traded partnership shall not be required to file the election with any municipal corporation in which the partnership is not subject to taxation on its net profits, but division (D) of this section applies to all municipal corporations in which an individual owner of the partnership resides.
  - (vi) The individual owners of the partnership not filing as a C Corporation shall be required to file with their municipal corporation of residence, and report partnership distribution of net profit.
- (24) "NONRESIDENT" means an individual that is not a resident of the Municipality.
  - (25) "OHIO BUSINESS GATEWAY" means the online computer network system, created under section 125.30 of the Ohio Revised Code, that allows persons to electronically file business reply forms with state agencies and includes any successor electronic filing and payment system.
  - (26) "OTHER PAYER" means any person, other than an individual's employer or the employer's agent, that pays an individual any amount included in the federal gross income of the individual. "Other payer" includes casino operators and video lottery terminal sales agents.
  - (27) "PASS-THROUGH ENTITY" means a partnership not treated as an association taxable as a C corporation for federal income tax purposes, a limited liability company not treated as an association taxable as a C corporation for federal income tax purposes, an S corporation, or any other class of entity from which the income or profits of the entity are given pass-through treatment for federal income tax purposes. "Pass-through entity" does not include a trust, estate, grantor of a grantor trust, or disregarded entity.
  - (28) "PENSION" means any amount paid to an employee or former employee that is reported to the recipient on an IRS form 1099-R, or successor form. Pension does not include deferred compensation, or amounts attributable to nonqualified deferred compensation plans, reported as FICA/Medicare wages on an IRS form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, or successor form.
  - (29) "PERSON" includes individuals, firms, companies, joint stock companies, business trusts, estates, trusts, partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies, associations, C corporations, S corporations, governmental entities, and any other entity.
  - (30) "POSTAL SERVICE" means the United States postal service, or private delivery service delivering documents and packages within an agreed upon delivery schedule, or any other carrier service delivering the item.

- (31) "POSTMARK DATE," "DATE OF POSTMARK," and similar terms include the date recorded and marked by a delivery service and recorded electronically to a database kept in the regular course of its business and marked on the cover in which the payment or document is enclosed, the date on which the payment or document was given to the delivery service for delivery.
- (32) (A) "PRE-2017 NET OPERATING LOSS CARRYFORWARD" means any net operating loss incurred in a taxable year beginning before January 1, 2017, to the extent such loss was permitted, by a resolution or ordinance of the Municipality that was adopted by the Municipality before January 1, 2016, to be carried forward and utilized to offset income or net profit generated in such Municipality in future taxable years.
- (B) For the purpose of calculating municipal taxable income, any pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward may be carried forward to any taxable year, including taxable years beginning in 2017 or thereafter, for the number of taxable years provided in the resolution or ordinance or until fully utilized, whichever is earlier.
- (33) "QUALIFIED MUNICIPAL CORPORATION" means a municipal corporation that, by resolution or ordinance adopted on or before December 31, 2011, adopted Ohio adjusted gross income, as defined by section 5747.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, as the income subject to tax for the purposes of imposing a municipal income tax.
- (34) "QUALIFYING WAGES" means wages, as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to any wage limitations, adjusted as follows:
- (A) Deduct the following amounts:
- (i) Any amount included in wages if the amount constitutes compensation attributable to a plan or program described in section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - (ii) Any amount included in wages if the amount constitutes payment on account of a disability related to sickness or an accident paid by a party unrelated to the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer.
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  - (v) Any amount included in wages that is exempt income.
- (B) Add the following amounts:
- (i) Any amount not included in wages solely because the employee was employed by the employer before April 1, 1986.
  - (ii) Any amount not included in wages because the amount arises from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock option, the exercise of a stock option, or the sale, exchange, or other disposition of stock purchased under a stock option. Division (34)(B)(ii) of this section applies only to those amounts constituting ordinary income.
  - (iii) Any amount not included in wages if the amount is an amount described in section 401(k), 403(b), or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. Division (34)(B)(iii) of this section applies only to employee contributions and employee deferrals.

- (iv) Any amount that is supplemental unemployment compensation benefits described in section 3402(o)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and not included in wages.
  - (v) Any amount received that is treated as self-employment income for federal tax purposes in accordance with section 1402(a)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - (vi) Any amount not included in wages if all of the following apply:
    - (a) For the taxable year the amount is employee compensation that is earned outside of the United States and that either is included in the taxpayer's gross income for federal income tax purposes or would have been included in the taxpayer's gross income for such purposes if the taxpayer did not elect to exclude the income under section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code;
    - (b) For no preceding taxable year did the amount constitute wages as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;
    - (c) For no succeeding taxable year will the amount constitute wages; and
    - (d) For any taxable year the amount has not otherwise been added to wages pursuant to either division (34)(B) of this section or section 718.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, as that section existed before the effective date of H.B. 5 of the 130th general assembly, March 23, 2015.
- (35) "RELATED ENTITY" means any of the following:
- (A) An individual stockholder, or a member of the stockholder's family enumerated in section 318 of the Internal Revenue Code, if the stockholder and the members of the stockholder's family own directly, indirectly, beneficially, or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty per cent of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;
  - (B) A stockholder, or a stockholder's partnership, estate, trust, or corporation, if the stockholder and the stockholder's partnerships, estates, trusts, or corporations own directly, indirectly, beneficially, or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty per cent of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;
  - (C) A corporation, or a party related to the corporation in a manner that would require an attribution of stock from the corporation to the party or from the party to the corporation under division (35)(D) of this section, provided the taxpayer owns directly, indirectly, beneficially, or constructively, at least fifty per cent of the value of the corporation's outstanding stock;
  - (D) The attribution rules described in section 318 of the Internal Revenue Code apply for the purpose of determining whether the ownership requirements in divisions (35)(A) to (C) of this section have been met.

- (36) "RELATED MEMBER" means a person that, with respect to the taxpayer during all or any portion of the taxable year, is either a related entity, a component member as defined in section 1563(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a person to or from whom there is attribution of stock ownership in accordance with section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code except, for purposes of determining whether a person is a related member under this division, "twenty per cent" shall be substituted for "5 percent" wherever "5 percent" appears in section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (37) "RESIDENT" means an individual who is domiciled in the Municipality as determined under Section 197.042 of this Chapter.
- (38) "S CORPORATION" means a person that has made an election under subchapter S of Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code for its taxable year.
- (39) "SCHEDULE C" means internal revenue service schedule C (form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.
- (40) "SCHEDULE E" means internal revenue service schedule E (form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.
- (41) "SCHEDULE F" means internal revenue service schedule F (form 1040) filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.
- (42) "SINGLE MEMBER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY" means a limited liability company that has one direct member.
- (43) "SMALL EMPLOYER" means any employer that had total revenue of less than five hundred thousand dollars during the preceding taxable year. For purposes of this division, "total revenue" means receipts of any type or kind, including, but not limited to, sales receipts; payments; rents; profits; gains, dividends, and other investment income; commissions; premiums; money; property; grants; contributions; donations; gifts; program service revenue; patient service revenue; premiums; fees, including premium fees and service fees; tuition payments; unrelated business revenue; reimbursements; any type of payment from a governmental unit, including grants and other allocations; and any other similar receipts reported for federal income tax purposes or under generally accepted accounting principles. "Small employer" does not include the federal government; any state government, including any state agency or instrumentality; any political subdivision; or any entity treated as a government for financial accounting and reporting purposes.
- (44) "TAX ADMINISTRATOR" means the individual charged with direct responsibility for administration of an income tax levied by a municipal corporation in accordance with this chapter, and also includes the following:
- (A) A municipal corporation acting as the agent of another municipal corporation;
  - (B) A person retained by a municipal corporation to administer a tax levied by the municipal corporation, but only if the municipal corporation does not compensate the person in whole or in part on a contingency basis;
  - (C) The Central Collection Agency (CCA) or the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) or their successors in interest, or another entity organized to perform functions similar to those performed by the Central Collection Agency and the Regional Income Tax Agency.

- (45) "TAX RETURN PREPARER" means any individual described in section 7701(a)(36) of the Internal Revenue CODE AND 26 C.F.R. 301.7701-15 .
- (46) "TAXABLE YEAR" means the corresponding tax reporting period as prescribed for the taxpayer under the Internal Revenue Code.
- (47) (A) "TAXPAYER" means a person subject to a tax levied on income by a municipal corporation in accordance with this chapter. "Taxpayer" does not include a grantor trust or, except as provided in division (47)(B)(i) of this section, a disregarded entity.
- (B) (i) A single member limited liability company that is a disregarded entity for federal tax purposes may be a separate taxpayer from its single member in all Ohio municipal corporations in which it either filed as a separate taxpayer or did not file for its taxable year ending in 2003, if all of the following conditions are met:
- (a) The limited liability company's single member is also a limited liability company.
  - (b) The limited liability company and its single member were formed and doing business in one or more Ohio municipal corporations for at least five years before January 1, 2004.
  - (c) Not later than December 31, 2004, the limited liability company and its single member each made an election to be treated as a separate taxpayer under division (L) of section 718.01 of the Ohio Revised Code as this section existed on December 31, 2004.
  - (d) The limited liability company was not formed for the purpose of evading or reducing Ohio municipal corporation income tax liability of the limited liability company or its single member.
  - (e) The Ohio municipal corporation that was the primary place of business of the sole member of the limited liability company consented to the election.
- (ii) For purposes of division (47)(B)(i)(e) of this section, a municipal corporation was the primary place of business of a limited liability company if, for the limited liability company's taxable year ending in 2003, its income tax liability was greater in that municipal corporation than in any other municipal corporation in Ohio, and that tax liability to that municipal corporation for its taxable year ending in 2003 was at least four hundred thousand dollars.
- (C) Notwithstanding any other definition of taxpayer herein, a taxpayer as defined in this chapter 197, after the amendments required by HB 33, may elect to be subject to the taxpayer definitions in HB 33. Taxpayer has the same meaning as R.C. 718.01 , except that taxpayer does not include natural persons or entities subject to the tax imposed under R.C. chapter 5745. Taxpayer includes receivers, assignees, or trustees in bankruptcy when such persons are required to assume the role of taxpayer.
- (48) "TAXPAYERS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES" means the rights provided to taxpayers in sections 718.11 , 718.12 , 718.19, 718.23, 718.36, 718.37, 718.38, 5717.011 , and 5717.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and any corresponding ordinances of the Municipality, and the responsibilities of



taxpayers to file, report, withhold, remit, and pay municipal income tax and otherwise comply with Chapter 718. of the Ohio Revised Code and resolutions, ordinances, and rules adopted by a municipal corporation for the imposition and administration of a municipal income tax.

- (49) "VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL" has the same meaning as in section 3770.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (50) "VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL SALES AGENT" means a lottery sales agent licensed under Chapter 3770. of the Ohio Revised Code to conduct video lottery terminals on behalf of the state pursuant to section 3770.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.  
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#### 197.04 INCOME SUBJECT TO TAX FOR INDIVIDUALS.

##### 197.041 DETERMINING MUNICIPAL TAXABLE INCOME FOR INDIVIDUALS.

(A) "Municipal Taxable Income" for a resident of the Municipality is calculated as follows:

- (1) "Income" reduced by "Exempt Income" to the extent such exempt income is otherwise included in income, reduced by allowable employee business expense deduction as found in division (20)(B) of Section 197.03 of this Chapter, further reduced by any "Pre-2017 Net Operating Loss Carryforward" equals "Municipal Taxable Income".
  - (a) "Income" is defined in Section 197.03 (14) of this Chapter.
    - (i) "Qualifying Wages" is defined in Section 197.03(34).
    - (ii) "Net profit" is included in "income", and is defined in Section 197.03 (23) of this Chapter. This section also provides that the net operating loss carryforward shall be calculated and deducted in the same manner as provided in division (1)(H) of Section 197.03. Treatment of net profits received by an individual taxpayer from rental real estate is provided in Section 197.062(E).
    - (iii) Section 197.03(14) provides the following: offsetting and net operating loss carryforward treatment in (14)(A)(ii)(a); resident's distributive share of net profit from pass through entity treatment in (14)(A)(ii)(b); treatment of S Corporation distributive share of net profit in the hands of the shareholder in (14)(A)(iii); restriction of amount of loss permitted to be carried forward for use by taxpayer in a subsequent taxable year in (14)(A)(iv).
    - (iv) "Pass Through Entity" is defined in Section 197.03(27).
  - (b) "Exempt Income" is defined in Section 197.03 (11) of this Chapter.
  - (c) Allowable employee business expense deduction is described in (20)(B) of Section 197.03 of this Chapter, and is subject to the limitations provided in that section.
  - (d) "Pre-2017 Net Operating Loss Carryforward" is defined in Section 197.03 (32) of this Chapter

(B) "Municipal Taxable Income" for a nonresident of the Municipality is calculated as follows:

- (1) "Income" reduced by "Exempt Income" to the extent such exempt income is otherwise included in income, as applicable, apportioned or situs to the Municipality as provided in Section 197.062 of this Chapter, reduced by allowable employee business expense deduction as found in (20)(B) of Section 197.03 of this Chapter, further reduced by any "Pre-2017 Net Operating Loss Carryforward" equals "Municipal Taxable Income".
  - (a) "Income" is defined in Section 197.03(14) of this Chapter.
    - (i) "Qualifying Wages" is defined in Section 197.03(34).
    - (ii) "Net profit" is included in "income", and is defined in Section 197.03(23) of this Chapter. This section also provides that the net operating loss carryforward shall be calculated and deducted in the same manner as provided in division (1)(H) of Section 197.03. "Net profit" for a nonresident individual includes any net profit of the nonresident, but excludes the distributive share of net profit or loss of only pass through entity owned directly or indirectly by the nonresident.
    - (iii) "Pass Through Entity" is defined in Section 197.03(27).
  - (b) "Exempt Income" is defined in Section 197.03(11) of this Chapter.
  - (c) "Apportioned or situs to the Municipality as provided in Section 197.062 of this Chapter" includes the apportionment of net profit income attributable to work done or services performed in the Municipality. Treatment of net profits received by an individual taxpayer from rental real estate is provided in Section 197.062(E).
  - (d) "Allowable employee business expense deduction" as described in (20)(B) of Section 197.03 of this Chapter, is subject to the limitations provided in that section. For a nonresident of the Municipality, the deduction is limited to the extent the expenses are related to the performance of personal services by the nonresident in the Municipality.
  - (e) "Pre-2017 Net Operating Loss Carryforward" is defined in Section 197.03(32) of this Chapter.  
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#### 197.042 DOMICILE.

- (A) As used in this section or section 197.01:
  - (1) "Domicile" means the true, fixed and permanent home of the taxpayer to which whenever absent, the taxpayer intends to return.
  - (2) An individual is presumed to be domiciled in the Municipality for all or part of a taxable year if the individual was domiciled in the Municipality on the last day of the immediately preceding taxable year or if the tax administrator reasonably concludes that the individual is domiciled in the Municipality for all or part of the taxable year.
  - (3) An individual may rebut the presumption of domicile described in division (A)(1) of this section if the individual establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that the individual was not domiciled in the Municipality for all or part of the taxable year.

(B) For the purpose of determining whether an individual is domiciled in the Municipality for all or part of a taxable year, factors that may be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) The individual's domicile in other taxable years;
- (2) The location at which the individual is registered to vote;
- (3) The address on the individual's driver's license;
- (4) The location of real estate for which the individual claimed a property tax exemption or reduction allowed on the basis of the individual's residence or domicile;
- (5) The location and value of abodes owned or leased by the individual;
- (6) Declarations, written or oral, made by the individual regarding the individual's residency;
- (7) The primary location at which the individual is employed (see also section 197.01).
- (8) The location of educational institutions attended by the individual's dependents as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent that tuition paid to such educational institution is based on the residency of the individual or the individual's spouse in the municipal corporation or state where the educational institution is located;
- (9) The number of contact periods the individual has with the Municipality. For the purposes of this division, an individual has one "contact period" with the Municipality if the individual is away overnight from the individual's abode located outside of the Municipality and while away overnight from that abode spends at least some portion, however minimal, of each of two consecutive days in the Municipality. For purposes of this section, the State's contact period test or bright-line test and resulting determination have no bearing on municipal residency or domicile.

(C) All applicable factors are provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 718.012. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.043 EXEMPTION FOR MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CERTAIN JUDGES.

(A) Only the municipal corporation of residence shall be permitted to levy a tax on the income of any member or employee of the Ohio General Assembly, including the Lieutenant Governor, whose income is received as a result of services rendered as such member or employee and is paid from appropriated funds of this state.

(B) Only the municipal corporation of residence and the city of Columbus shall levy a tax on the income of the Chief Justice or a Justice of the Supreme Court received as a result of services rendered as the Chief Justice or Justice. Only the municipal corporation of residence shall levy a tax on the income of a judge sitting by assignment of the Chief Justice or on the income of a district court of appeals judge sitting in multiple locations within the district, received as a result of services rendered as a judge.

(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

## 197.05 COLLECTION AT SOURCE.

## 197.051 COLLECTION AT SOURCE; WITHHOLDING FROM QUALIFYING WAGES.

- (A) (1) Each employer, agent of an employer, or other payer located or doing business in the Municipality shall withhold from each employee an amount equal to the qualifying wages of the employee earned by the employee in the Municipality multiplied by the applicable rate of the Municipality's income tax, except for qualifying wages for which withholding is not required under section 197.052 of this Chapter or division (D) or (F) of this section. An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer shall deduct and withhold the tax from qualifying wages on the date that the employer, agent, or other payer directly, indirectly, or constructively pays the qualifying wages to, or credits the qualifying wages to the benefit of, the employee.
- (2) In addition to withholding the amounts required under division (A)(1) of this section, an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer may also deduct and withhold, on the request of an employee, taxes for the municipal corporation in which the employee is a resident.
- (B) (1) An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer shall remit to the Tax Administrator of the Municipality the greater of the income taxes deducted and withheld or the income taxes required to be deducted and withheld by the employer, agent, or other payer, along with any report required by the Tax Administrator to accompany such payment, according to the following schedule:
- (a) Any employer, agent of an employer, or other payer not required to make payments under division (B)(1)(b) of this section of taxes required to be deducted and withheld shall make quarterly payments to the Tax Administrator not later than the last day of the month following the end of each calendar quarter.
- (b) Taxes required to be deducted and withheld shall be remitted monthly to the Tax Administrator if the total taxes deducted and withheld or required to be deducted and withheld by the employer, agent, or other payer on behalf of the municipal corporation in the preceding calendar year exceeded two thousand three hundred ninety-nine dollars, or if the total amount of taxes deducted and withheld or required to be deducted and withheld on behalf of the Municipality in any month of the preceding calendar quarter exceeded two hundred dollars. Payment under division (B)(1)(b) of this section shall be made so that the payment is received by the Tax Administrator not later than fifteen days after the last day of each month.
- (C) An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer shall make and file a return showing the amount of tax withheld by the employer, agent, or other payer from the qualifying wages of each employee and remitted to the Tax Administrator. A return filed by an employer, agent, or other payer under this division shall be accepted by the Municipality as the return required of an employee whose sole income subject to the tax under this chapter is the qualifying wages reported by the employee's employer, agent of an employer, or other payer, unless the Municipality requires all resident individual taxpayers to file a tax return under section 197.091 of this Chapter.

(D) An employer, agent of an employer, or other payer is not required to withhold municipal income tax with respect to an individual's disqualifying disposition of an incentive stock option if, at the time of the disqualifying disposition, the individual is not an employee of either the corporation with respect to whose stock the option has been issued or of such corporation's successor entity.

- (E) (1) An employee is not relieved from liability for a tax by the failure of the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer to withhold the tax as required under this chapter or by the employer's, agent's, or other payer's exemption from the requirement to withhold the tax.
- (2) The failure of an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer to remit to the Municipality the tax withheld relieves the employee from liability for that tax unless the employee colluded with the employer, agent, or other payer in connection with the failure to remit the tax withheld.

(F) Compensation deferred before June 26, 2003, is not subject to any municipal corporation income tax or municipal income tax withholding requirement to the extent the deferred compensation does not constitute qualifying wages at the time the deferred compensation is paid or distributed.

(G) Each employer, agent of an employer, or other payer required to withhold taxes is liable for the payment of that amount required to be withheld, whether or not such taxes have been withheld, and such amount shall be deemed to be held in trust for the Municipality until such time as the withheld amount is remitted to the Tax Administrator.

(H) On or before the last day of February of each year, an employer shall file a Withholding Reconciliation Return with the Tax Administrator listing the names, addresses, and social security numbers of all employees from whose qualifying wages tax was withheld or should have been withheld for the Municipality during the preceding calendar year, the amount of tax withheld, if any, from each such employee's qualifying wage, the total amount of qualifying wages paid to such employee during the preceding calendar year, the name of every other municipal corporation for which tax was withheld or should have been withheld from such employee during the preceding calendar year, any other information required for federal income tax reporting purposes on Internal Revenue Service form W-2 or its equivalent form with respect to such employee, and other information as may be required by the Tax Administrator.

(I) The officer or the employee of the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer with control or direct supervision of or charged with the responsibility for withholding the tax or filing the reports and making payments as required by this section, shall be personally liable for a failure to file a report or pay the tax due as required by this section. The dissolution of an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer does not discharge the officer's or employee's liability for a failure of the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer to file returns or pay any tax due.

(J) An employer is required to deduct and withhold municipal income tax on tips and gratuities received by the employer's employees and constituting qualifying wages only to the extent that the tips and gratuities are under the employer's control. For the purposes of this division, a tip or gratuity is under the employer's control if the tip or gratuity is paid by the customer to the employer for subsequent remittance to the employee, or if the customer pays the tip or gratuity by credit card, debit card, or other electronic means.

(K) A Tax Administrator shall consider any tax withheld by an employer at the request of an employee when such tax is not otherwise required to be withheld by this Chapter to be tax required to be withheld and remitted for the purposes of this section. (Ord. 2-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

197.052 COLLECTION AT SOURCE; OCCASIONAL ENTRANT.

(A) The following terms as used in this section:

- (1) "Employer" includes a person that is a related member to or of an employer.
- (2) "Professional athlete" means an athlete who performs services in a professional athletic event for wages or other remuneration.
- (3) "Professional entertainer" means a person who performs services in the professional performing arts for wages or other remuneration on a per-event basis.
- (4) "Public figure" means a person of prominence who performs services at discrete events, such as speeches, public appearances, or similar events, for wages or other remuneration on a per-event basis.
- (5) "Fixed location" means a permanent place of doing business in this state, such as an office, warehouse, storefront, or similar location owned or controlled by an employer.
- (6) "Worksite location" means a construction site or other temporary worksite in this state at which the employer provides services for more than twenty days during the calendar year. "Worksite location" does not include the home of an employee.
- (7) "Principal place of work" means the fixed location to which an employee is required to report for employment duties on a regular and ordinary basis. If the employee is not required to report for employment duties on a regular and ordinary basis to a fixed location, "principal place of work" means the worksite location in this state to which the employee is required to report for employment duties on a regular and ordinary basis. If the employee is not required to report for employment duties on a regular and ordinary basis to a fixed location or worksite location, "principal place of work" means the location in this state at which the employee spends the greatest number of days in a calendar year performing services for or on behalf of the employee's employer. If there is not a single municipal corporation in which the employee spent the "greatest number of days in a calendar year" performing services for or on behalf of the employer, but instead there are two or more municipal corporations in which the employee spent an identical number of days that is greater than the number of days the employee

spent in any other municipal corporation, the employer shall allocate any of the employee's qualifying wages subject to division (B)(1)(a) of this section among those two or more municipal corporations. The allocation shall be made using any fair and reasonable method, including, but not limited to, an equal allocation among such municipal corporations or an allocation based upon the time spent or sales made by the employee in each such municipal corporation. A municipal corporation to which qualifying wages are allocated under this division shall be the employee's "principal place of work" with respect to those qualifying wages for the purposes of this section.

For the purposes of this division, the location at which an employee spends a particular day shall be deemed in accordance with division (B)(2) of this section, except that "location" shall be substituted for "municipal corporation" wherever "municipal corporation" appears in that division.

- (B) (1) Subject to divisions (C), (E), (F), and (G) of this section, an employer is not required to withhold municipal income tax on qualifying wages paid to an employee for the performance of personal services in a municipal corporation that imposes such a tax if the employee performed such services in the municipal corporation on twenty or fewer days in a calendar year, unless one of the following conditions applies:
- (a) The employee's principal place of work is located in the Municipality.
  - (b) The employee performed services at one or more presumed worksite locations in the Municipality. For the purposes of this division, "presumed worksite location" means a construction site or other temporary worksite in this state at which the employer provides services that can reasonably be expected by the employer to last more than twenty days in a calendar year. Services can "reasonably be expected by the employer to last more than twenty days" if either of the following applies at the time the services commence:
    - (i) The nature of the services are such that it will require more than twenty days of actual services to complete the services;
    - (ii) The agreement between the employer and its customer to perform services at a location requires the employer to perform actual services at the location for more than twenty days.
  - (c) The employee is a resident of the Municipality and has requested that the employer withhold tax from the employee's qualifying wages as provided in Section 197.051 of this Chapter.
  - (d) The employee is a professional athlete, professional entertainer, or public figure, and the qualifying wages are paid for the performance of services in the employee's capacity as a professional athlete, professional entertainer, or public figure within the Municipality.

- (2) For the purposes of division (B)(1) of this section, an employee shall be considered to have spent a day performing services in a municipal corporation only if the employee spent more time performing services for or on behalf of the employer in that municipal corporation than in any other municipal corporation on that day. For the purposes of determining the amount of time an employee spent in a particular location, the time spent performing one or more of the following activities shall be considered to have been spent at the employee's principal place of work:
- (a) Traveling to the location at which the employee will first perform services for the employer for the day;
  - (b) Traveling from a location at which the employee was performing services for the employer to any other location;
  - (c) Traveling from any location to another location in order to pick up or load, for the purpose of transportation or delivery, property that has been purchased, sold, assembled, fabricated, repaired, refurbished, processed, remanufactured, or improved by the employee's employer;
  - (d) Transporting or delivering property described in division (B)(2)(c) of this section, provided that, upon delivery of the property, the employee does not temporarily or permanently affix the property to real estate owned, used, or controlled by a person other than the employee's employer;
  - (e) Traveling from the location at which the employee makes the employee's final delivery or pick-up for the day to either the employee's principal place of work or a location at which the employee will not perform services for the employer.

(C) If the principal place of work of an employee is located in a municipal corporation that imposes an income tax in accordance with this chapter, the exception from withholding requirements described in division (B)(1) of this section shall apply only if, with respect to the employee's qualifying wages described in that division, the employer withholds and remits tax on such qualifying wages to the municipal corporation in which the employee's principal place of work is located.

- (D) (1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, if, during a calendar year, the number of days an employee spends performing personal services in a municipal corporation exceeds the twenty-day threshold described in division (B)(1) of this section, the employer shall withhold and remit tax to that municipal corporation for any subsequent days in that calendar year on which the employer pays qualifying wages to the employee for personal services performed in that municipal corporation.
- (2) An employer required to begin withholding tax for a municipal corporation under division (D)(1) of this section may elect to withhold tax for that municipal corporation for the first twenty days on which the employer paid qualifying wages to the employee for personal services performed in that municipal corporation.



- (3) If an employer makes the election described in division (D)(2) of this section, the taxes withheld and paid by such an employer during those first twenty days to the municipal corporation in which the employee's principal place of work is located are refundable to the employee.

(E) Without regard to the number of days in a calendar year on which an employee performs personal services in any municipal corporation, an employer shall withhold municipal income tax on all of the employee's qualifying wages for a taxable year and remit that tax only to the municipal corporation in which the employer's fixed location is located if the employer qualifies as a small employer as defined in Section 197.03 of this Chapter. To determine whether an employer qualifies as a small employer for a taxable year, a Tax Administrator may require the employer to provide the Tax Administrator with the employer's federal income tax return for the preceding taxable year.

(F) Divisions (B)(1) and (D) of this section shall not apply to the extent that a Tax Administrator and an employer enter into an agreement regarding the manner in which the employer shall comply with the requirements of Section 197.051 of this Chapter. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.053 COLLECTION AT SOURCE; CASINO AND VLT.

(A) The Municipality shall require a casino facility or a casino operator, as defined in Section 6(C)(9) of Article XV, Ohio Constitution, and section 3772.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, respectively, or a lottery sales agent conducting video lottery terminals sales on behalf of the state to withhold and remit municipal income tax with respect to amounts other than qualifying wages as provided in this section.

(B) If a person's winnings at a casino facility are an amount for which reporting to the internal revenue service of the amount is required by section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, the casino operator shall deduct and withhold municipal income tax from the person's winnings at the rate of the tax imposed by the municipal corporation in which the casino facility is located.

(C) Amounts deducted and withheld by a casino operator are held in trust for the benefit of the municipal corporation to which the tax is owed.

- (1) On or before the tenth day of each month, the casino operator shall file a return electronically with the Tax Administrator of the Municipality, providing the name, address, and social security number of the person from whose winnings amounts were deducted and withheld, the amount of each such deduction and withholding during the preceding calendar month, the amount of the winnings from which each such amount was withheld, the type of casino gaming that resulted in such winnings, and any other information required by the Tax Administrator. With this return, the casino operator shall remit electronically to the Municipality all amounts deducted and withheld during the preceding month.
- (2) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, a casino operator shall file an annual return electronically with the Tax Administrator of the municipal corporation in which the casino facility is located, indicating the total amount deducted and withheld during the preceding

calendar year. The casino operator shall remit electronically with the annual return any amount that was deducted and withheld and that was not previously remitted. If the name, address, or social security number of a person or the amount deducted and withheld with respect to that person was omitted on a monthly return for that reporting period, that information shall be indicated on the annual return.

- (3) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, a casino operator shall issue an information return to each person with respect to whom an amount has been deducted and withheld during the preceding calendar year. The information return shall show the total amount of municipal income tax deducted from the person's winnings during the preceding year. The casino operator shall provide to the Tax Administrator a copy of each information return issued under this division. The administrator may require that such copies be transmitted electronically.
- (4) A casino operator that fails to file a return and remit the amounts deducted and withheld shall be personally liable for the amount withheld and not remitted. Such personal liability extends to any penalty and interest imposed for the late filing of a return or the late payment of tax deducted and withheld.
- (5) If a casino operator sells the casino facility or otherwise quits the casino business, the amounts deducted and withheld along with any penalties and interest thereon are immediately due and payable. The successor shall withhold an amount of the purchase money that is sufficient to cover the amounts deducted and withheld along with any penalties and interest thereon until the predecessor casino operator produces either of the following:
  - (a) A receipt from the Tax Administrator showing that the amounts deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon have been paid;
  - (b) A certificate from the Tax Administrator indicating that no amounts are due.If the successor fails to withhold purchase money, the successor is personally liable for the payment of the amounts deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon.
- (6) The failure of a casino operator to deduct and withhold the required amount from a person's winnings does not relieve that person from liability for the municipal income tax with respect to those winnings.

(D) If a person's prize award from a video lottery terminal is an amount for which reporting to the internal revenue service is required by section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, the video lottery sales agent shall deduct and withhold municipal income tax from the person's prize award at the rate of the tax imposed by the municipal corporation in which the video lottery terminal facility is located.

(E) Amounts deducted and withheld by a video lottery sales agent are held in trust for the benefit of the municipal corporation to which the tax is owed.

- (1) The video lottery sales agent shall issue to a person from whose prize award an amount has been deducted and withheld a receipt for the amount deducted and withheld, and shall obtain from the person receiving a prize award the person's name, address, and social security number in order to facilitate the preparation of returns required by this section.

- (2) On or before the tenth day of each month, the video lottery sales agent shall file a return electronically with the Tax Administrator of the Municipality providing the names, addresses, and social security numbers of the persons from whose prize awards amounts were deducted and withheld, the amount of each such deduction and withholding during the preceding calendar month, the amount of the prize award from which each such amount was withheld, and any other information required by the Tax Administrator. With the return, the video lottery sales agent shall remit electronically to the Tax Administrator all amounts deducted and withheld during the preceding month.
- (3) A video lottery sales agent shall maintain a record of all receipts issued under division (E) of this section and shall make those records available to the Tax Administrator upon request. Such records shall be maintained in accordance with section 5747.17 of the Ohio Revised Code and any rules adopted pursuant thereto.
- (4) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, each video lottery terminal sales agent shall file an annual return electronically with the Tax Administrator of the municipal corporation in which the facility is located indicating the total amount deducted and withheld during the preceding calendar year. The video lottery sales agent shall remit electronically with the annual return any amount that was deducted and withheld and that was not previously remitted. If the name, address, or social security number of a person or the amount deducted and withheld with respect to that person was omitted on a monthly return for that reporting period, that information shall be indicated on the annual return.
- (5) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, a video lottery sales agent shall issue an information return to each person with respect to whom an amount has been deducted and withheld during the preceding calendar year. The information return shall show the total amount of municipal income tax deducted and withheld from the person's prize award by the video lottery sales agent during the preceding year. A video lottery sales agent shall provide to the Tax Administrator of the municipal corporation a copy of each information return issued under this division. The Tax Administrator may require that such copies be transmitted electronically.
- (6) A video lottery sales agent who fails to file a return and remit the amounts deducted and withheld is personally liable for the amount deducted and withheld and not remitted. Such personal liability extends to any penalty and interest imposed for the late filing of a return or the late payment of tax deducted and withheld.

(F) If a video lottery sales agent ceases to operate video lottery terminals, the amounts deducted and withheld along with any penalties and interest thereon are immediately due and payable. The successor of the video lottery sales agent that purchases the video lottery terminals from the agent shall withhold an amount from the purchase money that is sufficient to cover the amounts deducted and withheld and any penalties and interest thereon until the predecessor video lottery sales agent operator produces either of the following:

- (1) A receipt from the Tax Administrator showing that the amounts deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon have been paid;
- (2) A certificate from the Tax Administrator indicating that no amounts are due. If the successor fails to withhold purchase money, the successor is personally liable for the payment of the amounts deducted and withheld and penalties and interest thereon.

(G) The failure of a video lottery sales agent to deduct and withhold the required amount from a person's prize award does not relieve that person from liability for the municipal income tax with respect to that prize award.

(H) If a casino operator or lottery sales agent files a return late, fails to file a return, remits amounts deducted and withheld late, or fails to remit amounts deducted and withheld as required under this section, the Tax Administrator of a municipal corporation may impose the following applicable penalty:

- (1) For the late remittance of, or failure to remit, tax deducted and withheld under this section, a penalty equal to fifty per cent of the tax deducted and withheld;
- (2) For the failure to file, or the late filing of, a monthly or annual return, a penalty of five hundred dollars for each return not filed or filed late. Interest shall accrue on past due amounts deducted and withheld at the rate prescribed in section 5703.47 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(I) Amounts deducted and withheld on behalf of a municipal corporation shall be allowed as a credit against payment of the tax imposed by the municipal corporation and shall be treated as taxes paid for purposes of section 197.081 of this Chapter. This division applies only to the person for whom the amount is deducted and withheld.

(J) The Tax Administrator shall prescribe the forms of the receipts and returns required under this section. (Ord. 2-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

#### 197.06 INCOME SUBJECT TO NET PROFIT TAX.

##### 197.061 DETERMINING MUNICIPAL TAXABLE INCOME FOR TAXPAYERS WHO ARE NOT INDIVIDUALS.

"Municipal Taxable Income" for a taxpayer who is not an individual for the Municipality is calculated as follows:

- (A) "Income" reduced by "Exempt Income" to the extent otherwise included in income, multiplied by apportionment, further reduced by any "Pre-2017 Net Operating Loss Carryforward" equals "Municipal Taxable Income".
  - (1) "Income" for a taxpayer that is not an individual means the "Net Profit" of the taxpayer.
    - (i) "Net Profit" for a person other than an individual is defined in Section 197.03(23).
    - (ii) "Adjusted Federal Taxable Income" is defined in Section 197.03(1) of this Chapter.

- (2) "Exempt Income" is defined in Section 197.03(11) of this Chapter.
- (3) "Apportionment" means the apportionment as determined by Section 197.062 of this Chapter.
- (4) "Pre-2017 Net Operating Loss Carryforward" is defined in Section 197.03 (32) of this Chapter.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

197.062 NET PROFIT; INCOME SUBJECT TO NET PROFIT TAX;  
ALTERNATIVE APPORTIONMENT.

This section applies to any taxpayer engaged in a business or profession in the Municipality unless the taxpayer is an individual who resides in the Municipality or the taxpayer is an electric company, combined company, or telephone company that is subject to and required to file reports under Chapter 5745 of the Ohio Revised Code.

- (A) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B)(1) and (I) of this section, net profit from a business or profession conducted both within and without the boundaries of the Municipality shall be considered as having a taxable situs in the Municipality for purposes of municipal income taxation in the same proportion as the average ratio of the following:
  - (1) The average original cost of the real property and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession in the Municipality during the taxable period to the average original cost of all of the real and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession during the same period, wherever situated.  
As used in the preceding paragraph, tangible personal or real property shall include property rented or leased by the taxpayer and the value of such property shall be determined by multiplying the annual rental thereon by eight;
  - (2) Wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the taxable period to individuals employed in the business or profession for services performed in the Municipality to wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the same period to individuals employed in the business or profession, wherever the individual's services are performed, excluding compensation from which taxes are not required to be withheld under section 197.052 of this Chapter;
  - (3) Total gross receipts of the business or profession from sales and rentals made and services performed during the taxable period in the Municipality to total gross receipts of the business or profession during the same period from sales, rentals, and services, wherever made or performed.
- (B) (1) If the apportionment factors described in division (A) of this section do not fairly represent the extent of a taxpayer's business activity in the Municipality, the taxpayer may request, or the Tax Administrator of the Municipality may require, that the taxpayer use, with respect to all or any portion of the income of the taxpayer, an alternative apportionment method involving one or more of the following:
  - (a) Separate accounting;
  - (b) The exclusion of one or more of the factors;

- (c) The inclusion of one or more additional factors that would provide for a more fair apportionment of the income of the taxpayer to the Municipality;
    - (d) A modification of one or more of the factors.
  - (2) A taxpayer request to use an alternative apportionment method shall be in writing and shall accompany a tax return, timely filed appeal of an assessment, or timely filed amended tax return. The taxpayer may use the requested alternative method unless the Tax Administrator denies the request in an assessment issued within the period prescribed by division (A) of Section 197.19 of this Chapter.
  - (3) A Tax Administrator may require a taxpayer to use an alternative apportionment method as described in division (B)(1) of this section only by issuing an assessment to the taxpayer within the period prescribed by division (A) of Section 197.19 of this Chapter.
  - (4) Nothing in division (B) of this section nullifies or otherwise affects any alternative apportionment arrangement approved by a Tax Administrator or otherwise agreed upon by both the Tax Administrator and taxpayer before January 1, 2016.
- (C) As used in division (A)(2) of this section, "wages, salaries, and other compensation" includes only wages, salaries, or other compensation paid to an employee for services performed at any of the following locations:
  - (1) A location that is owned, controlled, or used by, rented to, or under the possession of one of the following:
    - (a) The employer;
    - (b) A vendor, customer, client, or patient of the employer, or a related member of such a vendor, customer, client, or patient;
    - (c) A vendor, customer, client, or patient of a person described in division (C)(1)(b) of this section, or a related member of such a vendor, customer, client, or patient.
  - (2) Any location at which a trial, appeal, hearing, investigation, inquiry, review, court-martial, or similar administrative, judicial, or legislative matter or proceeding is being conducted, provided that the compensation is paid for services performed for, or on behalf of, the employer or that the employee's presence at the location directly or indirectly benefits the employer;
  - (3) Any other location, if the Tax Administrator determines that the employer directed the employee to perform the services at the other location in lieu of a location described in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section solely in order to avoid or reduce the employer's municipal income tax liability. If a Tax Administrator makes such a determination, the employer may dispute the determination by establishing, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the Tax Administrator's determination was unreasonable.
- (D) For the purposes of division (A)(3) of this section, and except as provided in division (I) of this section, receipts from sales and rentals made and services performed shall be situated to a municipal corporation as follows:

- (1) Gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property shall be situated to the municipal corporation in which the sale originated. For the purposes of this division, a sale of property originates in a municipal corporation if, regardless of where title passes, the property meets any of the following criteria:
  - (a) The property is shipped to or delivered within the municipal corporation from a stock of goods located within the municipal corporation.
  - (b) The property is delivered within the municipal corporation from a location outside the municipal corporation, provided the taxpayer is regularly engaged through its own employees in the solicitation or promotion of sales within such municipal corporation and the sales result from such solicitation or promotion.
  - (c) The property is shipped from a place within the municipal corporation to purchasers outside the municipal corporation, provided that the taxpayer is not, through its own employees, regularly engaged in the solicitation or promotion of sales at the place where delivery is made.
- (2) Gross receipts from the sale of services shall be situated to the municipal corporation to the extent that such services are performed in the municipal corporation.
- (3) To the extent included in income, gross receipts from the sale of real property located in the municipal corporation shall be situated to the municipal corporation.
- (4) To the extent included in income, gross receipts from rents and royalties from real property located in the municipal corporation shall be situated to the municipal corporation.
- (5) Gross receipts from rents and royalties from tangible personal property shall be situated to the municipal corporation based upon the extent to which the tangible personal property is used in the municipal corporation.
- (E) The net profit received by an individual taxpayer from the rental of real estate owned directly by the individual or by a disregarded entity owned by the individual shall be subject to tax only by the municipal corporation in which the property generating the net profit is located and the municipal corporation in which the individual taxpayer that receives the net profit resides.

A municipal corporation shall allow such taxpayers to elect to use separate accounting for the purpose of calculating net profit situated under this division to the municipal corporation in which the property is located.
- (F) (1) Except as provided in division (F)(2) of this section, commissions received by a real estate agent or broker relating to the sale, purchase, or lease of real estate shall be situated to the municipal corporation in which the real estate is located. Net profit reported by the real estate agent or broker shall be allocated to a municipal corporation based upon the ratio of the commissions the agent or broker received from the sale, purchase, or lease of real estate located in the municipal corporation to the commissions received from the sale, purchase, or lease of real estate everywhere in the taxable year.

- (2) An individual who is a resident of a municipal corporation that imposes a municipal income tax shall report the individual's net profit from all real estate activity on the individual's annual tax return for that municipal corporation. The individual may claim a credit for taxes the individual paid on such net profit to another municipal corporation to the extent that such credit is allowed under Section 197.081 of this Chapter.
- (G) If, in computing a taxpayer's adjusted federal taxable income, the taxpayer deducted any amount with respect to a stock option granted to an employee, and if the employee is not required to include in the employee's income any such amount or a portion thereof because it is exempted from taxation under divisions (11)(L) and (34)(A)(iv) of Section 197.03 of this Chapter, by a municipal corporation to which the taxpayer has apportioned a portion of its net profit, the taxpayer shall add the amount that is exempt from taxation to the taxpayer's net profit that was apportioned to that municipal corporation. In no case shall a taxpayer be required to add to its net profit that was apportioned to that municipal corporation any amount other than the amount upon which the employee would be required to pay tax were the amount related to the stock option not exempted from taxation.  
This division applies solely for the purpose of making an adjustment to the amount of a taxpayer's net profit that was apportioned to a municipal corporation under this section.
- (H) When calculating the ratios described in division (A) of this section for the purposes of that division or division (B) of this section, the owner of a disregarded entity shall include in the owner's ratios the property, payroll, and gross receipts of such disregarded entity.
- (I) (1) As used in this division
- (a) "Qualifying remote employee or owner" means an individual who is an employee of a taxpayer or who is a partner or member holding an ownership interest in a taxpayer that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, provided that the individual meets both of the following criteria:
    - (i) The taxpayer has assigned the individual to a qualifying reporting location.
    - (ii) The individual is permitted or required to perform services for the taxpayer at a qualifying remote work location.
  - (b) "Qualifying remote work location" means a permanent or temporary location at which an employee or owner chooses or is required to perform services for the taxpayer other than a reporting location of the taxpayer or any other location owned or controlled by a customer or client of the taxpayer. "Qualifying remote work location" may include the residence of an employee or owner and may be located outside of a municipal corporation that imposes an income tax in accordance with this chapter. An employee or owner may have more than one qualifying remote work location during a taxable year.
  - (c) "Reporting location" means either of the following:
    - (i) Permanent or temporary place of doing business, such as an office, warehouse, storefront, construction site, or similar location, that is owned or controlled directly or indirect by the taxpayer.



- (ii) Any location in this state owned or controlled by a customer or client of the taxpayer, provided that the taxpayer is required to withhold taxes under Section 197.04 of this Ordinance on qualifying wages paid to an employee for the performance of personal services at that location.
  - (d) "Qualifying reporting location" means one of the following:
    - (i) The reporting location in this state at which an employee or owner performs services for the taxpayer on a regular or periodic basis during the taxable year;
    - (ii) If no reporting location exists in this state for an employee or owner under division (I)(1)(d)(i) of this section, the reporting location in this state at which the employee's or owner's supervisor regularly or periodically reports during the taxable year;
    - (iii) If no reporting location exists in this state for an employee or owner under division (I)(1)(d)(i) or (ii) of this section, the location that the taxpayer otherwise assigns as the employee's or owner's qualifying reporting location provided the assignment is made in good faith and is recorded and maintained in the taxpayer's business records. A taxpayer may change the qualifying reporting location designated for an employee or owner under this division at any time.
- (2) For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2023, a taxpayer may elect to apply the provisions of this division to the apportionment of its net profit from a business or profession. For taxpayers that make this election, the provisions of division (A) of this section apply to such apportionment except as otherwise provided in this division.

A taxpayer shall make the election allowed under this division in writing on or with the taxpayer's net profit return or, if applicable, a timely filed amended net profit return or a timely filed appeal of an assessment. The election applies to the taxable year for which that return or appeal is filed and for all subsequent taxable years, until the taxpayer revokes the election.

The taxpayer shall make the initial election with the tax administrator of each municipal corporation with which, after applying the apportionment provision authorized in this division, the taxpayer is required file a net profit tax return for that taxable year. A taxpayer shall not be required to notify the tax administrator of a municipal corporation in which a qualifying remote employee's or owner's qualifying remote work location is located, unless the taxpayer is otherwise required to file net profit return with that municipal corporation due to business operations that are unrelated to the employee's or owner's activity at the qualifying remote work location.

After the taxpayer makes the initial election, the election applies to every municipal corporation in which the taxpayer conducts business. The taxpayer shall not be required to file a net profit return with a municipal corporation solely because a qualifying remote employee's or owner's qualifying remote work location is located in such municipal corporation. Nothing in this division prohibits a taxpayer from making a new election under this division after properly revoking a prior election.

- (3) For the purpose of calculating the ratios described in division (A) of this section, all of the following apply to a taxpayer that has made the election described in division (I)(2):
  - (a) For the purpose of division (A)(1) of this section, the average original cost of any tangible personal property, used by a qualifying remote employee or owner at that individual's qualifying remote work location shall be situated to that individual's qualifying reporting location.
  - (b) For the purpose of division (A)(2) of this section, any wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the taxable period to a qualifying remote employee or owner for services performed at that individual's qualifying remote work location shall be situated to that individual's qualifying reporting location.
  - (c) For the purpose of division (A)(3) of this section, any gross receipts of the business or profession from services performed during the taxable period by a qualifying remote employee or owner for services performed at that individual's qualifying remote work location shall be situated to that individual's qualifying reporting location.
- (4) Nothing in this division prevents a taxpayer from requesting, or a tax administrator from requiring, that the taxpayer use, with respect to all or a portion of the income of the taxpayer, an alternative apportionment method as described in division (B)(1) of this section. However, a tax administrator shall not require an alternative apportionment method in such a manner that it would require a taxpayer to file a net profit return with a municipal corporation solely because a qualifying remote employee's or owner's qualifying remote work location is located in that municipal corporation.
- (5) Except as otherwise provided in this division, nothing in this division is intended to affect the withholding of taxes on qualifying wages pursuant to Section 197.04 of this Ordinance.  
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#### 197.063 CONSOLIDATED FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN.

(A) As used in this section:

- (1) "Affiliated group of corporations" means an affiliated group as defined in section 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code, except that, if such a group includes at least one incumbent local exchange carrier that is primarily engaged in the business of providing local exchange telephone service in this state, the affiliated group shall not include any incumbent local exchange carrier that would otherwise be included in the group.
- (2) "Consolidated federal income tax return" means a consolidated return filed for federal income tax purposes pursuant to section 1501 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (3) "Consolidated federal taxable income" means the consolidated taxable income of an affiliated group of corporations, as computed for the purposes of filing a consolidated federal income tax return, before consideration of net operating losses or special deductions. "Consolidated federal taxable income" does not include income or loss of an incumbent local exchange carrier that is excluded from the affiliated group under division (A)(1) of this section.

- (4) "Incumbent local exchange carrier" has the same meaning as in section 4927.01 of the Revised Code.
  - (5) "Local exchange telephone service" has the same meaning as in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code.
- (B)
- (1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, a taxpayer that is a member of an affiliated group of corporations may elect to file a consolidated municipal income tax return for a taxable year if at least one member of the affiliated group of corporations is subject to the municipal income tax in that taxable year and if the affiliated group of corporations filed a consolidated federal income tax return with respect to that taxable year.
    - (a) The election is binding for a five-year period beginning with the first taxable year of the initial election unless a change in the reporting method is required under federal law.
    - (b) The election continues to be binding for each subsequent five-year period unless the taxpayer elects to discontinue filing consolidated municipal income tax returns under division (B)(2) of this section; or
    - (c) A taxpayer receives permission from the Tax Administrator. The Tax Administrator shall approve such a request for good cause shown.
  - (2) An election to discontinue filing consolidated municipal income tax returns under this section must be made in the first year following the last year of a five-year consolidated municipal income tax return election period in effect under division (B)(1) of this section. The election to discontinue filing a consolidated municipal income tax return is binding for a five-year period beginning with the first taxable year of the election.
  - (3) An election made under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section is binding on all members of the affiliated group of corporations subject to a municipal income tax.

(C) A taxpayer that is a member of an affiliated group of corporations that filed a consolidated federal income tax return for a taxable year shall file a consolidated municipal income tax return for that taxable year if the Tax Administrator determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that intercompany transactions have not been conducted at arm's length and that there has been a distortive shifting of income or expenses with regard to allocation of net profits to the municipal corporation. A taxpayer that is required to file a consolidated municipal income tax return for a taxable year shall file a consolidated municipal income tax return for all subsequent taxable years unless the taxpayer requests and receives written permission from the Tax Administrator to file a separate return or a taxpayer has experienced a change in circumstances.

(D) A taxpayer shall prepare a consolidated municipal income tax return in the same manner as is required under the United States Department of Treasury regulations that prescribe procedures for the preparation of the consolidated federal income tax return required to be filed by the common parent of the affiliated group of which the taxpayer is a member.

- (E) (1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (E)(2), (3), and (4) of this section, corporations that file a consolidated municipal income tax return shall compute adjusted federal taxable income, as defined in Section 197.03(1) of this Chapter, by substituting "consolidated federal taxable income" for "federal taxable income" wherever "federal taxable income" appears in that division and by substituting "an affiliated group of corporation's" for "a C corporation's" wherever "a C corporation's" appears in that division.
- (2) No corporation filing a consolidated municipal income tax return shall make any adjustment otherwise required under division (1) of 197.03 of this Chapter to the extent that the item of income or deduction otherwise subject to the adjustment has been eliminated or consolidated in the computation of consolidated federal taxable income.
- (3) If the net profit or loss of a pass-through entity having at least eighty per cent of the value of its ownership interest owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by an affiliated group of corporations is included in that affiliated group's consolidated federal taxable income for a taxable year, the corporation filing a consolidated municipal income tax return shall do one of the following with respect to that pass-through entity's net profit or loss for that taxable year:
- (a) Exclude the pass-through entity's net profit or loss from the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group and, for the purpose of making the computations required in Section 197.062 of this Chapter, exclude the property, payroll, and gross receipts of the pass-through entity in the computation of the affiliated group's net profit situated to a municipal corporation. If the entity's net profit or loss is so excluded, the entity shall be subject to taxation as a separate taxpayer on the basis of the entity's net profits that would otherwise be included in the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group.
- (b) Include the pass-through entity's net profit or loss in the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group and, for the purpose of making the computations required in Section 197.062 of this Chapter, include the property, payroll, and gross receipts of the pass-through entity in the computation of the affiliated group's net profit situated to a municipal corporation. If the entity's net profit or loss is so included, the entity shall not be subject to taxation as a separate taxpayer on the basis of the entity's net profits that are included in the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group.
- (4) If the net profit or loss of a pass-through entity having less than eighty per cent of the value of its ownership interest owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by an affiliated group of corporations is included in that affiliated group's consolidated federal taxable income for a taxable year, all of the following shall apply:
- (a) The corporation filing the consolidated municipal income tax return shall exclude the pass-through entity's net profit or loss from the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group and, for the purposes of making the computations required in Section 197.062 of this Chapter, exclude the property, payroll, and gross receipts of the pass-through entity in the computation of the affiliated group's net profit situated to a municipal corporation;

- (b) The pass-through entity shall be subject to municipal income taxation as a separate taxpayer in accordance with this chapter on the basis of the entity's net profits that would otherwise be included in the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group.

(F) Corporations filing a consolidated municipal income tax return shall make the computations required under Section 197.062 of this Chapter by substituting "consolidated federal taxable income attributable to" for "net profit from" wherever "net profit from" appears in that section and by substituting "affiliated group of corporations" for "taxpayer" wherever "taxpayer" appears in that section.

(G) Each corporation filing a consolidated municipal income tax return is jointly and severally liable for any tax, interest, penalties, fines, charges, or other amounts imposed by a municipal corporation in accordance with this chapter on the corporation, an affiliated group of which the corporation is a member for any portion of the taxable year, or any one or more members of such an affiliated group.

(H) Corporations and their affiliates that made an election or entered into an agreement with a municipal corporation before January 1, 2016, to file a consolidated or combined tax return with such municipal corporation may continue to file consolidated or combined tax returns in accordance with such election or agreement for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2016.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.064 TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT FOSTER NEW JOBS IN OHIO.

The Municipality, by ordinance, may grant a refundable or nonrefundable credit against its tax on income to a taxpayer to foster job creation in the Municipality. If a credit is granted under this section, it shall be measured as a percentage of the new income tax revenue the Municipality derives from new employees of the taxpayer and shall be for a term not exceeding fifteen years. Before the Municipality passes an ordinance granting a credit, the Municipality and the taxpayer shall enter into an agreement specifying all the conditions of the credit.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.065 TAX CREDITS TO FOSTER JOB RETENTION.

The Municipality, by ordinance, may grant a refundable or nonrefundable credit against its tax on income to a taxpayer for the purpose of fostering job retention in the Municipality. If a credit is granted under this section, it shall be measured as a percentage of the income tax revenue the Municipality derives from the retained employees of the taxpayer, and shall be for a term not exceeding fifteen years. Before the Municipality passes an ordinance allowing such a credit, the Municipality and the taxpayer shall enter into an agreement specifying all the conditions of the credit.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

## 197.07 DECLARATION OF ESTIMATED TAX.

- (A) As used in this section:
- (1) "Estimated taxes" means the amount that the taxpayer reasonably estimates to be the taxpayer's tax liability for a municipal corporation's income tax for the current taxable year.
  - (2) "Tax liability" means the total taxes due to a municipal corporation for the taxable year, after allowing any credit to which the taxpayer is entitled, and after applying any estimated tax payment, withholding payment, or credit from another taxable year.
- (B) (1) Every taxpayer shall make a declaration of estimated taxes for the current taxable year, on the form prescribed by the Tax Administrator, if the amount payable as estimated taxes is at least two hundred dollars. For the purposes of this section:
- (a) Taxes withheld from qualifying wages shall be considered as paid to the municipal corporation for which the taxes were withheld in equal amounts on each payment date. If the taxpayer establishes the dates on which all amounts were actually withheld, the amounts withheld shall be considered as paid on the dates on which the amounts were actually withheld.
  - (b) An overpayment of tax applied as a credit to a subsequent taxable year is deemed to be paid on the date of the postmark stamped on the cover in which the payment is mailed or, if the payment is made by electronic funds transfer, the date the payment is submitted. As used in this division, "date of the postmark" means, in the event there is more than one date on the cover, the earliest date imprinted on the cover by the postal service.
  - (c) A taxpayer having a taxable year of less than twelve months shall make a declaration under rules prescribed by the Tax Administrator.
  - (d) Taxes withheld by a casino operator or by a lottery sales agent under section 718.031 of the Ohio Revised Code are deemed to be paid to the municipal corporation for which the taxes were withheld on the date the taxes are withheld from the taxpayer's winnings.
- (2) Taxpayers filing joint returns shall file joint declarations of estimated taxes.
  - (3) The declaration of estimated taxes shall be filed on or before the date prescribed for the filing of municipal income tax returns under division (G) of Section 197.091 of this Chapter or on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month of the first taxable year after the taxpayer becomes subject to tax for the first time.
  - (4) Taxpayers reporting on a fiscal year basis shall file a declaration on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month after the beginning of each fiscal year or period.
  - (5) The original declaration or any subsequent amendment may be increased or decreased on or before any subsequent quarterly payment day as provided in this section.
- (C) (1) The required portion of the tax liability for the taxable year that shall be paid through estimated taxes made payable to the Municipality or Tax Administrator, including the application of tax refunds to estimated taxes and withholding on or before the applicable payment date, shall be as follows:

- (a) On or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month after the beginning of the taxable year, twenty-two and one-half per cent of the tax liability for the taxable year;
    - (b) On or before the fifteenth day of the sixth month after the beginning of the taxable year, forty-five per cent of the tax liability for the taxable year;
    - (c) On or before the fifteenth day of the ninth month after the beginning of the taxable year, sixty-seven and one-half per cent of the tax liability for the taxable year;
    - (d) For an individual, on or before the fifteenth day of the first month of the following taxable year, ninety per cent of the tax liability for the taxable year. For a person other than an individual, on or before the fifteenth day of the twelfth month of the taxable year, ninety per cent of the tax liability for the taxable year.
  - (2) A taxpayer may amend a declaration under rules prescribed by the Tax Administrator. When an amended declaration has been filed, the unpaid balance shown due on the amended declaration shall be paid in equal installments on or before the remaining payment dates. The amended declaration must be filed on the next applicable due date as outlined in (C)(1)(a) through (d) of this section.
  - (3) On or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month of the year following that for which the declaration or amended declaration was filed, an annual return shall be filed and any balance which may be due shall be paid with the return in accordance with section 197.091 of this Chapter.
    - (a) For taxpayers who are individuals, or who are not individuals and are reporting and filing on a calendar year basis, the annual tax return is due on the same date as the filing of the federal tax return, unless extended pursuant to division (G) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code.
    - (b) For taxpayers who are not individuals, and are reporting and filing on a fiscal year basis or any period other than a calendar year, the annual return is due on the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end of the taxable year or period.
  - (4) An amended declaration is required whenever the taxpayer's estimated tax liability changes during the taxable year. A change in estimated tax liability may either increase or decrease the estimated tax liability for the taxable year.
- (D)
  - (1) In the case of any underpayment of any portion of a tax liability, penalty and interest may be imposed pursuant to section 197.10 of this Chapter upon the amount of underpayment for the period of underpayment, unless the underpayment is due to reasonable cause as described in division (E) of this section. The amount of the underpayment shall be determined as follows:
    - (a) For the first payment of estimated taxes each year, twenty-two and one-half per cent of the tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment;
    - (b) For the second payment of estimated taxes each year, forty-five per cent of the tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment;
    - (c) For the third payment of estimated taxes each year, sixty-seven and one-half per cent of the tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment;

- (d) For the fourth payment of estimated taxes each year, ninety per cent of the tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment.
- (2) The period of the underpayment shall run from the day the estimated payment was required to be made to the date on which the payment is made. For purposes of this section, a payment of estimated taxes on or before any payment date shall be considered a payment of any previous underpayment only to the extent the payment of estimated taxes exceeds the amount of the payment presently required to be paid to avoid any penalty.

(E) An underpayment of any portion of tax liability determined under division (D) of this section shall be due to reasonable cause and the penalty imposed by this section shall not be added to the taxes for the taxable year if any of the following apply:

- (1) The amount of estimated taxes that were paid equals at least ninety per cent of the tax liability for the current taxable year, determined by annualizing the income received during the year up to the end of the month immediately preceding the month in which the payment is due.
- (2) The amount of estimated taxes that were paid equals at least one hundred per cent of the tax liability shown on the return of the taxpayer for the preceding taxable year, provided that the immediately preceding taxable year reflected a period of twelve months and the taxpayer filed a return with the municipal corporation under Section 197.091 of this Chapter for that year.
- (3) The taxpayer is an individual who resides in the Municipality but was not domiciled there on the first day of January of the calendar year that includes the first day of the taxable year.

(F) A Tax Administrator may waive the requirement for filing a declaration of estimated taxes for any class of taxpayers after finding that the waiver is reasonable and proper in view of administrative costs and other factors.

(Ord. 2-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

#### 197.08 CREDIT FOR TAX PAID.

##### 197.081 CREDIT FOR TAX PAID TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY.

(A) Every individual taxpayer domiciled in the Municipality who is required to and does pay, or has acknowledged liability for, a municipal tax to any Municipality within the State of Ohio on or measured by the same income, qualifying wages, commissions, net profits or other compensation taxable under this subchapter, may claim a nonrefundable credit upon satisfactory evidence of the tax paid to the other Municipality within the State of Ohio. The credit shall not exceed the tax due the City under this subchapter, or the tax due the other Municipality within the State of Ohio, whichever is less.

(B) No credit is given for payments of school district income tax.  
(Ord. 2-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

##### 197.082 REFUNDABLE CREDIT FOR QUALIFYING LOSS.

(A) As used in this section:

- (1) "Nonqualified deferred compensation plan" means a compensation plan described in section 3121(v)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.



- (2) (a) Except as provided in division (A)(2)(b) of this section, "qualifying loss" means the excess, if any, of the total amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan over the total amount of income the taxpayer has recognized for federal income tax purposes for all taxable years on a cumulative basis as compensation with respect to the taxpayer's receipt of money and property attributable to distributions in connection with the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.
- (b) If, for one or more taxable years, the taxpayer has not paid to one or more municipal corporations income tax imposed on the entire amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan, then the "qualifying loss" is the product of the amount resulting from the calculation described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section computed without regard to division (A)(2)(b) of this section and a fraction the numerator of which is the portion of such compensation on which the taxpayer has paid income tax to one or more municipal corporations and the denominator of which is the total amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan.
- (c) With respect to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan, the taxpayer sustains a qualifying loss only in the taxable year in which the taxpayer receives the final distribution of money and property pursuant to that nonqualified deferred compensation plan.
- (3) "Qualifying tax rate" means the applicable tax rate for the taxable year for the which the taxpayer paid income tax to a municipal corporation with respect to any portion of the total amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan. If different tax rates applied for different taxable years, then the "qualifying tax rate" is a weighted average of those different tax rates. The weighted average shall be based upon the tax paid to the municipal corporation each year with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.
- (B) (1) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, a refundable credit shall be allowed against the income tax imposed by a municipal corporation for each qualifying loss sustained by a taxpayer during the taxable year. The amount of the credit shall be equal to the product of the qualifying loss and the qualifying tax rate.
- (2) A taxpayer shall claim the credit allowed under this section from each municipal corporation to which the taxpayer paid municipal income tax with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan in one or more taxable years.

- (3) If a taxpayer has paid tax to more than one municipal corporation with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan, the amount of the credit that a taxpayer may claim from each municipal corporation shall be calculated on the basis of each municipal corporation's proportionate share of the total municipal corporation income tax paid by the taxpayer to all municipal corporations with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.
  - (4) In no case shall the amount of the credit allowed under this section exceed the cumulative income tax that a taxpayer has paid to a municipal corporation for all taxable years with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.
- (C)
- (1) For purposes of this section, municipal corporation income tax that has been withheld with respect to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan shall be considered to have been paid by the taxpayer with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.
  - (2) Any municipal income tax that has been refunded or otherwise credited for the benefit of the taxpayer with respect to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan shall not be considered to have been paid to the municipal corporation by the taxpayer.
- (D) The credit allowed under this section is allowed only to the extent the taxpayer's qualifying loss is attributable to:
- (1) The insolvency or bankruptcy of the employer who had established the nonqualified deferred compensation plan; or
  - (2) The employee's failure or inability to satisfy all of the employer's terms and conditions necessary to receive the nonqualified deferred compensation. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.083 CREDIT FOR PERSON WORKING IN JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OR ZONE.

A Municipality shall grant a credit against its tax on income to a resident of the Municipality who works in a joint economic development zone created under section 715.691 or a joint economic development district created under section 715.70, 715.71, or 715.72 of the Ohio Revised Code to the same extent that it grants a credit against its tax on income to its residents who are employed in another municipal corporation, pursuant to Section 197.081 of this Chapter.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.084 CREDIT FOR TAX BEYOND STATUTE FOR OBTAINING REFUND.

(A) Income tax that has been deposited or paid to the Municipality, but should have been deposited or paid to another municipal corporation, is allowable by the Municipality as a refund, but is subject to the three-year limitation on refunds as provided in Section 197.096 of this Chapter.

(B) Income tax that should have been deposited or paid to the Municipality, but was deposited or paid to another municipal corporation, shall be subject to collection and recovery by the Municipality. To the extent a refund of such tax or withholding is barred by the limitation on refunds as provided in Section 197.096, the Municipality will allow a non-refundable credit equal to the tax or withholding paid to the other municipality against the income tax the Municipality claims is due. If the Municipality's tax rate is higher, the tax representing the net difference of the tax rates is also subject to collection by the Municipality, along with any penalty and interest accruing during the period of nonpayment.

(C) No carryforward of credit will be permitted when the overpayment is beyond the three-year limitation for refunding of same as provided in Section 197.096 of this Chapter.

(D) Nothing in this section requires a Municipality to allow credit for tax paid to another municipal corporation if the Municipality has reduced credit for tax paid to another municipal corporation. Section 197.081 of this Chapter regarding any limitation on credit shall prevail.

(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.09 ANNUAL RETURN.

##### 197.091 RETURN AND PAYMENT OF TAX.

- (A) (1) An annual return with respect to the income tax levied on Municipal Taxable Income by the Municipality shall be completed and filed by every taxpayer for any taxable year for which the taxpayer is subject to the tax, regardless of whether or not income tax is due.
- (2) The Tax Administrator shall accept on behalf of all nonresident individual taxpayers a return filed by an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer located in the Municipality under subsection 197.051(C) of this Chapter when the nonresident individual taxpayer's sole income subject to the tax is the qualifying wages reported by the employer, agent of an employer, or other payer, and no additional tax is due to the Municipality.

(B) If an individual is deceased, any return or notice required of that individual shall be completed and filed by that decedent's executor, administrator, or other person charged with the property of that decedent.

(C) If an individual is unable to complete and file a return or notice required by the Municipality in accordance with this chapter, the return or notice required of that individual shall be completed and filed by the individual's duly authorized agent, guardian, conservator, fiduciary, or other person charged with the care of the person or property of that individual. Such duly authorized agent, guardian, conservator, fiduciary, or other person charged with the care of the person or property of that individual shall provide, with the filing of the return, appropriate documentation to support that they are authorized to file a return or notice on behalf of the taxpayer. This notice shall include any legally binding authorizations, and contact information including name, address, and phone number of the duly authorized agent, guardian, conservator, fiduciary, or other person.

(D) Returns or notices required of an estate or a trust shall be completed and filed by the fiduciary of the estate or trust. Such fiduciary shall provide, with the filing of the return, appropriate documentation to support that they are authorized to file a return or notice on behalf of the taxpayer. This notice shall include any legally binding authorizations, and contact information including name, address, and phone number of the fiduciary.

(E) No municipal corporation shall deny spouses the ability to file a joint return.

- (F) (1) Each return required to be filed under this section shall contain the signature of the taxpayer or the taxpayer's duly authorized agent and of the person who prepared the return for the taxpayer, and shall include the taxpayer's social security number or taxpayer identification number. Each return shall be verified by a declaration under penalty of perjury.
- (2) A taxpayer who is an individual is required to include, with each annual return, amended return, or request for refund required under this section, copies of only the following documents: all of the taxpayer's Internal Revenue Service form W-2, "Wage and Tax Statements," including all information reported on the taxpayer's federal W-2, as well as taxable wages reported or withheld for any municipal corporation; the taxpayer's Internal Revenue Service form 1040; and, with respect to an amended tax return or refund request, any other documentation necessary to support the refund request or the adjustments made in the amended return. An individual taxpayer who files the annual return required by this section electronically is not required to provide paper copies of any of the foregoing to the Tax Administrator unless the Tax Administrator requests such copies after the return has been filed.
- (3) A taxpayer that is not an individual is required to include, with each annual net profit return, amended net profit return, or request for refund required under this section, copies of only the following documents: the taxpayer's Internal Revenue Service form 1041, form 1065, form 1120, form 1120-REIT, form 1120F, or form 1120S, and, with respect to an amended tax return or refund request, any other documentation necessary to support the refund request or the adjustments made in the amended return.
- (4) A taxpayer that is not an individual and that files an annual net profit return electronically through the Ohio business gateway or in some other manner shall either mail the documents required under this division to the Tax Administrator at the time of filing or, if electronic submission is available, submit the documents electronically through the Ohio business gateway or a portal provided by Municipality. The department of taxation shall publish a method of electronically submitting the documents required under this division through the Ohio business gateway on or before January 1, 2016. The department shall transmit all documents submitted electronically under this division to the appropriate Tax Administrator.
- (5) After a taxpayer files a tax return, the Tax Administrator shall request, and the taxpayer shall provide, any information, statements, or documents required by the Municipality to determine and verify the taxpayer's municipal income tax liability. The requirements imposed under division (F) of this section apply regardless of whether the taxpayer files on a generic form or on a form prescribed by the Tax Administrator.

- (6) Any other documentation, including schedules, other municipal income tax returns, or other supporting documentation necessary to verify credits, income, losses, or other pertinent factors on the return shall also be included to avoid delay in processing, or disallowance by the Tax Administrator of undocumented credits or losses.
- (G) (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, each individual income tax return required to be filed under this section shall be completed and filed as required by the Tax Administrator on or before the date prescribed for the filing of state individual income tax returns under division (G) of section 5747.08 of the Ohio Revised Code. The taxpayer shall complete and file the return or notice on forms prescribed by the Tax Administrator or on generic forms, together with remittance made payable to the Municipality or Tax Administrator.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, each annual net profit income tax return required to be filed under this section by a taxpayer that is not an individual shall be completed and filed as required by the tax administrator on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end of the taxpayer's taxable year or period. The taxpayer shall complete and file the return or notice on forms prescribed by the tax administrator or on generic forms, together with remittance made payable to the Municipality or Tax Administrator.
- (c) In the case of individual income tax return required to be filed by an individual, and net profit income tax return required to be filed by a taxpayer who is not an individual, no remittance is required if the amount shown to be due is ten dollars or less.
- (2) If the Tax Administrator considers it necessary in order to ensure the payment of the tax imposed by the Municipality in accordance with this chapter, the Tax Administrator may require taxpayers to file returns and make payments otherwise than as provided in this section, including taxpayers not otherwise required to file annual returns.
- (3) With respect to taxpayers to whom Section 197.092 of this Chapter applies, to the extent that any provision in this division conflicts with any provision in Section 197.092 of this Chapter, the provision in Section 197.092 of this Chapter prevails.
- (H) (1) For taxable years beginning after 2015, the Municipality shall not require a taxpayer to remit tax with respect to net profits if the amount due is ten dollars or less.
- (2) Any taxpayer not required to remit tax to the Municipality for a taxable year pursuant to division (H)(1) of this section shall file with the Municipality an annual net profit return under division (F)(3) and (4) of this section.

(I) This division shall not apply to payments required to be made under division (B)(1)(b) of Section 197.051 of this Chapter.

- (1) If any report, claim, statement, or other document required to be filed, or any payment required to be made, within a prescribed period or on or before a prescribed date under this chapter is delivered after that period or that to the Tax Administrator or other municipal official with which the report, claim, statement, or other document is required to be filed, or to which the payment is required to be made, the date of the postmark stamped on the cover in which the report, claim, statement, or other document, or payment is mailed shall be deemed to be the date of delivery or the date of payment. "The date of postmark" means, in the event there is more than one date on the cover, the earliest date imprinted on the cover by the postal service.
- (2) If a payment under this chapter is made by electronic funds transfer, the payment shall be considered to be made on the date of the timestamp assigned by the first electronic system receiving that payment. For purposes of this section, "receiving that payment" refers to the transfer of funds from the account of the taxpayer. Such funds are no longer under the control of the taxpayer once the timestamp has occurred.

(J) The amounts withheld for the Municipality by an employer, the agent of an employer, or other payer as described in section 197.051 of this Chapter shall be allowed to the recipient of the compensation as credits against payment of the tax imposed on the recipient unless the amounts withheld were not remitted to the Municipality and the recipient colluded with the employer, agent, or other payer in connection with the failure to remit the amounts withheld.

(K) Each return required by the Municipality to be filed in accordance with this section shall include a box that the taxpayer may check to authorize another person, including a tax return preparer who prepared the return, to communicate with the Tax Administrator about matters pertaining to the return. The return or instructions accompanying the return shall indicate that by checking the box the taxpayer authorizes the Tax Administrator to contact the preparer or other person concerning questions that arise during the examination or other review of the return and authorizes the preparer or other person only to provide the Tax Administrator with information that is missing from the return, to contact the Tax Administrator for information about the examination or other review of the return or the status of the taxpayer's refund or payments, and to respond to notices about mathematical errors, offsets, or return preparation that the taxpayer has received from the Tax Administrator and has shown to the preparer or other person. Authorization by the taxpayer of another person to communicate with the Tax Administrator about matters pertaining to the return does not preclude the Tax Administrator from contacting the taxpayer regarding such matters.

(L) The Tax Administrator of the Municipality shall accept for filing a generic form of any income tax return, report, or document required by the Municipality in accordance with this Chapter, provided that the generic form, once completed and filed, contains all of the information required by ordinances, resolutions, or rules adopted by the Municipality or Tax Administrator, and provided that the taxpayer or tax return preparer filing the generic form otherwise complies with the provisions of this Chapter and of the Municipality's Ordinance or resolution governing the filing of returns, reports, or documents.

(M) When income tax returns, reports, or other documents require the signature of a tax return preparer, the Tax Administrator shall accept a facsimile of such a signature in lieu of a manual signature.

- (N) (1) As used in this division, "worksite location" has the same meaning as in section 197.052 of this chapter.
- (2) A person may notify a tax administrator that the person does not expect to be a taxpayer with respect to the municipal corporation for a taxable year if both of the following conditions apply:
- (a) The person was required to file a tax return with the municipal corporation for the immediately preceding taxable year because the person performed services at a worksite location within the municipal corporation, and the person has filed all appropriate and required returns and remitted all applicable income tax and withholding payments as provided by this chapter. The tax administrator is not required to accept an affidavit from a taxpayer who has not complied with the provisions of this chapter.
- (b) The person no longer provides services in the municipal corporation, and does not expect to be subject to the municipal corporation's income tax for the taxable year. The person shall provide the notice in a signed affidavit that briefly explains the person's circumstances, including the location of the previous worksite location and the last date on which the person performed services or made any sales within the municipal corporation. The affidavit also shall include the following statement: "The affiant has no plans to perform any services within the municipal corporation, make any sales in the municipal corporation, or otherwise become subject to the tax levied by the municipal corporation during the taxable year. If the affiant does become subject to the tax levied by the municipal corporation for the taxable year, the affiant agrees to be considered a taxpayer and to properly register as a taxpayer with the municipal corporation, if such a registration is required by the municipal corporation's resolutions, ordinances, or rules." The person shall sign the affidavit under penalty of perjury.
- (c) If a person submits an affidavit described in division (N)(2) of this section, the tax administrator shall not require the person to file any tax return for the taxable year unless the tax administrator possesses information that conflicts with the affidavit or if the circumstances described in the affidavit change, or the taxpayer has engaged in activity which results in work

being performed, services provided, sales made, or other activity that results in municipal taxable income reportable to the Municipality in the taxable year. It shall be the responsibility of the taxpayer to comply with the provisions of this chapter relating to the reporting and filing of municipal taxable income on an annual municipal income tax return, even if an affidavit has been filed with the tax administrator for the taxable year. Nothing in division (N) of this section prohibits the tax administrator from performing an audit of the person.  
(Ord. 2-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

197.092 RETURN AND PAYMENT OF TAX; INDIVIDUALS SERVING IN COMBAT ZONE.

(A) Each member of the national guard of any state and each member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States called to active duty pursuant to an executive order issued by the President of the United States or an act of the Congress of the United States, and each civilian serving as support personnel in a combat zone or contingency operation in support of the armed forces, may apply to the Tax Administrator of the Municipality for both an extension of time for filing of the return and an extension of time for payment of taxes required by the Municipality in accordance with this chapter during the period of the member's or civilian's duty service and for one hundred eighty days thereafter. The application shall be filed on or before the one hundred eightieth day after the member's or civilian's duty terminates. An applicant shall provide such evidence as the Tax Administrator considers necessary to demonstrate eligibility for the extension.

- (B)
- (1) If the Tax Administrator ascertains that an applicant is qualified for an extension under this section, the Tax Administrator shall enter into a contract with the applicant for the payment of the tax in installments that begin on the one hundred eighty-first day after the applicant's active duty or service terminates. Except as provided in division (B)(3) of this section, the Tax Administrator may prescribe such contract terms as the Tax Administrator considers appropriate.
  - (2) If the Tax Administrator ascertains that an applicant is qualified for an extension under this section, the applicant shall neither be required to file any return, report, or other tax document nor be required to pay any tax otherwise due to the Municipality before the one hundred eighty-first day after the applicant's active duty or service terminates.
  - (3) Taxes paid pursuant to a contract entered into under division (B)(1) of this section are not delinquent. The Tax Administrator shall not require any payments of penalties or interest in connection with those taxes for the extension period.



- (C) (1) Nothing in this division denies to any person described in this division the application of divisions (A) and (B) of this section.
- (2) (a) A qualifying taxpayer who is eligible for an extension under the Internal Revenue Code shall receive both an extension of time in which to file any return, report, or other tax document and an extension of time in which to make any payment of taxes required by the Municipality in accordance with this chapter. The length of any extension granted under division (C)(2)(a) of this section shall be equal to the length of the corresponding extension that the taxpayer receives under the Internal Revenue Code. As used in this section, "qualifying taxpayer" means a member of the national guard or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States called to active duty pursuant to either an executive order issued by the President of the United States or an act of the Congress of the United States, or a civilian serving as support personnel in a combat zone or contingency operation in support of the armed forces.
- (b) Taxes the payment of which is extended in accordance with division (C)(2)(a) of this section are not delinquent during the extension period. Such taxes become delinquent on the first day after the expiration of the extension period if the taxes are not paid prior to that date. The Tax Administrator shall not require any payment of penalties or interest in connection with those taxes for the extension period. The Tax Administrator shall not include any period of extension granted under division (C)(2)(a) of this section in calculating the penalty or interest due on any unpaid tax.

(D) For each taxable year to which division (A), (B), or (C) of this section applies to a taxpayer, the provisions of divisions (B)(2) and (3) or (C) of this section, as applicable, apply to the spouse of that taxpayer if the filing status of the spouse and the taxpayer is married filing jointly for that year.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.093 USE OF OHIO BUSINESS GATEWAY; TYPES OF FILINGS AUTHORIZED.

(A) Any taxpayer subject to municipal income taxation with respect to the taxpayer's net profit from a business or profession may file any municipal income tax return or, estimated municipal income tax return, or extension for filing a municipal income tax return, and may make payment of amounts shown to be due on such returns, by using the Ohio Business Gateway.

(B) Any employer, agent of an employer, or other payer may report the amount of municipal income tax withheld from qualifying wages, and may make remittance of such amounts, by using the Ohio Business Gateway.

(C) Nothing in this section affects the due dates for filing employer withholding tax returns or deposit of any required tax.

(D) The use of the Ohio Business Gateway by municipal corporations, taxpayers, or other persons does not affect the legal rights of municipalities or taxpayers as otherwise permitted by law. The State of Ohio shall not be a party to the administration of municipal income taxes or to an appeal of a municipal income tax matter, except as otherwise specifically provided by law.

(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting or removing the authority of any municipal corporation to administer, audit, and enforce the provisions of its municipal income tax.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.094 EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE.

(A) Any taxpayer that has duly requested an automatic six-month extension for filing the taxpayer's federal income tax return shall automatically receive an extension for the filing of a municipal income tax return. The extended due date of the municipal income tax return shall be the fifteenth day of the tenth month after the last day of the taxable year to which the return relates.

(B) Any taxpayer that qualifies for an automatic federal extension for a period other than six-months for filing the taxpayer's federal income tax return shall automatically receive an extension for the filing of a municipal income tax return. The extended due date of the municipal income tax return shall be the same as that of the extended federal income tax return. For tax years ending on or after January 1, 2023, the extended due date of the City's income tax return for a taxpayer that is not an individual shall be the 15th of the eleventh month after the last day of the taxable year to which the return relates.

(C) A taxpayer that has not requested or received a six-month extension for filing the taxpayer's federal income tax return may request that the tax administrator grant the taxpayer a six-month extension of the date for filing the taxpayer's municipal income tax return. If the request is received by the tax administrator on or before the date the municipal income tax return is due, the tax administrator shall grant the taxpayer's requested extension.

(D) An extension of time to file under this chapter is not an extension of the time to pay any tax due unless the Tax Administrator grants an extension of that date.

(E) If the State Tax Commissioner extends for all taxpayers the date for filing state income tax returns under division (G) of section 5747.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, a taxpayer shall automatically receive an extension for the filing of a municipal income tax return. The extended due date of the municipal income tax return shall be the same as the extended due date of the state income tax return.

(F) If a taxpayer receives an extension for the filing of a municipal income tax return under division (I)(2), (3), or (4) of this section the tax administrator shall not make any inquiry or send a notice to the taxpayer with regard to the return on or before the date the taxpayer files the return or on or before the extended due date to file the return, whichever occurs first.

If a tax administrator violates division (I)(5) of this section, the municipal corporation shall reimburse the taxpayer for a reasonable costs incurred to respond to such inquiry or notice, up to \$150. Division (I)(5) of this section does not apply to an extension received under division (G)(2) of this section if the tax administrator has actual knowledge that the taxpayer failed to file for a federal extension as required to receive the extension under division (I)(2) of this section or failed to file for an extension under division (I)(2)(b) of this section.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15; Ord. 30-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

## 197.095 AMENDED RETURNS.

- (A) (1) A taxpayer shall file an amended return with the Tax Administrator in such form as the Tax Administrator requires if any of the facts, figures, computations, or attachments required in the taxpayer's annual return to determine the tax due levied by the Municipality in accordance with this chapter must be altered.
- (2) Within sixty days after the final determination of any federal or state tax liability affecting the taxpayer's municipal tax liability, that taxpayer shall make and file an amended municipal return showing income subject to the municipal income tax based upon such final determination of federal or state tax liability, and pay any additional municipal income tax shown due thereon or make a claim for refund of any overpayment, unless the tax or overpayment is ten dollars or less.
- (3) If a taxpayer intends to file an amended consolidated municipal income tax return, or to amend its type of return from a separate return to a consolidated return, based on the taxpayer's consolidated federal income tax return, the taxpayer shall notify the Tax Administrator before filing the amended return.
- (B) (1) In the case of an underpayment, the amended return shall be accompanied by payment of any combined additional tax due together with any penalty and interest thereon. If the combined tax shown to be due is ten dollars or less, such amount need not accompany the amended return. Except as provided under division (B)(2) of this section, the amended return shall not reopen those facts, figures, computations, or attachments from a previously filed return that are not affected, either directly or indirectly, by the adjustment to the taxpayer's federal or state income tax return unless the applicable statute of limitations for civil actions or prosecutions under Section 197.19 of this Chapter has not expired for a previously filed return.
- (2) The additional tax to be paid shall not exceed the amount of tax that would be due if all facts, figures, computations, and attachments were reopened.
- (C) (1) In the case of an overpayment, a request for refund may be filed under this division within the period prescribed by division (A)(2) of Section 197.19 of this Chapter for filing the amended return even if it is filed beyond the period prescribed in that division if it otherwise conforms to the requirements of that division. If the amount of the refund is ten dollars or less, no refund need be paid by the Municipality to the taxpayer. Except as set forth in division (C)(2) of this section, a request filed under this division shall claim refund of overpayments resulting from alterations to only those facts, figures, computations, or attachments required in the taxpayer's annual return that are affected, either directly or indirectly, by the adjustment to the taxpayer's federal or state income tax return unless it is also filed within the time prescribed in Section 197.096 of this Chapter. Except as set forth in division (C)(2) of this section, the request shall not reopen those facts, figures, computations, or attachments that are not affected, either directly or indirectly, by the adjustment to the taxpayer's federal or state income tax return.

- (2) The amount to be refunded shall not exceed the amount of refund that would be due if all facts, figures, computations, and attachments were reopened. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.096 REFUNDS.

(A) Upon receipt of a request for a refund, the Tax Administrator of the Municipality, in accordance with this section, shall refund to employers, agents of employers, other payers, or taxpayers, with respect to any income or withholding tax levied by the Municipality:

- (1) Overpayments of more than ten dollars;
  - (2) Amounts paid erroneously if the refund requested exceeds ten dollars.
- (B)
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, returns setting forth a request for refund shall be filed with the Tax Administrator, within three years after the tax was due or paid, whichever is later. Any documentation that substantiates the taxpayer's claim for a refund must be included with the return filing. Failure to remit all documentation, including schedules, other municipal income tax returns, or other supporting documentation necessary to verify credits, income, losses or other pertinent factors on the return will cause delay in processing, and / or disallowance of undocumented credits or losses.
  - (2) On filing of the refund request, the Tax Administrator shall determine the amount of refund due and certify such amount to the appropriate municipal corporation official for payment. Except as provided in division (B)(3) of this section, the administrator shall issue an assessment to any taxpayer whose request for refund is fully or partially denied. The assessment shall state the amount of the refund that was denied, the reasons for the denial, and instructions for appealing the assessment.
  - (3) If a Tax Administrator denies in whole or in part a refund request included within the taxpayer's originally filed annual income tax return, the Tax Administrator shall notify the taxpayer, in writing, of the amount of the refund that was denied, the reasons for the denial, and instructions for requesting an assessment that may be appealed under Section 197.18 of this Chapter.

(C) A request for a refund that is received after the last day for filing specified in division (B) of this section shall be considered to have been filed in a timely manner if any of the following situations exist:

- (1) The request is delivered by the postal service, and the earliest postal service postmark on the cover in which the request is enclosed is not later than the last day for filing the request.
- (2) The request is delivered by the postal service, the only postmark on the cover in which the request is enclosed was affixed by a private postal meter, the date of that postmark is not later than the last day for filing the request, and the request is received within seven days of such last day.
- (3) The request is delivered by the postal service, no postmark date was affixed to the cover in which the request is enclosed or the date of the postmark so affixed is not legible, and the request is received within seven days of the last day for making the request.

(D) Interest shall be allowed and paid on any overpayment by a taxpayer of any municipal income tax obligation from the date of the overpayment until the date of the refund of the overpayment, except that if any overpayment is refunded within ninety days after the final filing date of the annual return or ninety days after the completed return is filed, whichever is later, no interest shall be allowed on the refund. For the purpose of computing the payment of interest on amounts overpaid, no amount of tax for any taxable year shall be considered to have been paid before the date on which the return on which the tax is reported is due, without regard to any extension of time for filing that return. Interest shall be paid at the interest rate described in division (A)(4) of Section 197.10 of this Chapter.

(E) As used in this section, "withholding tax" has the same meaning as in Section 197.10 of this Chapter.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.10 PENALTY, INTEREST, FEES, AND CHARGES.

(A) As used in this section:

- (1) "Applicable law" means this chapter, the resolutions, ordinances, codes, directives, instructions, and rules adopted by the Municipality provided such resolutions, ordinances, codes, directives, instructions, and rules impose or directly or indirectly address the levy, payment, remittance, or filing requirements of a municipal income tax.
- (2) "Federal short-term rate" means the rate of the average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States with remaining periods to maturity of three years or less, as determined under section 1274 of the Internal Revenue Code, for July of the current year.
- (3) "Income tax," "estimated income tax," and "withholding tax" mean any income tax, estimated income tax, and withholding tax imposed by a municipal corporation pursuant to applicable law, including at any time before January 1, 2016.
- (4) "Interest rate as described in division (A) of this section" means the federal short-term rate, rounded to the nearest whole number per cent, plus five per cent. The rate shall apply for the calendar year next following the July of the year in which the federal short-term rate is determined in accordance with division (A)(2) of this section.
- (5) "Return" includes any tax return, report, reconciliation, schedule, and other document required to be filed with a Tax Administrator or municipal corporation by a taxpayer, employer, any agent of the employer, or any other payer pursuant to applicable law, including at any time before January 1, 2016.
- (6) "Unpaid estimated income tax" means estimated income tax due but not paid by the date the tax is required to be paid under applicable law.
- (7) "Unpaid income tax" means income tax due but not paid by the date the income tax is required to be paid under applicable law.
- (8) "Unpaid withholding tax" means withholding tax due but not paid by the date the withholding tax is required to be paid under applicable law.
- (9) "Withholding tax" includes amounts an employer, any agent of an employer, or any other payer did not withhold in whole or in part from an employee's qualifying wages, but that, under applicable law, the employer, agent, or other payer is required to withhold from an employee's qualifying wages.

- (B) (1) This section shall apply to the following:
- (a) Any return required to be filed under applicable law for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016;
  - (b) Income tax, estimated income tax, and withholding tax required to be paid or remitted to the Municipality on or after January 1, 2016 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016
- (2) This section does not apply to returns required to be filed or payments required to be made before January 1, 2016, regardless of the filing or payment date. Returns required to be filed or payments required to be made before January 1, 2016, but filed or paid after that date shall be subject to the ordinances or rules,, as adopted from time to time before January 1, 2016 of this Municipality..

(C) The Municipality shall impose on a taxpayer, employer, any agent of the employer, and any other payer, and will attempt to collect, the interest amounts and penalties prescribed in this section when the taxpayer, employer, any agent of the employer, or any other payer for any reason fails, in whole or in part, to make to the Municipality timely and full payment or remittance of income tax, estimated income tax, or withholding tax or to file timely with the Municipality any return required to be filed.

- (1) Interest shall be imposed at the rate defined as "interest rate as described in division (A) of this section", per annum, on all unpaid income tax, unpaid estimated income tax, and unpaid withholding tax. This imposition of interest shall be assessed per month, or fraction of a month.
- (2) With respect to unpaid income tax and unpaid estimated income tax, a penalty equal to fifteen percent of the amount not timely paid shall be imposed.
- (3) With respect to any unpaid withholding tax, a penalty not exceeding fifty percent of the amount not timely paid shall be imposed.
- (4) (a) For tax years ending on or before December 31, 2022, with respect to returns other than estimated income tax returns, the Municipality shall impose a monthly penalty of twenty-five dollars for each failure to timely file each return, regardless of the liability shown thereon for each month, or any fraction thereof, during which the return remains unfiled regardless of the liability shown thereon. The penalty shall not exceed a total of one hundred fifty dollars in assessed penalty for each failure to timely file a return.
- (b) For tax years ending on or before January 1, 2023, with respect to returns other than estimated income tax returns, the Municipality may impose a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each failure to timely file each return, regard less of the liability shown thereon, except that the Municipality shall abate or refund the penalty assessed on a taxpayers first failure to timely file a return after the taxpayer files the return.

(D) With respect to income taxes, estimated income taxes, withholding taxes, and returns, the Municipality shall not impose, seek to collect, or collect any penalty, amount of interest, charges or additional fees not described in this section.

(E) With respect to income taxes, estimated income taxes, withholding taxes, and returns, the Municipality shall not refund or credit any penalty, amount of interest, charges, or additional fees that were properly imposed or collected before January 1, 2016.

(F) The Tax Administrator may, in the Tax Administrator's sole discretion, abate or partially abate penalties or interest imposed under this section when the Tax Administrator deems such abatement or partial abatement to be appropriate. Such abatement or partial abatement shall be properly documented and maintained on the record of the taxpayer who received benefit of such abatement or partial abatement.

(G) The Municipality may impose on the taxpayer, employer, any agent of the employer, or any other payer the Municipality's post-judgment collection costs and fees, including attorney's fees.

(H) There shall be charged a \$35.00 fee for returned checks or payments made to the city that are dishonored or not paid by the institution to the City of New Philadelphia. (Ord. 2-2018. Passed 1-22-18; Ord. 30-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

#### 197.11 AUDIT.

(A) At or before the commencement of an audit, as defined in Section 197.03(3) of this Chapter, the Tax Administrator shall provide to the taxpayer a written description of the roles of the Tax Administrator and of the taxpayer during an audit and a statement of the taxpayer's rights, including any right to obtain a refund of an overpayment of tax. At or before the commencement of an audit, the Tax Administrator shall inform the taxpayer when the audit is considered to have commenced.

(B) Except in cases involving suspected criminal activity, the Tax Administrator shall conduct an audit of a taxpayer during regular business hours and after providing reasonable notice to the taxpayer. A taxpayer who is unable to comply with a proposed time for an audit on the grounds that the proposed time would cause inconvenience or hardship must offer reasonable alternative dates for the audit.

(C) At all stages of an audit by the Tax Administrator, a taxpayer is entitled to be assisted or represented by an attorney, accountant, bookkeeper, or other tax practitioner. The Tax Administrator shall prescribe a form by which a taxpayer may designate such a person to assist or represent the taxpayer in the conduct of any proceedings resulting from actions by the Tax Administrator. If a taxpayer has not submitted such a form, the Tax Administrator may accept other evidence, as the Tax Administrator considers appropriate, that a person is the authorized representative of a taxpayer.

A taxpayer may refuse to answer any questions asked by the person conducting an audit until the taxpayer has an opportunity to consult with the taxpayer's attorney, accountant, bookkeeper, or other tax practitioner. This division does not authorize the practice of law by a person who is not an attorney.

(D) A taxpayer may record, electronically or otherwise, the audit examination.

(E) The failure of the Tax Administrator to comply with a provision of this section shall neither excuse a taxpayer from payment of any taxes owed by the taxpayer nor cure any procedural defect in a taxpayer's case.

(F) If the Tax Administrator fails to substantially comply with the provisions of this section, the Tax Administrator, upon application by the taxpayer, shall excuse the taxpayer from penalties and interest arising from the audit. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

**197.12 ROUNDING.**

A person may round to the nearest whole dollar all amounts the person is required to enter on any return, report, voucher, or other document required under this chapter. Any fractional part of a dollar that equals or exceeds fifty cents shall be rounded to the next whole dollar, and any fractional part of a dollar that is less than fifty cents shall be dropped, rounding down to the nearest whole dollar. If a person chooses to round amounts entered on a document, the person shall round all amounts entered on the document.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

**197.13 AUTHORITY AND POWERS OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR.****197.131 AUTHORITY OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR; ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR.**

The Tax Administrator has the authority to perform all duties and functions necessary and appropriate to implement the provisions of this Chapter, including without limitation:

- (A) Exercise all powers whatsoever of an inquisitorial nature as provided by law, including, the right to inspect books, accounts, records, memorandums, and federal and state income tax returns, to examine persons under oath, to issue orders or subpoenas for the production of books, accounts, papers, records, documents, and testimony, to take depositions, to apply to a court for attachment proceedings as for contempt, to approve vouchers for the fees of officers and witnesses, and to administer oaths; provided that the powers referred to in this division of this section shall be exercised by the Tax Administrator only in connection with the performance of the duties respectively assigned to the Tax Administrator under a municipal corporation income tax ordinance or resolution adopted in accordance with this chapter;
- (B) Appoint agents and prescribe their powers and duties;
- (C) Confer and meet with officers of other municipal corporations and states and officers of the United States on any matters pertaining to their respective official duties as provided by law;
- (D) Exercise the authority provided by law, including orders from bankruptcy courts, relative to remitting or refunding taxes, including penalties and interest thereon, illegally or erroneously imposed or collected, or for any other reason overpaid, and, in addition, the Tax Administrator may investigate any claim of overpayment and make a written statement of the Tax Administrator's findings, and, if the Tax Administrator finds that there has been an overpayment, approve and issue a refund payable to the taxpayer, the taxpayer's assigns, or legal representative as provided in this chapter;
- (E) Exercise the authority provided by law relative to consenting to the compromise and settlement of tax claims;
- (F) Exercise the authority provided by law relative to the use of alternative apportionment methods by taxpayers in accordance with Section 197.062 of this Chapter;
- (G) Make all tax findings, determinations, computations, assessments and orders the Tax Administrator is by law authorized and required to make and, pursuant to time limitations provided by law, on the Tax Administrator's own motion, review, redetermine, or correct any tax findings, determinations, computations,



- assessments or orders the Tax Administrator has made, but the Tax Administrator shall not review, redetermine, or correct any tax finding, determination, computation, assessment or order which the Tax Administrator has made for which an appeal has been filed with the Local Board of Tax Review or other appropriate tribunal, unless such appeal or application is withdrawn by the appellant or applicant, is dismissed, or is otherwise final;
- (H) Destroy any or all returns or other tax documents in the manner authorized by law;
  - (I) Enter into an agreement with a taxpayer to simplify the withholding obligations described in section 197.051 of this Chapter.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

197.132 AUTHORITY OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR; COMPROMISE OF CLAIM AND PAYMENT OVER TIME.

(A) As used in this section, "claim" means a claim for an amount payable to the Municipality that arises pursuant to the municipal income tax imposed in accordance with this chapter.

(B) The Tax Administrator may do either of the following if such action is in the best interests of the Municipality:

- (1) Compromise a claim;
- (2) Extend for a reasonable period the time for payment of a claim by agreeing to accept monthly or other periodic payments, upon such terms and conditions as the Tax Administrator may require.

(C) The Tax Administrator's rejection of a compromise or payment-over-time agreement proposed by a person with respect to a claim shall not be appealable.

(D) A compromise or payment-over-time agreement with respect to a claim shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of only the parties to the compromise or agreement, and shall not extinguish or otherwise affect the liability of any other person.

- (E)
  - (1) A compromise or payment-over-time agreement with respect to a claim shall be void if the taxpayer defaults under the compromise or agreement or if the compromise or agreement was obtained by fraud or by misrepresentation of a material fact. Any amount that was due before the compromise or agreement and that is unpaid shall remain due, and any penalties or interest that would have accrued in the absence of the compromise or agreement shall continue to accrue and be due.
  - (2) The Tax Administrator shall have sole discretion to determine whether or not penalty, interest, charges or applicable fees will be assessed through the duration of any compromise or payment-over-time agreement.

(F) The Tax Administrator may require that the taxpayer provide detailed financial documentation and information, in order to determine whether or not a payment-over-time agreement will be authorized. The taxpayer's failure to provide the necessary and required information by the Tax Administrator shall preclude consideration of a payment-over-time agreement. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

**197.133 AUTHORITY OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR; RIGHT TO EXAMINE.**

(A) The Tax Administrator, or any authorized agent or employee thereof may examine the books, papers, records, and federal and state income tax returns of any employer, taxpayer, or other person that is subject to, or that the Tax Administrator believes is subject to, the provisions of this Chapter for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of any return made or, if no return was filed, to ascertain the tax due under this Chapter. Upon written request by the Tax Administrator or a duly authorized agent or employee thereof, every employer, taxpayer, or other person subject to this section is required to furnish the opportunity for the Tax Administrator, authorized agent, or employee to investigate and examine such books, papers, records, and federal and state income tax returns at a reasonable time and place designated in the request.

(B) The records and other documents of any taxpayer, employer, or other person that is subject to, or that a Tax Administrator believes is subject to, the provisions of this Chapter shall be open to the Tax Administrator's inspection during business hours and shall be preserved for a period of six years following the end of the taxable year to which the records or documents relate, unless the Tax Administrator, in writing, consents to their destruction within that period, or by order requires that they be kept longer. The Tax Administrator of a municipal corporation may require any person, by notice served on that person, to keep such records as the Tax Administrator determines necessary to show whether or not that person is liable, and the extent of such liability, for the income tax levied by the Municipality or for the withholding of such tax.

(C) The Tax Administrator may examine under oath any person that the Tax Administrator reasonably believes has knowledge concerning any income that was or would have been returned for taxation or any transaction tending to affect such income. The Tax Administrator may, for this purpose, compel any such person to attend a hearing or examination and to produce any books, papers, records, and federal and state income tax returns in such person's possession or control. The person may be assisted or represented by an attorney, accountant, bookkeeper, or other tax practitioner at any such hearing or examination. This division does not authorize the practice of law by a person who is not an attorney.

(D) No person issued written notice by the Tax Administrator compelling attendance at a hearing or examination or the production of books, papers, records, or federal and state income tax returns under this section shall fail to comply.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

**197.134 AUTHORITY OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR; REQUIRING IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.**

(A) The Tax Administrator may require any person filing a tax document with the Tax Administrator to provide identifying information, which may include the person's social security number, federal employer identification number, or other identification number requested by the Tax Administrator. A person required by the Tax Administrator to provide identifying information that has experienced any change with respect to that information shall notify the Tax Administrator of the change before, or upon, filing the next tax document requiring the identifying information.

- (B) (1) If the Tax Administrator makes a request for identifying information and the Tax Administrator does not receive valid identifying information within thirty days of making the request, nothing in this chapter prohibits the Tax Administrator from imposing a penalty upon the person to whom the request was directed pursuant to Section 197.10 of this Chapter, in addition to any applicable penalty described in Section 197.99 of this Chapter.
- (2) If a person required by the Tax Administrator to provide identifying information does not notify the Tax Administrator of a change with respect to that information as required under division (A) of this section within thirty days after filing the next tax document requiring such identifying information, nothing in this chapter prohibits the Tax Administrator from imposing a penalty pursuant to Section 197.10 of this Chapter.
- (3) The penalties provided for under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section may be billed and imposed in the same manner as the tax or fee with respect to which the identifying information is sought and are in addition to any applicable criminal penalties described in section 197.99 of this Chapter for a violation of 197.15 of this Chapter, and any other penalties that may be imposed by the Tax Administrator by law.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.14 CONFIDENTIALITY.

(A) Any information gained as a result of returns, investigations, hearings, or verifications required or authorized by ORC 718 or by the charter or ordinance of the Municipality is confidential, and no person shall access or disclose such information except in accordance with a proper judicial order or in connection with the performance of that person's official duties or the official business of the Municipality as authorized by ORC 718 or the charter or ordinance authorizing the levy. The Tax Administrator of the Municipality or a designee thereof may furnish copies of returns filed or otherwise received under this chapter and other related tax information to the Internal Revenue Service, the State Tax Commissioner, and Tax Administrators of other municipal corporations.

(B) This section does not prohibit the Municipality from publishing or disclosing statistics in a form that does not disclose information with respect to particular taxpayers.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.15 FRAUD.

No person shall knowingly make, present, aid, or assist in the preparation or presentation of a false or fraudulent report, return, schedule, statement, claim, or document authorized or required by municipal corporation ordinance or state law to be filed with the Tax Administrator, or knowingly procure, counsel, or advise the preparation or presentation of such report, return, schedule, statement, claim, or document, or knowingly change, alter, or amend, or knowingly procure, counsel or advise such change, alteration, or amendment of the records upon which such report, return, schedule, statement, claim, or document is based with intent to defraud the Municipality or the Tax Administrator.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

## 197.16 OPINION OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR.

(A) An "opinion of the Tax Administrator" means an opinion issued under this section with respect to prospective municipal income tax liability. It does not include ordinary correspondence of the Tax Administrator.

(B) A taxpayer may submit a written request for an opinion of the Tax Administrator as to whether or how certain income, source of income, or a certain activity or transaction will be taxed. The written response of the Tax Administrator shall be an "opinion of the Tax Administrator" and shall bind the Tax Administrator, in accordance with divisions (C), (G), and (H) of this section, provided all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The taxpayer's request fully and accurately describes the specific facts or circumstances relevant to a determination of the taxability of the income, source of income, activity, or transaction, and, if an activity or transaction, all parties involved in the activity or transaction are clearly identified by name, location, or other pertinent facts.
- (2) The request relates to a tax imposed by the Municipality in accordance with this Chapter.
- (3) The Tax Administrator's response is signed by the Tax Administrator and designated as an "opinion of the Tax Administrator."

(C) An opinion of the Tax Administrator shall remain in effect and shall protect the taxpayer for whom the opinion was prepared and who reasonably relies on it from liability for any taxes, penalty, or interest otherwise chargeable on the activity or transaction specifically held by the Tax Administrator's opinion to be taxable in a particular manner or not to be subject to taxation for any taxable years that may be specified in the opinion, or until the earliest of the following dates:

- (1) The effective date of a written revocation by the Tax Administrator sent to the taxpayer by certified mail, return receipt requested. The effective date of the revocation shall be the taxpayer's date of receipt or one year after the issuance of the opinion, whichever is later;
- (2) The effective date of any amendment or enactment of a relevant section of the Ohio Revised Code, uncodified state law, or the Municipality's income tax ordinance that would substantially change the analysis and conclusion of the opinion of the Tax Administrator;
- (3) The date on which a court issues an opinion establishing or changing relevant case law with respect to the Ohio Revised Code, uncodified state law, or the Municipality's income tax ordinance;
- (4) If the opinion of the Tax Administrator was based on the interpretation of federal law, the effective date of any change in the relevant federal statutes or regulations, or the date on which a court issues an opinion establishing or changing relevant case law with respect to federal statutes or regulations;
- (5) The effective date of any change in the taxpayer's material facts or circumstances;
- (6) The effective date of the expiration of the opinion, if specified in the opinion.

- (D) (1) A taxpayer is not relieved of tax liability for any activity or transaction related to a request for an opinion that contained any misrepresentation or omission of one or more material facts.
- (2) If the taxpayer knowingly has misrepresented the pertinent facts or omitted material facts with intent to defraud the Municipality in order to obtain a more favorable opinion, the taxpayer may be in violation of section 197.15 of this Chapter.

(E) If a Tax Administrator provides written advice under this section, the opinion shall include a statement that:

- (1) The tax consequences stated in the opinion may be subject to change for any of the reasons stated in division (C) of this section;
- (2) It is the duty of the taxpayer to be aware of such changes.

(F) A Tax Administrator may refuse to offer an opinion on any request received under this section.

(G) This section binds a Tax Administrator only with respect to opinions of the Tax Administrator issued on or after January 1, 2016.

(H) An opinion of a Tax Administrator binds that Tax Administrator only with respect to the taxpayer for whom the opinion was prepared and does not bind the Tax Administrator of any other municipal corporation.

(I) A Tax Administrator shall make available the text of all opinions issued under this section, except those opinions prepared for a taxpayer who has requested that the text of the opinion remain confidential. In no event shall the text of an opinion be made available until the Tax Administrator has removed all information that identifies the taxpayer and any other parties involved in the activity or transaction.

(J) An opinion of the Tax Administrator issued under this section or a refusal to offer an opinion under subsection (F) may not be appealed.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.17 ASSESSMENT; APPEAL BASED ON PRESUMPTION OF DELIVERY.

- (A) (1) The Tax Administrator shall serve an assessment either by personal service, by certified mail, or by a delivery service authorized under section 5703.056 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (2) The Tax Administrator may deliver the assessment through alternative means as provided in this section, including, but not limited to, delivery by secure electronic mail. Such alternative delivery method must be authorized by the person subject to the assessment.

- (3) Once service of the assessment has been made by the Tax Administrator or other municipal official, or the designee of either, the person to whom the assessment is directed may protest the ruling of that assessment by filing an appeal with the Local Board of Tax Review within sixty days after the receipt of service. The delivery of an assessment of the Tax Administrator as prescribed in Section 718.18 of the Revised Code is prima facie evidence that delivery is complete and that the assessment is served.
- (B)
  - (1) A person may challenge the presumption of delivery and service as set forth in this division. A person disputing the presumption of delivery and service under this section bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the address to which the assessment was sent was not an address with which the person was associated at the time the Tax Administrator originally mailed the assessment by certified mail. For the purposes of this section, a person is associated with an address at the time the Tax Administrator originally mailed the assessment if, at that time, the person was residing, receiving legal documents, or conducting business at the address; or if, before that time, the person had conducted business at the address and, when the assessment was mailed, the person's agent or the person's affiliate was conducting business at the address. For the purposes of this section, a person's affiliate is any other person that, at the time the assessment was mailed, owned or controlled at least twenty per cent, as determined by voting rights, of the addressee's business.
  - (2) If a person elects to appeal an assessment on the basis described in division (B)(1) of this section, and if that assessment is subject to collection and is not otherwise appealable, the person must do so within sixty days after the initial contact by the Tax Administrator or other municipal official, or the designee of either, with the person. Nothing in this division prevents the Tax Administrator or other official from entering into a compromise with the person if the person does not actually file such an appeal with the Local Board of Tax Review. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

197.18 LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW; APPEAL TO LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW.

- (A)
  - (1) The legislative authority of the Municipality shall maintain a Local Board of Tax Review to hear appeals as provided in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 718.
  - (2) The Local Board of Tax Review shall consist of three members. Two members shall be appointed by the legislative authority of the Municipality, and may not be employees, elected officials, or contractors with the Municipality at any time during their term or in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment. One member shall be appointed by the top administrative official of the Municipality. This member may be an employee of the Municipality, but may not be the director of finance or equivalent officer, or the Tax Administrator or other similar official or an employee directly involved in municipal tax matters, or any direct subordinate thereof.

- (3) The term for members of the Local Board of Tax Review appointed by the legislative authority of the Municipality shall be two years. There is no limit on the number of terms that a member may serve should the member be reappointed by the legislative authority. The board member appointed by the top administrative official of the Municipality shall serve at the discretion of the administrative official.
- (4) Members of the board of tax review appointed by the legislative authority may be removed by the legislative authority as set forth in Section 718.11(A)(4) of the Revised Code.
- (5) A member of the board who, for any reason, ceases to meet the qualifications for the position prescribed by this section shall resign immediately by operation of law.
- (6) A vacancy in an unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment within sixty days of when the vacancy was created. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term. No vacancy on the board shall impair the power and authority of the remaining members to exercise all the powers of the board.
- (7) If a member is temporarily unable to serve on the board due to a conflict of interest, illness, absence, or similar reason, the legislative authority or top administrative official that appointed the member shall appoint another individual to temporarily serve on the board in the member's place. This appointment shall be subject to the same requirements and limitations as are applicable to the appointment of the member temporarily unable to serve.
- (8) No member of the Local Board of Tax Review shall receive compensation, fee, or reimbursement of expenses for service on the board.

(B) Whenever a Tax Administrator issues an assessment, the Tax Administrator shall notify the taxpayer in writing at the same time of the taxpayer's right to appeal the assessment, the manner in which the taxpayer may appeal the assessment, and the address to which the appeal should be directed, and to whom the appeal should be directed.

(C) Any person who has been issued an assessment may appeal the assessment to the board by filing a request with the board. The request shall be in writing, shall specify the reason or reasons why the assessment should be deemed incorrect or unlawful, and shall be filed within sixty days after the taxpayer receives the assessment.

(D) The Local Board of Tax Review shall schedule a hearing to be held within sixty days after receiving an appeal of an assessment under division (C) of this section, unless the taxpayer requests additional time to prepare or waives a hearing. If the taxpayer does not waive the hearing, the taxpayer may appear before the board and/or may be represented by an attorney at law, certified public accountant, or other representative. The board may allow a hearing to be continued as jointly agreed to by the parties. In such a case, the hearing must be completed within one hundred twenty days after the first day of the hearing unless the parties agree otherwise.

(E) The board may affirm, reverse, or modify the Tax Administrator's assessment or any part of that assessment. The board shall issue a final determination on the appeal within ninety days after the board's final hearing on the appeal, and send a copy of its final determination by ordinary mail to all of the parties to the appeal within fifteen days after issuing the final determination. The taxpayer or the Tax Administrator may appeal the board's final determination as provided in section 5717.011 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(F) The Local Board of Tax Review created pursuant to this section shall adopt rules governing its procedures, including a schedule of related costs, and shall keep a record of its transactions. The rules governing the Local Board of Tax Review procedures shall be in writing, and may be amended as needed by the Local Board of Tax Review. Such records are not public records available for inspection under section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. For this reason, any documentation, copies of returns or reports, final determinations, or working papers for each case must be maintained in a secure location under the control of the Tax Administrator. No member of the Local Board of Tax Review may remove such documentation, copies of returns or reports, final determinations, or working papers from the hearing. Hearings requested by a taxpayer before a Local Board of Tax Review created pursuant to this section are not meetings of a public body subject to section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. For this reason, such hearings shall not be open to the public, and only those parties to the case may be present during the hearing.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.19 ACTIONS TO RECOVER; STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

- (A) (1) (a) Civil actions to recover municipal income taxes and penalties and interest on municipal income taxes shall be brought within the latter of:
- (i) Three years after the tax was due or the return was filed, whichever is later; or
  - (ii) One year after the conclusion of the qualifying deferral period, if any.
- (b) The time limit described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section may be extended at any time if both the Tax Administrator and the employer, agent of the employer, other payer, or taxpayer consent in writing to the extension. Any extension shall also extend for the same period of time the time limit described in division (C) of this section.
- (2) As used in this section, "qualifying deferral period" means a period of time beginning and ending as follows:
- (a) Beginning on the date a person who is aggrieved by an assessment files with a Local Board of Tax Review the request described in Section 197.18 of this Chapter. That date shall not be affected by any subsequent decision, finding, or holding by any administrative body or court that the Local Board of Tax Review with which the aggrieved person filed the request did not have jurisdiction to affirm, reverse, or modify the assessment or any part of that assessment.



- (b) Ending the later of the sixtieth day after the date on which the final determination of the Local Board of Tax Review becomes final or, if any party appeals from the determination of the Local Board of Tax Review, the sixtieth day after the date on which the final determination of the Local Board of Tax Review is either ultimately affirmed in whole or in part or ultimately reversed and no further appeal of either that affirmation, in whole or in part, or that reversal is available or taken.

(B) Prosecutions for an offense made punishable under a resolution or ordinance imposing an income tax shall be commenced within three years after the commission of the offense, provided that in the case of fraud, failure to file a return, or the omission of twenty-five per cent or more of income required to be reported, prosecutions may be commenced within six years after the commission of the offense.

(C) A claim for a refund of municipal income taxes shall be brought within the time limitation provided in Section 197.096 of this Chapter.

- (D)
  - (1) Notwithstanding the fact that an appeal is pending, the petitioner may pay all or a portion of the assessment that is the subject of the appeal. The acceptance of a payment by the Municipality does not prejudice any claim for refund upon final determination of the appeal.
  - (2) If upon final determination of the appeal an error in the assessment is corrected by the Tax Administrator, upon an appeal so filed or pursuant to a final determination of the Local Board of Tax Review created under Section 197.18 of this Chapter, of the Ohio board of tax appeals, or any court to which the decision of the Ohio board of tax appeals has been appealed, so that the amount due from the party assessed under the corrected assessment is less than the amount paid, there shall be issued to the appellant or to the appellant's assigns or legal representative a refund in the amount of the overpayment as provided by Section 197.096 of this Chapter, with interest on that amount as provided by division (D) of this section.

(E) No civil action to recover municipal income tax or related penalties or interest shall be brought during either of the following time periods:

- (1) The period during which a taxpayer has a right to appeal the imposition of that tax or interest or those penalties;
- (2) The period during which an appeal related to the imposition of that tax or interest or those penalties is pending.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 183.20 ADOPTION OF RULES.

(A) Pursuant to Section 718.30 of the Revised Code, the Municipality grants authority to the Legislative Authority to adopt rules to administer the income tax imposed by the Municipality.

(B) All rules adopted under this section shall be published and posted on the internet. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

**197.21 1099- MISCELLANEOUS.**

In addition to the wage reporting requirements of this section, any person required by the Internal Revenue Service to report on Form 1099-Misc. payments to individuals not treated, as employees for services performed shall also report such payments to the Municipality when the services were performed in the Municipality. The information may be submitted on a listing, and shall include the name, address & social security number (or federal identification number), and the amount of the payments made. Federal form(s)1099 may be submitted in lieu of such listing. The information shall be filed annually on or before February 28th following the end of such calendar year.

(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

**197.22 ORC CHAPTER 718 SECTIONS ADOPTED.**

New Philadelphia adopts and incorporates herein by reference Ohio R.C. sections 718.80 to 718.95 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

(Ord. 30-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

**197.80 FILING NET PROFIT TAXES; ELECTION TO BE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER.**

(A) A taxpayer may elect to be subject to sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances in lieu of the provisions set forth in the remainder of this chapter. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, upon the taxpayer's election, both of the following shall apply:

- (1) The state tax commissioner shall serve as the sole administrator of the municipal net profit tax for which the taxpayer as defined in section 197.81(C) of the Codified Ordinances is liable for the term of the election;
- (2) The commissioner shall administer the tax pursuant to sections 718.80 to 718.95 of the Revised Code, sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances, and any applicable provision of Chapter 5703 of the Revised Code.

(B) (1) A taxpayer shall make the initial election on or before the first day of the third month after the beginning of the taxpayer's taxable year by notifying the tax commissioner and the City of New Philadelphia, on a form prescribed by the tax commissioner.

- (2) (a) The election, once made by the taxpayer, applies to the taxable year in which the election is made and to each subsequent taxable year until the taxpayer notifies the tax commissioner and the City of New Philadelphia of its termination of the election.
- (b) A notification of termination shall be made, on a form prescribed by the tax commissioner, on or before the first day of the third month of any taxable year.
- (c) Upon a timely and valid termination of the election, the taxpayer is no longer subject to sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances, and is instead subject to the provisions set forth in the remainder of this chapter.

(C) The tax commissioner shall enforce and administer sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances. In addition to any other powers conferred upon the tax commissioner by law, the tax commissioner may:

- (1) Prescribe all forms necessary to administer those sections;
- (2) Adopt such rules as the tax commissioner finds necessary to carry out those sections;

- (3) Appoint and employ such personnel as are necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon the tax commissioner by those sections.

(D) The tax commissioner shall not be considered a tax administrator, as that term is defined in section 718.01 of the Revised Code and Section 197.03 of the Codified Ordinances. (Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

#### 197.81 DEFINITIONS.

If a term used in sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances that is not otherwise defined in this chapter is used in a comparable context in both the laws of the United States relating to federal income tax and in Title LVII of the Revised Code and the use is not consistent, then the use of the term in the laws of the United States relating to federal income tax shall have control over the use of the term in Title LVII of the Revised Code, unless the term is defined in Chapter 5703. of the Revised Code, in which case the definition in that chapter shall control. Any reference in this chapter to the Internal Revenue Code includes other laws of the United States related to federal income taxes. If a term is defined in both this section and section 197.03 of the Codified Ordinances, the definition in this section shall control for all uses of that term in sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances. As used in sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances only:

- (A) "Municipal taxable income" means income apportioned or sitused to the municipal corporation under section 197.82 of the Codified Ordinances, as applicable, reduced by any pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward available to the person for the municipal corporation.
- (B) "Adjusted federal taxable income," for a person required to file as a C corporation, or for a person that has elected to be taxed as a C corporation as described in division (D)(5) of section 718.01 of the Revised Code and section 197.03 of the Codified Ordinances, means a C corporation's federal taxable income before net operating losses and special deductions as determined under the Internal Revenue Code, adjusted as follows:
  - (1) Deduct intangible income to the extent included in federal taxable income. The deduction shall be allowed regardless of whether the intangible income relates to assets used in a trade or business or assets held for the production of income.
  - (2) Add an amount equal to five per cent of intangible income deducted under division (B)(1) of this section, but excluding that portion of intangible income directly related to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of property described in section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - (3) Add any losses allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income if the losses directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - (4)
    - (a) Except as provided in division (B)(4)(b) of this section, deduct income and gain included in federal taxable income to the extent the income and gain directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code.
    - (b) Division (B)(4)(a) of this section does not apply to the extent the income or gain is income or gain described in section 1245 or 1250 of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - (5) Add taxes on or measured by net income allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income.

- (6) In the case of a real estate investment trust or regulated investment company, add all amounts with respect to dividends to, distributions to, or amounts set aside for or credited to the benefit of investors and allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income.
- (7) Deduct, to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing federal taxable income, any income derived from a transfer agreement or from the enterprise transferred under that agreement under section 4313.02 of the Revised Code.
- (8) Deduct exempt income to the extent not otherwise deducted or excluded in computing adjusted federal taxable income.
- (9) Deduct any net profit of a pass-through entity owned directly or indirectly by the taxpayer and included in the taxpayer's federal taxable income unless an affiliated group of corporations includes that net profit in the group's federal taxable income in accordance with division (E)(3)(b) of section 197.86 of the Codified Ordinances.
- (10) Add any loss incurred by a pass-through entity owned directly or indirectly by the taxpayer and included in the taxpayer's federal taxable income unless an affiliated group of corporations includes that loss in the group's federal taxable income in accordance with division (E)(3)(b) of section 197.86 of the Codified Ordinances.

If the taxpayer is not a C corporation, is not a disregarded entity that has made the election described in division (47)(B) of section 197.03 of the Codified Ordinances, and is not a publicly traded partnership that has made the election described in division 23(D) of section 197.03 of the Codified Ordinances, the taxpayer shall compute adjusted federal taxable income under this section as if the taxpayer were a C corporation, except guaranteed payments and other similar amounts paid or accrued to a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member shall not be allowed as a deductible expense unless such payments are in consideration for the use of capital and treated as payment of interest under section 469 of the Internal Revenue Code or United States treasury regulations. Amounts paid or accrued to a qualified self-employed retirement plan with respect to a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member of the taxpayer, amounts paid or accrued to or for health insurance for a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member, and amounts paid or accrued to or for life insurance for a partner, former partner, shareholder, former shareholder, member, or former member shall not be allowed as a deduction.

Nothing in division (B) of this section shall be construed as allowing the taxpayer to add or deduct any amount more than once or shall be construed as allowing any taxpayer to deduct any amount paid to or accrued for purposes of federal self-employment tax.

- (C) "Taxpayer" has the same meaning as in section 197.03(47) of the Codified Ordinances, except that "taxpayer" does not include natural persons or entities subject to the tax imposed under Chapter 5745. of the Revised Code. "Taxpayer" may include receivers, assignees, or trustees in bankruptcy when such persons are required to assume the role of a taxpayer.
- (D) "Tax return" or "return" means the notifications and reports required to be filed pursuant to sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances for the purpose of reporting municipal income taxes, and includes declarations of estimated tax.

- (E) "Taxable year" means the calendar year or the taxpayer's fiscal year ending during the calendar year, or fractional part thereof, upon which the calculation of the taxpayer's adjusted federal taxable income is based pursuant to this chapter. If a taxpayer's taxable year is changed for federal income tax purposes, the taxable year for purposes of sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances is changed accordingly but may consist of an aggregation of more than one taxable year for federal income tax purposes. The tax commissioner may prescribe by rule an appropriate period as the taxable year for a taxpayer that has had a change of its taxable year for federal income tax purposes, for a taxpayer that has two or more short taxable years for federal income tax purposes as the result of a change of ownership, or for a new taxpayer that would otherwise have no taxable year.
- (F) "Assessment" means a notice of underpayment or nonpayment of a tax issued pursuant to section 197.90 of the Codified Ordinances.  
(Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

#### 197.82 APPLICABILITY; TAXABLE SITUS; APPORTIONMENT.

This section applies to any taxpayer that is engaged in a business or profession in the City of New Philadelphia and that has made the election under section 197.80 of the Codified Ordinances.

- (A) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, net profit from a business or profession conducted both within and without the boundaries of the City of New Philadelphia shall be considered as having a taxable situs in the City of New Philadelphia for purposes of municipal income taxation in the same proportion as the average ratio of the following:
- (1) The average original cost of the real property and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession in the City of New Philadelphia during the taxable period to the average original cost of all of the real and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession during the same period, wherever situated.  
As used in the preceding paragraph, tangible personal or real property shall include property rented or leased by the taxpayer and the value of such property shall be determined by multiplying the annual rental thereon by eight;
  - (2) Wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the taxable period to individuals employed in the business or profession for services performed in the City of New Philadelphia to wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the same period to individuals employed in the business or profession, wherever the individual's services are performed, excluding compensation from which taxes are not required to be withheld under section 197.052 of the Codified Ordinances;
  - (3) Total gross receipts of the business or profession from sales and rentals made and services performed during the taxable period in the City of New Philadelphia to total gross receipts of the business or profession during the same period from sales, rentals, and services, wherever made or performed.
- (B) (1) If the apportionment factors described in division (A) of this section do not fairly represent the extent of a taxpayer's business activity in the City of New Philadelphia, the taxpayer may request, or the tax commissioner may require, that the taxpayer use, with respect to all or any portion of the income of the taxpayer, an alternative apportionment method involving one or more of the following:

- (a) Separate accounting;
    - (b) The exclusion of one or more of the factors;
    - (c) The inclusion of one or more additional factors that would provide for a more fair apportionment of the income of the taxpayer to the municipal corporation;
    - (d) A modification of one or more of the factors.
  - (2) A taxpayer request to use an alternative apportionment method shall be in writing and shall accompany a tax return, timely filed appeal of an assessment, or timely filed amended tax return. The taxpayer may use the requested alternative method unless the tax commissioner denies the request in an assessment issued within the period prescribed by division (A) of section 197.90 of the Codified Ordinances.
  - (3) The tax commissioner may require a taxpayer to use an alternative apportionment method as described in division (B)(1) of this section only by issuing an assessment to the taxpayer within the period prescribed by division (A) of section 197.90 of the Codified Ordinances.
- (C) As used in division (A)(2) of this section, "wages, salaries, and other compensation" includes only wages, salaries, or other compensation paid to an employee for services performed at any of the following locations:
- (1) A location that is owned, controlled, or used by, rented to, or under the possession of one of the following:
    - (a) The employer;
    - (b) A vendor, customer, client, or patient of the employer, or a related member of such a vendor, customer, client, or patient;
    - (c) A vendor, customer, client, or patient of a person described in division (C)(1)(b) of this section, or a related member of such a vendor, customer, client, or patient.
  - (2) Any location at which a trial, appeal, hearing, investigation, inquiry, review, court-martial, or similar administrative, judicial, or legislative matter or proceeding is being conducted, provided that the compensation is paid for services performed for, or on behalf of, the employer or that the employee's presence at the location directly or indirectly benefits the employer;
  - (3) Any other location, if the tax commissioner determines that the employer directed the employee to perform the services at the other location in lieu of a location described in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section solely in order to avoid or reduce the employer's municipal income tax liability. If the tax commissioner makes such a determination, the employer may dispute the determination by establishing, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the tax commissioner's determination was unreasonable.
- (D) For the purposes of division (A)(3) of this section, receipts from sales and rentals made and services performed shall be situated to the City of New Philadelphia as follows:
- (1) Gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property shall be situated to the City of New Philadelphia only if, regardless of where title passes, the property meets either of the following criteria:
    - (a) The property is shipped to or delivered within the City of New Philadelphia from a stock of goods located within the City of New Philadelphia.

- (b) The property is delivered within the City of New Philadelphia from a location outside the City of New Philadelphia, provided the taxpayer is regularly engaged through its own employees in the solicitation or promotion of sales within the City of New Philadelphia and the sales result from such solicitation or promotion.
- (2) Gross receipts from the sale of services shall be situated to the City of New Philadelphia to the extent that such services are performed in the City of New Philadelphia.
- (3) To the extent included in income, gross receipts from the sale of real property located in the City of New Philadelphia shall be situated to the City of New Philadelphia.
- (4) To the extent included in income, gross receipts from rents and royalties from real property located in the City of New Philadelphia shall be situated to the City of New Philadelphia.
- (5) Gross receipts from rents and royalties from tangible personal property shall be situated to the City of New Philadelphia based upon the extent to which the tangible personal property is used in the City of New Philadelphia.
- (E) Commissions received by a real estate agent or broker relating to the sale, purchase, or lease of real estate shall be situated to the City of New Philadelphia in which the real estate is located. Net profit reported by the real estate agent or broker shall be allocated to the City of New Philadelphia based upon the ratio of the commissions the agent or broker received from the sale, purchase, or lease of real estate located in the City of New Philadelphia to the commissions received from the sale, purchase, or lease of real estate everywhere in the taxable year.
- (F) If, in computing a taxpayer's adjusted federal taxable income, the taxpayer deducted any amount with respect to a stock option granted to an employee, and if the employee is not required to include in the employee's income any such amount or a portion thereof because it is exempted from taxation under divisions (11)(L) and (34)(A)(iv) of section 197.03 of the Codified Ordinances by the City of New Philadelphia or substantially similar provision of the codified ordinances of another municipal corporation, the taxpayer shall add the amount that is exempt from taxation to the taxpayer's net profit that was apportioned to the City of New Philadelphia. In no case shall a taxpayer be required to add to its net profit that was apportioned to the City of New Philadelphia any amount other than the amount upon which the employee would be required to pay tax were the amount related to the stock option not exempted from taxation. This division applies solely for the purpose of making an adjustment to the amount of a taxpayer's net profit that was apportioned to the City of New Philadelphia under this section.
- (G) When calculating the ratios described in division (A) of this section for the purposes of that division or division (B) of this section, the owner of a disregarded entity shall include in the owner's ratios the property, payroll, and gross receipts of such disregarded entity.  
(Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

## 197.83 RESERVED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.

197.84 INFORMATION PROVIDED TO TAX ADMINISTRATORS;  
CONFIDENTIALITY

(A) Any information gained as a result of returns, investigations, hearings, or verifications required or authorized by sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances is confidential, and no person shall disclose such information, except for official purposes, in accordance with a proper judicial order, or as provided in section 4123.271 or 5703.21 of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner may furnish the internal revenue service with copies of returns filed. This section does not prohibit the publication of statistics in a form which does not disclose information with respect to particular taxpayers.

(B) In May and November of each year, the tax commissioner shall provide the City of New Philadelphia tax administrator with the following information for every taxpayer that filed tax returns with the commissioner under sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances and that had municipal taxable income apportionable to the City of New Philadelphia under this chapter for any prior year:

- (1) The taxpayer's name, address, and federal employer identification number;
- (2) The taxpayer's apportionment ratio for, and amount of municipal taxable income apportionable to, the City of New Philadelphia pursuant to section 197.82 of the Codified Ordinances;
- (3) The amount of any pre-2017 net operating loss carryforward utilized by the taxpayer;
- (4) Whether the taxpayer requested that any overpayment be carried forward to a future taxable year;
- (5) The amount of any credit claimed under section 718.94 of the Revised Code.

(C) Not later than thirty days after each distribution made to municipal corporations under section 718.83 of the Revised Code, the tax commissioner shall provide to the City of New Philadelphia a report stating the name and federal identification number of every taxpayer that made estimated payments that are attributable to the City of New Philadelphia and the amount of each such taxpayer's estimated payment.

(D) The information described under divisions (B) and (C) of this section shall be provided to the individual or individuals designated by the City of New Philadelphia tax administrator under section 718.83(D) of the Revised Code.

- (E) (1) The City expects that the tax commissioner will, pursuant to section 718.84(E) of the Revised Code, provide tax returns and other information it receives in the performance of its administration of the municipal net profits tax for taxpayers making the election provided in section 197.80 of the Codified Ordinances. The tax administrator shall review these returns and information, as well as the information received pursuant to divisions (B) and (C) of this section, and has discretion to refer any taxpayer for audit by the tax commissioner. Such referral shall be made on a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall include any information that forms the basis for the referral.



- (2) If the tax commissioner declines to audit a taxpayer referred by the tax administrator under this section, the City of New Philadelphia reserves its right to pursue any and all remedies, whether at law or in equity, to ensure that the correct tax liability has been calculated and paid by the taxpayer. (Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

#### 197.851 ELECTRONIC FILING.

(A) All taxpayers that have made the election allowed under section 197.80 of the Codified Ordinances shall file any tax return or extension for filing a tax return, and shall make payment of amounts shown to be due on such returns, electronically, either through the Ohio business gateway or in another manner as prescribed by the tax commissioner.

(B) A taxpayer may apply to the commissioner, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, to be excused from the requirement to file returns and make payments electronically. For good cause shown, the commissioner may excuse the applicant from the requirement and permit the applicant to file the returns or make the payments by nonelectronic means.

- (C) The tax commissioner may adopt rules establishing the following:
- (1) The format of documents to be used by taxpayers to file returns and make payments by electronic means;
  - (2) The information taxpayers must submit when filing tax returns by electronic means.
- (Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

#### 197.85 FILING OF ANNUAL RETURN; REMITTANCE; DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.

- (A)
- (1) For each taxable year, every taxpayer shall file an annual return. Such return, along with the amount of tax shown to be due on the return less the amount paid for the taxable year under section 197.88 of the Codified Ordinances, shall be submitted to the tax commissioner, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner, on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end of the taxpayer's taxable year.
  - (2) If a taxpayer has multiple taxable years ending within one calendar year, the taxpayer shall aggregate the facts and figures necessary to compute the tax due under this chapter, in accordance with sections 197.81, 197.82 and, if applicable, 197.86 of the Codified Ordinances onto its annual return.
  - (3) The remittance shall be made payable to the treasurer of state and in the form prescribed by the tax commissioner. If the amount payable with the tax return is ten dollars or less, no remittance is required.
- (B)
- (1) Each return required to be filed under this section shall contain the signature of the taxpayer or the taxpayer's duly authorized agent and of the person who prepared the return for the taxpayer, and shall include the taxpayer's identification number. Each return shall be verified by a declaration under penalty of perjury.
  - (2) (a) The tax commissioner may require a taxpayer to include, with each annual tax return, amended return, or request for refund filed with the commissioner under sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances, copies of any relevant documents or other information.

- (b) A taxpayer that files an annual tax return electronically through the Ohio business gateway or in another manner as prescribed by the tax commissioner shall either submit the documents required under this division electronically as prescribed at the time of filing or, if electronic submission is not available, mail the documents to the tax commissioner. The department of taxation shall publish a method of electronically submitting the documents required under this division on or before January 1, 2019.
- (3) After a taxpayer files a tax return, the tax commissioner may request, and the taxpayer shall provide, any information, statements, or documents required to determine and verify the taxpayer's municipal income tax.
  - (C) (1) (a) Any taxpayer that has duly requested an automatic extension for filing the taxpayer's federal income tax return shall automatically receive an extension for the filing of a tax return with the commissioner under this section. The extended due date of the return shall be the fifteenth day of the tenth month after the last day of the taxable year to which the return relates.
  - (b) A taxpayer that has not requested or received a six-month extension for filing the taxpayer's federal income tax return may request that the commissioner grant the taxpayer a six-month extension of the date for filing the taxpayer's municipal income tax return. If the commissioner receives the request on or before the date the municipal income tax return is due, the commissioner shall grant the taxpayer's extension request.
  - (c) An extension of time to file under division (D)(1) of this section is not an extension of the time to pay any tax due unless the tax commissioner grants an extension of that date.
  - (2) If the commissioner considers it necessary in order to ensure payment of a tax imposed in accordance with section 197.011 of the Codified Ordinances, the commissioner may require taxpayers to file returns and make payments otherwise than as provided in this section, including taxpayers not otherwise required to file annual returns.

(D) Each return required to be filed in accordance with this section shall include a box that the taxpayer may check to authorize another person, including a tax return preparer who prepared the return, to communicate with the tax commissioner about matters pertaining to the return. The return or instructions accompanying the return shall indicate that by checking the box the taxpayer authorizes the commissioner to contact the preparer or other person concerning questions that arise during the examination or other review of the return and authorizes the preparer or other person only to provide the commissioner with information that is missing from the return, to contact the commissioner for information about the examination or other review of the return or the status of the taxpayer's refund or payments, and to respond to notices about mathematical errors, offsets, or return preparation that the taxpayer has received from the commissioner and has shown to the preparer or other person.

(E) When income tax returns or other documents require the signature of a tax return preparer, the tax commissioner shall accept a facsimile or electronic version of such a signature in lieu of a manual signature.  
(Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

## 197.86 CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

## (A) As used in this section:

- (1) "Affiliated group of corporations" means an affiliated group as defined in section 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code, except that, if such a group includes at least one incumbent local exchange carrier that is primarily engaged in the business of providing local exchange telephone service in this state, the affiliated group shall not include any incumbent local exchange carrier that would otherwise be included in the group.
- (2) "Consolidated federal income tax return" means a consolidated return filed for federal income tax purposes pursuant to section 1501 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (3) "Consolidated federal taxable income" means the consolidated taxable income of an affiliated group of corporations, as computed for the purposes of filing a consolidated federal income tax return, before consideration of net operating losses or special deductions. "Consolidated federal taxable income" does not include income or loss of an incumbent local exchange carrier that is excluded from the affiliated group under division (A)(1) of this section.
- (4) "Incumbent local exchange carrier" has the same meaning as in section 4927.01 of the Revised Code.
- (5) "Local exchange telephone service" has the same meaning as in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code.

- (B)
  - (1) A taxpayer that is a member of an affiliated group of corporations may elect to file a consolidated tax return for a taxable year if at least one member of the affiliated group of corporations is subject to municipal income tax in that taxable year and if the affiliated group of corporations filed a consolidated federal income tax return with respect to that taxable year. The election is binding for a five-year period beginning with the first taxable year of the initial election unless a change in the reporting method is required under federal law. The election continues to be binding for each subsequent five-year period unless the taxpayer elects to discontinue filing consolidated tax returns under division (B)(2) of this section or a taxpayer receives permission from the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner shall approve such a request for good cause shown.
  - (2) An election to discontinue filing consolidated tax returns under this section must be made on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month of the year following the last year of a five-year consolidated tax return election period in effect under division (B)(1) of this section. The election to discontinue filing a consolidated tax return is binding for a five-year period beginning with the first taxable year of the election.
  - (3) An election made under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section is binding on all members of the affiliated group of corporations subject to a municipal income tax.
  - (4) When a taxpayer makes the election allowed under section 197.80 of the Codified Ordinances, a valid election made by the taxpayer under division (B)(1) or (2) of section 197.063 of the Codified Ordinances is binding upon the tax commissioner for the remainder of the five-year period.

- (5) When an election made under section 197.80 of the Codified Ordinances is terminated, a valid election made under this section is binding upon the tax administrator for the remainder of the five-year period.

(C) A taxpayer that is a member of an affiliated group of corporations that filed a consolidated federal income tax return for a taxable year shall file a consolidated tax return for that taxable year if the tax commissioner determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that intercompany transactions have not been conducted at arm's length and that there has been a distortive shifting of income or expenses with regard to allocation of net profits to a municipal corporation. A taxpayer that is required to file a consolidated tax return for a taxable year shall file a consolidated tax return for all subsequent taxable years unless the taxpayer requests and receives written permission from the commissioner to file a separate return or a taxpayer has experienced a change in circumstances.

(D) A taxpayer shall prepare a consolidated tax return in the same manner as is required under the United States department of treasury regulations that prescribe procedures for the preparation of the consolidated federal income tax return required to be filed by the common parent of the affiliated group of which the taxpayer is a member.

- (E) (1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (E)(2), (3), and (4) of this section, corporations that file a consolidated tax return shall compute adjusted federal taxable income, as defined in section 197.81 of the Codified Ordinances, by substituting "consolidated federal taxable income" for "federal taxable income" wherever "federal taxable income" appears in that division and by substituting "an affiliated group of corporation's" for "a C corporation's" wherever "a C corporation's" appears in that division.
- (2) No corporation filing a consolidated tax return shall make any adjustment otherwise required under division (B) of section 197.81 of the Codified Ordinances to the extent that the item of income or deduction otherwise subject to the adjustment has been eliminated or consolidated in the computation of consolidated federal taxable income.
- (3) If the net profit or loss of a pass-through entity having at least eighty per cent of the value of its ownership interest owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by an affiliated group of corporations is included in that affiliated group's consolidated federal taxable income for a taxable year, the corporation filing a consolidated tax return shall do one of the following with respect to that pass-through entity's net profit or loss for that taxable year:
- (a) Exclude the pass-through entity's net profit or loss from the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group and, for the purpose of making the computations required in section 197.82 of the Codified Ordinances, exclude the property, payroll, and gross receipts of the pass-through entity in the computation of the affiliated group's net profit situated to a municipal corporation. If the entity's net profit or loss is so excluded, the entity shall be subject to taxation as a separate taxpayer on the basis of the entity's net profits that would otherwise be included in the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group.

- (b) Include the pass-through entity's net profit or loss in the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group and, for the purpose of making the computations required in section 197.82 of the Codified Ordinances, include the property, payroll, and gross receipts of the pass-through entity in the computation of the affiliated group's net profit situated to a municipal corporation. If the entity's net profit or loss is so included, the entity shall not be subject to taxation as a separate taxpayer on the basis of the entity's net profits that are included in the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group.
- (4) If the net profit or loss of a pass-through entity having less than eighty per cent of the value of its ownership interest owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by an affiliated group of corporations is included in that affiliated group's consolidated federal taxable income for a taxable year, all of the following shall apply:
  - (a) The corporation filing the consolidated tax return shall exclude the pass-through entity's net profit or loss from the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group and, for the purposes of making the computations required in section 197.82 of the Codified Ordinances, exclude the property, payroll, and gross receipts of the pass-through entity in the computation of the affiliated group's net profit situated to a municipal corporation;
  - (b) The pass-through entity shall be subject to municipal income taxation as a separate taxpayer in accordance with sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances on the basis of the entity's net profits that would otherwise be included in the consolidated federal taxable income of the affiliated group.

(F) Corporations filing a consolidated tax return shall make the computations required under section 197.82 of the Codified Ordinances by substituting "consolidated federal taxable income attributable to" for "net profit from" wherever "net profit from" appears in that section and by substituting "affiliated group of corporations" for "taxpayer" wherever "taxpayer" appears in that section.

(G) Each corporation filing a consolidated tax return is jointly and severally liable for any tax, interest, penalties, fines, charges, or other amounts applicable under section 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances or Chapter 5703 of the Revised Code to the corporation, an affiliated group of which the corporation is a member for any portion of the taxable year, or any one or more members of such an affiliated group.  
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#### 197.87 FAILURE TO PAY TAX.

If a taxpayer that has made the election allowed under 197.80 of the Codified Ordinances fails to pay any tax as required under sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances, or any portion of that tax, on or before the date prescribed for its payment, interest shall be assessed, collected, and paid, in the same manner as the tax, upon such unpaid amount at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code from the date prescribed for its payment until it is paid or until the date an assessment is issued under section 197.90 of the Codified Ordinances, whichever occurs first.  
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## 197.88 DECLARATION OF ESTIMATED TAXES.

- (A) As used in this section:
- (1) "Combined tax liability" means the total amount of a taxpayer's income tax liabilities to all municipal corporations in this state for a taxable year.
  - (2) "Estimated taxes" means the amount that the taxpayer reasonably estimates to be the taxpayer's combined tax liability for the current taxable year.
- (B)
- (1) Except as provided in division (B)(4) of this section, every taxpayer shall make a declaration of estimated taxes for the current taxable year, on the form prescribed by the tax commissioner, if the amount payable as estimated taxes is at least two hundred dollars.
  - (2) Except as provided in division (B)(4) of this section, a taxpayer having a taxable year of less than twelve months shall make a declaration under rules prescribed by the commissioner.
  - (3) The declaration of estimated taxes shall be filed on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month after the beginning of the taxable year or on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month after the taxpayer becomes subject to tax for the first time.
  - (4) The tax commissioner may waive the requirement for filing a declaration of estimated taxes for any class of taxpayers after finding that the waiver is reasonable and proper in view of administrative costs and other factors.
- (C) Each taxpayer shall file the declaration of estimated taxes with, and remit estimated taxes to, the tax commissioner at the times and in the amounts prescribed in division (C)(1) of this section. Remitted taxes shall be made payable to the treasurer of state.
- (1) The required portion of the combined tax liability for the taxable year that shall be paid through estimated taxes shall be as follows:
    - (a) On or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month after the beginning of the taxable year, twenty-two and one-half per cent of the combined tax liability for the taxable year;
    - (b) On or before the fifteenth day of the sixth month after the beginning of the taxable year, forty-five per cent of the combined tax liability for the taxable year;
    - (c) On or before the fifteenth day of the ninth month after the beginning of the taxable year, sixty-seven and one-half per cent of the combined tax liability for the taxable year;
    - (d) On or before the fifteenth day of the twelfth month of the taxable year, ninety per cent of the combined tax liability for the taxable year.
  - (2) If the taxpayer determines that its declaration of estimated taxes will not accurately reflect the taxpayer's tax liability for the taxable year, the taxpayer shall increase or decrease, as appropriate, its subsequent payments in equal installments to result in a more accurate payment of estimated taxes.
  - (3)
    - (a) Each taxpayer shall report on the declaration of estimated taxes the portion of the remittance that the taxpayer estimates that it owes to each municipal corporation for the taxable year.

- (b) Upon receiving a payment of estimated taxes under this section, the commissioner shall immediately forward the payment to the treasurer of state. The treasurer shall credit the payment in the same manner as in division (B) of section 718.85 of the Revised Code.
- (D) (1) In the case of any underpayment of estimated taxes, there shall be added to the taxes an amount determined at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code upon the amount of underpayment for the period of underpayment, unless the underpayment is due to reasonable cause as described in division (E) of this section. The amount of the underpayment shall be determined as follows:
- (a) For the first payment of estimated taxes each year, twenty-two and one-half per cent of the combined tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment;
  - (b) For the second payment of estimated taxes each year, forty-five per cent of the combined tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment;
  - (c) For the third payment of estimated taxes each year, sixty-seven and one-half per cent of the combined tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment;
  - (d) For the fourth payment of estimated taxes each year, ninety per cent of the combined tax liability, less the amount of taxes paid by the date prescribed for that payment.
- (2) The period of the underpayment shall run from the day the estimated payment was required to be made to the date on which the payment is made. For purposes of this section, a payment of estimated taxes on or before any payment date shall be considered a payment of any previous underpayment only to the extent the payment of estimated taxes exceeds the amount of the payment presently due.
- (3) All amounts collected under this section shall be considered as taxes collected under sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances and shall be credited and distributed to municipal corporations in accordance with section 718.83 of the Revised Code.
- (E) An underpayment of any portion of a combined tax liability shall be due to reasonable cause and the penalty imposed by this section shall not be added to the taxes for the taxable year if any of the following apply:
- (1) The amount of estimated taxes that were paid equals at least ninety per cent of the combined tax liability for the current taxable year, determined by annualizing the income received during the year up to the end of the month immediately preceding the month in which the payment is due.
  - (2) The amount of estimated taxes that were paid equals at least one hundred per cent of the tax liability shown on the return of the taxpayer for the preceding taxable year, provided that the immediately preceding taxable year reflected a period of twelve months and the taxpayer filed a municipal income tax return for that year.
- (Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

**197.89 ADDITIONAL PENALTIES.**

(A) In addition to any other penalty imposed by sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances or Chapter 5703. of the Revised Code, the following penalties shall apply:

- (1) If a taxpayer required to file a tax return under sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances fails to make and file the return within the time prescribed, including any extensions of time granted by the tax commissioner, the commissioner may impose a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars per month or fraction of a month, for each month or fraction of a month elapsing between the due date, including extensions of the due date, and the date on which the return is filed. The aggregate penalty, per instance, under this division shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars.
- (2) If a person required to file a tax return electronically under sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances fails to do so, the commissioner may impose a penalty not to exceed the following:
  - (a) For each of the first two failures, five per cent of the amount required to be reported on the return;
  - (b) For the third and any subsequent failure, ten per cent of the amount required to be reported on the return.
- (3) If a taxpayer that has made the election allowed under section 197.80 of the Codified Ordinances fails to timely pay an amount of tax required to be paid under this chapter, the commissioner may impose a penalty equal to fifteen per cent of the amount not timely paid.
- (4) If a taxpayer files what purports to be a tax return required by sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances that does not contain information upon which the substantial correctness of the return may be judged or contains information that on its face indicates that the return is substantially incorrect, and the filing of the return in that manner is due to a position that is frivolous or a desire that is apparent from the return to delay or impede the administration of sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances, a penalty of up to five hundred dollars may be imposed.
- (5) If a taxpayer makes a fraudulent attempt to evade the reporting or payment of the tax required to be shown on any return required under sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances, a penalty may be imposed not exceeding the greater of one thousand dollars or one hundred per cent of the tax required to be shown on the return.
- (6) If any person makes a false or fraudulent claim for a refund under section 197.91 of the Codified Ordinances, a penalty may be imposed not exceeding the greater of one thousand dollars or one hundred per cent of the claim. Any penalty imposed under this division, any refund issued on the claim, and interest on any refund from the date of the refund, may be assessed under section 197.90 of the Codified Ordinances without regard to any time limitation for the assessment imposed by division (A) of that section.

(B) For purposes of this section, the tax required to be shown on a tax return shall be reduced by the amount of any part of the tax paid on or before the date, including any extensions of the date, prescribed for filing the return.



(C) Each penalty imposed under this section shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed under this section. All or part of any penalty imposed under this section may be abated by the tax commissioner. The commissioner may adopt rules governing the imposition and abatement of such penalties.

(D) All amounts collected under this section shall be considered as taxes collected under sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances and shall be credited and distributed to municipal corporations in the same proportion as the underlying tax liability is required to be distributed to such municipal corporations under section 718.83 of the Revised Code. (Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.0)

#### 197.90 ASSESSMENTS AGAINST TAXPAYER.

(A) If any taxpayer required to file a return under section 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances fails to file the return within the time prescribed, files an incorrect return, or fails to remit the full amount of the tax due for the period covered by the return, the tax commissioner may make an assessment against the taxpayer for any deficiency for the period for which the return or tax is due, based upon any information in the commissioner's possession.

The tax commissioner shall not make or issue an assessment against a taxpayer more than three years after the later of the date the return subject to assessment was required to be filed or the date the return was filed. Such time limit may be extended if both the taxpayer and the commissioner consent in writing to the extension. Any such extension shall extend the three-year time limit in section 197.91 of the Codified Ordinances for the same period of time. There shall be no bar or limit to an assessment against a taxpayer that fails to file a return subject to assessment as required by sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances, or that files a fraudulent return. The commissioner shall give the taxpayer assessed written notice of the assessment as provided in section 5703.37 of the Revised Code. With the notice, the commissioner shall provide instructions on how to petition for reassessment and request a hearing on the petition.

(B) Unless the taxpayer assessed files with the tax commissioner within sixty days after service of the notice of assessment, either personally or by certified mail, a written petition for reassessment signed by the authorized agent of the taxpayer assessed having knowledge of the facts, the assessment becomes final, and the amount of the assessment is due and payable from the taxpayer to the treasurer of state. The petition shall indicate the taxpayer's objections, but additional objections may be raised in writing if received by the commissioner prior to the date shown on the final determination. If the petition has been properly filed, the commissioner shall proceed under section 5703.60 of the Revised Code.

(C) After an assessment becomes final, if any portion of the assessment remains unpaid, including accrued interest, a certified copy of the tax commissioner's entry making the assessment final may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas in the county in which the taxpayer has an office or place of business in this state, the county in which the taxpayer's statutory agent is located, or Franklin county.

Immediately upon the filing of the entry, the clerk shall enter a judgment against the taxpayer assessed in the amount shown on the entry. The judgment may be filed by the clerk in a loose-leaf book entitled "special judgments for municipal income taxes," and shall have the same effect as other judgments. Execution shall issue upon the judgment upon the request of the tax commissioner, and all laws applicable to sales on execution shall apply to sales made under the judgment.

If the assessment is not paid in its entirety within sixty days after the day the assessment was issued, the portion of the assessment consisting of tax due shall bear interest at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code from the day the commissioner issues the assessment until the assessment is paid or until it is certified to the attorney general for collection under section 131.02 of the Revised Code, whichever comes first. If the unpaid portion of the assessment is certified to the attorney general for collection, the entire unpaid portion of the assessment shall bear interest at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code from the date of certification until the date it is paid in its entirety. Interest shall be paid in the same manner as the tax and may be collected by issuing an assessment under this section.

(D) All money collected under this section shall be credited to the municipal income tax fund and distributed to the municipal corporation to which the money is owed based on the assessment issued under this section.

(E) If the tax commissioner believes that collection of the tax will be jeopardized unless proceedings to collect or secure collection of the tax are instituted without delay, the commissioner may issue a jeopardy assessment against the taxpayer liable for the tax. Immediately upon the issuance of the jeopardy assessment, the commissioner shall file an entry with the clerk of the court of common pleas in the manner prescribed by division (C) of this section. Notice of the jeopardy assessment shall be served on the taxpayer assessed or the taxpayer's legal representative in the manner provided in section 5703.37 of the Revised Code within five days of the filing of the entry with the clerk. The total amount assessed is immediately due and payable, unless the taxpayer assessed files a petition for reassessment in accordance with division (B) of this section and provides security in a form satisfactory to the commissioner and in an amount sufficient to satisfy the unpaid balance of the assessment. Full or partial payment of the assessment does not prejudice the commissioner's consideration of the petition for reassessment.

(F) Notwithstanding the fact that a petition for reassessment is pending, the taxpayer may pay all or a portion of the assessment that is the subject of the petition. The acceptance of a payment by the treasurer of state does not prejudice any claim for refund upon final determination of the petition.

If upon final determination of the petition an error in the assessment is corrected by the tax commissioner, upon petition so filed or pursuant to a decision of the board of tax appeals or any court to which the determination or decision has been appealed, so that the amount due from the taxpayer under the corrected assessment is less than the portion paid, there shall be issued to the taxpayer, its assigns, or legal representative a refund in the amount of the overpayment as provided by section 197.91 of the Codified Ordinances, with interest on that amount as provided by that section.  
(Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

#### 197.91 REFUND APPLICATIONS.

(A) An application to refund to a taxpayer the amount of taxes paid on any illegal, erroneous, or excessive payment of tax under sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances, including assessments, shall be filed with the tax commissioner within three years after the date of the illegal, erroneous, or excessive payment of the tax, or within any additional period allowed by division (A) of section 197.90 of the Codified Ordinances. The application shall be filed in the form prescribed by the tax commissioner.

- (B) (1) On the filing of a refund application, the tax commissioner shall determine the amount of refund to which the applicant is entitled. The amount determined shall be based on the amount overpaid per return or assessment. If the amount is greater than ten dollars and not less than that claimed, the commissioner shall certify that amount to the director of budget and management and the treasurer of state for payment from the tax refund fund created in section 5703.052 of the Revised Code. If the amount is greater than ten dollars but less than that claimed, the commissioner shall proceed in accordance with section 5703.70 of the Revised Code.
- (2) Upon issuance of a refund under this section, the commissioner shall notify each municipal corporation of the amount refunded to the taxpayer attributable to that municipal corporation, which shall be deducted from the municipal corporation's next distribution under section 718.83 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any portion of a refund determined under division (B) of this section that is not issued within ninety days after such determination shall bear interest at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code from the ninety-first day after such determination until the day the refund is paid or credited. On an illegal or erroneous assessment, interest shall be paid at that rate from the date of payment on the illegal or erroneous assessment until the day the refund is paid or credited.  
(Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

#### 197.92 AMENDED RETURNS.

(A) If any of the facts, figures, computations, or attachments required in an annual return filed by a taxpayer that has made the election allowed under section 197.80 of the Codified Ordinances and used to determine the tax due under sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances must be altered as the result of an adjustment to the taxpayer's federal income tax return, whether initiated by the taxpayer or the internal revenue service, and such alteration affects the taxpayer's tax liability under those sections, the taxpayer shall file an amended return with the tax commissioner in such form as the commissioner requires. The amended return shall be filed not later than sixty days after the adjustment is agreed upon or finally determined for federal income tax purposes or after any federal income tax deficiency or refund, or the abatement or credit resulting therefrom, has been assessed or paid, whichever occurs first. If a taxpayer intends to file an amended consolidated municipal income tax return, or to amend its type of return from a separate return to a consolidated return, based on the taxpayer's consolidated federal income tax return, the taxpayer shall notify the commissioner before filing the amended return.

(B) In the case of an underpayment, the amended return shall be accompanied by payment of any combined additional tax due together with any penalty and interest thereon. An amended return required by this section is a return subject to assessment under section 197.90 of the Codified Ordinances for the purpose of assessing any additional tax due under this section, together with any applicable penalty and interest. The amended return shall not reopen those facts, figures, computations, or attachments from a previously filed return no longer subject to assessment that are not affected, either directly or indirectly, by the adjustment to the taxpayer's federal tax return.

(C) In the case of an overpayment, an application for refund may be filed under this division within the sixty-day period prescribed for filing the amended return, even if that period extends beyond the period prescribed in section 197.91 of the Codified Ordinances, if the application otherwise conforms to the requirements of that section. An application filed under this division shall claim refund of overpayments resulting from alterations to only those facts, figures, computations, or attachments required in the taxpayer's annual return that are affected, either directly or indirectly, by the adjustment to the taxpayer's federal income tax return unless it is also filed within the time prescribed in section 197.91 of the Codified Ordinances. The application shall not reopen those facts, figures, computations, or attachments that are not affected, either directly or indirectly, by the adjustment to the taxpayer's federal income tax return.

(Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

#### 197.93 EXAMINATION OF RECORDS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND PERSONS.

(A) The tax commissioner, or any authorized agent or employee thereof, may examine the books, papers, records, and federal and state income tax returns of any taxpayer or other person that is subject to sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of any return made or, if no return was filed, to ascertain the tax due as required under those sections. Upon written request by the commissioner or a duly authorized agent or employee thereof, every taxpayer or other person subject to this section is required to furnish the opportunity for the commissioner, authorized agent, or employee to investigate and examine such books, papers, records, and federal and state income tax returns at a reasonable time and place designated in the request.

(B) The records and other documents of any taxpayer or other person that is subject to sections 197.80 to 197.95 of the Codified Ordinances shall be open to the tax commissioner's inspection during business hours and shall be preserved for a period of six years following the end of the taxable year to which the records or documents relate, unless the commissioner, in writing, consents to their destruction within that period, or by order requires that they be kept longer. The commissioner may require any person, by notice served on that person, to keep such records as the commissioner determines necessary to show whether or not that person is liable, and the extent of such liability, for the income tax levied by a municipal corporation.

(C) The tax commissioner may examine under oath any person that the commissioner reasonably believes has knowledge concerning any income that was or would have been returned for taxation or any transaction tending to affect such income. The commissioner may, for this purpose, compel any such person to attend a hearing or examination and to produce any books, papers, records, and federal income tax returns in such person's possession or control. The person may be assisted or represented by an attorney, accountant, bookkeeper, or other tax practitioner at any such hearing or examination. This division does not authorize the practice of law by a person who is not an attorney.

(D) No person issued written notice by the tax commissioner compelling attendance at a hearing or examination or the production of books, papers, records, or federal income tax returns under this section shall fail to comply.

(Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

**197.94 CREDITS.**

(A) A credit, granted by resolution or ordinance of the City of New Philadelphia pursuant to section 197.064 or 197.065 of the Codified Ordinances, shall be available to a taxpayer that has made the election allowed under section 197.80 of the Codified Ordinances, against the municipal corporation's tax on income. A municipal corporation shall submit the following information to the tax commissioner on or before the later of January 31, 2018, or the thirty-first day of January of the first year in which the taxpayer is eligible to receive the credit:

- (1) A copy of the agreement entered into by the City of New Philadelphia and taxpayer under section 197.064 or 197.065 of the Codified Ordinances;
  - (2) A copy of the ordinance or resolution authorizing the agreement entered into between the City of New Philadelphia and the taxpayer.
- (B)
- (1) Each taxpayer that claims a credit shall submit, with the taxpayer's tax return, documentation issued by the City of New Philadelphia granting the credit that confirms the eligibility of the taxpayer for the credit, the amount of the credit for which the taxpayer is eligible, and the tax year to which the credit is to be applied.
  - (2) Such documentation shall be provided in the form prescribed by the tax commissioner.
  - (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the tax commissioner to enter into an agreement with a taxpayer to grant a credit, to determine if a taxpayer meets the conditions of a tax credit agreement entered into by the City of New Philadelphia and taxpayer under section 197.064 or 197.065 of the Codified Ordinances,, or to modify the terms or conditions of any such existing agreement.  
(Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

**197.95 RECKLESS VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES.**

(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, whoever recklessly violates division (A) of section 197.84 of the Codified Ordinances shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment for a term of up to six months, or both.

(B) Each instance of access or disclosure in violation of division (A) of section 197.84 of the Codified Ordinances constitutes a separate offense.

(C) These specific penalties shall not be construed to prevent the City of New Philadelphia from prosecuting any and all other offenses that may apply.  
(Ord. 1-2018. Passed 1-22-18.)

**197.97 COLLECTION AFTER TERMINATION OF CHAPTER.**

(A) This chapter shall continue in full force and effect insofar as the levy of taxes is concerned until repealed, and insofar as the collection of taxes levied hereunder and actions and proceedings for collecting any tax so levied or enforcing any provisions of this chapter are concerned, it shall continue in full force and effect until all of the taxes levied in the aforesaid period are fully paid and any and all suits and prosecutions for the collection of taxes or for the punishment of violations of this chapter have been fully terminated, subject to the limitations contained in Section 197.19.

(B) Annual returns due for all or any part of the last effective year of this chapter shall be due on the date provided in Section 197.091 as though the same were continuing. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.98 SAVINGS CLAUSE.

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this chapter, or any tax imposed against, or exemption from tax granted to, any taxpayer or forms of income specified herein is found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall affect only such clause, sentence, section or part of this chapter so found and shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or other parts of this chapter. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the legislative authority of the Municipality that this chapter would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included in this chapter. (Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)

#### 197.99 VIOLATIONS; PENALTY.

(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, whoever violates Section 197.15 of this Chapter,, division (A) of Section 197.14 of this Chapter,, or Section 197.051 of this Chapter by failing to remit municipal income taxes deducted and withheld from an employee, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment for a term of up to six months, or both. In addition, the violation is punishable by dismissal from office or discharge from employment, or both.

(B) Any person who discloses information received from the Internal Revenue Service in violation of Internal Revenue Code Sec. 7213(a), 7213A, or 7431 shall be guilty of a felony of the fifth degree and shall be subject to a fine of not more than five thousand dollars plus the costs of prosecution, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or both. In addition, the violation is punishable by dismissal from office or discharge from employment, or both.

(C) Each instance of access or disclosure in violation of division (A) of Section 197.14 of this Chapter constitutes a separate offense.

(D) Whoever violates any provision of this Chapter for which violation no penalty is otherwise provided, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 4th degree on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 3rd degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 1st degree. By way of an illustrative enumeration, violations of this Chapter shall include but not be limited to the following acts, conduct, and/or omissions:

- (1) Fail, neglect or refuse to make any return or declaration required by this Chapter; or
- (2) Knowingly make any incomplete return; or
- (3) Willfully fail, neglect, or refuse to pay the tax, penalties, and interest, or any combination thereof, imposed by this Chapter; or
- (4) Cause to not be remitted the city income tax withheld from qualifying wages of employees to the Municipality municipal corporation as required by Section 197.051; or
- (5) Neglect or refuse to withhold or remit municipal income tax from employees; or

- (6) Refuse to permit the Tax Administrator or any duly authorized agent or employee to examine his or her books, records, papers, federal and state income tax returns, or any documentation relating to the income or net profits of a taxpayer; or
- (7) Fail to appear before the Tax Administrator and to produce his or her books, records, papers, federal and state income tax returns, or any documentation relating to the income or net profits of a taxpayer upon order or subpoena of the Tax Administrator; or
- (8) Refuse to disclose to the Tax Administrator any information with respect to such person's income or net profits, or in the case of a person responsible for maintaining information relating to his or her employers' income or net profits, such person's employer's income or net profits; or
- (9) Fail to comply with the provisions of this chapter or any order or subpoena of the Tax Administrator; or
- (10) To avoid imposition or collection of municipal income tax, willfully give to an employer or prospective employer false information as to his or her true name, correct social security number and residence address, or willfully fail to promptly notify an employer or a prospective employer of any change in residence address and date thereof; or
- (11) Fail, as an employer, agent of an employer, or other payer, to maintain proper records of employees residence addresses, total qualifying wages paid and municipal tax withheld, or to knowingly give the Tax Administrator false information; or
- (12) Willfully fail, neglect, or refuse to make any payment of estimated municipal income tax for any taxable year or any part of any taxable year in accordance with this Chapter; or
- (13) Attempt to do anything whatsoever to avoid the payment of the whole or any part of the tax, penalties or interest imposed by this Chapter.
- (14) For purposes of this Section, any violation that does not specify a culpable mental state or intent, shall be one of strict liability and no culpable mental state or intent shall be required for a person to be guilty of that violation.
- (15) For purposes of this Section, the term "person" shall, in addition to the meaning prescribed in Section 197.03, include in the case of a corporation, association, pass-through entity or unincorporated business entity not having any resident owner or officer within the city, any employee or agent of such corporation, association, pass-through entity or unincorporated business entity who has control or supervision over or is charged with the responsibility of filing the municipal income tax returns and making the payments of the municipal income tax as required by this Chapter.  
(Ord. 17-2015. Passed 11-23-15.)





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Definitions

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School zones defined - see TRAF. 333.03(b)

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**301.01 MEANING OF WORDS AND PHRASES.**

The following words and phrases when used in this Traffic Code, except as otherwise provided, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this chapter.

**301.02 AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR.**

"Agricultural tractor" means every self-propelling vehicle designed or used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled machinery but having no provision for carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and used principally for agricultural purposes. (ORC 4511.01(J))

**301.03 ALLEY.**

"Alley" means a street or highway intended to provide access to the rear or side of lots or buildings in urban districts and not intended for the purpose of through vehicular traffic, and includes any street or highway that has been declared an "alley" by Council. (ORC 4511.01(XX))

**301.031 BEACON; HYBRID BEACON.**

(a) "Beacon" means a highway traffic signal with one or more signal sections that operate in a flashing mode. (ORC 4511.01(KKK))

(b) "Hybrid beacon" means a type of beacon that is intentionally placed in a dark mode between periods of operation where no indications are displayed and, when in operation, displays both steady and flashing traffic control signal indications. (ORC 4511.01(LLL))

**301.04 BICYCLE; MOTORIZED BICYCLE; MOPED; ELECTRIC BICYCLE.**

(a) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a device that is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than fourteen inches in diameter. (ORC 4511.01(G))

(b) "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 no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface.

"Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an electric bicycle. (ORC 4511.01(H))

(c) “Electric bicycle” means a “class 1 electric bicycle”, a “class 2 electric bicycle”, or a “class 3 electric bicycle” as defined in this section. (ORC 4511.01(RRR))

- (1) “Class 1 electric bicycle” means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour. (ORC 4511.01(SSS))
- (2) “Class 2 electric bicycle” means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts that may provide assistance regardless of whether the rider is pedaling and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour. (ORC 4511.01(TTT))
- (3) “Class 3 electric bicycle” means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour. (ORC 4511.01(UUU))

#### 301.05 BUS.

"Bus" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying more than nine passengers and used for the transportation of persons other than in a ridesharing arrangement as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.01, and every motor vehicle, automobile for hire or funeral car, other than a taxicab or motor vehicle used in a ridesharing arrangement, designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation. (ORC 4511.01(L))

#### 301.06 BUSINESS DISTRICT.

"Business district" means the territory fronting upon a street or highway, including the street or highway, between successive intersections where fifty percent or more of the frontage between such successive intersections is occupied by buildings in use for business, or where fifty percent or more of the frontage for a distance of 300 feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business, and the character of such territory is indicated by official traffic control devices. (ORC 4511.01(NN))

#### 301.07 COMMERCIAL TRACTOR.

"Commercial tractor" means every motor vehicle having motive power designed or used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon, or designed or used for drawing other vehicles while carrying a portion of such other vehicles, or the load thereon, or both. (ORC 4511.01(I))

#### 301.08 CONTROLLED-ACCESS HIGHWAY.

"Controlled-access highway" means every street or highway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have no legal right or access to or from the same except at such points only and in such manner as may be determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over such street or highway. (ORC 4511.01(CC))

#### 301.09 CROSSWALK.

"Crosswalk" means:

- (a) That part of a roadway at intersections ordinarily included within the real or projected prolongation of property lines and curb lines or, in the absence of curbs, the edges of the traversable roadway;
- (b) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere, distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface;

- (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) hereof, there shall not be a crosswalk where authorized signs have been placed indicating no crossing.  
(ORC 4511.01(LL))

#### 301.10 DRIVER OR OPERATOR.

"Driver" or "operator" means every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle. (ORC 4511.01(Y))

#### 301.11 EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

"Emergency vehicle" means emergency vehicles of municipal, township or county departments or public utility corporations when identified as such as required by law, the Ohio Director of Public Safety or local authorities, and motor vehicles when commandeered by a police officer. (ORC 4511.01(D))

#### 301.12 EXPLOSIVES.

"Explosives" means any chemical compound or mechanical mixture that is intended for the purpose of producing an explosion that contains any oxidizing and combustible units or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities or packing that an ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion, by percussion or by a detonator of any part of the compound or mixture may cause such a sudden generation of highly heated gases that the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on contiguous objects, or of destroying life or limb.

Manufactured articles shall not be held to be explosives when the individual units contain explosives in such limited quantities, of such nature or in such packing, that it is impossible to procure a simultaneous or a destructive explosion of such units, to the injury of life, limb or property by fire, by friction, by concussion, by percussion or by a detonator, such as fixed ammunition for small arms, firecrackers or safety fuse matches. (ORC 4511.01(T))

#### 301.13 EXPRESSWAY.

"Expressway" means a divided arterial highway for through traffic with full or partial control of access with an excess of fifty percent of all crossroads separated in grade.  
(ORC 4511.01(ZZ))

#### 301.14 FLAMMABLE LIQUID.

"Flammable liquid" means any liquid that has a flash point of seventy degrees Fahrenheit, or less, as determined by a tagliabue or equivalent closed cup test device. (ORC 4511.01(U))

#### 301.15 FREEWAY.

"Freeway" means a divided multi-lane highway for through traffic with all crossroads separated in grade and with full control of access. (ORC 4511.01(Y))

#### 301.16 GROSS WEIGHT.

"Gross weight" means the weight of a vehicle plus the weight of any load thereon.  
(ORC 4511.01(V))

#### 301.161 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(QQ))

**301.162 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. “Highway traffic signal” does not include a power-operated sign, steadily illuminated pavement markers, warning light, or steady burning electric lamp. (ORC 4511.01(MMM))

**301.17 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 or driveway with a roadway or highway does not constitute an intersection unless the roadway or highway at the junction is controlled by a traffic control device.
- (b) If a highway includes two roadways that are thirty feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway constitutes a separate intersection. If both intersecting highways include two roadways thirty feet or more apart, then every crossing of any two roadways of such highways constitutes a separate intersection.
- (c) At a location controlled by a traffic control signal, regardless of the distance between the separate intersections as described in subsection (b) of this section:
  - (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 line 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))

**301.18 LANED STREET OR HIGHWAY.**

"Laned street or highway" means a street or highway the roadway of which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic. (ORC 4511.01(GG))

**301.183 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))

**301.185 MEDIAN.**

“Median” means the area between two roadways of a divided highway, measured from edge of traveled way to edge of traveled way, but excluding turn lanes. The width of a median may be different between intersections, between interchanges, and at opposite approaches of the same intersection. (ORC 4511.01(NNN))

**301.19 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))

**301.20 MOTOR VEHICLE.**

"Motor vehicle" means every vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, 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))

**301.201 OPERATE.**

"Operate" means to cause or have caused movement of a vehicle.  
(ORC 4511.01(HHH))

**301.21 PARK OR PARKING.**

"Park or parking" means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

**301.22 PEDESTRIAN.**

"Pedestrian" means any natural person afoot. 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))

**301.23 PERSON.**

"Person" means every natural person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation.  
(ORC 4511.01(W))

**301.24 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 connection.  
(ORC 4511.01(O))

**301.25 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))

**301.251 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, 4511.522, 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 division (A)(2) of Ohio R.C. 4511.17, divisions (A) to (D) of Ohio R.C. 4511.51, or division (A) of Ohio R.C. 4511.74;
- (c) A violation of any provision of Ohio R.C. 4511.01 to 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 similar to any section or provision set forth or described in subsection (a) to (d) of this section.  
(ORC 4511.01(III))

### 301.26 PRIVATE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY.

(a) "Private road or driveway" 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))

(b) "Private road open to public travel" means a private toll road or road, including any adjacent sidewalks that generally run parallel to the road, within a shopping center, airport, sports arena, or other similar business or recreation facility that is privately owned but where the public is allowed to travel without access restrictions. "Private road open to public travel" includes a gated toll road but does not include a road within a private gated property where access is restricted at all times, a parking area, a driving aisle within a parking area, or a private grade crossing. (ORC 4511.01(OOO))

### 301.27 PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE.

"Public safety vehicle" means any of the following:

- (a) Ambulances, including private ambulance companies under contract to a municipal corporation, township or county and private ambulances and transport 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 or the Municipality;
- (c) Any motor vehicle when properly identified as required by the Ohio 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 Ohio Fire Marshal shall be designated by the Ohio Director of Public Safety as the certifying agency for all public safety vehicles described in this subsection (c);
- (d) Vehicles used by fire departments, including motor vehicles when used by volunteer fire fighters responding to emergency calls in the fire department service when identified as required by the Ohio Director of Public Safety. 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 a public safety vehicle when transporting an ill or injured person to a hospital regardless of whether such vehicle has already passed a hospital.  
(ORC 4511.01(E))

- (e) Vehicles used by the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Enforcement Unit for the enforcement of orders and rules of the Public Utilities Commission as specified in Ohio R.C. 5503.34.

**301.28 RAILROAD.**

"Railroad" means a carrier of persons or property operating upon rails placed principally on a private right of way. (ORC 4511.01(P))

**301.29 RAILROAD SIGN OR SIGNAL.**

"Railroad sign or signal" means any sign, signal or device erected by authority of a public body or official or by a railroad and intended to give notice of the presence of railroad tracks or the approach of a railroad train.  
(ORC 4511.01(SS))

**301.30 RAILROAD TRAIN.**

"Railroad train" means a steam engine, or an electric or other motor, with or without cars coupled thereto, operated by a railroad. (ORC 4511.01(Q))

**301.31 RESIDENCE DISTRICT.**

"Residence district" means the territory, not comprising a business district, fronting on a street or highway, including the street or highway, where, for a distance of 300 feet or more, the frontage is improved with residences or residences and buildings in use for business.  
(ORC 4511.01(OO))

**301.32 RIGHT OF WAY.**

"Right of way" means either of the following, as the context requires:

- (a) The right of a vehicle or pedestrian to proceed uninterruptedly in a lawful manner in the direction in which it or the individual is moving in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching from a different direction into its or the individual's path;
- (b) A general term denoting land, property or the interest therein, usually in the configuration of a strip, acquired for or devoted to transportation purposes. When used in this context, right of way includes the roadway, shoulders or berm, ditch, and slopes extending to the right-of-way limits under the control of the State or local authority. (ORC 4511.01(UU))

**301.321 ROAD SERVICE VEHICLE.**

"Road service vehicle" means wreckers, utility repair vehicles, and state, county, and municipal service vehicles equipped with visual signals by means of flashing, rotating, or oscillating lights. (ORC 4511.01(JJJ))

**301.33 ROADWAY.**

"Roadway" means that portion of a street or highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, except the berm or shoulder. If a street or highway includes two or more separate roadways, the term "roadway" means any such roadway separately but not all such roadways collectively. (ORC 4511.01(EE))

**301.34 SAFETY ZONE.**

"Safety zone" means the area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and protected or marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times. (ORC 4511.01(MM))

**301.35 SCHOOL BUS.**

"School bus" means every bus designed for carrying more than nine passengers that is owned by a public, private or governmental agency or institution of learning and operated for the transportation of children to or from a school session or a school function, or owned by a private person and operated for compensation for the transportation of children to or from a school session or a school function; provided "school bus" does not include a bus operated by a municipally owned transportation system, a mass transit company operating exclusively within the territorial limits of the Municipality, or within such limits and the territorial limits of municipalities immediately contiguous to the Municipality, nor a common passenger carrier certified by the Public Utilities Commission unless such bus is devoted exclusively to the transportation of children to and from a school session or a school function, and "school bus" does not include a van or bus used by a licensed child care center or type A family child care home to transport children from the child care center or type A family child care home to a school if the van or bus does not have more than fifteen children in the van or bus at any time. "Child care center" and "type A family child care home" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 5104.01. (ORC 4511.01(F), (FFF))

**301.36 SEMITRAILER.**

"Semitrailer" means every vehicle designed or used for carrying persons or property with another and separate motor vehicle so that in operation a part of its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is carried by another vehicle. (ORC 4511.01(N))

**301.361 SHARED-USE PATH.**

"Shared-use path" means a bikeway outside the traveled way and physically separate from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier and either within the highway right-of-way or within an independent alignment. A shared-use path also may be used by pedestrians, including skaters, joggers, users of manual and motorized wheelchairs, and other authorized motorized and non-motorized users. A shared-use path does not include any trail that is intended to be used primarily for mountain biking, hiking, equestrian use, or other similar uses, or any other single track or natural surface trail that has historically been reserved for nonmotorized use. (ORC 4511.01(PPP))

**301.37 SIDEWALK.**

"Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians. (ORC 4511.01(FF))

**301.38 STATE ROUTE.**

"State route" means every highway that is designated with an official State route number and so marked. (ORC 4511.01(JJ))

**301.39 STOP (WHEN REQUIRED).**

"Stop" when required means a complete cessation of movement.

**301.40 STOPPING OR STANDING.**

(a) "Stop or stopping" when prohibited means any halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device.

(b) "Stand or standing" means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

**301.41 STOP INTERSECTION.**

"Stop intersection" means any intersection at one or more entrances of which stop signs are erected. (ORC 4511.01(BBB))

**301.42 STREET OR HIGHWAY; ARTERIAL STREET.**

(a) "Street" or "highway" are synonymous and mean the entire width between the boundary lines of every way open to the use of the public as a thoroughfare for purposes of vehicular travel. (ORC 4511.01(BB))

(b) "Arterial street" means any United States or State numbered route, controlled access highway or other major radial or circumferential street or highway designated by local authorities within their respective jurisdictions as part of a major arterial system of streets or highways. (ORC 4511.01(CCC))

**301.43 THROUGH STREET OR HIGHWAY.**

"Through street or highway" means every street or highway as provided in Section 313.02. (ORC 4511.01(HH))

**301.44 THRUWAY.**

"Thruway" means a through street or highway whose entire roadway is reserved for through traffic and on which roadway parking is prohibited. (ORC 4511.01(AAA))

**301.45 TRAFFIC.**

"Traffic" means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles and other devices, either singly or together, while using for purposes of travel any street or highway or private road open to public travel. (ORC 4511.01(TT))

**301.46 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE.**

"Traffic control device" means a flagger, sign, signal, marking, or other device used to regulate, warn or guide traffic, placed on, over, or adjacent to a street, highway, private road open to public travel, pedestrian facility, or shared-use path by authority of a public agency or official having jurisdiction, or, in the case of a private road open to public travel, by authority of the private owner or private official having jurisdiction. (ORC 4511.01(QQ))

**301.47 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL.**

"Traffic control signal" means any highway traffic signal by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and permitted to proceed. (ORC 4511.01(RR))

**301.48 TRAILER.**

"Trailer" means every vehicle designed or used for carrying persons or property wholly on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, including any such vehicle when formed by or operated as a combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type, such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production materials between a local place of storage or supply and the farm when drawn or towed on a street or highway at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour and a vehicle 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 more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles per hour. (ORC 4511.01(M))

**301.49 TRUCK.**

"Truck" means every motor vehicle, except trailers and semitrailers, designed and used to carry property. (ORC 4511.01(K))

**301.50 URBAN DISTRICT.**

"Urban district" means the territory contiguous to and including any street or highway which is built up with structures devoted to business, industry or dwelling houses situated at intervals of less than 100 feet for distance of a quarter of a mile or more, and the character of such territory is indicated by official traffic control devices. (ORC 4511.01(PP))

**301.51 VEHICLE.**

"Vehicle" means every device, including a motorized bicycle and an electric bicycle, in, upon or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, except that "vehicle" does not include any motorized wheelchair, any electric personal assistive mobility device, any low-speed micromobility device, or any device, other than a bicycle, that is moved by human power. (ORC 4511.01(A))

**301.52 WHEELCHAIR, MOTORIZED.**

"Motorized wheelchair" means any self-propelled vehicle designed for, and used by, a handicapped person and that is incapable of a speed in excess of eight miles per hour. (ORC 4511.01(EEE))

**301.53 COMMERCIAL ACCESS ROUTE.**

"Commercial access route" means a route so designated, as provided in Section 305.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, which shall provide access to or from certain designated township or county roads between the corporate limits of the City and a State route or designated truck route within the City. (Ord. 95-77. Passed 11-28-77.)

**301.54 LOCAL STREETS.**

"Local streets" as used in Section 339.02 shall be all streets and highways lying within the municipal corporation which are not State routes, Federal routes, streets designated as truck routes or streets designated as commercial access routes. (Ord. 95-77. Passed 11-28-77.)

**301.55 WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLE.**

"Waste collection vehicle" means a vehicle used in the collection of garbage, refuse, trash or recyclable materials. (ORC 4511.01(RRR))



**CHAPTER 303**  
Enforcement, Impounding and Penalty

<p>303.01 Compliance with lawful order of police officer; fleeing.</p> <p>303.02 Traffic direction in emergencies; obedience to school guard.</p> <p>303.03 Officer may remove ignition key.</p> <p>303.04 Road workers, motor vehicles and equipment excepted.</p> <p>303.041 Emergency, public safety and coroner's vehicles exempt.</p> <p>303.05 Application to persons riding, driving animals upon roadway.</p> <p>303.06 Freeway use prohibited by pedestrians, bicycles and animals.</p> <p>303.07 Application to drivers of government vehicles.</p>	<p>303.08 Impounding of vehicles; redemption.</p> <p>303.081 Impounding vehicles on private residential or agricultural property.</p> <p>303.082 Private tow-away zones.</p> <p>303.083 Impounding vehicles on public property.</p> <p>303.09 Leaving junk and other vehicles on private or public property without permission or notification.</p> <p>303.10 Authority of arresting officer using radar.</p> <p>303.11 Providing false information to police officer.</p> <p>303.99 General Traffic Code penalties.</p> <p>303.991 Committing an offense while distracted penalty.</p>
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law

Disposition of unclaimed vehicles - see Ohio R.C. 737.32, 4513.62 et seq.

Citations for minor misdemeanors - see Ohio R.C. 2935.26 et seq.

Power of trial court of record to suspend or revoke license for certain violations - see Ohio R.C. 4507.16, 4507.34

State point system suspension - see Ohio R.C. 4507.40

Uniform application of Ohio Traffic Law - see Ohio R.C. 4511.06

Marking motor vehicles used by traffic officers - see Ohio R.C. 4549.13

Distinctive uniform required for traffic officers - see Ohio R.C. 4549.15

Exceptions for emergency or public safety vehicles - see TRAF. 331.20, 333.06

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**303.01 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWFUL ORDER OF POLICE OFFICER; FLEEING.**

(a) No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer invested with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic.

(b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle so as willfully to elude or flee a police officer after receiving a visible or audible signal from a police officer to bring the person's motor vehicle to a stop.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Refer to Ohio R.C. 2921.331 for filing charges under subsection (b) hereof since the jury or judge as trier of fact may determine the violation to be a felony.)

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer. A violation of subsection (a) is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Except as hereinafter provided, a violation of subsection (b) is a misdemeanor of the first degree. A violation of subsection (b) is a felony if the jury or judge as trier of fact finds any one of the following by proof beyond a reasonable doubt:

- (1) In committing the offense, the offender was fleeing immediately after the commission of a felony;
- (2) The operation of the motor vehicle by the offender was a proximate cause of serious physical harm to persons or property;
- (3) The operation of the motor vehicle by the offender caused a substantial risk of serious physical harm to persons or property.

(d) In addition to any other sanction imposed for a violation of subsection (a) of this section or a misdemeanor violation of subsection (b) of this section, the court shall impose a class five suspension from the range specified in Ohio R.C. 4510.02(A)(5). If the offender previously has been found guilty of an offense under this section, in addition to any other sanction imposed for the offense, the court shall impose a class one suspension as described in division (A)(1) of that section. The court may grant limited driving privileges to the offender on a suspension imposed for a misdemeanor violation of this section as set forth in Ohio R.C. 4510.021. No judge shall suspend the first three years of suspension under a class two suspension of an offender's license, permit or privilege required by this division on any portion of the suspension under a class one suspension of an offender's license, permit, or privilege required by this subsection.  
(ORC 2921.331)

### 303.02 TRAFFIC DIRECTION IN EMERGENCIES; OBEDIENCE TO SCHOOL GUARD.

(a) Police officers shall direct or regulate traffic in accordance with the provisions of this Traffic Code, provided that, in the event of fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, they are authorized to direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of this Traffic Code. Firemen, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity. The direction of traffic may be by word or audible signal, by gesture or visible signal or by any combination thereof. No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer or fireman issued pursuant to this section.

(b) No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order or direction of any school crossing guard invested with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic in the vicinity of the school to which such guard may be assigned.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

### 303.03 OFFICER MAY REMOVE IGNITION KEY.

A law enforcement officer may remove the ignition key left in the ignition switch of an unlocked and unattended motor vehicle parked on a street or highway, or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking. The officer removing such key shall place notification upon the vehicle detailing his name and badge number, the place where such key may be reclaimed and the procedure for reclaiming such key. The key shall be returned to the owner of the motor vehicle upon presentation of proof of ownership.  
(ORC 4549.05)



**303.04 ROAD WORKERS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT EXCEPTED.**

(a) The provisions of this Traffic Code do not apply to persons, teams, motor vehicles, and other equipment while actually engaged in work upon the surface of a highway within an area designated by traffic control devices, but apply to such persons and vehicles when traveling to or from such work.

(b) The driver of a highway maintenance vehicle owned by this state or any political subdivision of this state, while the driver is engaged in the performance of official duties upon a street or highway, provided the highway maintenance vehicle is equipped with flashing lights and such other markings as are required by law, and such lights are in operation when the driver and vehicle are so engaged, shall be exempt from criminal prosecution for violations of Sections 331.01 to 331.04, 331.06 to 331.08, 331.31, 333.04, 337.01 and Ohio R.C. 4511.66 and 5577.01 to 5577.09.

- (c) (1) This section does not exempt a driver of a highway maintenance vehicle from civil liability arising from a violation of Sections 331.01 to 331.04, 331.06 to 331.08, 331.31, 333.04, 337.01 or Ohio R.C. 4511.66 or 5577.01 to 5577.09.
- (2) This section does not exempt a driver of a vehicle who is not a state employee and who is engaged in the transport of highway maintenance equipment from criminal liability for a violation of Ohio R.C. 5577.01 to 5577.09.

(d) As used in this section, “engaged in the performance of official duties” includes driving a highway maintenance vehicle to and from the manufacturer or vehicle maintenance provider and transporting a highway maintenance vehicle, equipment, or materials to and from a work location. (ORC 4511.04)

**303.041 EMERGENCY, PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORONER’S VEHICLES EXEMPT.**

(a) Ohio R.C. 4511.12, 4511.13, 4511.131, 4511.132, 4511.14, 4511.202, 4511.21, 4511.211, 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, 4511.57, 4511.58, 4511.59, 4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.62, 4511.66, 4511.68, 4511.681 and 4511.69 and all sections of this Traffic Code or other municipal ordinances that are substantially equivalent to the sections listed above, do not apply to the driver of an emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle if the emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle is responding to an emergency call, is equipped with and displaying at least one flashing, rotating or oscillating light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle and if the driver of the vehicle is giving an audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle or bell. This section does not relieve the driver of an emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property upon the highway. (ORC 4511.041)

(b) Ohio R.C. 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.35, 4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38 and 4511.66, and all sections of this Traffic Code or other municipal ordinances that are substantially equivalent to the sections listed above, do not apply to a coroner, deputy coroner, or coroner’s investigator operating a motor vehicle in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4513.171. This section does not relieve a coroner, deputy coroner, or coroner’s investigator operating a motor vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property upon the highway. (ORC 4511.042)

### 303.05 APPLICATION TO PERSONS RIDING, DRIVING ANIMALS UPON ROADWAY.

Every person riding, driving or leading an animal upon a roadway shall be subject to the provisions of this Traffic Code applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except those provisions of such sections which by their nature are inapplicable. (ORC 4511.05)

### 303.06 FREEWAY USE PROHIBITED BY PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLES AND ANIMALS.

(a) No person, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, shall:

- (1) As a pedestrian, occupy any space within the limits of the right-of-way of a freeway, except: in a rest area; on a facility that is separated from the roadway and shoulders of the freeway and is designed and appropriately marked for pedestrian use; in the performance of public works or official duties; as a result of an emergency caused by an accident or breakdown of a motor vehicle; or to obtain assistance;
- (2) Occupy any space within the limits of the right of way of a freeway, with: an animal-drawn vehicle; a ridden or led animal; herded animals; a pushcart; a bicycle, except on a facility that is separated from the roadway and shoulders of the freeway and is designed and appropriately marked for bicycle use; an electric bicycle; a bicycle with motor attached; a motor driven cycle with a motor which produces not to exceed five brake horsepower; an agricultural tractor; farm machinery; except in the performance of public works or official duties.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.051)

### 303.07 APPLICATION TO DRIVERS OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES.

The provisions of this Traffic Code applicable to the drivers of vehicles shall apply to the drivers of all vehicles owned or operated by the United States, any state or any political subdivision thereof, including this Municipality, except as may be otherwise provided by law and subject to such specific exceptions as are set forth with reference to authorized emergency and public safety vehicles.

### 303.08 IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES; REDEMPTION.

(a) Police officers are authorized to provide for the removal of a vehicle under the following circumstances:

- (1) When any vehicle is left unattended upon any street, bridge or causeway and is so illegally parked so as to constitute a hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic, or so as to unreasonably interfere with street cleaning or snow removal operations.

- (2) When any vehicle or "abandoned junk motor vehicle" as defined in Ohio R.C. 4513.63 is left on private property for more than forty-eight consecutive hours without the permission of the person having the right to the possession of the property, or on a public street or other property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking, or upon or within the right of way of any road or highway, for forty-eight consecutive hours or longer, without notification to the Police Chief of the reasons for leaving such vehicle in such place. Prior to disposal of an "abandoned junk motor vehicle" as defined in Ohio R.C. 4513.63, it shall be photographed by a law enforcement officer.
- (3) When any vehicle has been stolen or operated without the consent of the owner and is located upon either public or private property.
- (4) When any vehicle displays illegal license plates or fails to display the current lawfully required plates and is located upon any public street or other property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.
- (5) When any vehicle has been used in or connected with the commission of a felony and is located upon either public or private property.
- (6) When any vehicle has been damaged or wrecked so as to be inoperable or violates equipment provisions of this Traffic Code whereby its continued operation would constitute a condition hazardous to life, limb or property, and is located upon any public street or other property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.
- (7) When any vehicle is left unattended either on public or private property due to the removal of an ill, injured or arrested operator, or due to the abandonment thereof by the operator during or immediately after pursuit by a law enforcement officer.
- (8) When any vehicle has been operated by any person who has failed to stop in case of an accident or collision and is located either on public or private property.
- (9) When any vehicle has been operated by any person who is driving without a lawful license or while his license has been suspended or revoked and is located upon a public street or other property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.
- (10) When any vehicle is found for which two or more citation tags for violations of this Traffic Code have been issued and the owner or operator thereof has failed to respond to such citation tags as lawfully required, and is located upon a public street or other property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.
- (11) When any vehicle is found standing or parked in violation of Codified Ordinance Section 351.03. (Ord. 73-98. Passed 8-24-98.)

(b) Any vehicle removed under authority of subsection (a)(2) hereof shall be ordered into storage and/or disposed of as provided under Ohio R.C. 4513.60 et seq. Any other vehicle removed under authority of this section shall be ordered into storage and the Municipal police shall forthwith notify the registered vehicle owner of the fact of such removal and impounding, reasons therefor and the place of storage. Any person desiring to redeem an impounded vehicle shall appear at the police offices to furnish satisfactory evidence of identity and ownership or right to possession. Prior to issuance of a release form, the claimant, owner or operator shall either pay the amount due for any fines for violations on account of which such vehicle was impounded or, as the court may require, post a bond in an amount set by the court, to appear to answer to such violations. The pound operator shall release such vehicle upon the receipt of the release form and payment of all towage and storage charges.

(c) No owner or operator shall remove an impounded vehicle from the place of storage without complying with the above procedure. Possession of a vehicle which has been impounded and unlawfully taken from the place of storage, by the owner or operator, shall constitute prima-facie evidence that it was so removed by the owner or operator.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

303.081 IMPOUNDING VEHICLES ON PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL OR AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY.

- (a) (1) The chief of a law enforcement agency of the municipal corporation, upon complaint of any person adversely affected may order into storage any motor vehicle, other than an abandoned junk motor vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4513.63, that has been left on private residential or private agricultural property for at least four hours without the permission of the person having the right to the possession of the property. The chief, upon complaint of a repair garage or place of storage, may order into storage any motor vehicle, other than an abandoned junk motor vehicle, that has been left at the garage or place of storage for a longer period than that agreed upon. When ordering a motor vehicle into storage pursuant to this section, the chief may arrange for the removal of the motor vehicle by a towing service and shall designate a storage facility.
- (2) A towing service towing a motor vehicle under subsection (a)(1) of this section shall remove the motor vehicle in accordance with that subsection. The towing service shall deliver the motor vehicle to the location designated by the chief not more than two hours after the time it is removed from the private property, unless the towing service is unable to deliver the motor vehicle within two hours due to an uncontrollable force, natural disaster, or other event that is not within the power of the towing service.
- (3) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, the owner of a motor vehicle that has been removed pursuant to this subsection may recover the vehicle only in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.
- (4) As used in this section "private residential property" means private property on which is located one or more structures that are used as a home, residence or sleeping place by one or more persons, if no more than three separate households are maintained in the structure or structures. "Private residential property" does not include any private property on which is located one or more structures that are used as a home, residence or sleeping place by two or more persons, if more than three separate households are maintained in the structure or structures.

(b) If the owner or operator of a motor vehicle that has been ordered into storage pursuant to subsection (a)(1) of this section arrives after the motor vehicle has been prepared for removal, but prior to its actual removal from the property, the towing service shall give the owner or operator oral or written notification at the time of such arrival that the vehicle owner or operator may pay a fee of not more than one-half of the fee for the removal of the motor vehicle established by the Public Utilities Commission in rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 4921.25, in order to obtain release of the motor vehicle. However, if the vehicle is within a municipal corporation and the municipal corporation has established a vehicle removal fee, the towing service shall give

the owner or operator oral or written notification that the owner or operator may pay not more than one-half of that fee to obtain release of the motor vehicle. That fee may be paid by use of a major credit card unless the towing service uses a mobile credit card processor and mobile service is not available at the time of the transaction.

Upon payment of the applicable fee, the towing service shall give the vehicle owner or operator a receipt showing both the full amount normally assessed and the actual amount received and shall release the motor vehicle to the owner or operator. Upon its release, the owner or operator immediately shall move it so that it is not on the private residential or private agricultural property without the permission of the person having the right to possession of the property, or is not at the garage or place of storage without the permission of the owner, whichever is applicable.

- (c)
  - (1) The chief of a law enforcement agency in the municipal corporation shall maintain a record of motor vehicles that the chief orders into storage pursuant to subsection (a)(1) of this section. The record shall include an entry for each such motor vehicle that identifies the motor vehicle's license number, make, model and color, the location from which it was removed, the date and time of its removal, the telephone number of the person from whom it may be recovered, and the address of the place to which it has been taken and from which it may be recovered. The chief shall provide any information in the record that pertains to a particular motor vehicle to any person who, either in person or pursuant to a telephone call, identifies self as the owner or operator of the motor vehicle and requests information pertaining to its location.
  - (2) Any person who registers a complaint that is the basis of the chief's order for the removal and storage of a motor vehicle under subsection (a)(1) of this section shall provide the identity of the law enforcement agency with which the complaint was registered to any person who identifies self as the owner or operator of the motor vehicle and requests information pertaining to its location.
- (d)
  - (1) The owner or lienholder of a motor vehicle that is ordered into storage pursuant to subsection (a)(1) of this section may reclaim it upon both of the following:
    - A. Payment of all applicable fees established by the Public Utilities Commission in rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 4921.25 or, if the vehicle was towed within a municipal corporation that has established fees for vehicle removal and storage, payment of all applicable fees established by the municipal corporation.
    - B. Presentation of proof of ownership, which may be evidenced by a certificate of title to the motor vehicle, a certificate of registration for the motor vehicle, or a lease agreement.
  - (2) When the owner of a vehicle towed under this section retrieves the vehicle, the towing service or storage facility in possession of the vehicle shall give the owner written notice that if the owner disputes that the motor vehicle was lawfully towed, the owner may be able to file a civil action under Ohio R.C. 4513.611.
  - (3) Upon presentation of proof of ownership as required under subsection (d)(1)B. of this section, the owner of a motor vehicle that is ordered into storage under subsection (a)(1) of this section may retrieve any personal items from the motor vehicle without retrieving the vehicle and without paying any fee. However, a towing service or storage facility may charge an after-hours retrieval fee established by the Public Utilities Commission in

rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 4921.25 if the owner retrieves the personal items after hours, unless the towing service or storage facility fails to provide the notice required under division (B)(3) of Ohio R.C. 4513.69, if applicable. The owner of a motor vehicle shall not do either of the following:

- A. Retrieve any personal item that has been determined by the chief to be necessary to a criminal investigation;
- B. Retrieve any personal item from a vehicle if it would endanger the safety of the owner unless the owner agrees to sign a waiver of liability.

For purposes of subsection (d)(2) of this section, "personal items" do not include any items that are attached to the motor vehicle.

- (4) If a motor vehicle that is ordered into storage pursuant to subsection (a)(1) of this section remains unclaimed by the owner for thirty days, the procedures established by Ohio R.C. 4513.61 and 4513.62 apply.

- (e)
  - (1) No person shall remove, or cause the removal of, any motor vehicle from any private residential or private agricultural property other than in accordance with subsection (a)(1) of this section or Ohio R.C. 4513.61 to 4513.65.
  - (2) No towing service or storage facility shall fail to comply with the requirements of this section.

(f) This section does not apply to any private residential or private agricultural property that is established as a private tow-away zone in accordance with Section 303.082.

(g) Whoever violates subsection (e) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4513.60)

#### 303.082 PRIVATE TOW-AWAY ZONES.

(a) The owner of a private property may establish a private tow-away zone, but may do so only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The owner of the private property posts on the property a sign, that is at least eighteen inches by twenty-four inches in size, that is visible from all entrances to the property, and that includes all of the following information:
  - A. A statement that the property is a tow-away zone;
  - B. A description of persons authorized to park on the property. If the property is a residential property, the owner of the private property may include on the sign a statement that only tenants and guests may park in the private tow-away zone, subject to the terms of the property owner. If the property is a commercial property, the owner of the private property may include on the sign a statement that only customers may park in the private tow-away zone. In all cases, if it is not apparent which persons may park in the private tow-away zone, the owner of the private property shall include on the sign the address of the property on which the private tow-away zone is located, or the name of the business that is located on the property designated as a private tow-away zone.
  - C. If the private tow-away zone is not enforceable at all times, the times during which the parking restrictions are enforced;

- D. The telephone number and the address of the place from which a towed vehicle may be recovered at any time during the day or night;
- E. A statement that the failure to recover a towed vehicle may result in the loss of title to the vehicle as provided in division (B) of Ohio R.C. 4505.101.

In order to comply with the requirements of subsection (a)(1) of this section, the owner of a private property may modify an existing sign by affixing to the existing sign stickers or an addendum in lieu of replacing the sign.

- (2) A towing service ensures that a vehicle towed under this section is taken to a location from which it may be recovered that complies with all of the following:
  - A. It is located within twenty-five linear miles of the location of the private tow-away zone, unless it is not practicable to take the vehicle to a place of storage within twenty-five linear miles.
  - B. It is well-lighted.
  - C. It is on or within a reasonable distance of a regularly scheduled route of one or more modes of public transportation, if any public transportation is available in the municipal corporation or township in which the private tow-away zone is located.
- (b) (1) If a vehicle is parked on private property that is established as a private tow-away zone in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, without the consent of the owner of the private property or in violation of any posted parking condition or regulation, the owner of the private property may cause the removal of the vehicle by a towing service. The towing service shall remove the vehicle in accordance with this section. The vehicle owner and the operator of the vehicle are considered to have consented to the removal and storage of the vehicle, to the payment of the applicable fees established by the Public Service Commission in rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 4921.25, and to the right of a towing service to obtain title to the vehicle if it remains unclaimed as provided in Ohio R.C. 4505.101. The owner or lienholder of a vehicle that has been removed under this section, subject to subsection (c) of this section, may recover the vehicle in accordance with subsection (g) of this section.
- (2) If a municipal corporation requires tow trucks and tow truck operators to be licensed, no owner of a private property located within the municipal corporation shall cause the removal and storage of any vehicle pursuant to subsection (b) of this section by an unlicensed tow truck or unlicensed tow truck operator.
- (3) No towing service shall remove a vehicle from a private tow-away zone except pursuant to a written contract for the removal of vehicles entered into with the owner of the private property on which the private tow-away zone is located.

(c) If the owner or operator of a vehicle that is being removed under authority of subsection (b) of this section, arrives after the vehicle has been prepared for removal, but prior to the actual removal from the property, the towing service shall give the vehicle owner or operator oral or written notification at the time of such arrival that the vehicle owner or operator may pay a fee of not more than one-half of the fee for the removal of the vehicle established by the Public Service Commission in rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 4921.25, in order to obtain release of the vehicle. That fee may be paid by use of a major credit card unless the towing service uses a mobile credit card processor and mobile service is not available at the time of the

transaction. Upon payment of that fee, the towing service shall give the vehicle owner or operator a receipt showing both the full amount normally assessed and the actual amount received and shall release the vehicle to the owner or operator. Upon its release the owner or operator immediately shall move the vehicle so that the vehicle is not parked on the private property established as a private tow-away zone without the consent of the owner of the private property or in violation of any posted parking condition or regulation.

- (d) (1) Prior to towing a vehicle under subsection (b) of this section, a towing service shall make all reasonable efforts to take as many photographs as necessary to evidence that the vehicle is clearly parked on private property in violation of a private tow-away zone established under subsection (a) of this section.  
The towing service shall record the time and date of the photographs taken under this section. The towing service shall retain the photographs and the record of the time and date, in electronic or printed form, for at least thirty days after the date on which the vehicle is recovered by the owner or lienholder or at least two years after the date on which the vehicle was towed, whichever is earlier.
- (2) A towing service shall deliver a vehicle towed under subsection (b) of this section to the location from which it may be recovered not more than two hours after the time it was removed from the private tow-away zone, unless the towing service is unable to deliver the motor vehicle within two hours due to an uncontrollable force, natural disaster, or other event that is not within the power of the towing service.
- (e) (1) If an owner of a private property that is established as a private tow-away zone in accordance with subsection (a) of this section causes the removal of a vehicle from that property by a towing service under subsection (b) of this section, the towing service, within two hours of removing the vehicle, shall provide notice to the law enforcement agency of the municipal corporation concerning all of the following:
- A. The vehicle's license number, make, model and color;
  - B. The location from which the vehicle was removed;
  - C. The date and time the vehicle was removed;
  - D. The telephone number of the person from whom the vehicle may be recovered;
  - E. The address of the place from which the vehicle may be recovered.
- (2) The chief of a law enforcement agency of the municipal corporation shall maintain a record of any vehicle removed from private property in the chief's jurisdiction that is established as a private tow-away zone of which the chief has received notice under this section. The record shall include all information submitted by the towing service. The chief shall provide any information in the record that pertains to a particular vehicle to a person who, either in person or pursuant to a telephone call, identifies self as the owner, operator or lienholder of the vehicle, and requests information pertaining to the vehicle.
- (f) (1) When a vehicle is removed from private property in accordance with this section, within three business days of the removal, the towing service or storage facility from which the vehicle may be recovered shall cause a search to be made of either of the following to ascertain the identity of the owner and any lienholder of the vehicle:



- A. The records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles;
  - B. The records of any vendor or vendors, approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, that are capable of providing real-time access to owner and lienholder information.
- (2) The towing service or storage facility may search the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System in order to determine the state in which the vehicle is titled. The entity that provides the record of the owner and any lienholder under this division shall ensure that such information is provided in a timely manner.
- (3) Subject to subsection (f)(6) of this section, the towing service or storage facility shall send notice to the vehicle owner and any known lienholder as follows:
- A. Within five business days after the applicable entity provides the identity of the owner and any lienholder of the motor vehicle, if the vehicle remains unclaimed, to the owner's and lienholder's last known address by certified or express mail with return receipt requested, by certified mail with electronic tracking, or by a commercial carrier service utilizing any form of delivery requiring a signed receipt.
  - B. If the vehicle remains unclaimed thirty days after the first notice is sent, in the manner required under subsection (f)(3)A. of this section.
- (4) Sixty days after any notice sent pursuant to subsection (f)(3) of this section is received, as evidenced by a receipt signed by any person, or the towing service or storage facility has been notified that delivery was not possible, the towing service or storage facility, if authorized under Ohio R.C. 4505.101(B), may initiate the process for obtaining a certificate of title to the motor vehicle as provided in that section.
- (5) A towing service or storage facility that does not receive a signed receipt of notice, or a notification that delivery was not possible, shall not obtain, and shall not attempt to obtain, a certificate of title to the motor vehicle under Ohio R.C. 4505.101(B).
- (6) With respect to a vehicle concerning which a towing service or storage facility is not eligible to obtain title under Ohio R.C. 4505.101, the towing service or storage facility need only comply with the initial notice required under subsection (f)(3)A. of this section.
- (g) (1) The owner or lienholder of a vehicle that is removed under subsection (b) of this section may reclaim it upon both of the following:
- A. Presentation of proof of ownership, which may be evidenced by a certificate of title to the vehicle, a certificate of registration for the motor vehicle or a lease agreement;
  - B. Payment of the following fees:
    - 1. All applicable fees established by the Public Utilities Commission in rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 4921.25, except that the lienholder of a vehicle may retrieve the vehicle without paying any storage fee for the period of time that the vehicle was in the possession of the towing service or storage facility prior to the date the lienholder received the notice sent under subsection (f)(1)A. of this section;
    - 2. If notice has been sent to the owner and lienholder as described in subsection (f) of this section, a processing fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

- (2) A towing service or storage facility in possession of a vehicle that is removed under authority of subsection (b) of this section shall show the vehicle owner, operator or lienholder who contests the removal of the vehicle all photographs taken under subsection (d) of this section. Upon request, the towing service or storage facility shall provide a copy of all photographs in the medium in which the photographs are stored, whether paper, electronic, or otherwise.
- (3) When the owner of a vehicle towed under this section retrieves the vehicle, the towing service or storage facility in possession of the vehicle shall give the owner written notice that if the owner disputes that the motor vehicle was lawfully towed, the owner may be able to file a civil action under Ohio R.C. 4513.611.
- (4) Upon presentation of proof of ownership, which may be evidenced by a certificate of title to the vehicle, a certificate of registration for the motor vehicle or a lease agreement, the owner of a vehicle that is removed under authority of subsection (b) of this section may retrieve any personal items from the vehicle without retrieving the vehicle and without paying any fee. The owner of the vehicle shall not retrieve any personal items from a vehicle if it would endanger the safety of the owner, unless the owner agrees to sign a waiver of liability. For purposes of subsection (g)(4) of this section, “personal items” do not include any items that are attached to the vehicle.

(h) No person shall remove, or cause the removal of any vehicle from private property that is established as a private tow-away zone under this section, or store such a vehicle other than in accordance with this section, or otherwise fail to comply with any applicable requirement of this section.

(i) This section does not affect or limit the operation of Ohio R.C. 4513.60 or Ohio R.C. 4513.61 to 4613.65 as they relate to property other than private property that is established as a private tow-away zone under subsection (a) of this section.

(j) Whoever violates subsection (h) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(k) As used in this section, “owner of a private property” or “owner of the private property” includes, with respect to a private property, any of the following:

- (1) Any person who holds title to the property;
- (2) Any person who is a lessee or sublessee with respect to a lease or sublease agreement for the property;
- (3) A person who is authorized to manage the property;
- (4) A duly authorized agent of any person listed in subsections (k)(1) to (3) of this section. (ORC 4513.601)

### 303.083 IMPOUNDING VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

(a) The chief of a law enforcement agency of the municipal corporation, within the chief’s respective territorial jurisdiction, or a state highway patrol trooper, upon notification to the chief of such action and of the location of the place of storage, may order into storage any motor vehicle, including an abandoned junk motor vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4513.63, that:

- (1) Has come into the possession of the chief, or state highway patrol trooper as a result of the performance of the chief’s or trooper’s duties; or

- (2) Has been left on a public street or other property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel, or upon or within the right-of-way of any road or highway, for forty-eight hours or longer without notification to the chief of the reasons for leaving the motor vehicle in such place. However, when such a motor vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic it may be ordered into storage immediately unless either of the following applies:
  - A. The vehicle was involved in an accident and is subject to Ohio R.C. 4513.66, or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance;
  - B. The vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle. If the vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle, the chief, or state highway patrol trooper shall allow the owner or operator of the vehicle the opportunity to arrange for the removal of the motor vehicle within a period of time specified by the chief, or state highway patrol trooper. If the chief, or state highway patrol trooper determines that the vehicle cannot be removed within the specified period of time, the chief, or state highway patrol trooper shall order the removal of the vehicle.
- (3) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the chief shall designate the place of storage of any motor vehicle so ordered removed.

(b) If the chief, or a state highway patrol trooper issues an order under subsection (a) of this section and arranges for the removal of a motor vehicle by a towing service, the towing service shall deliver the motor vehicle to the location designated by the chief not more than two hours after the time it is removed.

- (c)
  - (1) The chief shall cause a search to be made of the records of an applicable entity listed in Ohio R.C. 4513.601(F)(1) to ascertain the identity of the owner and any lienholder of a motor vehicle ordered into storage by the chief, or by a state highway patrol trooper within five business days of the removal of the vehicle. Upon obtaining such identity, the chief shall send or cause to be sent to the owner or lienholder at the owner's or lienholder's last known address by certified or express mail with return receipt requested, by certified mail with electronic tracking, or by a commercial carrier service utilizing any form of delivery requiring a signed receipt. The notice shall inform the owner or lienholder that the motor vehicle will be declared a nuisance and disposed of if not claimed within ten days of the date of the sending of the notice.
  - (2)
    - A. The owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle may reclaim the motor vehicle upon payment of any expenses or charges incurred in its removal and storage, and presentation of proof of ownership, which may be evidenced by a certificate of title or memorandum certificate of title to the motor vehicle, a certificate of registration for the motor vehicle, or a lease agreement. Upon presentation of proof of ownership evidenced as provided above, the owner of the motor vehicle also may retrieve any personal items from the vehicle without retrieving the vehicle and without paying any fee. However, a towing service or storage facility may charge an after-hours retrieval

fee established by the Public Utilities Commission in rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 4921.25 if the owner retrieves the personal items after hours, unless the towing service or storage facility fails to provide the notice required under Ohio R.C. 4513.69(B)(3), if applicable. However, the owner shall not do either of the following:

1. Retrieve any personal item that has been determined by the chief, or a state highway patrol trooper, as applicable, to be necessary to a criminal investigation;
  2. Retrieve any personal item from a vehicle if it would endanger the safety of the owner, unless the owner agrees to sign a waiver of liability.
- B. For purposes of subsection (c)(2) of this section, "personal items" do not include any items that are attached to the vehicle.
- (3) If the owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle reclaims it after a search of the applicable records has been conducted and after notice has been sent to the owner or lienholder as described in this section, and the search was conducted by the place of storage, and the notice was sent to the motor vehicle owner by the place of storage, the owner or lienholder shall pay to the place of storage a processing fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), in addition to any expenses or charges incurred in the removal and storage of the vehicle.

(d) If the owner or lienholder makes no claim to the motor vehicle within ten days of the date of sending the notice, and if the vehicle is to be disposed of at a public auction as provided in Ohio R.C. 4513.62 or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the chief, without charge to any party, shall file with the Clerk of Courts of the county in which the place of storage is located an affidavit showing compliance with the requirements of this section. Upon presentation of the affidavit, the Clerk, without charge, shall issue a salvage certificate of title, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, to the chief. If the vehicle is to be disposed of to a motor vehicle salvage dealer or other facility as provided in Ohio R.C. 4513.62 or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the chief shall execute in triplicate an affidavit, as prescribed by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, describing the motor vehicle and the manner in which it was disposed of, and that all requirements of this section have been complied with. The chief shall retain the original of the affidavit for the chief's records, and shall furnish two copies to the motor vehicle salvage dealer or other facility. Upon presentation of a copy of the affidavit by the motor vehicle salvage dealer, the Clerk of Courts, within thirty days of the presentation, shall issue a salvage certificate of title, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.

(e) Whenever a motor vehicle salvage dealer or other facility receives an affidavit for the disposal of a motor vehicle as provided in this section, the dealer or facility shall not be required to obtain an Ohio certificate of title to the motor vehicle in the dealer's or facility's own name if the vehicle is dismantled or destroyed and both copies of the affidavit are delivered to the Clerk of Courts.

(f) No towing service or storage facility shall fail to comply with this section.  
(ORC 4513.61)

### 303.09 LEAVING JUNK AND OTHER VEHICLES ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHOUT PERMISSION OR NOTIFICATION.

(a) No person shall willfully leave any vehicle or an "abandoned junk motor vehicle" as defined in Ohio R.C. 4513.63 on private property for more than seventy-two hours without the permission of the person having the right to the possession of the property or on a public street or other property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking, or upon or within the right of way of any road or highway, for forty-eight hours or longer, without notification to the chief of the law enforcement agency of the municipal corporation of the reason for leaving the motor vehicle in such place.

For purposes of this section, the fact that a vehicle has been so left without permission or notification is prima-facie evidence of abandonment. Nothing contained in this section shall invalidate the provisions of other ordinances regulating or prohibiting the abandonment of motor vehicles on streets, highways, public property or private property within the Municipality.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall also be assessed any costs incurred by the Municipality in disposing of an abandoned junk motor vehicle that is the basis of the violation, less any money accruing to the Municipality from this disposal of the vehicle. (ORC 4513.64)

### 303.10 AUTHORITY OF ARRESTING OFFICER USING RADAR.

The driver of any motor vehicle which has been checked by radar or by an electrical or mechanical timing device to determine the speed of the motor vehicle over a measured distance of the highway and found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this Traffic Code may be arrested until a warrant can be obtained, provided such officer has observed the recording of the speed of such motor vehicle by the radio microwaves, electrical or mechanical device, or has received a radio message from the officer who observed the speed of the motor vehicle recorded by the radio microwaves, electrical or mechanical timing device. However, in case of an arrest based on such a message, the radio message must have been dispatched immediately after the speed of the motor vehicle was recorded and the arresting officer furnished a description of the motor vehicle for proper identification and the recorded speed.  
(ORC 4511.091)

### 303.11 PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO POLICE OFFICER.

(a) No person shall knowingly present, display or orally communicate a false name, social security number or date of birth to a law enforcement officer who is in the process of issuing to the person a traffic ticket or complaint.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.  
(ORC 4513.361)

### 303.99 GENERAL TRAFFIC CODE PENALTIES.

(a) General Misdemeanor Classifications. Whoever violates any provision of this Traffic Code for which violation no penalty is otherwise provided, is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.99)

(b) Penalties. Whoever is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this Traffic Code shall be imprisoned for a definite term or fined, or both, which term of imprisonment and fine shall be fixed by the court as provided in this section.

<u>Classification of Misdemeanor</u>	<u>Maximum Term of Imprisonment</u>	<u>Maximum Fine</u>
First degree	180 days	\$1,000.00
Second degree	90 days	750.00
Third degree	60 days	500.00
Fourth degree	30 days	250.00
Minor (ORC 2929.24; 2929.28)	No imprisonment	150.00

303.991 COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE DISTRACTED PENALTY.

(a) As used in this section and each section of the Traffic Code where specified, all of the following apply:

- (1) “Distracted” means doing either of the following while operating a vehicle:
  - A. Using an electronic wireless communications device, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.204, in violation of that section.
  - B. Engaging in any activity that is not necessary to the operation of a vehicle and impairs, or reasonably would be expected to impair, the ability of the operator to drive the vehicle safely.
- (2) “Distracted” does not include operating a motor vehicle while wearing an earphone or earplug over or in both ears at the same time. A person who so wears earphones or earplugs may be charged with a violation of Section 331.43.
- (3) “Distracted” does not include conducting any activity while operating a utility service vehicle or a vehicle for or on behalf of a utility, provided that the driver of the vehicle is acting in response to an emergency, power outage or a circumstance affecting the health or safety of individuals.
 

As used in subsection (a)(3) of this section:

  - A. “Utility” means an entity specified in division (A), (C), (D), (E) or (G) of Ohio R.C. 4905.03.
  - B. “Utility service vehicle” means a vehicle owned or operated by a utility.

(b) If an offender violates any section of this Traffic Code which provides for an enhanced penalty for an offense committed while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the violation, the offender is subject to the applicable penalty for the violation and, notwithstanding Ohio R.C. 2929.28, is subject to an additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) as follows:

- (1) Subject to Traffic Rule 13, if a law enforcement officer issues an offender a ticket, citation or summons for a violation of any section of the Traffic Code that indicates that the offender was distracted while committing the violation and that the distracting activity was a contributing factor to the commission of the violation, the offender may enter a written plea of guilty and waive the offender’s right to contest the ticket, citation or summons in a trial provided that the offender pays the total amount of the fine established for the violation and pays the additional fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

In lieu of payment of the additional fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the offender instead may elect to attend a distracted driving safety course, the duration and contents of which shall be established by the Ohio Director of Public Safety. If the offender attends and successfully completes the course, the offender shall be issued written evidence that the offender successfully completed the course. The offender shall be required to pay the total amount of the fine established for the violation, but shall not be required to pay the additional fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), so long as the offender submits to the court both the offender's payment in full and such written evidence within ninety days of the underlying violation that resulted in the imposition of the additional fine under this section.

- (2) If the offender appears in person to contest the ticket, citation or summons in a trial and the offender pleads guilty to or is convicted of the violation, the court, in addition to all other penalties provided by law, may impose the applicable penalty for the violation and may impose the additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

If the court imposes upon the offender the applicable penalty for the violation and an additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the court shall inform the offender that, in lieu of payment of the additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the offender instead may elect to attend the distracted driving safety course described in subsection (b)(1) of this section. If the offender elects the course option and attends and successfully completes the course, the offender shall be issued written evidence that the offender successfully completed the course. The offender shall be required to pay the total amount of the fine established for the violation, but shall not be required to pay the additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), so long as the offender submits to the court the offender's payment and such written evidence within ninety days of the underlying violation that resulted in the imposition of the additional fine under this section.

(c) If a law enforcement officer issues an offender a ticket, citation, or summons for a violation of subsection (b) of this section that indicates that the offender was distracted while committing the violation and that the distracting activity was a contributing factor to the commission of the violation, the officer shall do both of the following:

- (1) Report the issuance of the ticket, citation, or summons to the officer's law enforcement agency;
- (2) Ensure that such report indicates the offender's race.  
(ORC 4511.991)





**CHAPTER 305**  
Traffic Control; Map and File

305.01	Authority of Safety Director; traffic control rules.	305.04	Traffic Control Map.
305.02	Stop signs at hazardous intersections.	305.05	Traffic Control File.
305.03	Regulation of Municipal parking lots; nonliability of City for damages.	305.06	Amendments.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Parking meters - see TRAF. Ch. 353  
Safety Director authorized to establish taxicab, bus spaces -  
see BUS. REG. 771.10

**305.01 AUTHORITY OF SAFETY DIRECTOR; TRAFFIC CONTROL RULES.**

The Director of Public Safety shall have the power:

- (a) To designate streets or parts of streets where there shall be parking for a limited time, or no parking at any time.
- (b) To determine parking meter time limits, meter charges and the location or relocation of meters within meter zones and on Municipal parking lots.
- (c) To determine the location of truck or bus loading and unloading zones, and to place appropriate signs indicating such zones.
- (d) To determine the location of taxicab stands, and to place appropriate signs indicating such stands.
- (e) To determine the right and left side of laned streets by fixing and marking the center line of such street.
- (f) To determine the number of lanes for streets and the direction of travel in such lanes by appropriate signs or markings.
- (g) To designate streets as one-way streets by placing appropriate signs indicating the direction of travel.
- (h) To prohibit left- or right-hand turns at street intersections by placing appropriate signs or markings.
- (i) To close temporarily any streets or parts of streets, or restrict the use thereof, when required by public safety or convenience.
- (j) To designate and mark crosswalks for pedestrians.
- (k) To establish and mark safety zones for pedestrians.
- (l) To establish zones of quiet.
- (m) To designate streets or parts of streets as restricted thoroughfares, where no trucks or commercial vehicles shall enter except to receive or deliver merchandise or other goods.

- (n) To place and maintain such additional traffic control devices, signs, marks or lines as he deems necessary to regulate, guide and warn traffic.

Any rule or regulation of the Director of Public Safety as enumerated herein shall be published in the same manner as ordinances or resolutions of Council and shall be recorded and maintained in a book designated as "Traffic Control Rules and Regulations" by the Director. Copies of such rules and regulations shall be delivered to the Chief of Police, the Mayor and the Director of Public Service. Any such rule or regulation shall be entered upon the Traffic Control Map and File by the Director of Public Safety.

Such rules and regulations of the Public Safety Director shall become effective when appropriate signs are posted giving notice of the rule or regulation and when published.

Such rules and regulations of the Public Safety Director shall remain in full force and effect until they are either revoked by him or repealed, amended or changed by Council.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

#### 305.02 STOP SIGNS AT HAZARDOUS INTERSECTIONS.

The Director of Public Safety shall investigate hazardous intersections where, because of poor visibility and children in the neighborhood, it is advisable, with the advice and consent of the Safety, Health and Service Committee of Council, to erect stop signs at lanes, drives and alleys.

Upon investigation and determination by the Public Safety Director and the Safety, Health and Service Committee of Council, the Public Safety Director shall request the Director of Public Service to erect stop signs at the hazardous intersections of lanes, drives and alleys.  
(Ord. 2788. Passed 7-14-58.)

#### 305.03 REGULATION OF MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS; NONLIABILITY OF CITY FOR DAMAGES.

(a) The exact hours during which the parking privilege on Municipal parking lots may be exercised shall be as determined from time to time by the Director of Public Safety.

(b) The manner of providing parking facilities and the area upon which the parking shall be permitted shall be determined by the Director of Public Safety.

(c) The City shall not be liable for the payment of any claims for property damage or personal injuries or any other claims arising directly or indirectly out of the exercise of the parking privilege granted herein, unless the claims shall be as a result of the sole negligence of the City.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

#### 305.04 TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP.

The establishment of a Traffic Control Map is hereby directed which shall show at all times current designations of the following traffic control features within the Municipality:

- (a) Through streets;
- (b) Stop intersections;
- (c) Yield right-of-way intersections;
- (d) One-way streets and alleys;
- (e) Traffic control signals;
- (f) Loading zones;

- (g) Prohibited and limited parking areas;
- (h) Angle parking areas;
- (i) Parking meter zones;
- (j) Truck routes and commercial access routes;
- (k) Prohibited “right turn on red” intersections.

The Traffic Control Map shall be prepared and maintained by and kept in the Police Department. (Ord. 55-77. Passed 8-22-77; Ord. 95-77. Passed 11-28-77.)

#### 305.05 TRAFFIC CONTROL FILE.

(a) The establishment of a Traffic Control File is hereby directed which shall constitute the permanent and official record of the traffic control designations enumerated in Section 305.04.

(b) The Traffic Control File shall be prepared by and maintained in the Police Department.

(c) The Traffic Control File shall include the following information:

- (1) Type of traffic control designation;
- (2) Complete description of the street or area affected;
- (3) Number of the ordinance or regulation authorizing designation;
- (4) Effective date of ordinance or regulation;
- (5) Date the proper traffic control device was erected;
- (6) Date recorded upon Traffic Control Map.

#### 305.06 AMENDMENTS.

Any amendment to the Traffic Control Map shall only be made by regulation of the Public Safety Director or legislation passed by Council. Upon the effective date of such legislation or regulation and the erection of proper traffic control devices giving notice thereof, the amendment shall be in effect. All amendments shall be recorded on the official Traffic Control Map and in the official Traffic Control File.



TITLE THREE - Streets and Traffic Control Devices  
 Chap. 311. Street Obstructions and Special Uses.  
 Chap. 313. Traffic Control Devices.

CHAPTER 311  
 Street Obstructions and Special Uses

- 311.01 Placing injurious material or obstruction in street.  
 311.02 Parades and assemblages.  
 311.03 Toy vehicles on streets.

CROSS REFERENCES

See sectional history for similar State law  
 Power to regulate processions or assemblages - see Ohio R.C.  
 4511.07(C)  
 Dropping, sifting and leaking loads - see TRAF. 339.08

311.01 PLACING INJURIOUS MATERIAL OR OBSTRUCTION IN STREET.

- (a) No person shall place or knowingly drop upon any part of a street, highway or alley any tacks, bottles, wire, glass, nails or other articles which may damage or injure any person, vehicle or animal traveling along or upon such street, except such substances that may be placed upon the roadway by proper authority for the repair or construction thereof.
- (b) Any person who drops or permits to be dropped or thrown upon any street any noxious, destructive or injurious material shall immediately remove the same.
- (c) Any person authorized to remove a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a street shall remove any glass or other injurious substance dropped upon the street from such vehicle.
- (d) No person shall place any obstruction in or upon a street without proper authority.
- (e) No person, with intent to cause physical harm to a person or vehicle, shall place or knowingly drop upon any part of a highway, lane, road, street or alley any tacks, bottles, wire, glass, nails or other articles which may damage or injure any person, vehicle or animal traveling along or upon such highway, except such substances that may be placed upon the roadway by proper authority for the repair or construction thereof.

- (f) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates any provision of subsections (a) to (d) of 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 any provision of subsections (a) to (d) of 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 any provision of subsections (a) to (d) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (e) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 4511.74)

### 311.02 PARADES AND ASSEMBLAGES.

(a) No person, group of persons or organization shall conduct or participate in any parade, assemblage or procession other than a funeral procession upon any street or highway, or block off any street or highway area, without first obtaining a permit from the Police Chief.

Applications for such permits shall be made on such forms as may be prescribed and shall contain such information as is reasonably necessary to a fair determination of whether a permit should be issued. Applications shall be filed not less than five days before the time intended for such parade, procession or assemblage.

The permit may be refused or cancelled if:

- (1) The time, place, size or conduct of the parade including the assembly areas and route of march would unreasonably interfere with the public convenience and safe use of the streets and highways.
- (2) The parade would require the diversion of so great a number of police officers to properly police the line of movement, assembly area and areas contiguous thereto so as to deny normal police protection to the Municipality.
- (3) The parade route of march or assembly areas would unreasonably interfere with the movement of police vehicles, fire-fighting equipment or ambulance service to other areas of the Municipality.
- (4) The parade would unreasonably interfere with another parade for which a permit has been issued.
- (5) The information contained in the application is found to be false, misleading or incomplete in any material detail.
- (6) An emergency such as a fire or storm would prevent the proper conduct of the parade.

The permit or any order accompanying it may limit or prescribe reasonable conditions, including the hours, the place of assembly and of dispersal, the route of march or travel and the streets, highways or portions thereof which may be used or occupied.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

311.03 TOY VEHICLES ON STREETS.

(a) No person on roller skates or riding in or by means of any sled, toy vehicle, skateboard or similar device shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk and except on streets set aside as play streets.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.





**CHAPTER 313**  
**Traffic Control Devices**

<p>313.01 Obedience to traffic control devices.</p> <p>313.02 Through streets; stop and yield right-of-way signs.</p> <p>313.03 Traffic signal indications.</p> <p>313.04 Lane-use control signal indications.</p> <p>313.05 Special pedestrian control signals.</p> <p>313.06 Flashing traffic signals. (Repealed)</p>	<p>313.07 Unauthorized signs and signals, hiding from view, advertising.</p> <p>313.08 Alteration, injury, removal of traffic control devices.</p> <p>313.09 Driver's duties upon approaching ambiguous or non-working traffic signal.</p> <p>313.10 Unlawful purchase, possession or sale.</p> <p>313.11 Portable signal preemption devices prohibited.</p>
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law

Designation of through streets or stop intersections - see Ohio R.C. 4511.07(F), 4511.65

Uniform system of traffic control devices - see Ohio R.C. 4511.09, 4511.11(D)

Placing and maintaining local traffic control devices - see Ohio .C. 4511.10, 4511.11

Traffic control devices defined - TRAF. 301.46

**313.01 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.**

(a) No pedestrian or driver of a vehicle shall disobey the instructions of any traffic control device placed in accordance with the provisions of this Traffic Code, unless at the time otherwise directed by a police officer.

No provisions of this Traffic Code for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section of this Traffic Code does not state that signs are required, that section shall be effective even though no signs are erected or in place.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. RC 4511.12)

(c) No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon or enter through private property at or near an intersection for purposes of avoiding or bypassing a traffic control device situated at such intersection. A rebuttable presumption of intent to violate the within section shall occur when the operator of a vehicle enters private property from a public roadway, and proceeds without interruption to exit the said private property onto a public roadway that intersects with the roadway upon which said operator had entered the private property from.

(d) 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 violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. (Ord. 8-2016. Passed 8-8-16.)

### 313.02 THROUGH STREETS; STOP AND YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY SIGNS.

(a) All State routes are hereby designated as through streets or highways, provided that stop signs, yield signs or traffic control signals shall be erected at all intersections with such through streets or highways, except as otherwise provided in this section. Where two or more State routes that are through streets or highways intersect and no traffic control signal is in operation, stop signs or yield signs shall be erected at one or more entrances thereto by the Ohio Department of Transportation, except as otherwise provided in this section.

Whenever the Ohio Director of Transportation determines on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that stop signs are necessary to stop traffic on a through highway for safe and efficient operation, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent such installations. When circumstances warrant, the Director also may omit stop signs on roadways intersecting through highways under his jurisdiction. Before the Director either installs or removes a stop sign under this paragraph, he shall give notice, in writing, of that proposed action to the Municipality at least thirty days before installing or removing the stop sign.

(b) Other streets or highways or portions thereof, are hereby designated through streets or highways, if they are within the Municipality, if they have a continuous length of more than one mile between the limits of such street or highway or portion thereof, and if they have "stop" or "yield" signs or traffic control signals at the entrances of the majority of intersecting streets or highways. For purposes of this section, the limits of such street or highway or portion thereof, shall be a municipal corporation line, the physical terminus of the street or highway or any point on such street or highway at which vehicular traffic thereon is required by regulatory signs to stop or yield to traffic on the intersecting street, provided that in residence districts the Municipality may by ordinance designate such street or highway, or portion thereof, not to be a through highway and thereafter the affected residence district shall be indicated by official traffic control devices. Where two or more streets or highways designated under this subsection (b) intersect and no traffic control signal is in operation, stop signs or yield signs shall be erected at one or more entrances thereto by the Ohio Department of Transportation or by Council or the authorized local authority, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(c) Stop signs need not be erected at intersections so constructed as to permit traffic to safely enter a through street or highway without coming to a stop. Signs shall be erected at such intersections indicating that the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to or merge with all traffic proceeding on the through street or highway.

(d) Council or the authorized local authority may designate additional through streets or highways and shall erect stop signs, yield signs or traffic control signals at all streets and highways intersecting such through streets or highways, or may designate any intersection as a stop or yield intersection and shall erect like signs at one or more entrances to such intersection. (ORC 4511.65)

**313.03 TRAFFIC SIGNAL INDICATIONS.**

Highway traffic signal indications for vehicles, and pedestrians shall have the following meanings:

(a) Steady Green Signal Indication:

- (1) A. Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal indication is permitted to proceed straight through or turn right or left, or make a u-turn movement except as such movement is modified by a lane-use sign, turn prohibition sign, lane marking, roadway design, separate turn signal indication, or other traffic control device. Such vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left or making a u-turn movement, shall yield the right-of-way to both of the following:
  1. Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk;
  2. Other vehicles lawfully within the intersection.
- B. In addition, vehicular traffic turning left or making a u-turn movement to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such turning vehicle is moving across or within the intersection.
- (2) Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal indication, displayed alone or in combination with another signal indication, is permitted to cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such other movement as is permitted by other indications displayed at the same time. Such vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left or making a u-turn movement, shall yield the right-of-way to both of the following:
  - A. Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk.
  - B. Other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
- (3) A. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal indication, as provided in Section 313.05, pedestrians facing a circular green signal indication are permitted to proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked associated crosswalk. The pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully within the intersection or so close as to create an immediate hazard at the time that the green signal indication is first displayed.
- B. Pedestrians facing a green arrow signal indication, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal indication or other traffic control device, shall not cross the roadway.

(b) Steady Yellow Signal Indication:

- (1) Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular yellow signal indication is thereby warned that the related green movement or the related flashing arrow movement is being terminated or that a steady red signal indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection. The provisions governing vehicular operation under the movement being terminated shall continue to apply while the steady circular yellow signal indication is displayed.
- (2) Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow arrow signal indication is thereby warned that the related green arrow movement or the related flashing arrow movement is being terminated. The provisions governing vehicular operation under the movement being terminated shall continue to apply while the steady yellow arrow signal indication is displayed.
- (3) Pedestrians facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow signal indication, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal indication as provided in Section 313.05 or other traffic control device, shall not start to cross the roadway.

- (c) Steady Red Signal Indication:
- (1) A. Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal indication, unless entering the intersection to make another movement permitted by another signal indication, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line; but if there is no stop line, traffic shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection; or if there is no crosswalk, before then before entering the intersection; and shall remain stopped until a signal indication to proceed is displayed except as provided in subsections (c)(1), (2) and (3) of this section.
- B. Except when a traffic control device is in place prohibiting a turn on red or a steady red arrow signal indication is displayed, vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal indication is permitted, after stopping, to enter the intersection to turn right, or to turn left from a one-way street into a one-way street. The right to proceed with the turn shall be subject to the provisions that are applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.
- (2) A. Vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow signal indication shall not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow and, unless entering the intersection to make another movement permitted by another signal indication, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line; but if there is no stop line, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection; or if there is no crosswalk, then before entering the intersection; and shall remain stopped until a signal indication or other traffic control device permitting the movement indicated by such red arrow is displayed.
- B. When a traffic control device is in place permitting a turn on a steady red arrow signal indication, vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow indication is permitted, after stopping, to enter the intersection to turn right or to turn left from a one-way street into a one-way street. The right to proceed with the turn shall be limited to the direction indicated by the arrow, and shall be subject to the provisions that are applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.
- (3) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal indication as provided in Section 313.05 or other traffic control device, pedestrians facing a steady circular red or steady red arrow signal indication shall not enter the roadway.
- (4) Local authorities by ordinance, or the Director of Transportation on State highways, may prohibit a right or a left turn against a steady red signal at any intersection, which shall be effective when signs giving notice thereof are posted at the intersection.
- (d) Flashing Green Signal Indication. A flashing green signal indication has no meaning and shall not be used.
- (e) Flashing Yellow Signal Indication:
- (1) A. Vehicular traffic, on an approach to an intersection, facing a flashing circular yellow signal indication, is permitted to cautiously enter the intersection to proceed straight through or turn right or left or make a u-turn movement except as such movement is modified by lane-use signs, turn prohibition signs, lane markings, roadway design, separate turn signal indications, or other traffic control devices. Such vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left or making a u-turn movement, shall yield the right-of-way to both of the following:

1. Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk;
      2. Other vehicles lawfully within the intersection.
    - B. In addition, vehicular traffic turning left or making a u-turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such turning vehicle is moving across or within the intersection.
  - (2)
    - A. Vehicular traffic, on an approach to an intersection, facing a flashing yellow arrow signal indication, displayed alone or in combination with another signal indication, is permitted to cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or other such movement as is permitted by other signal indications displayed at the same time. Such vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left or making a u-turn, shall yield the right-of-way to both of the following:
      1. Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk;
      2. Other vehicles lawfully within the intersection.
    - B. In addition, vehicular traffic turning left or making a u-turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such turning vehicle is moving across or within the intersection.
  - (3) Pedestrians facing any flashing yellow signal indication at an intersection, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal indication or other traffic control device, are permitted to proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked associated crosswalk. Pedestrians shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully within the intersection at the time that the flashing yellow signal indication is first displayed.
  - (4) When a flashing circular yellow signal indication is displayed as a beacon to supplement another traffic control device, road users are notified that there is a need to pay additional attention to the message contained thereon or that the regulatory or warning requirements of the other traffic control device, which might not be applicable at all times, are currently applicable.
- (f) Flashing Red Signal Indication:
- (1) Vehicular traffic, on an approach to an intersection, facing a flashing circular red signal indication, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line; but if there is no stop line, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection; or if there is no crosswalk, at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection. The right to proceed shall be subject to the provisions that are applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.
  - (2) Pedestrians facing any flashing red signal indication at an intersection, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal indication or other traffic control device, are permitted to proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked associated crosswalk. Pedestrians shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully within the intersection at the time that the flashing red signal indication is first displayed.

- (3) When a flashing circular red signal indication is displayed as a beacon to supplement another traffic control device, road users are notified that there is a need to pay additional attention to the message contained thereon or that the regulatory requirements of the other traffic control device, which might not be applicable at all times, are currently applicable. Use of this signal indication shall be limited to supplementing stop, do not enter, or wrong way signs, and to applications where compliance with the supplemented traffic control device requires a stop at a designated point.
- (g) General Application: In the event an official traffic-control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made at the signal.
- (h) Exception. This section does not apply at railroad grade crossings. Conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching railroad grade crossings shall be governed by Ohio R.C. 4511.61 and 4511.62. (ORC 4511.13)

#### 313.04 LANE-USE CONTROL SIGNAL INDICATIONS.

- (a) The meanings of lane-use control signal indications are as follows:
- (1) A steady downward green arrow: A road user is permitted to drive in the lane over which the arrow signal indication is located.
  - (2) A steady yellow "X": A road user is to prepare to vacate the lane over which the signal indication is located because a lane control change is being made to a steady red "X" signal indication.
  - (3) A steady white two-way left-turn arrow: A road user is permitted to use a lane over which the signal indication is located for a left turn, but not for through travel, with the understanding that common use of the lane by oncoming road users for left turns also is permitted.
  - (4) A steady white one-way left-turn arrow: A road user is permitted to use a lane over which the signal indication is located for a left turn, without opposing turns in the same lane, but not for through travel.
  - (5) A steady red "X": A road user is not permitted to use the lane over which the signal indication is located and that this signal indication shall modify accordingly the meaning of other traffic controls present.  
(ORC 4511.131)
- (b) 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 4511.99)

#### 313.05 SPECIAL PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS.

- (a) Whenever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "walk" or "don't walk", or the symbol of a walking person or an upraised palm are in place, such signals shall indicate the following instructions:

- (1) A steady walking person signal indication, which symbolizes “walk”, means that a pedestrian facing the signal indication is permitted to start to cross the roadway in the direction of the signal indication, possibly in conflict with turning vehicles. The pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully within the intersection at the time that the walking person signal indication is first shown.
- (2) A flashing upraised hand signal indication, which symbolizes “don’t walk”, means that a pedestrian shall not start to cross the roadway in the direction of the signal indication, but that any pedestrian who has already started to cross on a steady walking person signal indication shall proceed to the far side of the traveled way of the street or highway, unless otherwise directed by a traffic control device to proceed only to the median of a divided highway or only to some other island or pedestrian refuge area.
- (3) A steady upraised hand signal indication means that a pedestrian shall not enter the roadway in the direction of the signal indication.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to invalidate the continued use of pedestrian control signals utilizing the word “wait” if those signals were installed prior to March 28, 1985.
- (5) A flashing walking person signal indication has no meaning and shall not be used. (ORC 4511.14)

(b) 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 4511.99)

#### 313.06 FLASHING TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

(Former Ohio R.C. 4511.15 from which Section 313.06 was derived was repealed by House Bill 349, effective April 20, 2012.)

#### 313.07 UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS AND SIGNALS, HIDING FROM VIEW, ADVERTISING.

(a) No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any street any unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be, is an imitation of or resembles a traffic control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any traffic control device or any railroad sign or signal, and no person shall place or maintain, nor shall any public authority permit upon any street any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising. This section does not prohibit either the erection upon private property adjacent to streets of signs giving useful directional information and of a type that cannot be mistaken for traffic control devices, or the erection upon private property of traffic control devices by the owner of real property in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4511.211 and 4511.432.

Every such prohibited sign, signal, marking or device is a public nuisance, and the Police Chief is authorized to remove it or cause it to be removed.

(b) 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 4511.16)

### 313.08 ALTERATION, INJURY, REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

- (a) No person without lawful authority, shall do any of the following:
- (1) Knowingly move, deface, damage, destroy or otherwise improperly tamper with any traffic control device, any railroad sign or signal, or any inscription, shield or insignia on the device, sign or signal, or any part of the device, sign or signal;
  - (2) Knowingly drive upon or over any freshly applied pavement marking material on the surface of a roadway while the marking material is in an undried condition and is marked by flags, markers, signs or other devices intended to protect it;
  - (3) Knowingly move, damage, destroy or otherwise improperly tamper with a manhole cover.
- (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates subsection (a)(1) or (3) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. If a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (3) of this section creates a risk of physical harm to any person, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (3) of this section causes serious physical harm to property that is owned, leased, or controlled by a state or local authority, the offender is guilty of a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law.



- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates subsection (a)(2) of 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 subsection (a)(2) of 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 subsection (a)(2) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.  
(ORC 4511.17)

### 313.09 DRIVER'S DUTIES UPON APPROACHING AMBIGUOUS OR NON-WORKING TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

(a) The driver of a vehicle who approaches an intersection where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals shall do all of the following if the signal facing the driver exhibits no colored lights or colored lighted arrows, exhibits a combination of such lights or arrows that fails to clearly indicate the assignment of right of way, or, if the vehicle is a bicycle or an electric bicycle, the signals are otherwise malfunctioning due to the failure of a vehicle detector to detect the presence of the bicycle or electric bicycle.

- (1) Stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, if none, stop before entering the intersection;
- (2) Yield the right of way to all vehicles in the intersection or approaching on an intersecting road, if the vehicles will constitute an immediate hazard during the time the driver is moving across or within the intersection or junction of roadways.
- (3) Exercise ordinary care while proceeding through the intersection.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.132)

### 313.10 UNLAWFUL PURCHASE, POSSESSION OR SALE.

(a) As used in this section, "traffic control device" means any sign, traffic control signal or other device conforming to and placed or erected in accordance with the manual adopted under Ohio R.C. 4511.09 by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic, including signs denoting the names of streets and highways, but does not mean any pavement marking.

(b) No individual shall buy or otherwise possess or sell, a traffic control device, except when one of the following applies:

- (1) In the course of the individual's employment by the State or a local authority for the express or implied purpose of manufacturing, providing, erecting, moving or removing such a traffic control device;
- (2) In the course of the individual's employment by any manufacturer of traffic control devices other than a State or local authority;

- (3) For the purpose of demonstrating the design and function of a traffic control device to State or local officials;
- (4) When the traffic control device has been purchased from the State or a local authority at a sale of property that is no longer needed or is unfit for use;
- (5) The traffic control device has been properly purchased from a manufacturer for use on private property and the person possessing the device has a sales receipt for the device or other acknowledgment of sale issued by the manufacturer.

(c) This section does not preclude, and shall not be construed as precluding, prosecution for theft in violation of Ohio R.C. 2913.02 or a municipal ordinance relating to theft, or for receiving stolen property in violation of Ohio R.C. 2913.51 or a municipal ordinance relating to receiving stolen property.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.  
(ORC 4511.18)

#### 313.11 PORTABLE SIGNAL PREEMPTION DEVICES PROHIBITED.

- (a)
  - (1) No person shall possess a portable signal preemption device.
  - (2) No person shall use a portable signal preemption device to affect the operation of a traffic control signal.

(b) Subsection (a)(1) of this section does not apply to any of the following persons and subsection (a)(2) of this section does not apply to any of the following persons when responding to an emergency call:

- (1) A peace officer, as defined in Ohio R.C. 109.71(A)(11), (12), (14) or (19);
- (2) A State highway patrol trooper;
- (3) A person while occupying a public safety vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.01(E)(1), (3) or (4).

(c) Whoever violates subsection (a)(1) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Whoever violates subsection (a)(2) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(d) As used in this section, “portable signal preemption device” means a device that, if activated by a person, is capable of changing a traffic control signal to green out of sequence.  
(ORC 4513.031)

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#### CROSS REFERENCES

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Obedience to traffic control devices - see TRAF. 313.01

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School bus operation - see OAC Ch. 4501-3

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#### 331.01 DRIVING UPON RIGHT SIDE OF ROADWAY; EXCEPTIONS.

(a) Upon all roadways of sufficient width, a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway, except as follows:

- (1) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or when making a left turn under the rules governing such movements;
- (2) When an obstruction exists making it necessary to drive to the left of the center of the highway; provided, any person so doing shall yield the right of way to all vehicles traveling in the proper direction upon the unobstructed portion of the highway within such distance as to constitute an immediate hazard;
- (3) When driving upon a roadway divided into three or more marked lanes for traffic under the rules applicable thereon;
- (4) When driving upon a roadway designated and posted with signs for one-way traffic;
- (5) When otherwise directed by a police officer or traffic control device.

- (b) (1) Upon all roadways any vehicle proceeding at less than the prevailing and lawful speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be driven in the right-hand lane then available for traffic, and far enough to the right to allow passing by faster vehicles if such passing is safe and reasonable, except under any of the following circumstances:
  - A. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
  - B. When preparing for a left turn;
  - C. When the driver must necessarily drive in a lane other than the right-hand lane to continue on the driver's intended route.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (b)(1) of this section requires a driver of a slower vehicle to compromise the driver's safety to allow overtaking by a faster vehicle.

(c) Upon any roadway having four or more lanes for moving traffic and providing for two-way movement of traffic, no vehicle shall be driven to the left of the center line of the roadway, except when authorized by official traffic control devices designating certain lanes to the left of the center of the roadway for use by traffic not otherwise permitted to use the lanes, or except as permitted under subsection (a) (2) hereof.

This subsection shall not be construed as prohibiting the crossing of the center line in making a left turn into or from an alley, private road or driveway.

(d) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.25)

### 331.02 PASSING TO RIGHT WHEN PROCEEDING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS.

(a) Operators of vehicles proceeding in opposite directions shall pass each other to the right, and upon roadways having width for not more than one line of traffic in each direction, each operator shall give to the other one-half of the main traveled portion of the roadway or as nearly one-half as is reasonably possible.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.26)

### 331.03 OVERTAKING, PASSING TO LEFT; DRIVER'S DUTIES.

(a) The following rules govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction:

- (1) The operator of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall, except as provided in subsection (a)(3) hereof, signal to the vehicle to be overtaken, shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance, and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. When a motor vehicle overtakes and passes a bicycle or electric bicycle, three feet or greater is considered a safe passing distance.
- (2) Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the operator of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle at the latter's audible signal, and the operator shall not increase the speed of the operator's vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

- (3) The operator of a vehicle overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction on a divided street or highway as defined in Section 331.31, a limited access highway as defined in Ohio R.C. 5511.02 or a highway with four or more traffic lanes, is not required to signal audibly to the vehicle being overtaken and passed.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.27)

#### 331.04 OVERTAKING AND PASSING UPON RIGHT.

(a) The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle only under the following conditions:

- (1) When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn;
- (2) Upon a roadway with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width for two or more lines of vehicles moving lawfully in the direction being traveled by the overtaking vehicle.

(b) The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle only under conditions permitting such movement in safety. The movement shall not be made by driving off the roadway.

(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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.28)

#### 331.05 OVERTAKING, PASSING TO LEFT OF CENTER.

(a) No vehicle shall be driven to the left of the center of the roadway in overtaking and passing traffic proceeding in the same direction, unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be completely made, without interfering with the safe operation of any traffic approaching from the opposite direction or any traffic overtaken. In every event the overtaking vehicle must return to an authorized lane of travel as soon as practicable and in the event the passing movement involves the use of a lane authorized for traffic approaching from the opposite direction before coming within 200 feet of any approaching vehicle.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.29)

### 331.06 ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON DRIVING UPON LEFT SIDE OF ROADWAY.

(a) No vehicle shall be driven upon the left side of the roadway under the following conditions:

- (1) When approaching the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the highway, where the operator's view is obstructed within such a distance as to create a hazard in the event traffic might approach from the opposite direction;
- (2) When the view is obstructed upon approaching within 100 feet of any bridge, viaduct or tunnel;
- (3) When approaching within 100 feet of or traversing any intersection or railroad grade crossing.

(b) This section does not apply to vehicles upon a one-way roadway, upon a roadway where traffic is lawfully directed to be driven to the left side or under the conditions described in Section 331.01(a)(2).

(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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.30)

### 331.07 HAZARDOUS OR NO PASSING ZONES.

(a) Hazardous zones, commonly called "no passing zones," shall consist of an auxiliary yellow line marked on the roadway pavement and placed parallel to the normal center line or marked lane line. When the auxiliary yellow line appears on the left side in the driver's lane of travel and to the right of the normal center line or marked lane line, no driver shall drive across the auxiliary yellow line to overtake and pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction. When auxiliary yellow lines appear on both sides of the normal center line or marked lane line, drivers proceeding in either direction shall not drive across such auxiliary yellow lines to overtake

and pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction. No driver shall, at any other time, drive across the yellow auxiliary line when it appears in the driver's lane of travel, except to make a lawfully permitted left-hand turn under the rules governing such movement. No passing signs may also be erected facing traffic to indicate the beginning and end of each no passing zone.

When appropriate signs or markings indicating hazardous or no passing zones are in place and clearly visible, every operator of a vehicle shall obey the directions of the signs or markings, notwithstanding the distance set out in Section 331.06.

- (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply when all of the following apply:
- (1) The slower vehicle is proceeding at less than half the speed of the speed limit applicable to that location.
  - (2) The faster vehicle is capable of overtaking and passing the slower vehicle without exceeding the speed limit.
  - (3) There is sufficient clear sight distance to the left of the center or center line of the roadway to meet the overtaking and passing provisions of Section 331.05, considering the speed of the slower vehicle.

(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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.31)

### 331.08 DRIVING IN MARKED LANES OR CONTINUOUS LINES OF TRAFFIC.

(a) Whenever any roadway has been divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic or wherever traffic is lawfully moving in two or more substantially continuous lines in the same direction, the following rules apply:

- (1) A vehicle shall be driven, as nearly as is practicable, entirely within a single lane or line of traffic and shall not be moved from such lane or line until the driver has first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.
- (2) Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes and provides for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and such center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or when preparing for a left turn, or where such center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is posted with signs to give notice of such allocation.
- (3) Official signs may be erected directing specified traffic to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the center of the roadway, or restricting the use of a particular lane to only buses during certain hours or during all hours, and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of such signs.
- (4) Official traffic control devices may be installed prohibiting the changing of lanes on sections of roadway and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every such device.



(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.33)

### 331.09 FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY.

(a) The operator of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

The driver of any truck, or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle, when traveling upon a roadway outside a business or residence district shall maintain a sufficient space, whenever conditions permit, between such vehicle and another vehicle ahead so an overtaking motor vehicle may enter and occupy such space without danger. This paragraph does not prevent overtaking and passing nor does it apply to any lane specially designated for use by trucks.

Motor vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside of a business or residence district in a caravan or motorcade, shall maintain a sufficient space between such vehicles so an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without danger. This paragraph shall not apply to funeral processions.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.34)

### 331.10 TURNING AT INTERSECTIONS.

(a) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall be governed by the following rules:

- (1) Approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.
- (2) At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of such center line where it enters the intersection and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the center line of the roadway being entered. Whenever practicable the left turn shall be made in that portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.

- (3) At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle, and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left-hand lane of the roadway being entered lawfully available to the traffic moving in that lane.
- (4) Markers, buttons or signs may be placed within or adjacent to intersections and thereby require and direct that a different course from that specified in this section be traveled by vehicles turning at an intersection, and when such markers, buttons or signs are so placed, no operator of a vehicle shall turn such vehicle at an intersection other than as directed and required by such markers, buttons or signs.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.36)

#### 331.11 TURNING INTO PRIVATE DRIVEWAY, ALLEY OR BUILDING.

(a) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn into a private road or driveway, alley or building from a public street or highway shall be governed by the following rules:

- (1) Approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.
- (2) Upon a roadway where traffic is proceeding in opposite directions, approach for a left turn and a left turn shall be made from that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof.
- (3) Upon a roadway where traffic is restricted to one direction, approach for a left turn and a left turn shall be made as close as practicable to the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

It shall be the duty of the driver of any vehicle entering a private road or driveway, alley or building to yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully using the sidewalk or sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, private road, driveway or building.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

#### 331.12 "U" TURNS RESTRICTED.

(a) Except as provided in Section 313.03 and subsection (b) hereof, no vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any curve, or upon the approach to or near the crest of a grade, if the vehicle cannot be seen within 500 feet by the driver of any other vehicle approaching from either direction.

(b) The driver of an emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, may turn the vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction. This subsection applies only when the emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle is responding to an emergency call, is equipped with and displaying at least one flashing, rotating or oscillating light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle, and when the driver of the vehicle is giving an audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle or bell. This subsection does not relieve the driver of an emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property upon the highway. (ORC 4511.37)

(c) Except as provided in subsection (b) hereof, no vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction within an intersection, or upon any street in a business district, or upon a freeway, expressway or controlled-access highway, or where authorized signs are erected to prohibit such movement, or at any other location unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety to other users of the street and without interfering with the safe operation of any traffic that may be affected by such movement.

(d) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.37)

### 331.13 STARTING AND BACKING VEHICLES.

(a) No person shall start a vehicle which is stopped, standing or parked until such movement can be made with reasonable safety.

Before backing, operators of vehicles shall give ample warning, and while backing they shall exercise vigilance not to injure person or property on the street or highway.

No person shall back a motor vehicle on a freeway, except: in a rest area; in the performance of public works or official duties; as a result of an emergency caused by an accident or breakdown of a motor vehicle.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.38)

### 331.14 SIGNALS BEFORE CHANGING COURSE, TURNING OR STOPPING.

(a) No person shall turn a vehicle or move right or left upon a highway unless and until such person has exercised due care to ascertain that the movement can be made with reasonable safety nor without giving an appropriate signal in the manner hereinafter provided.

When required, a signal of intention to turn or move right or left shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning, except that in the case of a person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle, the signal shall be made not less than one time but is not required to be continuous. A bicycle or electric bicycle operator is not required to make a signal if the bicycle or electric bicycle is in a designated turn lane, and a signal shall not be given when the operator's hands are needed for the safe operation of the bicycle or electric bicycle.

No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give a signal.

Any stop or turn signal required by this section shall be given either by means of the hand and arm, or by signal lights that clearly indicate to both approaching and following traffic intention to turn or move right or left, except that any motor vehicle in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and the required signal shall be given by, signal lights when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of the body, cab or load of such motor vehicle exceeds twenty-four inches, or when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or load thereof exceeds fourteen feet, whether a single vehicle or a combination of vehicles.

The signal lights required by this section shall not be flashed on one side only on a disabled vehicle, flashed as a courtesy or "do pass" signal to operators of other vehicles approaching from the rear, nor be flashed on one side only of a parked vehicle except as may be necessary for compliance with this section.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.39)

### 331.15 HAND AND ARM SIGNALS.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) hereof, all signals required by this Traffic Code, when given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner, and such signals shall indicate as follows:

- (1) Left turn: Hand and arm extended horizontally;
- (2) Right turn: Hand and arm extended upward;
- (3) Stop or decrease speed: Hand and arm extended downward.

(b) As an alternative to subsection (a)(2) hereof, a person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle may give a right turn signal by extending the right hand and arm horizontally and to the right side of the bicycle or electric bicycle.

(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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.40)

### 331.16 RIGHT OF WAY AT INTERSECTIONS.

(a) When two vehicles approach or enter an intersection from different streets or highways at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right.

(b) The right of way rule declared in subsection (a) hereof, is modified at through highways and otherwise as stated in this Traffic Code and Ohio R.C. Chapter 4511.  
(ORC 4511.41)

(c) Subject to compliance with any traffic control device, when two vehicles approach or enter a junction of two or more alleys from different directions at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right.

(d) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.41)

### 331.17 RIGHT OF WAY WHEN TURNING LEFT.

(a) The operator of a vehicle intending to turn to the left within an intersection or into an alley, private road or driveway shall yield the right of way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction, whenever the approaching vehicle is within the intersection or so close to the intersection, alley, private road or driveway as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.42)

**331.18 OPERATION OF VEHICLE AT YIELD SIGNS.**

(a) The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign shall slow down to a speed reasonable for the existing conditions and, if required for safety to stop, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering it. After slowing or stopping, the driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time the driver is moving across or within the intersection or junction of roadways. Whenever a driver is involved in a collision with a vehicle in the intersection or junction of roadways, after driving past a yield sign without stopping, the collision shall be prima-facie evidence of the driver's failure to yield the right of way.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.

(ORC 4511.43(B))

**331.19 OPERATION OF VEHICLE AT STOP SIGNS.**

(a) Except when directed to proceed by a law enforcement officer, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering it. After having stopped, the driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time the driver is moving across or within the intersection or junction of roadways.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.

(ORC 4511.43(A))

**331.20 EMERGENCY OR PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES AT STOP SIGNALS OR SIGNS.**

(a) The driver of any emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, upon approaching a red or stop signal or any stop sign shall slow down as necessary for safety to traffic, but may proceed cautiously past such red or stop sign or signal with due regard for the safety of all persons using the street or highway.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.03)

### 331.21 RIGHT OF WAY OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR CORONER'S VEHICLE.

(a) Upon the approach of a public safety vehicle or coroner's vehicle, equipped with at least one flashing, rotating or oscillating light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle and the driver is giving an audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle or bell, no driver of any other vehicle shall fail to yield the right-of-way, immediately drive if practical to a position parallel to and as close as possible to, the right edge or curb of the street clear of any intersection, and stop and remain in that position until the public safety vehicle or coroner's vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

(b) This section does not relieve the driver of a public safety vehicle or coroner's vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property upon the street.

(c) This section applies to a coroner's vehicle only when the vehicle is operated in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4513.171. As used in this section, "coroner's vehicle" means a vehicle used by a coroner, deputy coroner or coroner's investigator that is equipped with a flashing, oscillating or rotating red or blue light and a siren, exhaust whistle, or bell capable of giving an audible signal.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or Section 331.211, whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on a first offense. On a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree, and, on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. (ORC 4511.45)

### 331.211 REPORT OF VEHICLE FAILING TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY TO PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE.

(a) When the failure of a motor vehicle operator to yield the right-of-way to a public safety vehicle as required by Section 331.21(a) impedes the ability of the public safety vehicle to respond to an emergency, any emergency personnel in the public safety vehicle may report the license plate number and a general description of the vehicle and the operator of the vehicle to the law enforcement agency exercising jurisdiction over the area where the alleged violation occurred.

- (b) (1) Upon receipt of a report under subsection (a) of this section, the law enforcement agency may conduct an investigation to attempt to determine or confirm the identity of the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation.
- (2) If the identity of the operator at the time of an alleged violation of Section 331.21(a) is established, the law enforcement agency has probable cause to issue either a written warning or a citation for that violation, and the agency shall issue a written warning or a citation to the operator.

- (3) If the identity of the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation cannot be established, the law enforcement agency may issue a warning to the person who owned the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. However, in the case of a leased or rented vehicle, the law enforcement agency shall issue the written warning to the person who leased or rented the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation.
- (c)
  - (1) Whoever violates Section 331.21(a) based on a report filed under subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
  - (2) If a person who is issued a citation for a violation of Section 331.21(a) based on a report filed under subsection (a) of this section does not enter a written plea of guilty and does not waive the person's right to contest the citation but instead appears in person in the proper court to answer the charge, the trier of fact cannot find beyond a reasonable doubt that the person committed that violation unless the emergency personnel who filed the report appears in person in the court and testifies.
- (d) As used in this section:
  - (1) "License plate" includes any temporary motor vehicle license registration issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.182 or similar law of another jurisdiction.
  - (2) "Public safety vehicle" does not include an unmarked public safety vehicle or a vehicle used by a public law enforcement officer or other person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the State or a vehicle used by the Motor Carrier Enforcement Unit for the enforcement of orders and rules of the Public Utilities Commission. (ORC 4511.454)

**331.22 DRIVING ONTO ROADWAY FROM PLACE OTHER THAN  
ROADWAY: DUTY TO YIELD.**

(a) Subject to compliance with any traffic control device, the operator of a vehicle about to enter or cross a highway from an alley or from any place other than another roadway shall yield the right of way to all traffic approaching on the roadway to be entered or crossed.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.44)

**331.23 DRIVING ONTO ROADWAY FROM PLACE OTHER THAN  
ROADWAY: STOPPING AT SIDEWALK.**

(a) Subject to compliance with any traffic control device, the driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, building, private road or driveway within a business or residence district shall stop the vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across the alley, building entrance, road or driveway, or in the event there is no sidewalk area, shall stop at the point nearest the street to be entered where the driver has a view of approaching traffic thereon.



(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.

(ORC 4511.431)

#### 331.24 RIGHT OF WAY OF FUNERAL PROCESSION.

(a) As used in this section "funeral procession" means two or more vehicles accompanying the cremated remains or the body of a deceased person in the daytime when each of the vehicles has its headlights lighted and is displaying a purple and white or an orange and white pennant attached to each vehicle in such a manner as to be clearly visible to traffic approaching from any direction.

(b) Excepting public safety vehicles proceeding in accordance with Section 331.21 or when directed otherwise by a police officer, pedestrians and the operators of all vehicles shall yield the right of way to each vehicle that is a part of a funeral procession. Whenever the lead vehicle in a funeral procession lawfully enters an intersection, the remainder of the vehicles in the procession may continue to follow the lead vehicle through the intersection notwithstanding any traffic control devices or right-of-way provisions of this Traffic Code, provided that the operator of each vehicle exercises due care to avoid colliding with any other vehicle or pedestrian.

(c) No person shall operate any vehicle as a part of a funeral procession without having the headlights of the vehicle lighted and without displaying a purple and white or an orange and white pennant in such a manner as to be clearly visible to traffic approaching from any direction.

(d) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.

(ORC 4511.451)

#### 331.25 DRIVER'S VIEW AND CONTROL TO BE UNOBSTRUCTED BY LOAD OR PERSONS.

(a) No person shall drive a vehicle when it is so loaded, or when there are in the front seat such number of persons, as to obstruct the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle or to interfere with the driver's control over the driving mechanism of the vehicle.

(b) No passenger in a vehicle shall ride in such position as to interfere with the driver's view ahead or to the sides, or to interfere with the driver's control over the driving mechanism of the vehicle.

(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 4511.70(A),(B),(D))

#### 331.26 DRIVING UPON STREET POSTED AS CLOSED FOR REPAIR.

(a) No person shall drive upon, along or across a street or highway, or any part of a street or highway that has been closed in the process of its construction, reconstruction or repair, and posted with appropriate signs by the authority having jurisdiction to close such street or highway.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.71)

#### 331.27 FOLLOWING AND PARKING NEAR EMERGENCY OR SAFETY VEHICLES.

(a) The driver of any vehicle, other than an emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle on official business, shall not follow any emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle traveling in response to an alarm closer than 500 feet, or drive into or park such vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm, unless directed to do so by a police officer or a firefighter.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.72)

#### 331.28 DRIVING OVER FIRE HOSE.

(a) No vehicle shall, without the consent of the Fire Chief or fire official in command, be driven over any unprotected fire hose that is laid down on any street or private driveway to be used at any fire or alarm of fire.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.

(ORC 4511.73)

### 331.29 DRIVING THROUGH SAFETY ZONE.

(a) No vehicle shall at any time be driven through or within a safety zone.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.

(ORC 4511.60)

### 331.30 ONE-WAY STREETS AND ROTARY TRAFFIC ISLANDS.

(a) Upon a roadway designated and posted with signs for one-way traffic a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated. A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of the rotary traffic island.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.

(ORC 4511.32)

### 331.31 DRIVING UPON DIVIDED ROADWAYS.

(a) Whenever any street has been divided into two roadways by an intervening space, or by a physical barrier, or clearly indicated dividing section so constructed as to impede vehicular traffic, every vehicle shall be driven only upon the right-hand roadway, and no vehicle shall be driven over, across or within any such dividing space, barrier or median section, except through an opening, crossover or intersection established by public authority. This section does not prohibit the occupancy of such dividing space, barrier or median section for the purpose of an emergency stop or in compliance with an order of a police officer.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.35)

### 331.32 ENTERING AND EXITING CONTROLLED-ACCESS HIGHWAY.

(a) No person shall drive a vehicle onto or from any controlled-access highway except at such entrances and exits as are established by public authority.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

### 331.33 OBSTRUCTING INTERSECTION, CROSSWALK OR GRADE CROSSING.

(a) No driver shall enter an intersection or marked crosswalk or drive onto any railroad grade crossing unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection, crosswalk or grade crossing to accommodate the vehicle the driver is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles, pedestrians or railroad trains, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.712)

### 331.34 FAILURE TO CONTROL; WEAVING; FULL TIME AND ATTENTION.

(a) No person shall operate a vehicle without exercising reasonable and ordinary control over such vehicle.

(b) No person shall operate a vehicle in a weaving or zigzag course unless such irregular course is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

(c) No person shall operate a vehicle without giving his full time and attention to the operation of such vehicle.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

### 331.35 OCCUPYING TRAVEL TRAILER, FIFTH WHEEL VEHICLE, OR MANUFACTURED OR MOBILE HOME WHILE IN MOTION.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no person shall occupy any travel trailer, fifth wheel trailer, or manufactured or mobile home while it is being used as a conveyance upon a street or highway.

(b) (1) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to a fifth wheel trailer when both of the following apply:

A. Any child riding in the fifth wheel trailer is properly secured in the manner provided in Ohio R.C. 4511.81.

B. The operator of the vehicle towing the fifth wheel trailer has some means of viable communication with the passengers riding in the trailer.

(2) As used in this section, "viable communication" includes a cellular or satellite telephone, a radio or any other similar electronic wireless communications device.

(c) (1) 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.

(2) The offense established under this section is a strict liability offense and Ohio R.C. 2901.20 does not apply. The designation of this offense as a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense. (ORC 4511.701)

### 331.36 SQUEALING TIRES, "PEELING," CRACKING EXHAUST NOISES.

(a) No person shall unnecessarily race the motor of any vehicle and no person shall operate any motor vehicle, except in an emergency, in such a manner that the vehicle is so rapidly accelerated or started from a stopped position that the exhaust system emits a loud, cracking or chattering noise unusual to its normal operation, or whereby the tires of such vehicle squeal or leave tire marks on the roadway, commonly called "peeling".

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

### 331.37 DRIVING UPON SIDEWALKS, STREET LAWNS OR CURBS.

(a) (1) No person shall drive any vehicle, other than a bicycle or an electric bicycle if the motor is not engaged, upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.

- (2) This prohibition does not apply to a law enforcement officer, or other person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, using an electric bicycle with the motor engaged while in the performance of the officer's duties.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting local authorities from regulating the operation of bicycles or electric bicycles, except that no local authority may require that bicycles or electric bicycles be operated on sidewalks. (ORC 4511.711(A))

(b) No person shall drive a vehicle on a street lawn area or the curb of a street, except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway or when otherwise lawfully authorized.

(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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.711)

### 331.38 STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS; DISCHARGING CHILDREN.

(a) The driver of a vehicle upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child, person attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and County boards of developmental disabilities, or child attending a program offered by a head start agency, shall stop at least ten feet from the front or rear of the school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.

It is no defense to a charge under this subsection (a) hereof that the school bus involved failed to display or be equipped with an automatically extended stop warning sign as required by subsection (b) hereof.

(b) Every school bus shall be equipped with amber and red visual signals meeting the requirements of Ohio R.C. 4511.771, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, and an automatically extended stop warning sign of a type approved by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, which shall be actuated by the driver of the bus whenever but only whenever the bus is stopped or stopping on the roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children, persons attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and County boards of developmental disabilities, or children attending programs offered by head start agencies. A school bus driver shall not actuate the visual signals or the stop warning sign in designated school bus loading areas where the bus is entirely off the roadway or at school buildings when children or persons attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and County boards of developmental disabilities are loading or unloading at curbside or at buildings when children attending programs offered by head start agencies are loading or unloading at curbside. The visual signals and stop warning sign shall be synchronized or otherwise operated as required by rule of the Ohio Administrative Code.

(c) Where a highway has been divided into four or more traffic lanes, a driver of a vehicle need not stop for a school bus approaching from the opposite direction which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child, persons attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and County boards of developmental disabilities, or children attending programs offered by head start agencies. The driver of any vehicle overtaking the school bus shall comply with subsection (a) hereof.

(d) School buses operating on divided highways or on highways with four or more traffic lanes shall receive and discharge all school children, persons attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and County boards of developmental disabilities, and children attending programs offered by head start agencies on their residence side of the highway.

(e) No school bus driver shall start the driver's bus until after any child, person attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and County boards of developmental disabilities, or child attending a program offered by a head start agency who may have alighted therefrom has reached a place of safety on the child or person's residence side of the road.

(f) As used in this section:

(1) "Head start agency" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3301.32.

(2) "School bus", as used in relation to children who attend a program offered by a head start agency, means a bus that is owned and operated by a head start agency, is equipped with an automatically extended stop warning sign of a type approved by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, is painted the color and displays the markings described in Ohio R.C. 4511.77, and is equipped with amber and red visual signals meeting the requirements of Ohio R.C. 4511.77, irrespective of whether or not the bus has fifteen or more children aboard at any time. "School bus" does not include a van owned and operated by a head start agency, irrespective of its color, lights, or markings.

(g) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section may be fined an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). A person who is issued a citation for a violation of subsection (a) of this section is not permitted to enter a written plea of guilty and waive the person's right to contest the citation in a trial but instead must appear in person in the proper court to answer the charge.

(2) In addition to and independent of any other penalty provided by law, the court or mayor may impose upon an offender who violates this section a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (a)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. When a license is suspended under this section, the court or mayor shall cause the offender to deliver the license to the court, and the court or clerk of the court immediately shall forward the license to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, together with notice of the court's action. (ORC 4511.75)

### 331.39 DRIVING ACROSS GRADE CROSSING.

(a) (1) Whenever any person driving a vehicle approaches a railroad grade crossing, the person shall stop within fifty feet, but not less than fifteen feet from the nearest rail of the railroad, if any of the following circumstances exist at the crossing:

A. A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a train.

B. A crossing gate is lowered.

C. A flagperson gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a train.

- D. There is insufficient space on the other side of the railroad grade crossing to accommodate the vehicle the person is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles, pedestrians, or railroad trains, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.
  - E. An approaching train is emitting an audible signal or is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing.
  - F. There is insufficient undercarriage clearance to safely negotiate the crossing.
- (2) A person who is driving a vehicle and who approaches a railroad grade crossing shall not proceed as long as any of the circumstances described in divisions (a)(1)A. to F. of this section exist at the crossing.
- (b) No person shall drive any vehicle through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while the gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed unless the person is signaled by a law enforcement officer or flagperson that it is permissible to do so.
- (c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.  
(ORC 4511.62)

#### 331.40 STOPPING AT GRADE CROSSING.

- (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (a)(2) hereof, the operator of any bus, any school vehicle, or any vehicle transporting material required to be placarded under 49 CFR Parts 100-185, before crossing at grade any track of a railroad, shall stop the vehicle, and, while so stopped, shall listen through an open door or open window and look in both directions along the track for any approaching train, and for signals indicating the approach of a train, and shall proceed only upon exercising due care after stopping, looking and listening as required by this section. Upon proceeding, the operator of such a vehicle shall cross only in a gear that will ensure there will be no necessity for changing gears while traversing the crossing and shall not shift gears while crossing the tracks.
- (2) This section does not apply at grade crossings when the Ohio Public Utilities Commission has authorized and approved an exempt crossing as provided in this subsection.
- A. Any local authority may file an application with the Commission requesting the approval of an exempt crossing. Upon receipt of such a request, the Commission shall authorize a limited period for the filing of comments by any party regarding the application and then shall conduct a public hearing in the community seeking the exempt crossing designation. The Commission shall provide appropriate prior public notice of the comment period and the public hearing. By registered mail, the Commission shall notify each railroad operating over the crossing of the comment period.
  - B. After considering any comments or other information received, the Commission may approve or reject the application. By order, the Commission may establish conditions for the exempt crossing designation, including compliance with division (b) of 49 C.F.R. Part 392.10, when applicable. An exempt crossing designation becomes effective only when appropriate signs giving notice of the exempt designation are erected at the crossing as ordered by the Commission and any other conditions ordered by the Commission are satisfied.



- C. By order, the Commission may rescind any exempt crossing designation made under this section if the Commission finds that a condition at the exempt crossing has changed to such an extent that the continuation of the exempt crossing designation compromises public safety. The Commission may conduct a public hearing to investigate and determine whether to rescind the exempt crossing designation. If the Commission rescinds the designation, it shall order the removal of any exempt crossing signs and may make any other necessary order.
- (3) As used in this section:
- A. “School vehicle” means any vehicle used for the transportation of pupils to and from a school or school-related function if the vehicle is owned or operated by, or operated under contract with, a public or nonpublic school.
- B. “Bus” means any vehicle originally designed by its manufacturer to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver, or carries sixteen or more passengers, including the driver.
- C. “Exempt crossing” means a highway rail grade crossing authorized and approved by the Public Utilities Commission under subsection (a)(2) hereof at which vehicles may cross without making the stop otherwise required by this section.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (a)(4), whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more violations of subsection (a) hereof or Ohio R.C. 4511.76, 4511.761, 4511.762, 4511.764, 4511.77 or 4511.79, or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any of those sections, whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (ORC 4511.63)
- (b) (1) When authorized stop signs are erected at railroad grade crossings, the operator of any vehicle shall stop within fifty but not less than fifteen feet from the nearest rail of the railroad tracks and shall exercise due care before proceeding across such grade crossing.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this subsection (b)(1) hereof 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.61)

#### 331.41 MOVING VEHICLE WITHOUT DRIVER’S CONSENT.

(a) No person shall move a vehicle without the driver’s consent into any place or position which would make the driver or owner liable to punishment for a violation of any provision of this Traffic Code.

(b) 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.

#### 331.42 LITTERING FROM MOTOR VEHICLE.

(a) No operator or occupant of a motor vehicle shall, regardless of intent, throw, drop, discard or deposit litter from any motor vehicle in operation upon any street, road or highway, except into a litter receptacle in a manner that prevents its being carried away or deposited by the elements.

(b) No operator of a motor vehicle in operation upon any street, road or highway shall allow litter to be thrown, dropped, discarded or deposited from the motor vehicle, except into a litter receptacle in a manner that prevents its being carried away or deposited by the elements.

(c) As used in this section, "litter" means garbage, trash, waste, rubbish, ashes, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, automobile parts, furniture, glass or anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4511.82)

#### 331.43 WEARING EARPLUGS OR EARPHONES PROHIBITED.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Earphones" means any device that covers all or a portion of both ears and that does either of the following:

A. Through either a physical connection to another device or a wireless connection, provides the listener with radio programs, music, or other information;

B. Provides hearing protection.

"Earphones" does not include speakers or other listening devices that are built into protective headgear.

(2) "Earplugs" means any device that can be inserted into one or both ears and that does either of the following:

A. Through either a physical connection to another device or a wireless connection, provides the listener with radio programs, music, or other information;

B. Provides hearing protection.

(b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle while wearing earphones over, or earplugs in, both ears.

(c) This section does not apply to:

(1) Any person wearing a hearing aid;

(2) Law enforcement personnel while on duty;

(3) Fire Department personnel and emergency medical service personnel while on duty;

(4) Any person engaged in the operation of equipment for use in the maintenance or repair of any highway;

(5) Any person engaged in the operation of refuse collection equipment;

(6) Any person wearing earphones or earplugs for hearing protection while operating a motorcycle.

(d) 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 4511.84)

#### 331.44 VEHICULAR OPERATION ON STREET CLOSED DUE TO RISE IN WATER LEVEL.

(a) No person shall operate a vehicle on or onto a public street or highway that is temporarily covered by a rise in water level, including groundwater or an overflow of water, and that is clearly marked by a sign that specifies that the road is closed due to the rise in water level and that any person who uses the closed portion of the road may be fined up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

(b) A person who is issued a citation for a violation of subsection (a) hereof is not permitted to enter a written plea of guilty and waive the person's right to contest the citation in court, but instead must appear in person in the proper court to answer the charge.

(c) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(2) In addition to the financial sanctions authorized or required under Section 501.99 and to any costs otherwise authorized or required under any provision of law, the court imposing the sentence upon an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsection (a) hereof shall order the offender to reimburse one or more rescuers for the cost any such rescuer incurred in rescuing the person, excluding any cost of transporting the rescued person to a hospital or other facility for treatment of injuries, up to a cumulative maximum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000). If more than one rescuer was involved in the emergency response, the court shall allocate the reimbursement proportionately, according to the cost each rescuer incurred. A financial sanction imposed under this section is a judgment in favor of the rescuer and, subject to a determination of indigency under division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, a rescuer may collect the financial sanction in the same manner as provided in Ohio R.C. 2929.28.

(d) As used in this section:

- (1) "Emergency medical service organization", "firefighting agency" and "private fire company" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 9.60.
- (2) "Rescuer" means a state agency, political subdivision, firefighting service, private fire company, or emergency medical service organization.  
(ORC 4511.714.)

#### 331.45 RESTRICTIONS ON THE OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES.

(a) No person shall operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this Municipality in violation of the rules of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce or the Ohio Department of Public Safety. No person, being the owner thereof, or having the supervisory responsibility therefor, shall permit the operation of a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this Municipality in violation of the rules of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce or the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

(b) As used in this section, “vehicle used for pupil transportation” means any vehicle that is identified as such by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce by rule and that is subject to O.A.C. Chapter 3301-83.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more violations of this section or Ohio R.C. 4511.76, or Ohio R.C. 4511.63, 4511.761, 4511.762, 4511.764, 4511.77, or 4511.79 or a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to any of those sections, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (ORC 4511.76(C), (H), (I))

CHAPTER 333  
OVI; Willful Misconduct; Speed

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CROSS REFERENCES

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Drug of abuse defined - see Ohio R.C. 3719.011(A)  
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 Alteration of prima-facie speed limits - see Ohio R.C. 4511.21, 4511.22(B), 4511.23  
 Failure to control vehicle - see TRAF. 331.34  
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333.01 DRIVING OR PHYSICAL CONTROL WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE.

- (a) (1) Operation Generally. No person shall operate any vehicle within this Municipality, if, at the time of the operation, any of the following apply:
- A. The person is under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them.
  - B. The person has a concentration of eight-hundredths of one per cent or more but less than seventeen-hundredths of one per cent by weight per unit volume of alcohol in the person's whole blood.
  - C. The person has a concentration of ninety-six-thousandths of one per cent or more but less than two hundred four-thousandths of one per cent by weight per unit volume of alcohol in the person's blood serum or plasma.
  - D. The person has a concentration of eight-hundredths of one gram or more but less than seventeen-hundredths of one gram by weight of alcohol per two hundred ten liters of the person's breath.
  - E. The person has a concentration of eleven-hundredths of one gram or more but less than two hundred thirty-eight-thousandths of one gram by weight of alcohol per one hundred milliliters of the person's urine.

- F. The person has a concentration of seventeen-hundredths of one per cent or more by weight per unit volume of alcohol in the person's whole blood.
- G. The person has a concentration of two hundred four-thousandths of one per cent or more by weight per unit volume of alcohol in the person's blood serum or plasma.
- H. The person has a concentration of seventeen-hundredths of one gram or more by weight of alcohol per two hundred ten liters of the person's breath.
- I. The person has a concentration of two hundred thirty-eight-thousandths of one gram or more by weight of alcohol per one hundred milliliters of the person's urine.
- J. Except as provided in subsection (m) of this section, the person has a concentration of any of the following controlled substances or metabolites of a controlled substance in the person's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, or urine that equals or exceeds any of the following:
  - 1. The person has a concentration of amphetamine in the person's urine of at least five hundred nanograms of amphetamine per milliliter of the person's urine or has a concentration of amphetamine in the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma of at least one hundred nanograms of amphetamine per milliliter of the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma.
  - 2. The person has a concentration of cocaine in the person's urine of at least one hundred fifty nanograms of cocaine per milliliter of the person's urine or has a concentration of cocaine in the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma of at least fifty nanograms of cocaine per milliliter of the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma.
  - 3. The person has a concentration of cocaine metabolite in the person's urine of at least one hundred fifty nanograms of cocaine metabolite per milliliter of the person's urine or has a concentration of cocaine metabolite in the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma of at least fifty nanograms of cocaine metabolite per milliliter of the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma.
  - 4. The person has a concentration of heroin in the person's urine of at least two thousand nanograms of heroin per milliliter of the person's urine or has a concentration of heroin in the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma of at least fifty nanograms of heroin per milliliter of the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma.
  - 5. The person has a concentration of heroin metabolite (6-monoacetyl morphine) in the person's urine of at least ten nanograms of heroin metabolite (6-monoacetyl morphine) per milliliter of the person's urine or has a concentration of heroin metabolite (6-monoacetyl morphine) in the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma of at least ten nanograms of heroin metabolite (6-monoacetyl morphine) per milliliter of the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma.

6. The person has a concentration of L.S.D. in the person's urine of at least twenty-five nanograms of L.S.D. per milliliter of the person's urine or a concentration of L.S.D. in the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma of at least ten nanograms of L.S.D. per milliliter of the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma.
7. The person has a concentration of marihuana in the person's urine of at least ten nanograms of marihuana per milliliter of the person's urine or has a concentration of marihuana in the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma of at least two nanograms of marihuana per milliliter of the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma.
8. Either of the following applies:
  - a. The person is under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of them, and the person has a concentration of marihuana metabolite in the person's urine of at least fifteen nanograms of marihuana metabolite per milliliter of the person's urine or has a concentration of marihuana metabolite in the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma of at least five nanograms of marihuana metabolite per milliliter of the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma.
  - b. The person has a concentration of marihuana metabolite in the person's urine of at least thirty-five nanograms of marihuana metabolite per milliliter of the person's urine or has a concentration of marihuana metabolite in the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma of at least fifty nanograms of marihuana metabolite per milliliter of the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma.
9. The person has a concentration of methamphetamine in the person's urine of at least five hundred nanograms of methamphetamine per milliliter of the person's urine or has a concentration of methamphetamine in the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma of at least one hundred nanograms of methamphetamine per milliliter of the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma.
10. The person has a concentration of phencyclidine in the person's urine of at least twenty-five nanograms of phencyclidine per milliliter of the person's urine or has a concentration of phencyclidine in the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma of at least ten nanograms of phencyclidine per milliliter of the person's whole blood or blood serum or plasma.
11. The State Board of Pharmacy has adopted a rule pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4729.041 that specifies the amount of salvia divinorum and the amount of salvinorin A that constitute concentrations of salvia divinorum and salvinorin A in a person's urine, in a person's whole blood, or in a person's blood serum or plasma at or above which the person is impaired for purposes of operating any vehicle within this

Municipality, the rule is in effect, and the person has a concentration of salvia divinorum or salvinorin A of at least that amount so specified by rule in the person's urine, in the person's whole blood, or in the person's blood serum or plasma.

- (2) No person who, within twenty years of the conduct described in subsection (a)(2)A. of this section, previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this subsection or a substantially equivalent state law or municipal ordinance, a violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section or a substantially equivalent state law or municipal ordinance, or any other equivalent offense shall do both of the following:
- A. Operate any vehicle within this Municipality while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of them;
  - B. Subsequent to being arrested for operating the vehicle as described in subsection (a)(2)A. of this section, being asked by a law enforcement officer to submit to a chemical test or tests under Ohio R.C. 4511.191, and being advised by the officer in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4511.192 of the consequences of the person's refusal or submission to the test or tests, refuse to submit to the test or tests.

(b) Operation After Under-Age Consumption. No person under twenty-one years of age shall operate any vehicle within this Municipality, if, at the time of the operation, any of the following apply:

- (1) The person has a concentration of at least two-hundredths of one per cent but less than eight-hundredths of one per cent by weight per unit volume of alcohol in the person's whole blood.
- (2) The person has a concentration of at least three-hundredths of one per cent but less than ninety-six-thousandths of one per cent by weight per unit volume of alcohol in the person's blood serum or plasma.
- (3) The person has a concentration of at least two-hundredths of one gram but less than eight-hundredths of one gram by weight of alcohol per two hundred ten liters of the person's breath.
- (4) The person has a concentration of at least twenty-eight one-thousandths of one gram but less than eleven-hundredths of one gram by weight of alcohol per one hundred milliliters of the person's urine.

(c) One Conviction Limitation. In any proceeding arising out of one incident, a person may be charged with a violation of subsection (a)(1)A. or (a)(2) and a violation of subsection (b)(1), (2) or (3) of this section, but the person may not be convicted of more than one violation of these subsections. (ORC 4511.19)

(d) Physical Control.

- (1) As used in this subsection, "physical control" means being in the driver's position of the front seat of a vehicle and having possession of the vehicle's ignition key or other ignition device.
- (2) A. No person shall be in physical control of a vehicle if, at the time of the physical control, any of the following apply:
  - 1. The person is under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them.
  - 2. The person's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine contains at least the concentration of alcohol specified in subsection (a)(1)B., C., D. or E. hereof.



3. Except as provided in subsection (d)(3) of this section, the person has a concentration of a listed controlled substance or a listed metabolite of a controlled substance in the person's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, or urine that equals or exceeds the concentration specified in subsection (a)(1)J. hereof.
  - B. No person under twenty-one years of age shall be in physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them or while the person's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine contains at least the concentration of alcohol specified in subsection (b)(1) to (4) hereof.
- (3) Subsection (d)(2)A.3. of this section does not apply to a person who is in physical control of a vehicle while the person has a concentration of a listed controlled substance or a listed metabolite of a controlled substance in the person's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, or urine that equals or exceeds the amount specified in subsection (a)(1)J. hereof, if both of the following apply:
- A. The person obtained the controlled substance pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs.
  - B. The person injected, ingested, or inhaled the controlled substance in accordance with the health professional's directions.
- (e) Evidence; Tests.
- (1) A. In any criminal prosecution or juvenile court proceeding for a violation of (a)(1)A. of this section or for any equivalent offense, that is vehicle-related the result of any test of any blood or urine withdrawn and analyzed at any health care provider, as defined in Ohio R.C. 2317.02, may be admitted with expert testimony to be considered with any other relevant and competent evidence in determining the guilt or innocence of the defendant.
  - B. In any criminal prosecution or juvenile court proceeding for a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section or for an equivalent offense that is vehicle related, the court may admit evidence on the concentration of alcohol, drugs of abuse, controlled substances, metabolites of a controlled substance, or a combination of them in the defendant's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, urine or other bodily substance at the time of the alleged violation as shown by chemical analysis of the substance withdrawn within three hours of the time of the alleged violation. The three-hour time limit specified in this subsection regarding the admission of evidence does not extend or affect the two-hour time limit specified in Ohio R.C. 4511.192(A) as the maximum period of time during which a person may consent to a chemical test or tests as described in that section.

The court may admit evidence on the concentration of alcohol, drugs of abuse, or a combination of them as described in this section when a person submits to a blood, breath, urine or other bodily substance test at the request of a law enforcement officer under Ohio R.C. 4511.191, or a blood or urine sample is obtained pursuant to a search warrant. Only a physician, a registered nurse, an emergency medical technician-intermediate, an emergency medical technician-paramedic or a qualified technician, chemist, or phlebotomist shall withdraw a blood sample for the purpose of determining the alcohol, drug, controlled substance, metabolite of a controlled substance, or combination content of the whole blood, blood serum, or blood plasma. This limitation does not apply to the taking of breath or urine specimens. A person authorized to withdraw blood under this subsection may refuse to withdraw blood under this subsection, if in that person's opinion, the physical welfare of the person would be endangered by the withdrawing of blood.

The bodily substance withdrawn under subsection (e)(1)B. hereof shall be analyzed in accordance with methods approved by the Director of Health by an individual possessing a valid permit issued by the Director pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3701.143.

- C. As used in subsection (e)(1)B. of this section, "emergency medical technician-intermediate" and "emergency medical technician-paramedic" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4765.01.
- (2) In a criminal prosecution or juvenile court proceeding for violation of subsection (a) of this section or for an equivalent offense that is vehicle related, if there was at the time the bodily substance was withdrawn a concentration of less than the applicable concentration of alcohol specified in subsections (a)(1)B., C., D. and E. of this section, or less than the applicable concentration of a listed controlled substance or a listed metabolite of a controlled substance specified for a violation of subsection (a)(1)J. of this section, that fact may be considered with other competent evidence in determining the guilt or innocence of the defendant. This subsection does not limit or affect a criminal prosecution or juvenile court proceeding for a violation of subsection (b) of this section or for an equivalent offense that is substantially equivalent to that subsection.

- (3) Upon the request of the person who was tested, the results of the chemical test shall be made available to the person or the person's attorney, immediately upon the completion of the chemical test analysis. If the chemical test was obtained pursuant to subsection (e)(1)B. hereof, the person tested may have a physician, a registered nurse, or a qualified technician, chemist or phlebotomist of the person's own choosing administer a chemical test or tests, at the person's expense, in addition to any administered at the request of a law enforcement officer. If the person was under arrest as described in division (A)(5) of Ohio R.C. 4511.191, the arresting officer shall advise the person at the time of the arrest that the person may have an independent chemical test taken at the person's own expense. If the person was under arrest other than described in division (A)(5) of Ohio R.C. 4511.191, the form to be read to the person to be tested, as required under Ohio R.C. 4511.192, shall state that the person may have an independent test performed at the person's expense. The failure or inability to obtain an additional chemical test by a person shall not preclude the admission of evidence relating to the chemical test or tests taken at the request of a law enforcement officer.
- (4) A. As used in subsections (e)(4)B. and C. of this section, "national highway traffic safety administration" means the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration established as an administration of the United States Department of Transportation under 96 Stat. 2415 (1983), 49 U.S.C.A. 105.
- B. In any criminal prosecution or juvenile court proceeding for a violation of subsection (a), (b) or (d) of this section, of a municipal ordinance relating to operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, or of a municipal ordinance relating to operating a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol, a controlled substance, or a metabolite of a controlled substance in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath or urine, if a law enforcement officer has administered a field sobriety test to the operator or person in physical control of the vehicle involved in the violation and if it is shown by clear and convincing evidence that the officer administered the test in substantial compliance with the testing standards for any reliable, credible, and generally accepted field sobriety tests that were in effect at the time the tests were administered, including, but not limited to, any testing standards then in effect that were set by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all of the following apply:
1. The officer may testify concerning the results of the field sobriety test so administered.
  2. The prosecution may introduce the results of the field sobriety test so administered as evidence in any proceedings in the criminal prosecution or juvenile court proceeding.
  3. If testimony is presented or evidence is introduced under subsection (e)(4)B.1. or 2. of this section and if the testimony or evidence is admissible under the Rules of Evidence, the court shall admit the testimony or evidence and the trier of fact shall give it whatever weight the trier of fact considers to be appropriate.

- C. Subsection (e)(4)B. of this section does not limit or preclude a court, in its determination of whether the arrest of a person was supported by probable cause or its determination of any other matter in a criminal prosecution or juvenile court proceeding of a type described in that subsection, from considering evidence or testimony that is not otherwise disallowed by subsection (e)(4)B. of this section. (ORC 4511.19; 4511.194)
- (f) Forensic Laboratory Reports.
- (1) Subject to subsection (f)(3) of this section, in any criminal prosecution or juvenile court proceeding for a violation of subsection (a)(1)B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., or J. or (b)(1), (2), (3) or (4) of this section or for an equivalent offense that is substantially equivalent to any of those subsections, a laboratory report from any laboratory personnel issued a permit by the Department of Health authorizing an analysis as described in this subsection that contains an analysis of the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, urine, or other bodily substance tested and that contains all of the information specified in this subsection shall be admitted as prima-facie evidence of the information and statements that the report contains. The laboratory report shall contain all of the following:
- A. The signature, under oath, of any person who performed the analysis;
- B. Any findings as to the identity and quantity of alcohol, a drug of abuse, a controlled substance, a metabolite of a controlled substance, or a combination of them that was found;
- C. A copy of a notarized statement by the laboratory director or a designee of the director that contains the name of each certified analyst or test performer involved with the report, the analyst's or test performer's employment relationship with the laboratory that issued the report, and a notation that performing an analysis of the type involved is part of the analyst's or test performer's regular duties;
- D. An outline of the analyst's or test performer's education, training, and experience in performing the type of analysis involved and a certification that the laboratory satisfies appropriate quality control standards in general and, in this particular analysis, under rules of the Department of Health.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding the admission of evidence, a report of the type described in subsection (f)(1) of this section is not admissible against the defendant to whom it pertains in any proceeding, other than a preliminary hearing or a grand jury proceeding, unless the prosecutor has served a copy of the report on the defendant's attorney or, if the defendant has no attorney, on the defendant.
- (3) A report of the type described in subsection (f)(1) of this section shall not be prima-facie evidence of the contents, identity, or amount of any substance if, within seven days after the defendant to whom the report pertains or the defendant's attorney receives a copy of the report, the defendant or the defendant's attorney demands the testimony of the person who signed the report. The judge in the case may extend the seven-day time limit in the interest of justice.

(g) Immunity From Liability For Withdrawing Blood. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any physician, registered nurse, emergency medical technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-paramedic, or qualified technician, chemist, or phlebotomist who withdraws blood from a person pursuant to this section or Ohio R.C. 4511.191 or 4511.192, and any hospital, first-aid station, or clinic at which blood is withdrawn from a person pursuant to this section or Ohio R.C. 4511.191 or 4511.192, is immune from criminal liability and civil liability based upon a claim of assault and battery or any other claim that is not a claim of malpractice, for any act performed in withdrawing blood from the person. The immunity provided in this subsection also extends to an emergency medical service organization that employs an emergency medical technician-intermediate or emergency medical technician-paramedic who withdraws blood under this section. The immunity provided in this subsection is not available to a person who withdraws blood if the person engaged in willful or wanton misconduct.

As used in this subsection, “emergency medical technician-intermediate” and “emergency medical technician-paramedic” have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4765.01.

(h) General OVI Penalty.

(1) Whoever violates any provision of subsections (a)(1)A. to I. or (a)(2) of this section is guilty of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them. Whoever violates subsection (a)(1)J. of this section is guilty of operating a vehicle while under the influence of a listed controlled substance or a listed metabolite of a controlled substance. The court shall sentence the offender for either offense under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, and this Traffic Code, except as otherwise authorized or required by subsections (h)(1)A. to E. of this section:

A. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (h)(1)B., C., D. or E. of this section, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, and the court shall sentence the offender to all of the following:

1. If the sentence is being imposed for a violation of subsections (a)(1)A., B., C., D., E., or J. of this section, a mandatory jail term of three consecutive days. As used in this subsection, three consecutive days means seventy-two consecutive hours. The court may sentence an offender to both an intervention program and a jail term. The court may impose a jail term in addition to the three-day mandatory jail term or intervention program. However, in no case shall the cumulative jail term imposed for the offense exceed six months.

The court may suspend the execution of the three-day jail term under this subsection if the court, in lieu of that suspended term, places the offender under a community control sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.25 and requires the offender to attend, for three consecutive days, a drivers’ intervention program certified under Ohio R.C. 5119.38. The court also may suspend the execution of any part of the three-day jail term under this subsection if it places the offender under a community control sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.25 for part of the three days, requires the offender to attend for the suspended part of the term a drivers’ intervention program so certified, and sentences the offender to a jail term equal to the remainder of the three

consecutive days that the offender does not spend attending the program. The court may require the offender, as a condition of community control and in addition to the required attendance at a drivers' intervention program, to attend and satisfactorily complete any treatment or education programs that comply with the minimum standards adopted pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 5119 by the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services that the operators of the drivers' intervention program determine that the offender should attend and to report periodically to the court on the offender's progress in the programs. The court also may impose on the offender any other conditions of community control that it considers necessary.

If the court grants unlimited driving privileges to a first-time offender under Ohio R.C. 4510.022, all penalties imposed upon the offender by the court under subsection (h)(1)A.1. of this section for the offense apply, except that the court shall suspend any mandatory or additional jail term imposed by the court under subsection (h)(1)A.1. of this section upon granting unlimited driving privileges in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4510.022.

2. If the sentence is being imposed for a violation of subsection (a)(1)F., G., H. or I. or (a)(2) of this section, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a mandatory jail term of at least three consecutive days and a requirement that the offender attend, for three consecutive days, a drivers' intervention program that is certified pursuant to Ohio R.C. 5119.38. As used in this subsection, three consecutive days means seventy-two consecutive hours. If the court determines that the offender is not conducive to treatment in a drivers' intervention program, if the offender refuses to attend a drivers' intervention program, or if the jail at which the offender is to serve the jail term imposed can provide a drivers' intervention program, the court shall sentence the offender to a mandatory jail term of at least six consecutive days.

If the court grants unlimited driving privileges to a first-time offender under Ohio R.C. 4510.022, all penalties imposed upon the offender by the court under subsection (h)(1)A.2. of this section for the offense apply, except that the court shall suspend any mandatory or additional jail term imposed by the court under subsection (h)(1)A.2. of this section upon granting unlimited driving privileges in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4510.022.

The court may require the offender, under a community control sanction imposed under Ohio R.C. 2929.25, to attend and satisfactorily complete any treatment or education programs that comply with the minimum standards adopted pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 5119 by the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in addition to the required attendance at drivers' intervention program, that the operators of the drivers' intervention program determine that the offender should attend and to report periodically to the court on the offender's progress in the programs. The court also may impose any other conditions of community control on the offender that it considers necessary.

3. In all cases, a fine of not less than three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375.00) and not more than one thousand seventy-five dollars (\$1,075).
  4. In all cases, a suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege for a definite period of one to three years. The court may grant limited driving privileges relative to the suspension under Ohio R.C. 4510.021 and 4510.13. The court may grant unlimited driving privileges with an ignition interlock device relative to the suspension and may reduce the period of suspension as authorized under Ohio R.C. 4510.022.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (h)(1)E. of this section, an offender who, within ten years of the offense, previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section or one other equivalent offense is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court shall sentence the offender to all of the following:
1. If the sentence is being imposed for a violation of subsection (a)(1)A., B., C., D., E., or J. of this section, a mandatory jail term of ten consecutive days. The court shall impose the ten-day mandatory jail term under this subsection unless, subject to subsection (h)(3) of this section, it instead imposes a sentence under that subsection consisting of both a jail term and a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring, with continuous alcohol monitoring, or with both electronic monitoring and continuous alcohol monitoring. The court may impose a jail term in addition to the ten-day mandatory jail term. The cumulative jail term imposed for the offense shall not exceed six months.  
In addition to the jail term or the term of house arrest with electronic monitoring or continuous alcohol monitoring or both types of monitoring and jail term, the court shall require the offender to be assessed by a community addiction services provider that is authorized by Ohio R.C. 5119.21, subject to subsection (k) of this section, and shall order the offender to follow the treatment recommendations of the services provider. The purpose of the assessment is to determine the degree of the offender's alcohol usage and to determine whether or not treatment is warranted. Upon

- the request of the court, the services provider shall submit the results of the assessment to the court, including all treatment recommendations and clinical diagnoses related to alcohol use.
2. If the sentence is being imposed for a violation of subsection (a)(1)F., G., H. or I. or (a)(2) of this section, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a mandatory jail term of twenty consecutive days. The court shall impose the twenty-day mandatory jail term under this subsection unless, subject to subsection (h)(3) of this section, it instead imposes a sentence under that subsection consisting of both a jail term and a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring, with continuous alcohol monitoring, or with both electronic monitoring and continuous alcohol monitoring. The court may impose a jail term in addition to the twenty-day mandatory jail term. The cumulative jail term imposed for the offense shall not exceed six months.  
In addition to the jail term or the term of house arrest with electronic monitoring or continuous alcohol monitoring or both types of monitoring and jail term, the court shall require the offender to be assessed by a community addiction services provider that is authorized by Ohio R.C. 5119.21, subject to subsection (k) of this section, and shall order the offender to follow the treatment recommendations of the services provider. The purpose of the assessment is to determine the degree of the offender's alcohol usage and to determine whether or not treatment is warranted. Upon the request of the court, the services provider shall submit the results of the assessment to the court, including all treatment recommendations and clinical diagnoses related to alcohol use.
  3. In all cases, notwithstanding the fines set forth in Section 303.99, a fine of not less than five hundred twenty-five dollars (\$525.00) and not more than one thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,625).
  4. In all cases, a suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege for a definite period of one to seven years. The court may grant limited driving privileges relative to the suspension under Ohio R.C. 4510.021 and 4510.13. (ORC 4511.19)
  5. In all cases, if the vehicle is registered in the offender's name, immobilization of the vehicle involved in the offense for ninety days in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.233 and impoundment of the license plates of that vehicle for ninety days. (ORC 4511.193)
- C. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (h)(1)E. of this section, an offender who, within ten years of the offense, previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two violations of subsection (a) or (b) of this section or other equivalent offenses is guilty of a misdemeanor. The court shall sentence the offender to all of the following:



1. If the sentence is being imposed for a violation of subsection (a)(1)A., B., C., D., E., or J. of this section, a mandatory jail term of thirty consecutive days. The court shall impose the thirty-day mandatory jail term under this subsection unless, subject to subsection (h)(3) of this section, it instead imposes a sentence under that subsection consisting of both a jail term and a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring, with continuous alcohol monitoring, or with both electronic monitoring and continuous alcohol monitoring. The court may impose a jail term in addition to the thirty-day mandatory jail term. Notwithstanding the jail terms set forth in Section 303.99, the additional jail term shall not exceed one year, and the cumulative jail term imposed for the offense shall not exceed one year.
2. If the sentence is being imposed for a violation of subsection (a)(1)F., G., H. or I. or (a)(2) of this section, a mandatory jail term of sixty consecutive days. The court shall impose the sixty-day mandatory jail term under this subsection unless, subject to subsection (h)(3) of this section, it instead imposes a sentence under that subsection consisting of both a jail term and a term of electronically monitored house arrest with continuous alcohol monitoring, or with both electronic monitoring and continuous alcohol monitoring. The court may impose a jail term in addition to the sixty-day mandatory jail term. Notwithstanding the terms of imprisonment set forth in Section 303.99, the additional jail term shall not exceed one year, and the cumulative jail term imposed for the offense shall not exceed one year.
3. In all cases, notwithstanding the fines set forth in Section 303.99, a fine of not less than eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) and not more than two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750).
4. In all cases, a suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege for a definite period of two to twelve years. The court may grant limited driving privileges relative to the suspension under Ohio R.C. 4510.021 and 4510.13. (ORC 4511.19)
5. In all cases, if the vehicle is registered in the offender's name, criminal forfeiture of the vehicle involved in the offense in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.234. Subsection (h)(5) of this section applies regarding any vehicle that is subject to an order of criminal forfeiture under this subsection. (ORC 4511.193)

6. In all cases, the court shall order the offender to participate with a community addiction services provider authorized by Ohio R.C. 5119.21, subject to subsection (k) of this section, and shall order the offender to follow the treatment recommendations of the services provider. The operator of the services provider shall determine and assess the degree of the offender's alcohol dependency and shall make recommendations for treatment. Upon the request of the court, the services provider shall submit the results of the assessment to the court, including all treatment recommendations and clinical diagnoses related to alcohol use.
  - D. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (h)(1)E. of this section, an offender who, within ten years of the offense, previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or four violations of subsection (a) of this section or other equivalent offenses or an offender who, within twenty years of the offense, previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to five or more violations of that nature, or an offender who previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a specification of the type described in Ohio R.C. 2941.1413, is guilty of a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.
  - E. An offender who previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19(A) that was a felony, regardless of when the violation and the conviction or guilty plea occurred, is guilty of a felony of the third degree and shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law.
- (2) An offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsection (a) of this section and who subsequently seeks reinstatement of the driver's or occupational driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege suspended under this section as a result of the conviction or guilty plea shall pay a reinstatement fee as provided in division (F)(2) of Ohio R.C. 4511.191.
  - (3) If an offender is sentenced to a jail term under subsection (h)(1)B.1. or 2. or (h)(1)C.1. or 2. of this section and if, within sixty days of sentencing of the offender, the court issues a written finding on the record that, due to the unavailability of space at the jail where the offender is required to serve the term, the offender will not be able to begin serving that term within the sixty-day period following the date of sentencing, the court may impose an alternative sentence under this subsection that includes a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring, with continuous alcohol monitoring, or with both electronic monitoring and continuous alcohol monitoring. As an alternative to a mandatory jail term of ten consecutive days required by subsection (h)(1)B.1. of this section, the court, under this subsection, may sentence the offender to five consecutive days in jail and not less than eighteen consecutive days of house arrest with electronic monitoring, with continuous alcohol monitoring, or with both electronic monitoring and continuous alcohol monitoring. The cumulative total of the five consecutive days in jail and the period of house arrest with electronic monitoring, continuous alcohol monitoring, or both types of monitoring shall not exceed six months. The five consecutive days in jail do not have to be served prior to or consecutively to the period of house arrest.

As an alternative to the mandatory jail term of twenty consecutive days required by subsection (h)(1)B.2. of this section, the court, under this subsection, may sentence the offender to ten consecutive days in jail and not less than thirty-six consecutive days of house arrest with electronic monitoring, with continuous alcohol monitoring, or with both electronic monitoring and continuous alcohol monitoring. The cumulative total of the ten consecutive days in jail and the period of house arrest with electronic monitoring, continuous alcohol monitoring or both types of monitoring shall not exceed six months. The ten consecutive days in jail do not have to be served prior to or consecutively to the period of house arrest.

As an alternative to a mandatory jail term of thirty consecutive days required by subsection (h)(1)C.1. of this section, the court, under this subsection, may sentence the offender to fifteen consecutive days in jail and not less than fifty-five consecutive days of house arrest with electronic monitoring, with continuous alcohol monitoring, or with both electronic monitoring and continuous alcohol monitoring. The cumulative total of the fifteen consecutive days in jail and the period of house arrest with electronic monitoring, continuous alcohol monitoring or both types of monitoring shall not exceed one year. The fifteen consecutive days in jail do not have to be served prior to or consecutively to the period of house arrest.

As an alternative to the mandatory jail term of sixty consecutive days required by subsection (h)(1)C.2. of this section, the court, under this subsection, may sentence the offender to thirty consecutive days in jail and not less than one hundred ten consecutive days of house arrest with electronic monitoring, with continuous alcohol monitoring, or with both electronic monitoring and continuous alcohol monitoring. The cumulative total of the thirty consecutive days in jail and the period of house arrest with electronic monitoring, continuous alcohol monitoring, or both types of monitoring shall not exceed one year. The thirty consecutive days in jail do not have to be served prior to or consecutively to the period of house arrest.

- (4) If an offender's driver's or occupational driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege is suspended under subsection (h) of this section and if Ohio R.C. 4510.13 permits the court to grant limited driving privileges, the court may grant the limited driving privileges in accordance with that section. If division (A)(7) of that section requires that the court impose as a condition of the privileges that the offender must display on the vehicle that is driven subject to the privileges restricted license plates that are issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.231, except as provided in division (B) of that section, the court shall impose that condition as one of the conditions of the limited driving privileges granted to the offender, except as provided in division (B) of Ohio R.C. 4503.231.
- (5) If title to a motor vehicle that is subject to an order of criminal forfeiture under this section is assigned or transferred and division (B)(2) or (3) of Ohio R.C. 4503.234 applies, in addition to or independent of any other penalty established by law, the court may fine the offender the value of the vehicle as determined by publications of the national auto dealers association. The proceeds of any fine so imposed shall be distributed in accordance with division (C)(2) of that section.
- (6) In all cases in which an offender is sentenced under subsection (h) of this section, the offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to

provide that proof of financial responsibility, the court, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.18 or 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the vehicle before, during or after committing the offense for which the offender is sentenced under subsection (h) of this section.

- (7) A court may order an offender to reimburse a law enforcement agency for any costs incurred by the agency with respect to a chemical test or tests administered to the offender if all of the following apply:
- A. The offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsection (a) of this section.
  - B. The test or tests were of the offender's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, or urine.
  - C. The test or tests indicated that the offender had a prohibited concentration of a controlled substance or a metabolite of a controlled substance in the offender's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, or urine at the time of the offense.
- (8) As used in subsection (h) of this section, "electronic monitoring", "mandatory prison term" and "mandatory term of local incarceration" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.

(i) Vehicle Operation After Underage Alcohol Consumption Penalty. Whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of operating a vehicle after underage alcohol consumption and shall be punished as follows:

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (i)(2) of this section, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. In addition to any other sanction imposed for the offense, the court shall impose a class six suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(6) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. The court may grant limited driving privileges relative to the suspension under Ohio R.C. 4510.021 and 4510.13. The court may grant unlimited driving privileges with an ignition interlock device relative to the suspension and may reduce the period of suspension as authorized under Ohio R.C. 4510.022. If the court grants unlimited driving privileges under Ohio R.C. 4510.022, the court shall suspend any jail term imposed under subsection (i)(1) of this section as required under that section.
- (2) If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more violations of subsection (a) of this section or other equivalent offenses, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. In addition to any other sanction imposed for the offense, the court shall impose a class four suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(4) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. The court may grant limited driving privileges relative to the suspension under Ohio R.C. 4510.021 and 4510.13.

- (3) The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28, in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the vehicle before, during or after committing the violation of subsection (b) of this section. (ORC 4511.19)

(j) Physical Control Penalty. Whoever violates subsection (d) hereof is guilty of having physical control of a vehicle while under the influence, a misdemeanor of the first degree. In addition to other sanctions imposed, the court may impose on the offender a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. (ORC 4511.194)

(k) Compliance With Ohio R.C. Chapter 5119 Standards.

- (1) No court shall sentence an offender to an alcohol treatment program under this section unless the treatment program complies with the minimum standards for alcohol treatment programs adopted under Ohio R.C. Chapter 5119 by the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- (2) An offender who stays in a driver's intervention program or in an alcohol treatment program under an order issued under this section shall pay the cost of the stay in the program. However, if the court determines that an offender who stays in an alcohol treatment program under an order issued under this section is unable to pay the cost of the stay in the program, the court may order that the cost be paid from the court's indigent drivers' alcohol treatment fund.

(l) Appeal Does Not Stay Operation of License Suspension. If a person whose driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege is suspended under this section files an appeal regarding any aspect of the person's trial or sentence, the appeal itself does not stay the operation of the suspension.

(m) Subsection (a)(1)J. of this section does not apply to a person who operates a vehicle while the person has a concentration of a listed controlled substance or a listed metabolite of a controlled substance in the person's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, or urine that equals or exceeds the amount specified in that subsection, if both of the following apply:

- (1) The person obtained the controlled substance pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs.
- (2) The person injected, ingested, or inhaled the controlled substance in accordance with the health professional's directions.

(n) The prohibited concentrations of a controlled substance or a metabolite of a controlled substance listed in subsection (a)(1)J. of this section also apply in a prosecution of a violation of Ohio R.C. 2923.16(D) in the same manner as if the offender is being prosecuted for a prohibited concentration of alcohol.

(o) Conflict of Terms. All terms defined in Ohio R.C. 4510.01 apply to this section. If the meaning of a term defined in Ohio R.C. 4510.01 conflicts with the meaning of the same term as defined in Ohio R.C. 4501.01 or this Traffic Code, the term as defined in Ohio R.C. 4510.01 applies to this section. (ORC 4511.19)

(p) Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of any fine imposed for a violation of subsection (a) hereof shall be deposited into the municipal or county indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4511.193.  
(ORC 4511.193)

(q) Definitions. As used in this section:

- (1) “Equivalent offense” means any of the following:
  - A. A violation of division (A) of Ohio R.C. 4511.19;
  - B. A violation of a municipal OVI ordinance;
  - C. A violation of Ohio R.C. 2903.04 in a case in which the offender was subject to the sanctions described in division (D) of that section;
  - D. A violation of division (A)(1) of Ohio R.C. 2903.06 or 2903.08 or a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to either of those divisions;
  - E. A violation of division (A)(2), (3) or (4) of Ohio R.C. 2903.06, division (A)(2) of Ohio R.C. 2903.08, or former Ohio R.C. 2903.07, or a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to any of those divisions or that former section, in a case in which a judge or jury as the trier of fact found that the offender was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them;
  - F. A violation of division (A) of Ohio R.C. 1547.11;
  - G. A violation of a municipal ordinance prohibiting a person from operating or being in physical control of any vessel underway or from manipulating any water skis, aquaplane or similar device on the waters of this State while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them or prohibiting a person from operating or being in physical control of any vessel underway or from manipulating any water skis, aquaplane or similar device on the waters of this State with a prohibited concentration of alcohol, a controlled substance, or a metabolite of a controlled substance in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath or urine;
  - H. A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance, law of another state, or law of the United States that is substantially equivalent to division (A) of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or division (A) of Ohio R.C. 1547.11;
  - I. A violation of a former law of this State that was substantially equivalent to division (A) of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or division (A) of Ohio R.C. 1547.11;
- (2) “Mandatory jail term” means the mandatory term in jail of three, six, ten, twenty, thirty, or sixty days that must be imposed under subsection (h)(1)A., B. or C. upon an offender convicted of a violation of subsection (a) hereof and in relation to which all of the following apply:
  - A. Except as specifically authorized under this section, the term must be served in a jail.
  - B. Except as specifically authorized under this section, the term cannot be suspended, reduced or otherwise modified pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, or any other provision of the Ohio Revised Code.

- (3) “Municipal OVI ordinance” and “municipal OVI offense” mean any municipal ordinance prohibiting a person from operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them or prohibiting a person from operating a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol, a controlled substance, or a metabolite of a controlled substance in the whole blood, blood serum, or plasma, breath or urine.
- (4) “Community residential sanction”, “continuous alcohol monitoring”, “jail”, “mandatory prison term”, “mandatory term of local incarceration”, “sanction” and “prison term” have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.
- (5) “Drug of abuse” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4506.01.
- (6) “Equivalent offense that is vehicle-related” means an equivalent offense that is any of the following:
  - A. A violation described in subsection (q)(1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) hereof;
  - B. A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance, law of another state, or law of the United States that is substantially equivalent to division (A) or (B) of Ohio R.C. 4511.19;
  - C. A violation of a former law of this state that was substantially equivalent to division (A) or (B) of Ohio R.C. 4511.19. (ORC 4511.181)

### 333.02 OPERATION IN WILLFUL OR WANTON DISREGARD OF SAFETY.

(a) No person shall operate a vehicle on any street or highway in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property. (ORC 4511.20)

(b) No person shall operate a vehicle on any public or private property other than streets or highways, in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property.

This subsection does not apply to the competitive operation of vehicles on public or private property when the owner of such property knowingly permits such operation thereon.

(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 4511.201)

(d) Whenever a person is found guilty under this section of operating a motor vehicle in violation of this section relating to reckless operation, the trial court of any court of record, in addition to or independent of all other penalties provided by law, may impose a class five suspension of the offender’s driver’s or commercial driver’s license or permit or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(5) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. (ORC 4510.15)

**333.03 MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS; ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE AHEAD.**

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed greater or less than is reasonable or proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the street or highway and any other conditions, and no person shall drive any motor vehicle in and upon any street or highway at a greater speed than will permit the person to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

(b) It is prima-facie lawful, in the absence of a lower limit declared or established pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4511.21 by the Ohio Director of Transportation or Council, for the operator of a motor vehicle to operate the same at a speed not exceeding the following:

(1) A. Twenty miles per hour in school zones during school recess and while children are going to or leaving school during the opening or closing hours, and when twenty miles per hour school speed limit signs are erected; except, that on controlled-access highways and expressways, if the right-of-way line fence has been erected without pedestrian opening, the speed shall be governed by subsection (b)(4) hereof and on freeways, if the right-of-way line fence has been erected without pedestrian opening, the speed shall be governed by subsection (b)(7) hereof. The end of every school zone may be marked by a sign indicating the end of the zone. Nothing in this section or in the manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices shall be construed to require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights, or giving other special notice of the hours in which the school zone speed limit is in effect.

B. As used in this section, "school" means all of the following:

1. Any school chartered under Ohio R.C. 3301.16;
2. Any nonchartered school that during the preceding year filed with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce in compliance with O.A.C. § 3301-35-08, a copy of the school's report for the parents of the school's pupils certifying that the school meets state minimum standards for nonchartered, nontax-supported schools and presents evidence of this filing to the jurisdiction from which it is requesting the establishment of a school zone;
3. Any special elementary school that in writing requests the County Engineer to create a school zone at the location of the school. Upon receipt of such written request, the County Engineer shall create a school zone at that location by erecting appropriate signs;
4. Any preschool education program operated by an educational service center that is located on a street or highway with a speed limit of forty-five miles per hour or more, when the educational service center in writing requests that the County Engineer create a school zone at the location of that program. Upon receipt of such a written request, the County Engineer shall create a school zone at that location by erecting the appropriate signs.

C. As used in this section, "school zone" means that portion of a street or highway passing a school fronting upon the street or highway that is encompassed by projecting the school property lines to the fronting street or highway. Upon request from the Municipality for streets and highways under its jurisdiction, the Ohio Director of



Transportation may extend the traditional school zone boundaries. The distances in subsections (b)(1)C.1. to 3. hereof shall not exceed 300 feet per approach per direction and are bounded by whichever of the following distances or combinations thereof the Director approves as most appropriate:

1. The distance encompassed by projecting the school building lines normal to the fronting highway and extending a distance of 300 feet on each approach direction;
2. The distance encompassed by projecting the school property lines intersecting the fronting highway and extending a distance of 300 feet on each approach direction;
3. The distance encompassed by the special marking of the pavement for a principal school pupil crosswalk plus a distance of 300 feet on each approach direction of highway;

Nothing in this section shall be construed to invalidate the Director's initial action on August 9, 1976, establishing all school zones at the traditional school zone boundaries defined by projecting school property lines, except when those boundaries are extended as provided in subsections (b)(1)A. and C. hereof.

- D. As used in this subsection, "crosswalk" has the meaning given that term in Section 301.09. The Director may, upon request by resolution of Council, and upon submission by the Municipality of such engineering, traffic and other information as the Director considers necessary, designate a school zone on any portion of a State route lying within the Municipality that includes a crosswalk customarily used by children going to or leaving a school during recess and opening and closing hours, whenever the distance, as measured in a straight line, from the school property line nearest the crosswalk to the nearest point of the crosswalk is no more than 1,320 feet. Such a school zone shall include the distance encompassed by the crosswalk and extending 300 feet on each approach direction of the State route;
- (2) Twenty-five miles per hour in all other portions of the Municipality, except on State routes outside business districts, through highways outside business districts and alleys;
  - (3) Thirty-five miles per hour on all State routes or through highways within the Municipality outside business districts, except as provided in subsections (b)(4) and (5) hereof;
  - (4) Fifty miles per hour on controlled-access highways and expressways within the Municipality, except as provided in subsections (b)(8) to (b)(12) of this section;
  - (5) Fifty miles per hour on State routes within the Municipality outside urban districts unless a lower prima-facie speed is established as further provided in this section;
  - (6) Fifteen miles per hour on all alleys within the Municipality;
  - (7) Fifty-five miles per hour on freeways with paved shoulders inside the Municipality other than freeways as provided in subsection (b)(10) and (12);
  - (8) Sixty miles per hour on rural expressways with traffic control signals and on all portions of rural divided highways, except as provided in subsections (b)(9) and (10) of this section;
  - (9) Sixty-five miles per hour on all rural expressways without traffic control signals;
  - (10) Seventy miles per hour on all rural freeways;

- (11) Fifty-five miles per hour on all portions of freeways or expressways in congested areas as determined by the Director and that are located within a municipal corporation or within an interstate freeway outerbelt, except as provided in subsection (b)(12) of this section;
- (12) Sixty-five miles per hour on all portions of freeways or expressways without traffic control signals in urbanized areas.

(c) It is prima-facie unlawful for any person to exceed any of the speed limitations in subsection (b)(1)A. to (b)(6) hereof, or any declared or established pursuant to this section by the Director or local authorities and it is unlawful for any person to exceed any of the speed limitations in subsection (d) hereof. No person shall be convicted of more than one violation of this section for the same conduct, although violations of more than one provision of this section may be charged in the alternative in a single affidavit.

- (d) No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon a street or highway as follows:
- (1) At a speed exceeding fifty-five miles per hour, except upon a highway, expressway or freeway as provided in subsection (b)(8), (9), (10) and (12) hereof;
  - (2) At a speed exceeding sixty miles per hour upon a highway as provided in subsection (b)(8) hereof;
  - (3) At a speed exceeding sixty-five miles per hour upon an expressway as provided in subsection (b)(9) hereof, or upon a freeway as provided in subsection (b)(12) of this section, except upon a freeway as provided in subsection (b)(10) hereof;
  - (4) At a speed exceeding seventy miles per hour upon a freeway as provided in subsection (b)(10) hereof;
  - (5) At a speed exceeding the posted speed limit upon a highway, expressway or freeway for which the Director has determined and declared a speed limit pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4511.21(I)(2) or (L)(2).

(e) In every charge of violation of this section the affidavit and warrant shall specify the time, place and speed at which the defendant is alleged to have driven, and in charges made in reliance upon subsection (c) hereof also the speed which subsections (b)(1)A. to (b)(6) hereof, or a limit declared or established pursuant to this section declares is prima-facie lawful at the time and place of such alleged violation, except that in affidavits where a person is alleged to have driven at a greater speed than will permit the person to bring the vehicle to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead the affidavit and warrant need not specify the speed at which the defendant is alleged to have driven.

(f) When a speed in excess of both a prima-facie limitation and a limitation in subsection (d) hereof is alleged, the defendant shall be charged in a single affidavit, alleging a single act, with a violation indicated of both subsections (b)(1)A. to (b)(6) hereof, or of a limit declared or established pursuant to this section by the Director or local authorities, and of the limitation in subsection (d) hereof. If the court finds a violation of subsection (b)(1)A. to (b)(6) hereof, or a limit declared or established pursuant to this section has occurred, it shall enter a judgment of conviction under such subsection and dismiss the charge under subsection (d) hereof. If it finds no violation of subsections (b)(1)A. to (b)(6) hereof or a limit declared or established pursuant to this section, it shall then consider whether the evidence supports a conviction under subsection (d) hereof.

(g) Points shall be assessed for violation of a limitation under subsection (d) hereof in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4510.036.

(h) Whenever, in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4511.21 or this section, the speed limitations as established herein have been altered, either higher or lower, and the appropriate signs giving notice have been erected as required, operators of motor vehicles shall be governed by the speed limitations set forth on such signs. It is prima-facie unlawful for any person to exceed the speed limits posted upon such signs.

(i) As used in this section:

- (1) "Interstate system" has the same meaning as in 23 U.S.C.A. 101.
- (2) "Commercial bus" means a motor vehicle designed for carrying more than nine passengers and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.
- (3) "Noncommercial bus" includes but is not limited to a school bus, or a motor vehicle operated solely for the transportation of persons associated with a charitable or nonprofit organization.
- (4) "Outerbelt" means a portion of a freeway that is part of the interstate system and is located in the outer vicinity of a major municipal corporation or group of municipal corporations, as designated by the Director.
- (5) "Rural" means an area outside urbanized areas and outside of a business or urban district, and areas that extend within urbanized areas where the roadway characteristics remain mostly unchanged from those outside the urbanized areas.
- (6) "Urbanized area" has the same meaning as in 23 U.S.C. 101.
- (7) "Divided" means a roadway having two or more travel lanes for vehicles moving in opposite directions and that is separated by a median of more than four feet, excluding turn lanes.

(j) (1) A violation of any provision of this section is one of the following:

- A. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (j)(1)B., (1)C., (2) and (3) of this section, a minor misdemeanor;
  - B. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two violations of any provision of this section or of any provision of Ohio R.C. 4511.21 or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any provision of this section, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree;
  - C. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of any provision of this section or of any provision of Ohio R.C. 4511.21 or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any provision of this section, a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- (2) If the offender operated a motor vehicle faster than thirty-five miles an hour in a business district of a municipal corporation, faster than fifty miles an hour in other portions of a municipal corporation, or faster than thirty-five miles an hour in a school zone during recess or while children are going to or leaving school during the school's opening or closing hours, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. This subsection does not apply if penalties may be imposed under subsections (j)(1)B. or (j)(1)C. of this section.

- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (j)(1) of this section, if the offender operated a motor vehicle in a construction zone where a sign was then posted in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4511.98, the court, in addition to all other penalties provided by law, shall impose upon the offender a fine of two times the usual amount imposed for the violation. No court shall impose a fine of two times the usual amount imposed for the violation upon an offender if the offender alleges, in an affidavit filed with the court prior to the offender's sentencing, that the offender is indigent and is unable to pay the fine imposed pursuant to this subsection and if the court determines that the offender is an indigent person and unable to pay the fine. (ORC 4511.21)
- (4) If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.21)

**333.031 APPROACHING A STATIONARY PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY OR ROAD SERVICE VEHICLE.**

(a) The driver of a motor vehicle, upon approaching a stationary public safety vehicle, emergency vehicle, road service vehicle, waste collection vehicle, vehicle used by the Public Utilities Commission to conduct motor vehicle inspections in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4923.04 and 4923.06 or a highway maintenance vehicle that is displaying the appropriate visual signals by means of flashing, oscillating or rotating lights, as prescribed in Section 337.16, shall do either of the following:

- (1) If the driver of the motor vehicle is traveling on a street or highway that consists of at least two lanes that carry traffic in the same direction of travel as that of the driver's motor vehicle, the driver shall proceed with due caution and, if possible with due regard to the road, weather, and traffic conditions, shall change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent to that of the stationary public safety vehicle, emergency vehicle, road service vehicle, waste collection vehicle, vehicle used by the Public Utilities Commission to conduct motor vehicle inspections in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4923.04 and 4923.06 or a highway maintenance vehicle.
- (2) If the driver is not traveling on a street or highway of a type described in subsection (a)(1) of this section, or if the driver is traveling on a highway of that type but it is not possible to change lanes or if to do so would be unsafe, the driver shall proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle, and maintain a safe speed for the road, weather and traffic conditions.

(b) This section does not relieve the driver of a public safety vehicle, emergency vehicle, road service vehicle, waste collection vehicle, vehicle used by the Public Utilities Commission to conduct motor vehicle inspections in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4923.04 and 4923.06, or a highway maintenance vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property upon the highway.

(c) No person shall fail to drive a motor vehicle in compliance with subsection (a)(1) or (2) of this section when so required by subsection (a) of this section.

- (d) (1) 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.
- (2) Notwithstanding Section 303.99(b), upon a finding that a person operated a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (c) of this section, the court, in addition to all other penalties provided by law, shall impose a fine of two times the usual amount imposed for the violation.
- (3) If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.

(e) The offense established under this section is a strict liability offense and Ohio R.C. 2901.20 does not apply. The designation of this offense as a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense. (ORC 4511.213)

#### 333.04 STOPPING VEHICLE; SLOW SPEED; POSTED MINIMUM SPEEDS.

(a) No person shall stop or operate a vehicle at such an unreasonably slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when stopping or reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or to comply with law.

(b) Whenever, in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4511.22(B), the minimum speed limit of a controlled-access highway, expressway or freeway has been declared and the appropriate signs giving notice have been erected as required, operators of motor vehicles shall be governed by the speed limitations set forth on such signs. No person shall operate a motor vehicle below the speed limits posted upon such signs except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

(c) In a case involving a violation of this section, the trier of fact, in determining whether the vehicle was being operated at an unreasonably slow speed, shall consider the capabilities of the vehicle and its operator.

(d) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.22)

### 333.05 SPEED LIMITATIONS OVER BRIDGES.

(a) No person shall operate a vehicle over any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part of a street at a speed which is greater than the maximum speed that can be maintained with safety to such bridge or structure, when such structure is posted with authorized signs stating such maximum speed. Such signs shall be erected and maintained at a distance of at least 100 feet before each end of such structure.

(b) Upon the trial of any person charged with a violation of this section, proof of the determination of the maximum speed and the existence of such signs shall constitute prima-facie evidence of the maximum speed which can be maintained with safety to such bridge or structure.

(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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.23)

### 333.06 SPEED EXCEPTIONS FOR EMERGENCY OR SAFETY VEHICLES.

The prima-facie speed limitations set forth in Section 333.03 do not apply to emergency vehicles or public safety vehicles when they are responding to emergency calls and are equipped with and displaying at least one flashing, rotating or oscillating light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle and when the drivers thereof sound audible signals by bell, siren or exhaust whistle. This section does not relieve the driver of an emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the street or highway. (ORC 4511.24)

### 333.07 STREET RACING PROHIBITED.

(a) As used in this section, "street racing" means the operation of two or more vehicles from a point side by side at accelerating speeds in a competitive attempt to out-distance each other or the operation of one or more vehicles over a common selected course, from the same point to the same point, wherein timing is made of the participating vehicles involving competitive accelerations or speeds.

Persons rendering assistance in any manner to such competitive use of vehicles shall be equally charged as the participants. The operation of two or more vehicles side by side either at speeds in excess of prima-facie lawful speeds established by Section 333.03 or rapidly accelerating from a common starting point to a speed in excess of such prima-facie lawful speeds shall be prima-facie evidence of street racing.

(b) No person shall participate in street racing upon any public road, street or highway in this Municipality.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of street racing, a misdemeanor of the first degree. In addition to any other sanctions, the court shall suspend the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license or nonresident operating privilege for not less than thirty days or more than three years. No judge shall suspend the first thirty days of any suspension of an offender's license, permit, or privilege imposed under this subsection. (ORC 4511.251)

**333.08 OPERATION WITHOUT REASONABLE CONTROL.**

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle, agricultural tractor, or agricultural tractor that is towing, pulling, or otherwise drawing a unit of farm machinery on any street, highway, or property open to the public for vehicular traffic without being in reasonable control of the vehicle, agricultural tractor or unit of farm machinery.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of operating a motor vehicle or agricultural tractor without being in control of it, a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4511.202)

**333.09 RECKLESS OPERATION ON STREETS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

(a) No person shall operate a vehicle on any street or highway without due regard for the safety of persons or property.

(b) No person shall operate a vehicle on any public or private property other than streets or highways, without due regard for the safety of persons or property.

This subsection does not apply to the competitive operation of vehicles on public or private property when the owner of such property knowingly permits such operation thereon.

(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.

**333.10 OPERATION IN VIOLATION OF IMMOBILIZATION ORDER.**

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle or permit the operation of a motor vehicle upon any public or private property used by the public for vehicular travel or parking knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the motor vehicle has been ordered immobilized pursuant to an immobilization order issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.233.

(b) A motor vehicle that is operated by a person during a violation of subsection (a) hereof shall be criminally forfeited in accordance with the procedures contained in Ohio R.C. 4503.234.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. (ORC 4503.236)

**333.11 ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE USE PROHIBITED WHILE DRIVING.**

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any street, highway, or property open to the public for vehicular traffic while using, holding, or physically supporting with any part of the person's body an electronic wireless communications device.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to any of the following:

- (1) A person using an electronic wireless communications device to make contact, for emergency purposes, with a law enforcement agency, hospital or health care provider, fire department, or other similar emergency agency or entity.
- (2) A person driving a public safety vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device in the course of the person's duties.

- (3) A person using an electronic wireless communications device when the person's motor vehicle is in a stationary position and is outside a lane of travel, at a traffic control signal that is currently directing traffic to stop, or parked on a road or highway due to an emergency or road closure;
  - (4) A person using and holding an electronic wireless communications device directly near the person's ear for the purpose of making, receiving, or conducting a telephone call, provided that the person does not manually enter letters, numbers, or symbols into the device;
  - (5) A person receiving wireless messages on an electronic wireless communications device regarding the operation or navigation of a motor vehicle; safety-related information, including emergency, traffic, or weather alerts; or data used primarily by the motor vehicle, provided that the person does not hold or support the device with any part of the person's body;
  - (6) A person using the speaker phone function of the electronic wireless communications device, provided that the person does not hold or support the device with any part of the person's body;
  - (7) A person using an electronic wireless communications device for navigation purposes, provided that the person does not do either of the following during the use:
    - A. Manually enter letters, numbers, or symbols into the device;
    - B. Hold or support the device with any part of the person's body;
  - (8) A person using a feature or function of the electronic wireless communications device with a single touch or single swipe, provided that the person does not do either of the following during the use:
    - A. Manually enter letters, numbers, or symbols into the device;
    - B. Hold or support the device with any part of the person's body;
  - (9) A person operating a commercial truck while using a mobile data terminal that transmits and receives data;
  - (10) A person operating a utility service vehicle or a vehicle for or on behalf of a utility, if the person is acting in response to an emergency, power outage, or circumstance that affects the health or safety of individuals;
  - (11) A person using an electronic wireless communications device in conjunction with a voice-operated or hands-free feature or function of the vehicle or of the device without the use of either hand except to activate, deactivate, or initiate the feature or function with a single touch or swipe, provided the person does not hold or support the device with any part of the person's body;
  - (12) A person using technology that physically or electronically integrates the device into the motor vehicle, provided that the person does not do either of the following during the use:
    - A. Manually enter letters, numbers, or symbols into the device;
    - B. Hold or support the device with any part of the person's body;
  - (13) A person storing an electronic wireless communications device in a holster, harness, or article of clothing on the person's body.
- (c) If a law enforcement officer issues an offender a ticket, citation or summons for a violation of subsection (a) of this section, the officer shall do both of the following:
- (1) Report the issuance of the ticket, citation, or summons to the officer's law enforcement agency;
  - (2) Ensure that such report indicates the offender's race.



(d) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of operating a motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communication device, an unclassified misdemeanor, and shall be punished as provided in subsections (d)(1) to (5) of this section.

- (1) The offender shall be fined, and is subject to a suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege, as follows:
  - A. Except as provided in subsections (d)(1)B., (d)(1)C., (d)(1)D. and (d)(2) of this section, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
  - B. If, within two years of the violation, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one prior violation of this section, Ohio R.C. 4511.204, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
  - C. If, within two years of the violation, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more prior violations of this section, Ohio R.C. 4511.204, or a substantially equivalent or municipal ordinance, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The court also may impose a suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege for ninety days.
  - D. Notwithstanding subsections (d)(1)A. to (d)(1)C. of this section, if the offender was operating the motor vehicle at the time of the violation in a construction zone where a sign was posted in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4511.98, the court, in addition to all other penalties provided by law, shall impose upon the offender a fine of two times the amount imposed for the violation under subsections (d)(1)A., (d)(1)B., or (d)(1)C. of this section, as applicable.
- (2) If the offender is in the category of offenders to whom subsection (d)(1)A of this section applies, in lieu of payment of the fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) under subsection (d)(1)A. of this section and the assessment of points under subsection (d)(4) of this section, the offender instead may elect to attend the distracted driving safety course, as described in Section 303.991. If the offender attends and successfully completes the course, the offender shall be issued written evidence that the offender successfully completed the course. The offender shall not be required to pay the fine and shall not have the points assessed against that offender's driver's license if the offender submits the written evidence to the court. This subsection does not apply with respect to any offender in the category of offenders to whom subsection (d)(1)B., C., or D. of this section applies.
- (3) The court may impose any other penalty authorized under Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28. However, the court shall not impose a fine or a suspension not otherwise specified in subsection (d)(1) of this section. The court also shall not impose a jail term or community residential sanction.
- (4) Except as provided in subsection (d)(2) of this section, points shall be assessed for a violation of subsection (a) of this section in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4510.036.

- (5) The offense established under this section is a strict liability offense and Ohio R.C. 2901.20 does not apply. The designation of this offense as a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.
- (e) A prosecution for an offense in violation of this section does not preclude a prosecution for an offense in violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.204 based on the same conduct. However, the two offenses are allied offenses of similar import under Ohio R.C. 2941.25.
- (f) (1) A law enforcement officer does not have probable cause and shall not stop the operator of a motor vehicle for the purposes of enforcing this section unless the officer visually observes the operator using, holding, or physically supporting with any part of the person's body the electronic wireless communications device.
- (2) A law enforcement officer who stops the operator of a motor vehicle for a violation of subsection (a) of this section shall inform the operator that the operator may decline a search of the operator's electronic wireless communications device. The officer shall not do any of the following:
- A. Access the device without a warrant unless the operator voluntarily and unequivocally gives consent for the officer to access the device;
  - B. Confiscate the device while awaiting the issuance of a warrant to access the device;
  - C. Obtain consent from the operator to access the device through coercion or any other improper means. Any consent by the operator to access the device shall be voluntary and unequivocal before the officer may access the device without a warrant.
- (g) As used in this section:
- (1) "Electronic wireless communications device", includes any of the following:
- A. A wireless telephone;
  - B. A text-messaging device;
  - C. A personal digital assistant;
  - D. A computer, including a laptop computer and a computer tablet;
  - E. Any device capable of displaying a video, movie, broadcast television image, or visual image;
  - F. Any other substantially similar wireless device that is designed or used to communicate text, initiate or receive communication, or exchange information or data.
- An "electronic wireless communications device" does not include a two-way radio transmitter or receiver used by a person who is licensed by the federal communications commission to participate in the amateur radio service.
- (2) "Utility" means an entity specified in Ohio R.C. 4905.03(A), (C), (D), (E) or (G).
- (3) "Utility service vehicle" means a vehicle owned or operated by a utility.
- (4) "Voice-operated or hands-free feature or function" means a feature or function that allows a person to use an electronic wireless communications device without the use of either hand, except to activate, deactivate, or initiate the feature or function with a single touch or single swipe.  
(ORC 4511.204)

CHAPTER 335  
Licensing; Accidents

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335.01 DRIVER'S LICENSE OR COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE  
REQUIRED.

- (a) (1) No person, except those expressly exempted under Ohio R.C. 4507.03, 4507.04, and 4507.05, shall operate any motor vehicle upon a public road or highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this Municipality unless the person has a valid driver's license issued under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507 or a commercial driver's license issued under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4506.
- (2) No person, except a person expressly exempted under Ohio R.C. 4507.03, 4507.04, and 4507.05, shall operate any motorcycle upon a public road or highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this Municipality unless the person has a valid license as a motorcycle operator that was issued upon application by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507. The license shall be in the form of an endorsement, as determined by the Registrar, upon a driver's or commercial driver's license, if the person has a valid license to operate a motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle, or in the form of a restricted license as provided in Ohio R.C. 4507.14, if the person does not have a valid license to operate a motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle.

(b) Upon the request or motion of the prosecuting authority, a noncertified copy of the law enforcement automated data system report or a noncertified copy of a record of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that shows the name, date of birth, and social security number of a person charged with a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (2) of this section may be admitted into evidence as prima-facie evidence that the person did not have either a valid driver's or commercial driver's license at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section or a valid license as a motorcycle operator either in the form of an endorsement upon a driver's or commercial driver's license or a restricted license at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section. The person charged with a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (2) of this section may offer evidence to rebut this prima-facie evidence.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle without a valid license and shall be punished as follows:

- (1) If the trier of fact finds that the offender never has held a valid driver's or commercial driver's license issued by this state or any other jurisdiction, or, in a case involving the operation of a motorcycle by the offender, if the offender has never held a valid license as a motorcycle operator, either in the form of an endorsement upon a driver's or commercial driver's license or in the form of a restricted license, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor. When the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours.

The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any violation of Ohio R.C. 4510.12 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

- (2) If the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or, in a case involving the operation of a motorcycle by the offender, the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license bearing the motorcycle endorsement or the offender's restricted license was expired at the time of the offense, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the offense is a minor misdemeanor. If, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.12 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(d) The court shall not impose a license suspension for a first violation of this section or if more than three years have passed since the offender's last violation of Ohio R.C. 4510.12 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(e) If the offender is sentenced under subsection (c)(2) hereof, if within three years of the offense the offender previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.12 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, and if the offender's license was expired for more than six months at the time of the offense, the court may impose a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. (ORC 4510.12)

### 335.02 PERMITTING OPERATION WITHOUT VALID LICENSE; ONE LICENSE PERMITTED.

(a) No person shall permit the operation of a motor vehicle upon any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking knowing the operator does not have a valid driver's license issued to the operator by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a Deputy Registrar under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507 or a valid commercial driver's license issued under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4506.

- (b) (1) No person shall receive a driver's license, or a motorcycle operator's endorsement of a driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card unless and until the person surrenders to the Registrar or a deputy registrar all valid licenses, temporary instruction permits, and identification cards issued to the person by another jurisdiction recognized by this state.
- (2) The Registrar shall report the cancellation of a license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card to the issuing authority, together with information that the license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card is now issued in this state. The Registrar or a deputy registrar shall destroy any such license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card that is not returned to the issuing authority.
- (3) No person shall possess more than one valid license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card at any time.  
(ORC 4507.02(A))

- (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor. When the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours. The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case. If, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4507.02 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 4507.02; 4507.99)

#### 335.021 OHIO DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED FOR IN STATE RESIDENTS.

(a) Any person who becomes a resident of this State, within thirty days of becoming a resident, shall surrender any driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card issued by another state to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a Deputy Registrar. If such a person intends to operate a motor vehicle upon the public roads or highways, the person shall apply for a temporary instruction permit or driver's license in this State. If the person fails to apply for a driver's license or temporary instruction permit within thirty days of becoming a resident, the person shall not operate any motor vehicle in this municipality under a license or permit issued by another state.

- (b) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (2) The offense established under subsection (b)(1) of this section is a strict liability offense and strict liability is a culpable mental state for purposes of Ohio R.C. 2901.20. The designation of this offense as a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.

(c) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "resident" means any person to whom any of the following applies:

- (1) The person maintains their principal residence in this State and does not reside in this State as a result of the person's active service in the United States Armed Forces.
- (2) The person is determined by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to be a resident in accordance with standards adopted by the Registrar under Ohio R.C. 4507.01. (ORC 4507.213)

#### 335.03 DRIVING WITH TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION PERMIT; CURFEW.

(a) No holder of a temporary instruction permit issued under Ohio R.C. 4507.05(A) shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in violation of the following conditions:

- (1) If the permit is issued to a person who is at least fifteen years six months of age, but less than sixteen years of age:

- A. The permit and identification card are in the holder's immediate possession;
  - B. The holder is accompanied by an eligible adult who actually occupies the seat beside the permit holder and does not have a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine as provided in Ohio R.C. 4511.19(A);
  - C. The total number of occupants of the vehicle does not exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally installed in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, and each occupant of the vehicle is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device.
- (2) If the permit is issued to a person who is at least sixteen years of age:
- A. The permit and identification card are in the holder's immediate possession;
  - B. The holder is accompanied by a licensed operator who is at least twenty-one years of age and is actually occupying a seat beside the driver and does not have a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine as provided in Ohio R.C. 4511.19(A);
  - C. The total number of occupants of the vehicle does not exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally installed in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, and each occupant of the vehicle is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (b) hereof, no holder of a temporary instruction permit that is issued under Ohio R.C. 4507.05(A) and that is issued on or after July 1, 1998, and who has not attained the age of eighteen years, shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking between the hours of midnight and six a.m.

The holder of a permit issued under Ohio R.C. 4507.05(A) on or after July 1, 1998, who has not attained the age of eighteen years, may operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking between the hours of midnight and six a.m. if, at the time of such operation, the holder is accompanied by the holder's parent, guardian, or custodian, and the parent, guardian or custodian holds a current valid driver's or commercial driver's license issued by this State and is actually occupying a seat beside the permit holder, and does not have a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine as provided in Section 333.01(a).

- (c) As used in this section:
- (1) "Eligible adult" means any of the following:
    - A. An instructor of a driver education course approved by the Department of Education or a driver training course approved by the Department of Public Safety;
    - B. Any of the following persons who holds a current valid driver's or commercial driver's license issued by this State:
      - 1. A parent, guardian or custodian of the permit holder;
      - 2. A person twenty-one years of age or older who acts in loco parentis of the permit holder.
  - (2) "Occupant restraining device" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4513.263.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4507.05)

**335.031 DRIVING WITH PROBATIONARY LICENSE; CURFEW.**

- (a) (1) A. No holder of a probationary driver's license who has held the license for less than twelve months shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking between the hours of midnight and six a.m. unless the holder is accompanied by the holder's parent or guardian.
- B. No holder of a probationary driver's license who has held the license for twelve months or longer shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking between the hours of one a.m. and five a.m. unless the holder is accompanied by the holder's parent or guardian.
- (2) A. Subject to subsection (c)(1) of this section, subsection (a)(1)A. of this section does not apply to the holder of a probationary driver's license who is doing either of the following:
1. Traveling to or from work between the hours of midnight and six a.m. provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from the holder's employer.
  2. Traveling to or from an official function sponsored by the school the holder attends between the hours of midnight and six a.m., provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from an appropriate official of the school;
  3. Traveling to or from an official religious event between the hours of midnight and six a.m., provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from an appropriate official affiliated with the event.
- B. Subsection (a)(1)B. of this section does not apply to the holder of a probationary driver's license who is doing either of the following:
1. Traveling to or from work between the hours of one a.m. and five a.m., provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from the holder's employer.
  2. Traveling to or from an official function sponsored by the school the holder attends between the hours of one a.m. and five a.m., provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from an appropriate official of the school;
  3. Traveling to or from an official religious event between the hours of one a.m. and five a.m., provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from an appropriate official affiliated with the event.
- (3) An employer, school official or official affiliated with a religious event is not liable in damages in a civil action for any injury, death or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from, or is related to, the fact that the employer, school official, or official affiliated with a religious event provided the holder of a probationary driver's license with the written documentation described in subsection (a)(2) of this section.



The Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall make available at no cost a form to serve as the written documentation described in subsection (a)(2) of this section, and employers, school officials, officials affiliated with religious events, and holders of probationary driver's licenses may utilize that form or may choose to utilize any other written documentation to meet the requirements of that subsection.

- (4) No holder of a probationary driver's license who has held the license for less than twelve months shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking with more than one person who is not a family member occupying the vehicle unless the probationary license holder is accompanied by the probationary license holder's parent, guardian or custodian.

(b) It is an affirmative defense to a violation of subsection (a)(1)A. or B. of this section if, at the time of the violation, an emergency existed that required the holder of the probationary driver's license to operate a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (a)(1)A. or B. of this section; or the holder was an emancipated minor.

- (c) (1) If a person is issued a probationary driver's license prior to attaining the age of seventeen years and the person pleads guilty to, is convicted of, or is adjudicated in juvenile court of having committed a moving violation during the six-month period commencing on the date on which the person is issued the probationary driver's license, the court with jurisdiction over the violation may order that the holder must be accompanied by the holder's parent or guardian whenever the holder is operating a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking for a period not to exceed six months or the date the holder attains the age of seventeen years, whichever occurs first.
- (2) Any person who is subject to the operating restrictions established under subsection (c)(1) of this section as a result of a first moving violation may petition the court for driving privileges without being accompanied by the holder's parent or guardian during the period of time determined by the court under that subsection. In granting the driving privileges, the court shall specify the purposes of the privileges and shall issue the person appropriate forms setting forth the privileges granted. If a person is convicted of, pleads guilty to, or is adjudicated in juvenile court of having committed a second or subsequent moving violation, the court with jurisdiction over the violation may terminate any driving privileges previously granted under this division.
- (3) No person shall violate any operating restriction imposed under subsection (c)(1) or (2) of this section.

(d) No holder of a probationary license shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking unless the total number of occupants of the vehicle does not exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally installed in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, and each occupant of the vehicle is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause the operator of a motor vehicle being operated on any street or highway to stop the motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether each occupant of the motor vehicle is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device as required by subsection (d) hereof, or for the sole purpose of issuing a ticket, citation, or summons if the requirement in that subsection has been or is being violated, or for causing the arrest of or commencing a prosecution of a person for a violation of that requirement.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause the operator of a motor vehicle being operated on any street or highway to stop the motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether a violation of subsection (a)(1)A. or B. hereof has been or is being committed or for the sole purpose of issuing a ticket, citation, or summons for such a violation or for causing the arrest of or commencing a prosecution of a person for such violation.

(g) As used in this section:

- (1) "Occupant restraining device" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4513.263.
- (2) "Family member" of a probationary license holder includes any of the following:
  - A. A spouse;
  - B. A child or stepchild;
  - C. A parent, stepparent, grandparent, or parent-in-law;
  - D. An aunt or uncle;
  - E. A sibling, whether or the whole or half blood or by adoption, a brother-in-law or a sister-in-law;
  - F. A son or daughter of the probationary license holder's stepparent if the stepparent has not adopted the probationary license holder;
  - G. An eligible adult, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4507.05.
- (3) "Moving violation" means any violation of any statute or ordinance that regulates the operation of vehicles, streetcars, or trackless trolleys on the highways or streets. "Moving violation" does not include a violation of Ohio R.C. 4513.263 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, or a violation of any statute or ordinance regulating pedestrians or the parking of vehicles, vehicle size or load limitations, vehicle fitness requirements, or vehicle registration.

(h) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4507.071)

### 335.032 USE OF ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE PROHIBITED WHILE DRIVING.

(a) No holder of a temporary instruction permit who has not attained the age of eighteen years and no holder of a probationary driver's license shall drive a motor vehicle on any street, highway, or property used by the public for purposes of vehicular traffic or parking while using in any manner an electronic wireless communications device.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to either of the following:

- (1) A person using an electronic wireless communications device for emergency purposes, including an emergency contact with a law enforcement agency, hospital or health care provider, fire department, or other similar emergency agency or entity;

- (2) A person using an electronic wireless communications device whose motor vehicle is in a stationary position and the motor vehicle is outside a lane of travel;
  - (3) A person using a navigation device in a voice-operated or hands-free manner who does not manipulate the device while driving.
- (c)
- (1) Except as provided in subsection (c)(2) of this section, whoever violates subsection (a) of this section shall be fined one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). In addition, the court shall impose a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license or permit for a definite period of sixty days.
  - (2) If the person previously has been adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender for a violation of this section, whoever violates this section shall be fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00). In addition, the court shall impose a class seven suspension of the person's driver's license or permit for a definite period of one year.
- (d) The filing of a sworn complaint against a person for a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.205 does not preclude the filing of a sworn complaint for a violation of a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance for the same conduct. However, if a person is adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender for a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.205 and is also adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender for a violation of a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance for the same conduct, the two offenses are allied offenses of similar import under Ohio R.C. 2941.25.
- (e) As used in this section, "electronic wireless communications device" includes any of the following:
- (1) A wireless telephone;
  - (2) A personal digital assistant;
  - (3) A computer, including a laptop computer and a computer tablet;
  - (4) A text-messaging device;
  - (5) Any other substantially similar electronic wireless device that is designed or used to communicate via voice, image, or written word.  
(ORC 4511.205)

#### 335.04 CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED.

- (a) No person shall do any of the following:
- (1) Display, or cause or permit to be displayed, or possess any identification card, driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit knowing the same to be fictitious, or to have been canceled, suspended or altered;
  - (2) Lend to a person not entitled thereto, or knowingly permit a person not entitled thereto to use any identification card, driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit issued to the person so lending or permitting the use thereof;
  - (3) Display or represent as one's own, any identification card, driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit not issued to the person so displaying the same;
  - (4) Fail to surrender to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, upon the Registrar's demand, any identification card, driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit that has been suspended or canceled;

- (5) In any application for an identification card, driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit, or any renewal, reprint, or duplicate thereof, knowingly conceal a material fact, or present any physician's statement required under Ohio R.C. 4507.08 or 4507.081 when knowing the same to be false or fictitious.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 4507.30)

### 335.05 WRONGFUL ENTRUSTMENT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

(a) No person shall permit a motor vehicle owned by the person or under the person's control to be driven by another if any of the following apply:

- (1) The offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person does not have a valid driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or valid nonresident driving privileges.
- (2) The offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privileges have been suspended or canceled under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4510, or any other provision of the Ohio Revised Code or this Traffic Code.
- (3) The offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person's act of driving the motor vehicle would violate any prohibition contained in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4509.
- (4) The offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person's act of driving would violate Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.
- (5) The offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the vehicle is the subject of an immobilization waiver order issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.235 and the other person is prohibited from operating the vehicle under that order.

(b) Without limiting or precluding the consideration of any other evidence in determining whether a violation of subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this section has occurred, it shall be prima-facie evidence that the offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the operator of the motor vehicle owned by the offender or under the offender's control is in a category described in subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this section if any of the following applies:

- (1) Regarding an operator allegedly in the category described in subsection (a)(1), (3) or (5) of this section, the offender and the operator of the motor vehicle reside in the same household and are related by consanguinity or affinity.
- (2) Regarding an operator allegedly in the category described in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the offender and the operator of the motor vehicle reside in the same household, and the offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the operator has been charged with or convicted of any violation of law or ordinance, or has committed any other act or omission, that would or could result in the suspension or cancellation of the operator's license, permit or privilege.
- (3) Regarding an operator allegedly in the category described in subsection (a)(4) of this section, the offender and the operator of the motor vehicle occupied the motor vehicle together at the time of the offense.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of wrongful entrustment of a motor vehicle and shall be punished as provided in subsections (c) to (h) of this section.

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (c)(2) of this section, whoever violates subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) of this section is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor. When the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours. The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02.
- (2)
  - A. If, within three years of a violation of subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) of this section, the offender previously has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of two or more violations of division (A)(1), (2) or (3) of Ohio R.C. 4511.203 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
  - B. Whoever violates subsection (a)(4) or (5) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (3) For any violation of this section, in addition to the penalties imposed under Section 303.99, the court may impose a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02, and, if the vehicle involved in the offense is registered in the name of the offender, the court may order one of the following:
  - A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(3)B. or C. of this section, the court may order, for thirty days, the immobilization of the vehicle involved in the offense and the impoundment of that vehicle's license plates. If issued, the order shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.233.
  - B. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.203 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the court may order, for sixty days, the immobilization of the vehicle involved in the offense and the impoundment of that vehicle's license plates. If issued, the order shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.233.
  - C. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4511.203 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the court may order the criminal forfeiture to the state of the vehicle involved in the offense. If issued, the order shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.234.

If title to a motor vehicle that is subject to an order for criminal forfeiture under this subsection is assigned or transferred and division (B)(2) or (3) of Ohio R.C. 4503.234 applies, in addition to or independent of any other penalty established by law, the court may fine the offender the value of the vehicle as determined by publications of the national automobile dealer's association. The proceeds from any fine imposed under this subsection shall be distributed in accordance with division (C)(2) of Ohio R.C. 4503.234.

(d) If a court orders the immobilization of a vehicle under subsection (c) of this section, the court shall not release the vehicle from the immobilization before the termination of the period of immobilization ordered unless the court is presented with current proof of financial responsibility with respect to that vehicle.

(e) If a court orders the criminal forfeiture of a vehicle under subsection (c) of this section, upon receipt of the order from the court, neither the Registrar of Motor Vehicles nor any deputy registrar shall accept any application for the registration or transfer of registration of any motor vehicle owned or leased by the person named in the order. The period of denial shall be five years after the date the order is issued, unless, during that five-year period, the court with jurisdiction of the offense that resulted in the order terminates the forfeiture and notifies the Registrar of the termination. If the court terminates the forfeiture and notifies the Registrar, the Registrar shall take all necessary measures to permit the person to register a vehicle owned or leased by the person or to transfer the registration of the vehicle.

(f) This section does not apply to motor vehicle rental dealers or motor vehicle leasing dealers, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4549.65.

(g) Evidence of a conviction of, plea of guilty to, or adjudication as a delinquent child for a violation of this section or a substantially similar municipal ordinance shall not be admissible as evidence in any civil action that involves the offender or delinquent child who is the subject of the conviction, plea, or adjudication and that arises from the wrongful entrustment of a motor vehicle.

(h) For purposes of this section, a vehicle is owned by a person if, at the time of a violation of this section, the vehicle is registered in the person's name. (ORC 4511.203)

#### 335.06 DISPLAY OF LICENSE.

(a) The operator of a motor vehicle shall display the operator's driver's license, or furnish satisfactory proof that the operator has a driver's license, upon demand of any peace officer or of any person damaged or injured in any collision in which the licensee may be involved. When a demand is properly made and the operator has the operator's driver's license on or about the operator's person, the operator shall not refuse to display the license. A person's failure to furnish satisfactory evidence that the person is licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507 when the person does not have the person's license on or about the person's person shall be prima-facie evidence of the person's not having obtained a driver's license.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b)(2) hereof, whoever violates this section is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor. When the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced

to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours. The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case.

(2) If, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4507.35 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 4507.35)

### 335.07 DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION OR LICENSE RESTRICTION.

(a) Except as provided under subsection (b) hereof and Sections 335.072 and 335.074, no person whose driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege has been suspended under any provision of the Ohio Revised Code, other than Ohio R.C. Chapter 4509, or under any applicable law in any other jurisdiction in which the person's license or permit was issued shall operate any motor vehicle upon the public roads and highways or upon any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking within this Municipality during the period of suspension unless the person is granted limited driving privileges and is operating the vehicle in accordance with the terms of the limited driving privileges.

(b) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this Municipality in violation of any restriction of the person's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit imposed under division (D) of Ohio R.C. 4506.10 or under Ohio R.C. 4507.14.

(c) Upon the request or motion of the prosecuting authority, a noncertified copy of the law enforcement automated data system report or a noncertified copy of a record of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that shows the name, date of birth, and social security number of a person charged with a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section may be admitted into evidence as prima-facie evidence that the license of the person was under suspension at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (a) of this section or the person operated a motor vehicle in violation of a restriction at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (b) of this section. The person charged with a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section may offer evidence to rebut this prima-facie evidence.

- (d) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) or (b) hereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court may impose upon the offender a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02.
- (2) A. Except as provided in subsection (d)(2)B. or C. of this section, the court, in addition to any other penalty that it imposes on the offender and if the vehicle is registered in the offender's name and if, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of Ohio R.C.

4510.11 or Ohio R.C. 4510.111 or 4510.16, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the court, in addition to or independent of any other sentence that it imposes upon the offender, may order the immobilization of the vehicle involved in the offense for thirty days and the impoundment of that vehicle's license plates for thirty days in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.233.

- B. If the vehicle is registered in the offender's name and if, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.11 or any combination of two violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.11 or Ohio R.C. 4510.111 or 4510.16, or of a substantially similar municipal ordinance, the court, in addition to any other sentence that it imposes on the offender may order the immobilization of the vehicle involved in the offense for sixty days and the impoundment of that vehicle's license plates for sixty days in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.233.
- C. If the vehicle is registered in the offender's name and if, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.11, or any combination of three or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4501.11 or Ohio R.C. 4510.111 or 4510.16, or of a substantially similar municipal ordinance, the court, in addition to any other sentence that it imposes on the offender may order the criminal forfeiture of the vehicle involved in the offense to the State.

(e) Any order for immobilization and impoundment under this section shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.233 and 4507.02, as applicable. The court shall not release a vehicle from immobilization ordered under this section unless the court is presented with current proof of financial responsibility with respect to that vehicle.

(f) Any order of criminal forfeiture under this section shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.234. Upon receipt of the copy of the order from the court, neither the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles nor a deputy registrar shall accept any application for the registration or transfer of registration of any motor vehicle owned or leased by the person named in the declaration of forfeiture. The period of registration denial shall be five years after the date of the order, unless, during that period, the court having jurisdiction of the offense that lead to the order terminates the forfeiture and notifies the Registrar of the termination. The Registrar shall then take necessary measures to permit the person to register a vehicle owned or leased by the person or to transfer registration of the vehicle.

(g) The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the vehicle before, during, or after committing the offense for which the offender is sentenced under this section. (ORC 4510.11)

(h) Any person whose driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privileges are suspended as a repeat traffic offender under this section and who, during the suspension, operates any motor vehicle upon any public roads and highways is guilty of driving under a twelve-point suspension, a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court shall sentence the offender to a minimum term of three days in jail. No court shall suspend the first three days of jail time imposed pursuant to this subsection. (ORC 4510.037)



(i) It is an affirmative defense to any prosecution brought under this section that the alleged offender drove under suspension, without a valid permit or driver's or commercial driver's license, or in violation of a restriction because of a substantial emergency, and because no other person was reasonably available to drive in response to the emergency. (ORC 4510.04)

#### 335.071 DRIVING UNDER OVI SUSPENSION.

(a) No person whose driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege has been suspended under Ohio R.C. 4511.19, 4511.191, or 4511.196 or under Ohio R.C. 4510.07 for a conviction of a violation of a municipal OVI ordinance shall operate any motor vehicle upon the public roads or highways within this Municipality during the period of the suspension.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of driving under OVI suspension. The court shall sentence the offender under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, subject to the differences authorized or required by this section.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)(2) or (3) of this section, driving under OVI suspension is a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court shall sentence the offender to all of the following:
  - A. A mandatory jail term of three consecutive days. The three-day term shall be imposed, unless, subject to subsection (c) of this section, the court instead imposes a sentence of not less than thirty consecutive days of house arrest with electronic monitoring. A period of house arrest with electronic monitoring imposed under this subsection shall not exceed six months. If the court imposes a mandatory three-day jail term under this subsection, the court may impose a jail term in addition to that term, provided that in no case shall the cumulative jail term imposed for the offense exceed six months.
  - B. A fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
  - C. A license suspension under subsection (e) of this section.
- (2) If, within six years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of this section or one equivalent offense, driving under OVI suspension is a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court shall sentence the offender to all of the following:
  - A. A mandatory jail term of ten consecutive days. Notwithstanding the jail terms provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, the court may sentence the offender to a longer jail term of not more than one year. The ten-day mandatory jail term shall be imposed unless, subject to subsection (c) of this section, the court instead imposes a sentence of not less than ninety consecutive days of house arrest with electronic monitoring. The period of house arrest with electronic monitoring shall not exceed one year.
  - B. Notwithstanding the fines provided for in Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).
  - C. A license suspension under subsection (e) of this section.
- (3) If, within six years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of this section or two or more equivalent offenses, driving under OVI suspension is a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court shall sentence the offender to all of the following:

- A. A mandatory jail term of thirty consecutive days. Notwithstanding the jail terms provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, the court may sentence the offender to a longer jail term of not more than one year. The court shall not sentence the offender to a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring in lieu of the mandatory portion of the jail term.
- B. Notwithstanding the fines set forth in Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).
- C. A license suspension under subsection (e) of this section.

(c) No court shall impose an alternative sentence of house arrest with electronic monitoring under subsection (b)(1) or (2) of this section unless, within sixty days of the date of sentencing, the court issues a written finding on the record that, due to the unavailability of space at the jail where the offender is required to serve the jail term imposed, the offender will not be able to begin serving that term within the sixty-day period following the date of sentencing.

An offender sentenced under this section to a period of house arrest with electronic monitoring shall be permitted work release during that period.

(d) Fifty per cent of any fine imposed by a court under subsection (b)(1), (2) or (3) of this section shall be deposited into the county indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund or municipal indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund under the control of that court, as created by the county or municipal corporation pursuant to division (H) of Ohio R.C. 4511.191.

(e) In addition to or independent of all other penalties provided by law or ordinance, the trial judge of any court of record or the mayor of a mayor's court shall impose on an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this section a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02.

When permitted as specified in Ohio R.C. 4510.021, if the court grants limited driving privileges during a suspension imposed under this section, the privileges shall be granted on the additional condition that the offender must display restricted license plates, issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.231, on the vehicle driven subject to the privileges, except as provided in division (B) of that section.

A suspension of a commercial driver's license under this section shall be concurrent with any period of suspension or disqualification under Ohio R.C. 3123.58 or 4506.16. No person who is disqualified for life from holding a commercial driver's license under Ohio R.C. 4506.16 shall be issued a driver's license under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507 during the period for which the commercial driver's license was suspended under this section, and no person whose commercial driver's license is suspended under this section shall be issued a driver's license under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507 during the period of the suspension.

(f) The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the vehicle before, during, or after committing the offense that is a misdemeanor of the first degree under this section for which the offender is sentenced. (ORC 4510.14)

- (g) (1) If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to Ohio R.C. 4510.14, the court, in addition to and independent of any sentence that it imposes upon the offender for the offense, if the vehicle the offender was operating at the time of the offense is registered in the offender's name, shall do whichever of the following is applicable:
- A. If, within six years of the current offense, the offender has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of Ohio R.C. 4510.14 or former division (D)(2) of Ohio R.C. 4507.02, or a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to that section or former division, the court shall order the immobilization for thirty days of the vehicle involved in the offense and the impoundment for thirty days of the license plates of that vehicle in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.233.
  - B. If, within six years of the current offense, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of Ohio R.C. 4510.14 or former division (D)(2) of Ohio R.C. 4507.02, or a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to that section or former division, the court shall order the immobilization for sixty days of the vehicle involved in the offense and the impoundment for sixty days of the license plates of that vehicle in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.233.
  - C. If, within six years of the current offense, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.14 or former division (D)(2) of Ohio R.C. 4507.02 or a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to that section or former division, the court shall order the criminal forfeiture to the State of the vehicle the offender was operating at the time of the offense.
- (2) An order for immobilization and impoundment of a vehicle under this section shall be issued and enforced in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.233 and 4507.02, as applicable. The court shall not release a vehicle from immobilization ordered under this section unless the court is presented with current proof of financial responsibility with respect to that vehicle.
- (3) An order for criminal forfeiture of a vehicle under this section shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.234. Upon receipt of a copy of the order from the court, neither the Registrar of Motor Vehicles nor a Deputy Registrar shall accept any application for the registration or transfer of registration of any motor vehicle owned or leased by the person named in the declaration of forfeiture. The period of registration denial shall be five years after the date of the order unless, during that period, the court having jurisdiction of the offense that led to the order terminates the forfeiture and notifies the Registrar of the termination. The Registrar then shall take the necessary measures to permit the person to register a vehicle owned or leased by the person or to transfer registration of the vehicle. (ORC 4510.161)
- (h) As used in this section:
- (1) "Electronic monitoring" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.
  - (2) "Equivalent offense" means any of the following:
    - A. A violation of a municipal ordinance, law of another state, or law of the United States that is substantially equivalent to subsection (a) of this section;

- B. A violation of a former law of this State that was substantially equivalent to subsection (a) of this section.
- (3) “Jail” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.
- (4) “Mandatory jail term” means the mandatory term in jail of three, ten, or thirty consecutive days that must be imposed under subsection (b)(1), (2) or (3) of this section upon an offender convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of this section and in relation to which all of the following apply:
- A. Except as specifically authorized under this section, the term must be served in a jail.
- B. Except as specifically authorized under this section, the term cannot be suspended, reduced, or otherwise modified pursuant to any provision of the Ohio Revised Code.  
(ORC 4510.14)

(i) It is an affirmative defense to any prosecution brought under this section that the alleged offender drove under suspension, without a valid permit or driver’s or commercial driver’s license, or in violation of a restriction because of a substantial emergency, and because no other person was reasonably available to drive in response to the emergency. (ORC 4510.04)

335.072 DRIVING UNDER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW  
SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION; DRIVING UNDER A  
NONPAYMENT OF JUDGMENT SUSPENSION.

(a) No person, whose driver’s or commercial driver’s license or temporary instruction permit or nonresident’s operating privilege has been suspended or canceled pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 4509, shall operate any motor vehicle within this Municipality, or knowingly permit any motor vehicle owned by the person to be operated by another person in the Municipality, during the period of the suspension or cancellation, except as specifically authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 4509. No person shall operate a motor vehicle within this Municipality, or knowingly permit any motor vehicle owned by the person to be operated by another person in the Municipality, during the period in which the person is required by Ohio R.C. 4509.45 to file and maintain proof of financial responsibility for a violation of Ohio R.C. 4509.101, unless proof of financial responsibility is maintained with respect to that vehicle.

(b) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this Municipality if the person’s driver’s or commercial driver’s license or temporary instruction permit or nonresident operating privilege has been suspended pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4509.37 or 4509.40 for nonpayment of a judgment.

(c) Upon the request or motion of the prosecuting authority, a noncertified copy of the law enforcement automated data system report or a noncertified copy of a record of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that shows the name, date of birth and social security number of a person charged with a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section may be admitted into evidence as prima-facie evidence that the license of the person was under either a financial responsibility law suspension at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (a) of this section or a nonpayment of judgment suspension at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (b) of this section. The person charged with a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section may offer evidence to rebut this prima-facie evidence.

(d) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of driving under financial responsibility law suspension or cancellation and shall be punished as provided in subsection (d) hereof. Whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of driving under a nonpayment of judgment suspension and shall be punished as provided in subsection (d) hereof.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d)(2) of this section, the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor. When the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours. The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case.
- (2) If, within three years of the offense, the offender previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.16, or any combination of two violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.16 or Ohio R.C. 4510.11 or 4510.111, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
- (3) The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the vehicle before, during or after committing the offense for which the offender is sentenced under this section.  
(ORC 4510.16)

(e) No person who has knowingly failed to maintain proof of financial responsibility in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4509.101 shall produce any document or present to a peace officer an electronic wireless communications device that is displaying any text or images with the purpose to mislead a peace officer upon the request of a peace officer for proof of financial responsibility made in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4509.101. Whoever violates this subsection (e) hereof is guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 4509.102)

(f) It is an affirmative defense to any prosecution brought under this section that the alleged offender drove under suspension, without a valid permit or driver's or commercial driver's license, or in violation of a restriction because of a substantial emergency, and because no other person was reasonably available to drive in response to the emergency. (ORC 4510.04)

### 335.073 DRIVING WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

(a) No person whose driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or nonresident's operating privilege has been suspended shall operate any motor vehicle upon a public road or highway or any public or private property after the suspension has expired unless the person has complied with all license reinstatement requirements imposed by the court, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, or another provision of the Ohio Revised Code.

(b) Upon the request or motion of the prosecuting authority, a noncertified copy of the law enforcement automated data system report or a noncertified copy of a record of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that shows the name, date of birth, and social security number of a person charged with a violation of subsection (a) of this section may be admitted into evidence as prima-facie evidence that the license of the person had not been reinstated by the person at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (a) hereof. The person charged with a violation of subsection (a) hereof may offer evidence to rebut this prima-facie evidence.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of failure to reinstate a license and shall be punished as follows:

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (c)(2) of this section, whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor. When the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours. The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case.
- (2) If, within three years of a violation of subsection (a) of this section, the offender previously has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.21(A) or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (3) In all cases, the court may impose upon the offender a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. (ORC 4510.21)

(d) It is an affirmative defense to any prosecution brought under this section that the alleged offender drove under suspension, without a valid permit or driver's or commercial driver's license, or in violation of a restriction because of a substantial emergency, and because no other person was reasonably available to drive in response to the emergency. (ORC 4510.04)

#### 335.074 DRIVING UNDER LICENSE FORFEITURE OR CHILD SUPPORT SUSPENSION.

(a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this Municipality whose driver's or commercial driver's license has been suspended pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2151.354, 2151.87, 2935.27, 3123.58, 4301.99, 4510.032, 4510.22 or 4510.33.

(b) Upon the request or motion of the prosecuting authority, a noncertified copy of the law enforcement automated data system report or a noncertified copy of a record of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that shows the name, date of birth, and social security number of a person charged with a violation of subsection (a) of this section may be admitted into evidence as prima-facie evidence that the license of the person was under suspension at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (a) of this section. The person charged with a violation of subsection (a) of this section may offer evidence to rebut this prima-facie evidence.

(c) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of driving under suspension and shall be punished as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(2) of this section, the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor. The offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours. The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case.
- (2) If, within three years of the offense, the offender previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of subsection (A) of Ohio R.C. 4510.111, or any combination of two or more violations of subsection (A) of Ohio R.C. 4510.111, or Ohio R.C. 4510.11 or 4510.16, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and the offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the vehicle before, during or after committing the offense for which the offender is sentenced under this section. (ORC 4510.111)

(d) It is an affirmative defense to any prosecution brought under this section that the alleged offender drove under suspension, without a valid permit or driver's or commercial driver's license, or in violation of a restriction because of a substantial emergency, and because no other person was reasonably available to drive in response to the emergency.  
(ORC 4510.04)

### 335.08 OPERATION OR SALE WITHOUT CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

- (a) No person shall do any of the following:
  - (1) Operate in this Municipality a motor vehicle for which a certificate of title is required without having that certificate in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505 or, if a physical certificate of title has not been issued for a motor vehicle, operate the motor vehicle in this Municipality knowing that the ownership information relating to the vehicle has not been entered into the automated title processing system by a clerk of a court of common pleas;
  - (2) Display or display for sale or sell as a dealer or acting on behalf of a dealer, a motor vehicle without having obtained a manufacturer's or importer's certificate, a certificate of title, or an assignment of a certificate of title for it as provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505;
  - (3) Fail to surrender any certificate of title or any certificate of registration or license plates upon cancellation of the same by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and notice of the cancellation as prescribed in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505;

- (4) Fail to surrender the certificate of title to a clerk of a court of common pleas as provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505 in case of the destruction or dismantling or change of a motor vehicle in such respect that it is not the motor vehicle described in the certificate of title;
- (5) Violate any rules adopted pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505;
- (6) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505 and Chapter 4517, sell at wholesale a motor vehicle the ownership of which is not evidenced by an Ohio certificate of title, or the current certificate of title issued for the motor vehicle, or the manufacturer's certificate of origin, and all title assignments that evidence the seller's ownership of the motor vehicle, and an odometer disclosure statement that complies with Ohio R.C. 4505.06 and subchapter IV of the "Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act", 86 Stat. 961 (1972), 15 U.S.C. 1981;
- (7) Operate in this Municipality a motor vehicle knowing that the certificate of title to the vehicle or ownership of the vehicle as otherwise reflected in the automated title processing system has been canceled.

(b) This section does not apply to persons engaged in the business of warehousing or transporting motor vehicles for the purpose of salvage disposition.

(c) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both. (ORC 4505.18)

#### 335.09 DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES OR VALIDATION STICKERS; REGISTRATION.

- (a)
  - (1) No person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on the rear of the motor vehicle a license plate that displays the distinctive number and registration mark assigned to the motor vehicle by the Ohio Director of Public Safety, including any county identification sticker and any validation sticker when required by and issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.19 and 4503.191. However a commercial tractor shall display the license plate on the front of the commercial tractor.
  - (2) The license plate shall be securely fastened so as not to swing, and shall not be covered by any material that obstructs its visibility.
  - (3) No person to whom a temporary motor vehicle license registration has been issued for the use of a motor vehicle under Ohio R.C. 4503.182, and no operator of that motor vehicle, shall fail to display the temporary motor vehicle license registration in plain view from the rear of the vehicle either in the rear window or on an external rear surface of the motor vehicle.
  - (4) No person shall cover a temporary motor vehicle license registration by any material that obstructs its visibility.  
(ORC 4503.21(A))
- (b)
  - (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
  - (2) The offenses established under subsection (a) of this section are strict liability offenses and Ohio R.C. 2901.20 does not apply. The designation of these offenses as strict liability offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.  
(ORC 4503.21(B), (C))



### 335.091 OPERATING WITHOUT DEALER OR MANUFACTURER LICENSE PLATES.

(a) No person shall operate or cause to be operated upon a public road or highway a motor vehicle of a manufacturer or dealer unless the vehicle carries and displays a placard, except as provided in Ohio R.C. 4503.21, issued by the Director of Public Safety that displays the registration number of its manufacturer or dealer.

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of illegal operation of a manufacturer's or dealer's motor vehicle, a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4549.10)

### 335.10 EXPIRED OR UNLAWFUL LICENSE PLATES.

(a) No person who is the owner of a motor vehicle which is parked or operated upon the public streets or highways shall fail to annually file the application for registration or to pay the tax therefor, as required by Ohio R.C. Chapter 4503. (ORC 4503.11)

(b) No person shall operate, drive or park upon the public streets or highways a motor vehicle acquired from a former owner who has registered the motor vehicle, while the motor vehicle displays the distinctive number or identification mark assigned to it upon its original registration. (ORC 4549.11)

(c) No person who is the owner of a motor vehicle and a resident of Ohio shall operate, drive or park the motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways, while it displays a distinctive number or identification mark issued by or under the authority of another state, without complying with the laws of Ohio relating to the registration and identification of motor vehicles. (ORC 4549.12)

(d) No person shall park or operate any vehicle upon any public street or highway upon which is displayed an expired license plate or an expired validation sticker.

(e) No person shall park or operate any vehicle upon any public street or highway upon which are displayed any license plates not legally registered and issued for such vehicle, or upon which are displayed any license plates that were issued on an application for registration that contains any false statement by the applicant.

- (f)
- (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
  - (2) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense and a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on each subsequent offense.
  - (3) Whoever violates any provision of this section for which no other penalty is provided is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4549.11; 4549.12)

### 335.11 USE OF ILLEGAL LICENSE PLATES; TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION.

(a) No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle upon the streets in this Municipality if it displays a license plate or a distinctive number or identification mark that meets any of the following criteria:

- (1) Is fictitious;
- (2) Is a counterfeit or an unlawfully made copy of any distinctive number or identification mark;

- (3) Belongs to another motor vehicle, provided that this section does not apply to a motor vehicle that is operated on the streets in this Municipality when the motor vehicle displays license plates that originally were issued for a motor vehicle that previously was owned by the same person who owns the motor vehicle that is operated on the streets in this Municipality, during the thirty-day period described in subsection (c) hereof.

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) of this section is guilty of operating a motor vehicle bearing an invalid license plate or identification mark, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on a first offense and a misdemeanor of the third degree on each subsequent offense. (ORC 4549.08)

(c) Upon the transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle, the registration of the motor vehicle expires, and the original owner shall immediately remove the license plates from the motor vehicle. The transfer of the registration and, where applicable, the license plates from the motor vehicle for which they originally were issued to a succeeding motor vehicle purchased by the same person in whose name the original registration and license plates were issued shall be done within a period not to exceed thirty days. During that thirty-day period, the license plates from the motor vehicle for which they originally were issued may be displayed on the succeeding motor vehicle, and the succeeding motor vehicle may be operated on the streets of the Municipality.

(d) Whoever violates subsection (c) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (ORC 4503.12)

#### 335.111 REGISTRATION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RESIDENCY.

(a) Within thirty days of becoming a resident of this State, any person who owns a motor vehicle operated or driven upon the public roads or highways shall register the vehicle in this State. If such a person fails to register a vehicle owned by the person, the person shall not operate any motor vehicle in this Municipality under a license issued by another state.

- (b) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (2) The offense established under subsection (b)(1) of this section is a strict liability offense and strict liability is a culpable mental state for purposes of Ohio R.C. 2901.20. The designation of this offense as a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.

(c) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, “resident” means any person to whom any of the following applies:

- (1) The person maintains their principal residence in this State and does not reside in this State as a result of the person’s active service in the United States Armed Forces.
- (2) The person is determined by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to be a resident in accordance with standards adopted by the Registrar under Ohio R.C. 4507.01. (ORC 4503.111)

**335.12 STOPPING AFTER ACCIDENT UPON STREETS; COLLISION WITH UNATTENDED VEHICLE.**

- (a) (1) In the case of a motor vehicle accident or collision with persons or property on a public road or highway, the operator of the motor vehicle, having knowledge of the accident or collision, immediately shall stop the operator's motor vehicle at the scene of the accident or collision. The operator shall remain at the scene of the accident or collision until the operator has given the operator's name and address and, if the operator is not the owner, the name and address of the owner of that motor vehicle, together with the registered number of that motor vehicle, to all of the following:
- A. Any person injured in the accident or collision;
  - B. The operator, occupant, owner or attendant of any motor vehicle damaged in the accident or collision;
  - C. The police officer at the scene of the accident or collision.
- (2) In the event an injured person is unable to comprehend and record the information required to be given under subsection (a)(1) of this section, the other operator involved in the accident or collision shall notify the nearest police authority concerning the location of the accident or collision, and the operator's name, address and the registered number of the motor vehicle the operator was operating. The operator shall remain at the scene of the accident or collision until a police officer arrives, unless removed from the scene by an emergency vehicle operated by a political subdivision or an ambulance.
- (3) If the accident or collision is with an unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle, the operator who collides with the motor vehicle shall securely attach the information required to be given in this section, in writing, to a conspicuous place in or on the unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle.
- (b) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of failure to stop after an accident. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)(2) or (3) of this section, failure to stop after an accident is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (2) If the accident or collision results in serious physical harm to a person, failure to stop after an accident is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
- (3) If the accident or collision results in the death of a person, failure to stop after an accident is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
- (4) In all cases, the court, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, shall impose upon the offender a class five suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(5) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. No judge shall suspend the first six months of suspension of an offender's license, permit, or privilege required by this subsection.

The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.18 or 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the motor vehicle before, during or after committing the offense charged under this section. (ORC 4549.02)

**335.13 STOPPING AFTER ACCIDENT UPON PROPERTY OTHER THAN STREET.**

- (a) (1) In the case of a motor vehicle accident or collision resulting in injury or damage to persons or property on any public or private property other than a public road or highway, the operator of the motor vehicle, having knowledge of the accident or collision, shall stop at the scene of the accident or collision. Upon request of any person who is injured or damaged, or any other person, the operator shall give that person the operator's name and address, and, if the operator is not the owner, the name and address of the owner of that motor vehicle, together with the registered number of that motor vehicle, and, if available, exhibit the operator's driver's or commercial driver's license.
- (2) If the operator of the motor vehicle involved in the accident or collision does not provide the information specified in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the operator shall give that information, within twenty-four hours after the accident or collision, to the Police Department.
- (3) If the accident or collision is with an unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle, the operator who collides with the motor vehicle shall securely attach the information required under subsection (a)(1) of this section, in writing, to a conspicuous place in or on the unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle.
- (b) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of failure to stop after a nonpublic road accident. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)(2) or (3) of this section, failure to stop after a nonpublic road accident is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (2) If the accident or collision results in serious physical harm to a person, failure to stop after a nonpublic road accident is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
- (3) If the accident or collision results in the death of a person, failure to stop after a nonpublic road accident is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
- (4) In all cases, the court, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, shall impose upon the offender a class five suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(5) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. No judge shall suspend the first six months of suspension of an offender's license, permit, or privilege required by this subsection.

The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.18 or 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the motor vehicle before, during or after committing the offense charged under this section. (ORC 4549.021)

**335.14 VEHICLE ACCIDENT RESULTING IN DAMAGE TO REALTY.**

(a) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in damage to real property, or personal property attached to real property, legally upon or adjacent to a public road or highway immediately shall stop and take reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner or person in charge of the property of that fact, of the driver's name and address, and of the registration number of the vehicle the driver is driving and, upon request and if available, shall exhibit the driver's or commercial driver's license.

If the owner or person in charge of the property cannot be located after reasonable search, the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident resulting in damage to the property, within twenty-four hours after the accident, shall forward to the police authority in the municipality in which the accident or collision occurred, the same information required to be given to the owner or person in control of the property and give the location of the accident and a description of the damage insofar as it is known.

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of failure to stop after an accident involving the property of others, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the motor vehicle before, during or after committing the offense charged under this section. (ORC 4549.03)



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See sectional histories for similar State law  
Warning devices for commercial vehicles disabled upon freeways - see Ohio R.C. 4513.28  
Slow moving vehicle emblem - see OAC Ch. 4501.13  
Motorized bicycle lights and equipment - see Ohio R.C. 4511.521  
Vehicle lighting - see OAC 4501-15  
Use of stop and turn signals - see TRAF. 331.14  
Wheel protectors for commercial vehicles - see TRAF. 339.05  
Vehicles transporting explosives - see TRAF. 339.06  
Towing requirements - see TRAF. 339.07  
Use of studded tires and chains - see TRAF. 339.11  
Bicycle equipment - see TRAF. 373.05 et seq.

**337.01 DRIVING UNSAFE VEHICLES.**

(a) No person shall drive or move, or cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved, on any street any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person or property.

(b) Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the use of additional parts and accessories on any vehicle not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(c) The provisions of this chapter with respect to equipment on vehicles do not apply to implements of husbandry, road machinery, road rollers or agricultural tractors except as made applicable to such articles of machinery. (ORC 4513.02)

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.99)

**337.02 LIGHTED LIGHTS; MEASUREMENT OF DISTANCES AND HEIGHTS.**

(a) Every vehicle, other than a motorized bicycle, operated upon a street or highway shall display lighted lights and illuminating devices as required by this chapter during all of the following times:

- (1) The time from sunset to sunrise;
- (2) At any other time when, due to insufficient natural light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons, vehicles, and substantial objects on the street or highway are not discernible at a distance of one thousand feet ahead;
- (3) At any time when the windshield wipers of the vehicle are in use because of precipitation on the windshield.

Every motorized bicycle shall display at such times lighted lights meeting the rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety under Ohio R.C. 4511.521. No motor vehicle, during any time specified in this section, shall be operated upon a street or highway using only parking lights as illumination.

(b) Whenever in this chapter a requirement is declared as to the distance from which certain lights and devices shall render objects visible, or within which such lights or devices shall be visible, such distance shall be measured upon a straight level unlighted street under normal atmospheric conditions unless a different condition is expressly stated.

(c) Whenever in this chapter a requirement is declared as to the mounted height of lights or devices, it shall mean from the center of such light or device to the level ground upon which the vehicle stands.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause the operator of a vehicle being operated upon a street or highway to stop the vehicle solely because the officer observes that a violation of subsection (a)(3) of this section has been or is being committed or for the sole purpose of issuing a ticket, citation or summons for a violation of that subsection, or causing the arrest of or commencing a prosecution of a person for a violation of that subsection.



(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.03)

#### 337.03 HEADLIGHTS ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES.

(a) Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, shall be equipped with at least two headlights with at least one near each side of the front of the motor vehicle.

(b) Every motorcycle shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two headlights.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.04)

#### 337.04 TAIL LIGHT; ILLUMINATION OF REAR LICENSE PLATE.

(a) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer or vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles shall be equipped with at least one tail light mounted on the rear which, when lighted, shall emit a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear, provided that in the case of a train of vehicles only the tail light on the rear-most vehicle need be visible from the distance specified.

(b) Either a tail light or a separate light shall be so constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light the rear registration plate, when such registration plate is required, and render it legible from a distance of fifty feet to the rear. Any tail light, together with any separate light for illuminating the rear registration plate, shall be so wired as to be lighted whenever the headlights or auxiliary driving lights are lighted, except where separate lighting systems are provided for trailers for the purpose of illuminating such registration plate.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.05)

#### 337.05 REAR RED REFLECTORS.

(a) Every new motor vehicle sold after September 6, 1941, and operated on a street, other than vehicles of the type mentioned in Section 337.06 or a commercial tractor to which a trailer or semitrailer is attached, shall carry at the rear, either as a part of the tail lights or separately, two red reflectors of such size and characteristics and so maintained as to be visible at night from all distances within 300 feet to fifty feet from such vehicle.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.06)

**337.06 SAFETY LIGHTING ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.**

(a) Buses, trucks, commercial tractors, trailers, semitrailers and pole trailers, when operated upon any street, shall be equipped with clearance lights, marker lights, reflectors and stop lights as required by State regulations. Such equipment shall be lighted at all times mentioned in Section 337.02 except that clearance lights and side marker lights need not be lighted on a vehicle operated where there is sufficient light to reveal any person or substantial object on the street at a distance of 500 feet.

Such equipment shall be in addition to all other lights specifically required by Section 337.02 to Section 337.15, inclusive. Vehicles operated under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission are not subject to this section.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.07)

**337.07 OBSCURED LIGHTS ON VEHICLES IN COMBINATION.**

(a) Whenever motor and other vehicles are operated in combination during the time that lights are required, any light, except tail lights, which by reason of its location on a vehicle of the combination would be obscured by another vehicle of the combination need not be lighted, but this section does not affect the requirement that lighted clearance lights be displayed on the front of the foremost vehicle required to have clearance lights or that all lights required on the rear of the rearmost vehicle of any combination shall be lighted.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.  
(ORC 4513.08)

**337.08 RED LIGHT OR RED FLAG ON EXTENDED LOADS.**

(a) Whenever the load upon any vehicle extends to the rear four feet or more beyond the bed or body of such vehicle, there shall be displayed at the extreme rear end of the load, at the times specified in Section 337.02, a red light or lantern plainly visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the side and rear. The red light or lantern required by this section is in addition to the red rear light required upon every vehicle. At any other time there shall be displayed at the extreme rear end of such load a red flag or cloth not less than sixteen inches square.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.09)

**337.09 LIGHTS ON PARKED OR STOPPED VEHICLES.**

(a) Except in case of an emergency, whenever a vehicle is parked or stopped upon a roadway open to traffic or shoulder adjacent thereto, whether attended or unattended during the times mentioned in Section 337.02, such vehicle shall be equipped with one or more lights which shall exhibit a white or amber light on the roadway side visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front of such vehicle, and a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear. No lights need be displayed upon any such vehicle when it is stopped or parked where there is sufficient light to reveal any person or substantial object within a distance of 500 feet upon such street. Any lighted headlights upon a parked vehicle shall be depressed or dimmed.  
(ORC 4513.10)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.99)

**337.10 LIGHTS, EMBLEMS AND REFLECTORS ON SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES, FARM MACHINERY, AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS, AND ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLES.**

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

- (1) **BOAT TRAILER.** Means any vehicle 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.
- (2) **SLOW-MOVING VEHICLE and SMV.** Mean a boat trailer, unit of farm machinery, road construction machinery, or other machinery designed by the manufacturer to operate at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. The term does not include a bicycle, motorized bicycle, electric bicycle, or animal-drawn vehicle. (ORC 4513.11)

(b) Generally.

- (1) At the times specified in Ohio R.C. 4513.03, no person shall operate either of the following vehicles unless it is equipped with and displays the lamps described in subsection (b)(2) of this section.
  - A. A vehicle not specifically required to be equipped with lamps or other lighting devices by Ohio R.C. 4513.03 to 4513.10;
  - B. A vehicle referred to in Ohio R.C. 4513.02(G).
- (2) Vehicles described in subsection (b)(1) of this section shall be equipped with both of the following:
  - A. At least one lamp displaying a white light visible from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet to the front of the vehicle;
  - B. Two lamps displaying red light visible from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet to the rear of the vehicle, or as an alternative, one lamp displaying a red light visible from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet to the rear and two red reflectors visible from all distances of 600 feet to 100 feet to the rear when illuminated by the lawful lower beams of headlamps.
- (3) A. At the times specified in Ohio R.C. 4513.03, no person shall operate a multi-wheel agricultural tractor model year 2001 or earlier on a street or highway unless it is equipped with and displays reflectors and illuminated amber lamps so that the extreme left and right projections of the tractor are indicated by all of the following:
  1. Flashing lamps displaying amber light, visible to the front and the rear. The lamps need not flash simultaneously and need not flash in conjunction with any directional signals of the tractor;

2. Amber reflectors, all visible to the front;
  3. Red reflectors, all visible to the rear.
  - B. Rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety under Ohio R.C. 4513.111 governing the lamps and reflectors described in subsection (b)(3)A. of this section and their placement correlate with and, as far as possible, conform with paragraphs 4.1.4.1, 4.1.7.1 and 4.1.7.2 respectively of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers Standard ANSI/ASAE S279.10 OCT98, Lighting and Marking of Agricultural Equipment on Highways.
- (4) At the times specified in Ohio R.C. 4513.03, no person shall operate a unit of farm machinery model year 2002 or later on a street or highway unless it is equipped with and displays markings and illuminated lamps that meet or exceed the lighting, illumination and marking standards and specifications that are applicable to that type of farm machinery for the unit's model year specified in the American Society of Agricultural Engineers Standard ANSI/ASAE S279.10 OCT 98, lighting and marking of agricultural equipment on highways.
  - (5) Any unit of farm machinery designed by its manufacturer to operate at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or greater or any SMV may be equipped with and display a red flashing light that is visible from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet to the rear at all times specified in Ohio R.C. 4513.03. When a double-faced light is used, it shall display amber light to the front and red light to the rear.
  - (6) Lights and reflectors required under subsections (b)(3) and (b)(4) of this section and authorized under subsection (b)(5) of this section are in addition to other lights required or permitted by this subsection (b) or Ohio R.C. 4513.17.
  - (7) The Ohio Director of Public Safety shall adopt rules in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 119 Code that establish standards and specifications for lamps and reflectors required or authorized by this section. Lamps and reflectors required or authorized by this section shall meet those standards and specifications.
  - (8) This subsection (b) does not apply to a bicycle, motorized bicycle, electric bicycle, or animal-drawn vehicle.
  - (9) Whoever violates this subsection (b) is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4513.111)
- (c) Slow-Moving Vehicles.
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person shall operate an SMV on a street or highway as follows:
    - A. At a speed exceeding twenty-five miles per hour;
    - B. Without displaying the triangular SMV emblem mounted in accordance with subsection (c)(2) of this section.
  - (2) The SMV emblem shall be mounted so as to be visible from a distance of not less than 500 feet to the rear. In accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 119, the Ohio Director of Public Safety shall adopt standards and specifications for the design and position of mounting the SMV emblem. The standards and specifications for the SMV emblem correlate with and, so far as possible, conform with those approved by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.
  - (3) A person may operate an SMV on a street or highway without displaying the triangular SMV emblem when any of the following apply:
    - A. The SMV is being used in actual construction and maintenance work in an area guarded by a flagperson, or where flares are used;

- B. The SMV is operating or traveling within the limits of a construction area designated by the Ohio Director of Transportation, a city engineer, or the county engineer of the several counties, when such construction area is marked in accordance with requirements of the Ohio Director of Transportation and the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as set forth in Ohio R.C. 4511.09.
  - (4) No person shall display an SMV emblem on any of the following:
    - A. Any vehicle not required to use the SMV emblem by this subsection (c) or Ohio R.C. 4513.113 or 4513.114;
    - B. An SMV being transported upon any other vehicle;
    - C. Any stationary object on the highway.
  - (5) No person shall sell, lease, rent or operate an SMV, except a unit designed to be completely mounted on a primary power unit that is manufactured or assembled on or after April 1, 1966, unless it is equipped with an SMV emblem mounting device.
  - (6) Whoever violates subsection (c) is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4513.112)
- (d) Farm Machinery and Agricultural Tractors.
- (1) No person shall sell, lease, rent or operate on a street or highway any unit of farm machinery that is designed by its manufacturer to operate at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour unless the unit displays both of the following:
    - A. The SMV emblem mounted in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4513.112(B);
    - B. A speed identification symbol that does both of the following:
      - 1. Meets the specifications contained in the American Society of Agricultural Engineers Standard ANSI/ASAE S584 JAN2005, Agricultural Equipment: Speed Identification Symbol (SIS);
      - 2. Indicates the maximum speed in miles per hour at which the unit of farm machinery is designed by its manufacturer to operate;
  - (2) No person operating a tractor on a street or highway that is designed by its manufacturer to operate at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour and that is towing, pulling or otherwise drawing a unit of farm machinery while operating at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour shall fail to display both of the following on the unit of farm machinery:
    - A. The SMV emblem;
    - B. The speed identification symbol that matches the speed identification symbol required to be displayed on the agricultural tractor;
  - (3) No person shall operate an agricultural tractor that is designed by its manufacturer to operate at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour unless the person possesses documentation published or provided by the manufacturer indicating the maximum speed in miles per hour at which the manufacturer designed the agricultural tractor to operate;
  - (4) Whoever violates this subsection (d) is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4513.113)
- (e) Animal-Drawn Vehicles.
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e)(4) of this section, no person shall operate an animal-drawn vehicle on a street or highway unless it is equipped with and displays, at the times specified in Ohio R.C. 4513.03, both of the following:

- A. At least one lamp displaying a white light visible from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet to the front of the animal-drawn vehicle;
  - B. Two lamps displaying red light visible from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet to the rear of the animal-drawn vehicle, or as an alternative, one lamp displaying a red light visible from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet to the rear and two red reflectors visible from all distances of 600 feet to one hundred feet to the rear when illuminated by the lawful lower beams of headlamps.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e)(4) of this section, no person shall operate an animal-drawn vehicle on a street or highway unless it is equipped with and displays, at all times, all of the following:
- A. One yellow flashing lamp displaying yellow light that is visible from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet and that is mounted in either of the following positions:
    - 1. On the top most portion of the rear of the animal-drawn vehicle;
    - 2. On the top of the animal-drawn vehicle;
  - B. At least one of the following:
    - 1. An SMV emblem mounted in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4513.112(B);
    - 2. Micro-prism reflective tape that is visible from a distance of not less than 500 feet to the rear when illuminated by the lawful lower beams of headlamps;
    - 3. Both an SMV emblem and micro-prism reflective tape, as specified in this division.
  - C. Lamps and micro-prism reflective tape required by this section shall meet standards and specifications adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety under Ohio R.C. 4513.114.
- (3) The Ohio Director of Public Safety, in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 119, shall adopt rules establishing standards and specifications for the position and mounting of the lamps and micro-prism reflective tape required by Ohio R.C. 4513.114. The rules permit the micro-prism reflective tape to be red, amber, white, or silver in color.
- (4) A. Subsections (e)(1) and (e)(2) of this section do not apply to the operator of animal-drawn agricultural equipment who is not transporting any livestock or a person other than the operator.
- B. No operator described in subsection (e)(4)A. of this section shall operate animal-drawn agricultural equipment unless it is equipped with and displays, at all times, the SMV emblem mounted in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4513.112(B).
- C. As used in subsection (e)(4) of this section, “animal-drawn agricultural equipment” means equipment drawn by the muscular power of an animal that is used solely for agricultural purposes. “Animal-drawn agricultural equipment” includes any of the following:
  - 1. A plow;
  - 2. A manure spreader;
  - 3. A thresher.
- (5) Whoever violates this subsection (e) is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4513.114)

(f) Strict Liability Offenses. The offenses established under this section are strict liability offenses, and Ohio R.C. 2901.20 does not apply. The designation of these offenses as strict liability offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.  
(ORC 4513.115)

#### 337.11 SPOTLIGHT AND AUXILIARY LIGHTS.

(a) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than one spotlight and every lighted spotlight shall be so aimed and used upon approaching another vehicle that no part of the high-intensity portion of the beam will be directed to the left of the prolongation of the extreme left side of the vehicle, nor more than 100 feet ahead of the vehicle.

(b) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not more than three State approved auxiliary driving lights mounted on the front of the vehicle, which when used shall conform to State regulations.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.12)

#### 337.12 COWL, FENDER AND BACK-UP LIGHTS.

(a) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with side cowl or fender lights or lights on each side thereof which shall emit a white or amber light without glare.

(b) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with back-up lights, either separately or in combination with another light. No back-up lights shall be continuously lighted when the motor vehicle is in forward motion.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.13)

#### 337.13 DISPLAY OF LIGHTED LIGHTS.

(a) At all times mentioned in Section 337.02 at least two State approved lighted lights shall be displayed conforming to State regulations, one near each side of the front of every motor vehicle, except when such vehicle is parked subject to the regulations governing lights on parked vehicles. (ORC 4513.14)

(b) However, on a motorcycle, there shall be displayed at least one and not more than two lighted lights as required herein.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.14)

#### 337.14 USE OF HEADLIGHT BEAMS.

(a) Whenever a motor vehicle is being operated on a roadway or shoulder adjacent thereto during the times specified in Section 337.02, the driver shall use a distribution of light, or composite beam, directed high enough and of sufficient intensity to reveal persons, vehicles and substantial objects at a safe distance in advance of the vehicle, except that upon approaching an oncoming vehicle, the lights or beams shall be so aimed that the glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of the oncoming driver.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.15)

**337.15 LIGHTS OF LESS INTENSITY ON SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES.**

(a) Any motor vehicle may be operated under the conditions specified in Section 337.02 when it is equipped with two lighted lights upon the front thereof capable of revealing persons and substantial objects seventy-five feet ahead in lieu of lights required in Section 337.13, provided that such vehicle shall not be operated at a speed in excess of twenty miles per hour.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4513.16)

**337.16 NUMBER OF LIGHTS; LIMITATIONS ON FLASHING, OSCILLATING OR ROTATING LIGHTS.**

(a) Whenever a motor vehicle equipped with headlights also is equipped with any auxiliary lights or spotlight or any other light on the front thereof projecting a beam of an intensity greater than 300 candle power, not more than a total of five of any such lights on the front of a vehicle shall be lighted at any one time when the vehicle is upon a highway.

(b) Any lighted light or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle, other than headlights, spotlights, signal lights or auxiliary driving lights, that projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than 300 candle power, shall be so directed that no part of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than seventy-five feet from the vehicle.

- (c) (1) Flashing lights are prohibited on motor vehicles, except as a means for indicating a right or left turn, or in the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, or overtaking or passing.
- (2) The prohibition in subsection (c)(1) of this section does not apply to any of the following:
- A. Emergency vehicles, road service vehicles servicing or towing a disabled vehicle, stationary waste collection vehicles actively collecting garbage, refuse, trash or recyclable materials on the roadside, rural mail delivery vehicles, vehicles as provided in Ohio R.C. 4513.182, highway maintenance vehicles, and similar equipment operated by state or local authorities, provided such vehicles are equipped with and display, when used on a street or highway for the special purpose necessitating such lights, a flashing, oscillating or rotating amber light;
  - B. Vehicles or machinery permitted by Ohio R.C. 4513.111 to have a flashing red light;
  - C. Farm machinery and vehicles escorting farm machinery, provided such machinery and vehicles are equipped with and display, when used on a street or highway, a flashing, oscillating or rotating amber light. Farm machinery also may display the lights described in Ohio R.C. 4513.111.
  - D. A funeral hearse or funeral escort vehicle, provided that the funeral hearse or funeral escort vehicle is equipped with and displays, when used on a street or highway for the special purpose necessitating such lights, a flashing, oscillating or rotating purple or amber light;
  - E. A vehicle being used for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities, as those terms are defined in Ohio R.C. 5502.21, that is equipped with and displays, when used on a street or highway for the special purpose necessitating such lights, a flashing, oscillating, or rotating amber or red and white light, provided that the vehicle is being operated by a person from one of the following and the vehicle is clearly marked with the applicable agency's or authority's insignia:



1. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency;
  2. A countywide emergency management agency established under Ohio R.C. 5502.26;
  3. A regional authority for emergency management established under Ohio R.C. 5502.27;
  4. A program for emergency management established under Ohio R.C. 5502.271.
- (3) Subsection (c)(1) of this section does not apply to animal-drawn vehicles subject to Ohio R.C. 4513.114.
- (d) (1) Except a person operating a public safety vehicle, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.01(E), an emergency management agency vehicle, as described in subsection (c)(2)E. of this section, or a school bus, no person shall operate, move, or park upon, or permit to stand within the right-of-way of any public street or highway any vehicle or equipment that is equipped with and displaying a flashing red or a flashing combination red and white light, or an oscillating or rotating red light, or a combination red and white oscillating or rotating light.
- (2) Except a public law enforcement officer, or other person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, operating a public safety vehicle when on duty, no person shall operate, move, or park upon, or permit to stand within the right-of-way of any street or highway any vehicle or equipment that is equipped with, or upon which is mounted, and displaying a flashing blue or a flashing combination blue and white light, or an oscillating or rotating blue light, or a combination blue and white oscillating or rotating light.
- (e) This section does not prohibit the use of warning lights required by law or the simultaneous flashing of turn signals on disabled vehicles or on vehicles being operated in unfavorable atmospheric conditions in order to enhance their visibility. This section also does not prohibit the simultaneous flashing of turn signals or warning lights either on farm machinery or vehicles escorting farm machinery, when used on a street or highway.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.17)

#### 337.17 FOCUS AND AIM OF HEADLIGHTS.

(a) No person shall use any lights mentioned in Section 337.02 to 337.16, inclusive, upon any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer unless the lights are equipped, mounted and adjusted as to focus and aim in accordance with State regulations.

(b) The headlights on any motor vehicle shall comply with the headlamp color requirements contained in federal motor vehicle safety standard number 108, 49 C.F.R. 571.108. No person shall operate a motor vehicle in violation of this subsection.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.19)

**337.18 MOTOR VEHICLE AND MOTORCYCLE BRAKES.**

(a) The following requirements govern as to brake equipment on vehicles:

- (1) Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, when operated upon a street or highway, shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold such motor vehicle, including two separate means of applying the brakes, each of which means shall be effective to apply the brakes to at least two wheels. If these two separate means of applying the brakes are connected in any way, then on such motor vehicles manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1942, they shall be so constructed that failure of any one part of the operating mechanism shall not leave the motor vehicle without brakes on at least two wheels.
- (2) Every motorcycle, when operated upon a street or highway, shall be equipped with at least one adequate brake, which may be operated by hand or by foot.
- (3) Every motorized bicycle shall be equipped with brakes meeting the rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety under Ohio R.C. 4511.521.
- (4) When operated upon the streets or highways of this Municipality, the following vehicles shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and to hold the vehicle designed to be applied by the driver of the towing motor vehicle from its cab, and also designed and connected so that, in case of a breakaway of the towed vehicle, the brakes shall be automatically applied:
  - A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, every trailer or semitrailer, except a pole trailer, with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or more, manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1942;
  - B. Every manufactured home or travel trailer with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or more, manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 2001.
- (5) Every watercraft trailer with a gross weight or manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of three thousand pounds or more that is manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 2008, shall have separate brakes equipped with hydraulic surge or electrically operated brakes on two wheels.
- (6) In any combination of motor-drawn trailers or semitrailers equipped with brakes, means shall be provided for applying the rearmost brakes in approximate synchronism with the brakes on the towing vehicle, and developing the required braking effort on the rearmost wheels at the fastest rate; or means shall be provided for applying braking effort first on the rearmost brakes; or both of the above means, capable of being used alternatively, may be employed.
- (7) Every vehicle and combination of vehicles, except motorcycles and motorized bicycles, and except trailers and semitrailers of a gross weight of less than 2,000 pounds, and pole trailers, shall be equipped with parking brakes adequate to hold the vehicle on any grade on which it is operated, under all conditions of loading, on a surface free from snow, ice or loose material. The parking brakes shall be capable of being applied in conformance with the foregoing requirements by the driver's muscular effort or by spring action or by equivalent means. Their operation may be assisted by the service brakes or other sources of power provided that failure of the service brake actuation system or other power assisting mechanism will not prevent the parking brakes from being applied in conformance with the foregoing requirements. The parking brakes shall be so designed that when once applied they shall remain applied with the required effectiveness despite exhaustion of any source of energy or leakage of any kind.



**337.20 MUFFLER; MUFFLER CUTOUT; EXCESSIVE SMOKE, GAS  
OR NOISE.**

(a) Every motor vehicle and motorcycle with an internal combustion engine shall at all times be equipped with a muffler which is in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise, and no person shall use a muffler cutout, by-pass or similar device upon a motor vehicle on a highway. Every motorcycle muffler shall be equipped with baffle plates.

(b) No person shall own, operate or have in the person's possession any motor vehicle or motorcycle equipped with a device for producing excessive smoke or gas, or so equipped as to permit oil or any other chemical to flow into or upon the exhaust pipe or muffler of such vehicle, or equipped in any other way to produce or emit smoke or dangerous or annoying gases from any portion of such vehicle, other than the ordinary gases emitted by the exhaust of an internal combustion engine under normal operation.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.22)

**337.21 REAR-VIEW MIRROR; CLEAR VIEW TO FRONT, BOTH SIDES  
AND REAR.**

(a) Every motor vehicle and motorcycle shall be equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the operator a view of the street to the rear of such vehicle or motorcycle. Operators of vehicles and motorcycles shall have a clear and unobstructed view to the front and to both sides of their vehicles or motorcycles and shall have a clear view to the rear of their vehicles or motorcycles by mirror.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4513.23)

**337.22 WINDSHIELD AND WINDSHIELD WIPER; SIGN OR  
POSTER THEREON.**

(a) No person shall drive any motor vehicle on a street or highway, other than a motorcycle or motorized bicycle, that is not equipped with a windshield.

(b) (1) No person shall drive any motor vehicle, other than a bus, with any sign, poster or other nontransparent material upon the front windshield, sidewings, side or rear windows of such vehicle other than a certificate or other paper required to be displayed by law, except that there may be in the lower left-hand or right-hand corner of the windshield a sign, poster or decal not to exceed four inches in height by six inches in width. No sign, poster or decal shall be displayed in the front windshield in such a manner as to conceal the vehicle identification number for the motor vehicle when in accordance with federal law, that number is located inside the vehicle passenger compartment and so placed as to be readable through the vehicle glazing without moving any part of the vehicle.

(2) Subsection (b)(1) of this section does not apply to a person who is driving a passenger car with an electronic device, including an antenna, electronic tolling or other transponder, camera, directional navigation device, or other similar electronic device located in the front windshield if either of the following apply to the device:

- A. It is a "vehicle safety technology" as defined in 49 C.F.R. §393.5 and complies with 49 C.F.R. §393.60(e)(1)(ii).
- B. It does not restrict the vehicle operator's sight lines to the road and highway signs and signals, and it does not conceal the vehicle identification number.

- (3) Subsection (b)(1) of this section does not apply to a person who is driving a commercial car with an electronic device, including an antenna, electronic tolling or other transponder, camera, directional navigation device, or other similar electronic device located in the front windshield if either of the following apply to the device:
- A. It is a “vehicle safety technology” as defined in 49 C.F.R. §393.5 and complies with 49 C.F.R. §393.60(e)(1)(ii).
  - B. It does not restrict the vehicle operator’s sight lines to the road and highway signs and signals, and it is mounted not more than eight and one-half inches below the upper edge of the windshield.

(c) The windshield on every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow or other moisture from the windshield. The device shall be maintained in good working order and so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the operator of the vehicle.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.24)

#### 337.23 LIMITED LOAD EXTENSION ON LEFT SIDE OF PASSENGER VEHICLE.

(a) No passenger-type vehicle shall be operated on a street with any load carried on such vehicle which extends more than six inches beyond the line of the fenders on the vehicle’s left side. (ORC 4513.30)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.99)

#### 337.24 MOTOR VEHICLE STOP LIGHTS.

(a) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer when operated upon a street or highway shall be equipped with two or more stop lights, except that passenger cars manufactured or assembled prior to January 1, 1967, motorcycles, and motor-driven cycles shall be equipped with at least one stop light. Stop lights shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle, actuated upon application of the service brake, and may be incorporated with other rear lights. Such stop lights when actuated shall emit a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear, provided that in the case of a train of vehicles only the stop lights on the rear-most vehicle need be visible from the distance specified.

Such stop lights when actuated shall give a steady warning light to the rear of a vehicle or train of vehicles to indicate the intention of the operator to diminish the speed of or stop a vehicle or train of vehicles.

When stop lights are used as required by this section, they shall be constructed or installed so as to provide adequate and reliable illumination and shall conform to the appropriate rules and regulations established under Ohio R.C. 4513.19.

Historical motor vehicles as defined in Ohio R.C. 4503.181, not originally manufactured with stop lights, are not subject to this section.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.071)

#### 337.25 AIR CLEANER REQUIRED.

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle with an internal combustion engine unless the carburetion system of the vehicle is protected with an air filter, a flame arresting device, or any other accepted method of protection that is adequate for this purpose. If the original device or system is replaced, it shall be replaced with one that is equal to or better than the original equipment.

(b) This section does not apply to a person doing automotive repair work on a motor vehicle that necessitates this device being removed while the work is performed.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

#### 337.26 CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM USAGE.

(a) When any child who is in either or both of the following categories is being transported in a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab or public safety vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.01, that is required by the United States Department of Transportation to be equipped with seat belts at the time of manufacture or assembly, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in a child restraint system that meets federal motor safety standards:

- (1) A child who is less than four years of age;
- (2) A child who weighs less than forty pounds.

(b) When any child who is in either or both of the following categories is being transported in a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, that is owned, leased or otherwise under the control of a nursery school, or child care center, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in a child restraint system that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards:

- (1) A child who is less than four years of age;
- (2) A child who weighs less than forty pounds.

(c) When any child who is less than eight years of age and less than four feet nine inches in height, who is not required by subsection (a) or (b) of this section to be secured in a child restraint system, is being transported in a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab or public safety vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.01 or a vehicle that is regulated under Ohio R.C. 5104.011, that is required by the United States Department of Transportation to be equipped with seat belts at the time of manufacture or assembly, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions on a booster seat that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(d) When any child who is at least eight years of age but not older than fifteen years of age and who is not otherwise required by subsection (a), (b) or (c) hereof to be secured in a child restraint system or booster seat, is being transported in a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab or public safety vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.01, that is required by the United States Department of Transportation to be equipped with seat belts at the time of manufacture or assembly, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly restrained either in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in a child restraint system that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards or in an occupant restraining device as defined in Ohio R.C. 4513.263.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause an operator of a motor vehicle being operated on any street or highway to stop the motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether a violation of subsection (c) or (d) of this section has been or is being committed or for the sole purpose of issuing a ticket, citation, or summons for a violation of subsection (c) or (d) of this section or causing the arrest of or commencing a prosecution of a person for a violation of subsection (c) or (d) of this section, and absent another violation of law, a law enforcement officer's view of the interior or visual inspection of a motor vehicle being operated on any street or highway may not be used for the purpose of determining whether a violation of subsection (c) or (d) of this section has been or is being committed.

(f) The Ohio Director of Public Safety shall adopt such rules as are necessary to carry out this section.

(g) The failure of an operator of a motor vehicle to secure a child in a child restraint system, a booster seat or an occupant restraining device as required by this section is not negligence imputable to the child, is not admissible as evidence in any civil action involving the rights of the child against any other person allegedly liable for injuries to the child, is not to be used as a basis for a criminal prosecution of the operator of the motor vehicle other than a prosecution for a violation of this section, and is not admissible as evidence in any criminal action involving the operator of the motor vehicle other than a prosecution for a violation of this section.

(h) This section does not apply when an emergency exists that threatens the life of any person operating or occupying a motor vehicle that is being used to transport a child who otherwise would be required to be restrained under this section. This section does not apply to a person operating a motor vehicle who has an affidavit signed by a physician licensed to practice in this State under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4731 or a chiropractor licensed to practice in this State under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4734 that states that the child who otherwise would be required to be restrained under this section has a physical impairment that makes use of a child restraint system, booster seat or an occupant restraining device impossible or impractical, provided that the person operating the vehicle has safely and appropriately restrained the child in accordance with any recommendations of the physician or chiropractor as noted on the affidavit.

(i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any person to carry with the person the birth certificate of a child to prove the age of the child, but the production of a valid birth certificate for a child showing that the child was not of an age to which this section applies is a defense against any ticket, citation or summons issued for violating this section.

(j) Whoever violates subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this section shall be punished as follows, provided that the failure of an operator of a motor vehicle to secure more than one child in a child restraint system, booster seat, or occupant restraining device as required by this section that occurred at the same time, on the same day, and at the same location is deemed to be a single violation of this section:

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (j)(2) of this section, the offender is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (2) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this section or of a state law or municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any of those subsections, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.  
(ORC 4511.81)

### 337.27 DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS REQUIRED TO WEAR SEAT BELTS.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Automobile" means any commercial tractor, passenger car, commercial car or truck that is required to be factory-equipped with an occupant restraining device for the operator or any passenger by regulations adopted by the United States Secretary of Transportation pursuant to the "National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966," 80 Stat. 719, 15 U.S.C.A. 1392.
- (2) "Occupant restraining device" means a seat safety belt, shoulder belt, harness or other safety device for restraining a person who is an operator of or passenger in an automobile and that satisfies the minimum Federal vehicle safety standards established by the United States Department of Transportation.

- (3) "Passenger" means any person in an automobile, other than its operator, who is occupying a seating position for which an occupant restraining device is provided.
  - (4) "Commercial tractor," "passenger car," and "commercial car" have the same meanings as provided in Ohio R.C. 4501.01.
  - (5) "Vehicle" and "motor vehicle", as used in the definitions of the terms set forth in subsection (a)(4) hereof, have the same meanings as provided in Chapter 301.
  - (6) "Tort action" means a civil action for damages for injury, death, or loss to person or property. "Tort action" includes a product liability claim, as defined in Ohio R.C. 2307.71 and an asbestos claim, as defined in Ohio R.C. 2307.91, but does not include a civil action for damages for breach of contract or another agreement between persons.
- (b) No person shall do either of the following:
- (1) Operate an automobile on any street or highway unless that person is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device, or operate a school bus that has an occupant restraining device installed for use in its operator's seat unless that person is wearing all of the available elements of the device, as properly adjusted;
  - (2) Operate an automobile on any street or highway unless each passenger in the automobile who is subject to the requirement set forth in subsection (b)(3) hereof is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device;
  - (3) Occupy, as a passenger, a seating position on the front seat of an automobile being operated on any street or highway unless that person is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device;
  - (4) Operate a taxicab on any street or highway unless all factory-equipped occupant restraining devices in the taxicab are maintained in usable form.
- (c)
- (1) Subsection (b)(3) hereof does not apply to a person who is required by Section 337.26 to be secured in a child restraint device or booster seat.
  - (2) Subsection (b)(1) hereof does not apply to a person who is an employee of the United States Postal Service or of a newspaper home delivery service, during any period in which the person is engaged in the operation of an automobile to deliver mail or newspapers to addressees.
  - (3) Subsections (b)(1) and (3) hereof do not apply to a person who has an affidavit signed by a physician licensed to practice in this State under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4731 or a chiropractor licensed to practice in this State under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4734 that states the following:
    - A. That the person has a physical impairment that makes use of an occupant restraining device impossible or impractical;
    - B. Whether the physical impairment is temporary, permanent or reasonably expected to be permanent;
    - C. If the physical impairment is temporary, how long the physical impairment is expected to make the use of an occupant restraining device impossible or impractical.
  - (4) Subsections (b)(1) and (3) of this section do not apply to a person who has registered with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles in accordance with subsection (c)(5) of this section.



- (5) A person who has received an affidavit under subsection (c)(3) of this section stating that the person has a permanent or reasonably expected to be permanent physical impairment that makes use of an occupant restraining device impossible or impracticable may register with the Registrar attesting to that fact. Upon such registration, the Registrar shall make that information available in the law enforcement automated data system. A person included in the database under subsection (c)(5) of this section is not required to have the affidavit obtained in accordance with subsection (c)(3) of this section in their possession while operating or occupying an automobile.
- (6) A physician or chiropractor who issues an affidavit for the purposes of subsection (c)(3) or (4) of this section is immune from civil liability arising from any injury or death sustained by the person who was issued the affidavit due to the failure of the person to wear an occupant restraining device unless the physician or chiropractor, in issuing the affidavit, acted in a manner that constituted willful, wanton or reckless misconduct.
- (7) The Registrar shall adopt rules in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 119, establishing a process for a person to be included in the database under subsection (c)(5) of this section. The information provided and included in the database under subsection (c)(5) of this section is not a public record subject to inspection or copying under Ohio R.C. 149.43.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause an operator of an automobile being operated on any street or highway to stop the automobile for the sole purpose of determining whether a violation of subsection (b) hereof has been or is being committed or for the sole purpose of issuing a ticket, citation or summons for a violation of that nature or causing the arrest of or commencing a prosecution of a person for a violation of that nature, and no law enforcement officer shall view the interior or visually inspect any automobile being operated on any street or highway for the sole purpose of determining whether a violation of that nature has been or is being committed.

(e) All fines collected for violations of subsection (b) hereof shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of State for deposit as provided in Ohio R.C. 4513.263.

- (f) (1) Subject to subsection (f)(2) of this section, the failure of a person to wear all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device in violation of subsection (b)(1) or (3) or the failure of a person to ensure that each minor who is a passenger of an automobile being operated by that person is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device, in violation of subsection (b)(2) of this section, shall not be considered or used by the trier of fact in a tort action as evidence of negligence or contributory negligence. But the trier of fact may determine based on evidence admitted consistent with the Ohio rules of evidence that the failure contributed to the harm alleged in the tort action and may diminish a recovery of compensatory damages that represents noneconomic loss, as defined in Ohio R.C. 2307.011 in a tort action that could have been recovered but for the plaintiff's failure to wear all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device. Evidence of that failure shall not be used as a basis for a criminal prosecution of the person other than a prosecution for a violation of this section; and shall not be admissible as evidence in a criminal action involving the person other than a prosecution for a violation of this section.

- (2) If, at the time of an accident involving a passenger car equipped with occupant restraining devices, any occupant of the passenger car who sustained injury or death was not wearing an available occupant restraining device, was not wearing all of the available elements of such a device, or was not wearing such a device as properly adjusted, then, consistent with the Rules of Evidence, the fact that the occupant was not wearing the available occupant restraining device, was not wearing all of the available elements of such a device, or was not wearing such a device as properly adjusted is admissible in evidence in relation to any claim for relief in a tort action to the extent that the claim for relief satisfies all of the following:
- A. It seeks to recover damages for injury or death to the occupant.
  - B. The defendant in question is the manufacturer, designer, distributor or seller of the passenger car.
  - C. The claim for relief against the defendant in question is that the injury or death sustained by the occupant was enhanced or aggravated by some design defect in the passenger car or that the passenger car was not crashworthy.
- (g) (1) Whoever violates subsection (b)(1) of this section shall be fined thirty dollars (\$30.00).
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (b)(3) of this section shall be fined twenty dollars (\$20.00).
- (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates subsection (b)(4) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (b)(4) of this section, whoever violates subsection (b)(4) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.  
(ORC 4513.263)

**337.28 USE OF SUNSCREENING, NONTRANSPARENT AND REFLECTORIZED MATERIALS.**

(a) Requirements.

- (1) No person shall operate, on any highway or other public or private property open to the public for vehicular travel or parking, lease, or rent any motor vehicle that is required to be registered in this State with any suncreening material, or other product or material which has the effect of making the windshield or windows nontransparent or would alter the windows' color, increase its reflectivity, or reduce its light transmittance, unless the product or material satisfies one of the following exceptions:
- A. Any manufacturer's tinting or glazing of motor vehicle windows or windshields that is otherwise in compliance with or permitted by "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 205" (FMVSS 205) in effect at the time of the manufacture of the motor vehicle until such standard is subsequently repealed or reduced. In "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 205" (FMVSS 205) "manufacturer" means any person engaged in the manufacturing or assembling of motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment, including any person importing motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment for resale. "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 205" (FMVSS), Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Part 571, can be obtained online at web site <http://www.gpo.gov>.

- B. Any suncreening material or other product or material applied to the windshield when used in conjunction with the safety glazing materials of such window, has a light transmittance of not less than seventy per cent plus or minus three per cent and is not red or yellow in color.
  - C. Any sunscreening material or other product or material applied to the side windows to the immediate right or left the driver, so long as such material, when used in conjunction with the safety glazing materials of such windows, has a light transmittance of not less than fifty per cent plus or minus three per cent and is not red or yellow in color.
  - D. Any sunscreening material or other product or material applied to a window not otherwise listed in subsections (a)(1)A. to C. or E. of this section, except that outside left and right rear view mirrors are required if the sunscreening material is applied to the rear window and the sunscreening material, when used in conjunction with the safety glazing material of such window, has a light transmittance of less than fifty per cent plus or minus three per cent.
  - E. Any sunscreening material or other product or material applied along the top of the windshield and that does not extend downward beyond the AS-1 line or five inches from the top of the windshield, whichever is closer to the top, is not regulated by this section.
- (2) No person shall install in any motor vehicle any glass or other material that fails to conform to the specifications of this section.
  - (3) No used motor vehicle dealer or new motor vehicle dealer, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4517.01, shall sell any motor vehicle that fails to conform to the specifications of this section.
  - (4) No reflectorized materials shall be permitted upon or in any front windshield, side windows, sidewings or rear window.
  - (5) No person shall operate on any highway or other public or private property open to the public for vehicular travel or parking, lease, or rent any motor vehicle that is required to be registered in this State that is equipped with privacy drapes, louvers, curtains or blinds unless the drapes, louvers, curtains or blinds are open and secure during vehicle operation.
  - (6) All motor vehicles, beginning with the 1990 model year, must be equipped with labels identifying sunscreening material. All sunscreening material must indicate the manufacturer's name and the percentage level of light transmission of the material permanently installed between the material and the surface to which the material is applied or affixed. Such label must be legible and must be placed in the lower left-hand corner of the vehicle window when viewed from the outside. (OAC 4501-41-03)
- (b) Exemptions. The provisions of this section do not apply to:
- (1) A motor vehicle registered in this State in the name of a person, or the person's parent, legal guardian or spouse who has an affidavit signed by a physician licensed to practice in this State under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4731 or an affidavit signed by an optometrist licensed to practice in this State under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4725 that states that the person has a physical condition that makes it necessary to equip such motor vehicle with sunscreening material which would be of a light transmittance and/or luminous reflectance in violation of this section. Such affidavit shall be in the possession of the person so afflicted or the driver at all times while in the motor vehicle;

- (2) The windows to the rear of the driver in chauffeured limousines as defined herein;
  - (3) The windows to the rear of the driver in those vehicles designed and used to transport corpses which include hearses and other vehicles adapted for such use; and
  - (4) The manufacturer's tinting or glazing of motor vehicle windows or windshields that is otherwise in compliance with or permitted by "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 205" (FMVSS 205) in effect at the time of the manufacture of the motor vehicle as provided in subsection (a) hereof. "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 205" (FMVSS 205), Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Part 571, can be obtained online at web site <http://www.gpo.gov>. (OAC 4501-41-05)
- (c) Definitions. As used in this section, certain terms are defined as follows:
- (1) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as specified in Section 301.20.
  - (2) "Sunscreening material" means products or materials, including film, glazing and perforated sunscreening, which, when applied to the windshield or windows of a motor vehicle, reduce the effects of the sun with respect to light reflectance or transmittance.
  - (3) "Transmittance" means the ratio of the amount of total light, expressed in percentages, which is allowed to pass through the product or material, including glazing, to the amount of total light falling on the product or material and the glazing.
  - (4) "Windshield" means the front exterior viewing device of a motor vehicle.
  - (5) "Window" means any device designed for exterior viewing from a motor vehicle, except the windshield or any roof-mounted viewing device.
  - (6) "Manufacturer" unless otherwise specified in this section, means any person who engages in the manufacturing or assembling of sunscreening products or materials or any person who fabricates, laminates or tempers a safety glazing material, incorporating, during the manufacturing process, the capacity to reflect or reduce the transmission of light.
  - (7) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for hire on an hourly basis pursuant to a prearranged contract for the transportation of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not over a defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an arrangement, made in advance of boarding, to provide transportation from a specific location in a chauffeured limousine at a fixed rate per hour or trip. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include any vehicle that is used exclusively in the business of funeral directing. (OAC 4501-41-02)
- (d) Penalty. Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4513.241)

### 337.29 BUMPER HEIGHTS.

- (a) Definitions.
- (1) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle with motive power, designed for carrying ten persons or less, except a multipurpose passenger vehicle or motorcycle.
  - (2) "Multipurpose passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle with motive power, except a motorcycle, designed to carry ten persons or less, that is constructed either on a truck chassis or with special features for occasional off-road operation.

- (3) "Truck" means every motor vehicle, except trailers and semitrailers, designed and used to carry property and having a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.
- (4) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4501.01.
- (5) "Gross vehicle weight rating" means the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating established for the vehicle.
- (6) "Body floor height" means the vertical distance between top of the frame rail and the bottom of the passenger compartment (cab) floor. In the event that the vehicle is a truck body, floor height will be measured by the vertical distance between the passenger compartment (cab) floor and the floor of the truck bed.
- (7) "Bumper height" means the vertical distance between the ground and the highest point of the bottom of the bumper, measured when the vehicle is laden on a level surface with the vehicle tires inflated to the manufacturer's recommended pressure.
- (8) "Frame" means the main longitudinal structural members of the chassis of the vehicle or, for vehicles with unitized body construction, the lowest main longitudinal structural members of the body of the vehicle.
- (9) "Wheel track distance" means the distance on the ground between the center of the tire tread on one side of the vehicle, and the center of the tire tread on the opposite side. (OAC 4501-43-02)

(b) Prohibitions; Application.

- (1) No person shall operate upon a street or highway any passenger car, multipurpose passenger vehicle or truck registered in this State that does not conform to the requirements of this section.
- (2) No person shall modify any motor vehicle registered in this State in such a manner as to cause the vehicle body or chassis to come in contact with the ground, expose the fuel tank to damage from collision, or cause the wheels to come in contact with the body under normal operation, and no person shall disconnect any part of the original suspension system of the vehicle to defeat the safe operation of that system including the installation of inverted, altered or modified suspension system component parts which results in elevation of the height of the vehicle bumper or frame unit which is not in compliance with this section.
- (3) No person shall operate upon a street or highway any passenger car, multipurpose passenger vehicle or truck registered in this State without a bumper on the front and rear of the vehicle if such vehicle was equipped with bumpers as standard equipment by the manufacturer.
- (4) No person shall operate upon a street or highway any passenger car, multipurpose passenger vehicle or truck registered in this State if the difference in height between the body floor and the top of the frame exceeds four inches.
- (5) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit either of the following:
  - A. The installation upon a passenger car, multipurpose passenger vehicle or truck registered in this State of heavy duty equipment, including shock absorbers and overload springs as long as such equipment does not cause the vehicle to be in violation of this section;
  - B. The operation on a street or highway of a passenger car, multipurpose passenger vehicle or truck registered in this State with normal wear to the suspension system if the normal wear does not adversely affect the control of the vehicle.

- (6) This section does not apply to any specially designed or modified passenger car, multipurpose passenger vehicle or truck when operated off a street or highway in races and similar events.
- (7) A specially designed or modified passenger car, multipurpose passenger vehicle or truck which does not conform to this section shall not be operated on a street or highway.  
(OAC 4501-43-03)

(c) Specifications.

- (1) The horizontal bumper shall be at least 4.5 inches in vertical height, centered on the vehicle's centerline, and extend no less than the width of the respective wheel track distances. Bumpers shall be horizontal load bearing bumpers and attached to the vehicle frame to effectively transfer impact when engaged.
- (2) Maximum bumper heights shall be determined by the type of vehicle at time of manufacture. If other than a passenger vehicle, the maximum bumper height shall be determined by the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) at the time of manufacture. The height shall be measured in terms of the vertical distance between the ground and the bottom of the bumper. Maximum bumper heights are as follows:

	<u>Front (inches)</u>	<u>Rear (inches)</u>
Passenger Vehicles	22	22
All Other Vehicles:		
4,500 lbs. and under GVWR	24	26
4,501 lbs. to 7,500 lbs. GVWR	27	29
7,501 lbs. to 10,000 lbs. GVWR	28	31

- (3) If the body and/or truck bed height is altered the difference in height between the body floor and/or the truck bed floor to the top of the frame rail shall not exceed four inches.
- (4) For any vehicle with bumpers or attaching components which have been modified or altered from the original manufacturer's design in order to conform with the maximum bumper requirements of this section, the bumper height shall be measured from a level surface to the bottom of the vehicle frame rail at the most forward and rearward points of the frame rail. Frame rail height if bumper modified or altered:

	<u>Front (inches)</u>	<u>Rear (inches)</u>
Passenger Vehicles	22	22
All Other Vehicles:		
4,500 lbs. and under GVWR	24	26
4,501 lbs. to 7,500 lbs. GVWR	27	29
7,501 lbs. to 10,000 lbs. GVWR	28	31

- (5) The height restriction in this subsection (c) applies to the distance from the ground to the bottom of the frame rail under any one or more of the following conditions:
- A. A motor vehicle is not equipped with a front and rear bumper.
  - B. The bumper height relative to the frame rails has been altered.
  - C. A supplemental bumper has been installed or an addition to the original or replacement has been made.
- (OAC 4501-43-04)

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.99)

### 337.30 DIRECTIONAL SIGNALS REQUIRED.

- (a) (1) No person shall operate any motor vehicle manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1954, unless the vehicle is equipped with electrical or mechanical directional signals.
- (2) No person shall operate any motorcycle or motor-driven cycle manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1968, unless the vehicle is equipped with electrical or mechanical directional signals.

(b) “Directional signals” means an electrical or mechanical signal device capable of clearly indicating an intention to turn either to the right or to the left and which shall be visible from both the front and rear.

(c) All mechanical signal devices shall be self-illuminating devices when in use at the times mentioned in Section 337.02.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.261)

### 337.31 LIGHTS AND SIGN ON TRANSPORTATION FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN.

(a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle owned, leased, or hired by a nursery school, kindergarten, or child care center, while transporting preschool children to or from such an institution unless the motor vehicle is equipped with and displaying two amber flashing lights mounted on a bar attached to the top of the vehicle, and a sign bearing the designation “caution – children”, which shall be attached to the bar carrying the amber flashing lights in such a manner as to be legible to persons both in front of and behind the vehicle. The lights and sign shall meet standards and specifications adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety.

(b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle displaying the lights and sign required by this section for any purpose other than the transportation of preschool children as provided in this section. (ORC 4513.182)

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.99)





**CHAPTER 339**  
**Commercial and Heavy Vehicles**

<p>339.01 Oversize or overweight vehicle operation on State routes; State permit.</p> <p>339.02 Use of local streets; use of commercial access routes; local permits and conditions.</p> <p>339.03 Maximum width, height and length.</p> <p>339.04 Route and load information.</p> <p>339.05 Wheel protectors.</p> <p>339.06 Vehicles transporting explosives.</p>	<p>339.07 Towing requirements.</p> <p>339.08 Loads dropping or leaking; removal required; tracking mud.</p> <p>339.09 Shifting load; loose loads.</p> <p>339.10 Vehicles with spikes, lugs and chains.</p> <p>339.11 Use of studded tires and chains.</p> <p>339.99 Penalty.</p>
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 Weighing vehicle; removal of excess load - see Ohio R.C. 4513.33  
 Arrest notice of driver - see Ohio R.C. 5577.14  
 Slower moving vehicles to be driven in right-hand lane - see  
 TRAF. 331.01(b)

**339.01 OVERSIZE OR OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE OPERATION ON STATE ROUTES; STATE PERMIT.**

(a) No person shall operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in Ohio R.C. 5577.01 to 5577.09, inclusive, or otherwise not in conformity with Ohio R.C. 4513.01 to 4513.37, inclusive, upon any State route within the Municipality, except pursuant to special written permit issued by the Ohio Director of Transportation, or upon any local truck route. Every such permit shall be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer.

No holder of a permit issued by the Ohio Director of Transportation shall be required to obtain any local permit or license or pay any local fee or charge for movement on any State route within the Municipality; however, it shall be unlawful to operate any such vehicle or combination of vehicles upon any roadway within the Municipality which is not a State route, except as provided in Section 339.02.(ORC 4513.34)

- (b) (1) Whoever violates the weight provisions of Section 339.01 or the weight provisions in regard to highways under Ohio R.C. 5577.04 shall be fined eighty dollars for the first two thousand pounds, or fraction thereof, of overload; for overloads in excess of two thousand pounds, but not in excess of five thousand pounds, such person shall be fined one hundred dollars, and in addition thereto one dollar per one hundred pounds of overload; for overloads in excess of five thousand pounds but not in excess of ten thousand pounds, such person shall be fined one hundred thirty dollars and in addition thereto two dollars per one hundred pounds of overload, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. For all overloads in excess of ten thousand pounds such person shall be fined one hundred sixty dollars, and in addition thereto three dollars per one hundred pounds of overload, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. Whoever violates the weight provisions of vehicle and load relating to gross load limits shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars. No penalty prescribed in this division shall be imposed on any vehicle combination if the overload on any axle does not exceed one thousand pounds, and if the immediately preceding or following axle, excepting the front axle of the vehicle combination, is underloaded by the same or a greater amount. For purposes of this division, two axles on one vehicle less than eight feet apart, shall be considered as one axle.
- (2) Whoever violates the weight provisions of Ohio R.C. 5577.071 or 5577.08 or the weight provisions in regard to bridges under Ohio R.C. 5577.09, and whoever exceeds the carrying capacity specified under Ohio R.C. 5591.42 shall be fined eighty dollars for the first two thousand pounds, or fraction thereof, of overload; for overloads in excess of two thousand pounds, but not in excess of five thousand pounds, the person shall be fined one hundred dollars, and in addition thereto one dollar per one hundred pounds of overload; for overloads in excess of five thousand pounds, but not in excess of ten thousand pounds, the person shall be fined one hundred thirty dollars, and in addition thereto two dollars per one hundred pounds of overload, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. For all overloads in excess of ten thousand pounds, the person shall be fined one hundred sixty dollars, and in addition thereto three dollars per one hundred pounds of overload, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.
- (3) Whoever violates any other provision of Ohio R.C. 5577.01 to 5577.09 shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars for a first offense; for a second offense within one year thereafter, such person shall be fined not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than ten days, or both; for a subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, such person shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. (Ord. 25-2004. Passed 5-24-04.)

**339.02 USE OF LOCAL STREETS; USE OF COMMERCIAL ACCESS ROUTES; LOCAL PERMIT AND CONDITIONS.**

(a) Use of Local Streets. No person shall operate a vehicle exceeding a size as specified in Section 339.03 or exceeding a gross weight of five tons, upon any street in the Municipality other than a State route, designated truck routes which are marked as such by appropriate traffic signs, commercial access routes which have been designated and marked by appropriate traffic signs, and except when such operation is necessary to load or unload property, to go to or from the usual place of storage of such vehicle or to perform any other legitimate business or act other than passage through the Municipality. Operators of vehicles so deviating from either a State route, a designated truck route, or a commercial access route within the Municipality shall confine such deviation to that required in order to accomplish the purpose of the departure.

(b) Use of Commercial Access Route. No person shall operate a vehicle exceeding a size as specified in Section 339.03 or exceeding a gross weight of twenty-two tons, upon any street within the Municipality which as been designated as a commercial access route and marked as such by appropriate traffic signs.

(c) Local Permit and Conditions. Upon application and for good cause, the Safety Director may issue a local permit authorizing an applicant to move an oversize or overweight vehicle or combination of vehicles upon local streets or upon commercial access routes.

No permittee shall be required to obtain a special permit from the Director of Transportation for the movement of the vehicle or combination of vehicles on streets or highways under local jurisdiction; however, the approval of the Ohio Director of Transportation shall be required for movement upon State routes as provided in Section 339.01.

The Safety Director may grant a permit for a single or round trip or for periodic trips for such time periods, not to exceed one year, as the Safety Director, in his discretion deems advisable, or for the duration of any construction project. The Safety Director may limit or prescribe terms or conditions of operation for such vehicle or combination of vehicles by designating the route, hours, speed, weight, number of repetitions, or such other restrictions as may be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety. The Safety Director may require the posting of bond or other security necessary to compensate for any damage to a roadway or structure. For each such permit, the Safety Director shall charge five dollars (\$5.00), and for each hour of time or any part thereof spent by each police officer in supervising the movement of such vehicle, the applicant shall pay the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00).

Signs shall be posted on State routes at the corporate limits indicating "no through trucks over five tons gross weight on local streets" or words or similar import to apprise drivers of the limitations imposed by this section. Signs shall be posted upon each commercial access route indicating "commercial access route--limit gross weight twenty-two tons without permit" or words of similar import to apprise drivers of the limitations imposed by this section. No driver shall disobey the instructions indicated on any such sign. Violation of any of the limitations, terms or conditions of the permit granted by the Safety Director shall be cause for immediate revocation or suspension of such permit, and denial of request for any future permit. Such violation shall also subject the violator to the penalty prescribed by Section 303.99.

(Ord. 95-77. Passed 11-28-77.)

(d) Penalty. 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.

**339.03 MAXIMUM WIDTH, HEIGHT AND LENGTH.**

- (a) No vehicle shall be operated upon the public highways, streets, bridges and culverts within the Municipality, whose dimensions exceed those specified in this section.
- (b) No such vehicle shall have a width in excess of:
- (1) 104 inches for passenger bus type vehicles operated exclusively within municipal corporations;
  - (2) 102 inches, excluding such safety devices as are required by law, for passenger bus type vehicles operated over freeways, and such other State roads with minimum pavement widths of twenty-two feet, except those roads or portions of roads over which operation of 102-inch buses is prohibited by order of the Ohio Director of Transportation;
  - (3) 132 inches for traction engines;
  - (4) 102 inches for recreational vehicles, excluding safety devices and retracted awnings and other appurtenances of six inches or less in width and except that the Director may prohibit the operation of 102-inch recreational vehicles on designated State highways or portions of highways;
  - (5) 102 inches, including load, for all other vehicles, except that the Director may prohibit the operation of 102-inch vehicles on such State highways or portions of State highways as the Director designates.
- (c) No such vehicle shall have a length in excess of:
- (1) 66 feet for passenger bus type vehicles and articulated passenger bus type vehicles operated by a regional transit authority pursuant to Ohio R.C. 306.30 to 306.54;
  - (2) 45 feet for all other passenger bus type vehicles;
  - (3) 53 feet for any semitrailer when operated in a commercial tractor-semitrailer combination, with or without load, except that the Director may, by journal entry, prohibit the operation of any such commercial tractor-semitrailer combination on such State highways or portions of State highways as the Director designates;
  - (4) 28.5 feet for any semitrailer or trailer when operated in a commercial tractor-semitrailer-trailer or commercial tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combination, except that the Director may prohibit the operation of any such commercial tractor-semitrailer-trailer or commercial tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combination on such State highways or portions of State highways as the Director designates;
  - (5) A. 97 feet for drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combinations and drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combinations when operated on any interstate, United States route, or State route, including reasonable access travel on all other roadways for a distance not to exceed one road mile from any interstate, United States route, or State route, not to exceed three saddlemounted vehicles, but which may include one fullmount;  
B. 75 feet for drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combinations and drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combinations, when operated on any roadway not designated as an interstate, United States route, or State route, not to exceed three saddlemounted vehicles, but which may include one fullmount;
  - (6) 65 feet for any other combination of vehicles coupled together, with or without load, except as provided in subsections (c)(3) and (4) and in subsection (e) hereof;
  - (7) 45 feet for recreational vehicles.

(8) 50 feet for all other vehicles except trailers and semitrailers, with or without load.

(d) No such vehicle shall have a height in excess of thirteen feet six inches, with or without load.

(e) An automobile transporter or boat transporter shall be allowed a length of sixty-five feet and a stinger-steered automobile transporter or stinger-steered boat transporter shall be allowed a length of seventy-five feet, except that the load thereon may extend no more than four feet beyond the rear of such vehicles and may extend no more than three feet beyond the front of such vehicles, and except further that the Director may prohibit the operation of any stinger-steered automobile transporter or stinger-steered boat transporter or a B-train assembly on any State highway or portion of any State highway that the Director designates.

(f) The widths prescribed in subsection (b) shall not include side mirrors, turn signal lamps, marker lamps, handholds for cab entry and egress, flexible fender extensions, mud flaps, splash and spray suppressant devices, and load-induced tire bulge.

The width prescribed in subsection (b)(5) shall not include automatic covering devices, tarp and tarp hardware, and tiedown assemblies, provided these safety devices do not extend more than three inches from each side of the vehicle.

The lengths prescribed in subsections (c)(2) to (8) hereof shall not include safety devices, bumpers attached to the front or rear of such bus or combination, nonproperty carrying devices or components that do not extend more than twenty-four inches beyond the rear of the vehicle and are needed for loading or unloading, B-train assembly used between the first and second semitrailer of a commercial tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combination, energy conservation devices as provided in any regulations adopted by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, or any noncargo-carrying refrigeration equipment attached to the front of trailers and semitrailers. In special cases, vehicles whose dimensions exceed those prescribed by this section may operate in accordance with rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Transportation.

(g) This section does not apply to fire engines, fire trucks or other vehicles or apparatus belonging to any municipal corporation or to the volunteer fire department of any municipal corporation or used by such department in the discharge of its functions. This section does not apply to vehicles and pole trailers used in the transportation of wooden and metal poles, nor to the transportation of pipes or well-drilling equipment, nor to farm machinery and equipment. The owner or operator of any vehicle, machinery or equipment not specifically enumerated in this section but the dimensions of which exceed the dimensions provided by this section, when operating the same on the highways and streets of this State shall comply with the rules of the Director governing such movement, that the Director may adopt. Ohio R.C. 119.01 to 119.13 apply to any rules the Director adopts under this section, or the amendment or rescission of the rules, and any person adversely affected shall have the same right of appeal as provided in those sections.

This section does not require the State, the Municipality, County, township or any railroad or other private corporation to provide sufficient vertical clearance to permit the operation of such vehicle, or to make any changes in or about existing structures now crossing streets, roads and other public thoroughfares in the Municipality.

(h) As used in this section, "recreational vehicle" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4501.01. (ORC 5577.05)

(i) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense or subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (ORC 5577.99)

**339.04 ROUTE AND LOAD INFORMATION.**

Drivers of vehicles described in this chapter shall be required, upon request by a police officer, to give full and true information as to the route they are following and the name of the consignor and consignee and place of delivery or removal and the location of any consignment being hauled or goods being removed, and upon a designation by such police officer of a route to be followed, shall immediately adopt and pursue such route.

**339.05 WHEEL PROTECTORS.**

(a) No person shall drive or operate, or cause to be driven or operated, any commercial car, trailer or semitrailer, used for the transportation of goods or property, the gross weight of which, with load, exceeds three tons, upon the streets, bridges and culverts within this Municipality unless such vehicle is equipped with suitable metal protectors or substantial flexible flaps on the rearmost wheels of such vehicle or combination of vehicles to prevent, as far as practicable, the wheels from throwing dirt, water or other materials on the windshields of following vehicles. Such protectors or flaps shall have a ground clearance of not more than one-third of the distance from the center of the rearmost axle to the center of the flaps under any conditions of loading of the vehicle, and they shall be at least as wide as the tires they are protecting. If the vehicle is so designed and constructed that such requirements are accomplished by means of fenders, body construction or other means of enclosure, then no such protectors or flaps are required. Rear wheels not covered at the top by fenders, bodies or other parts of the vehicle shall be covered at the top by protective means extending at least to the center line of the rearmost axle.

(ORC 5577.11)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**339.06 VEHICLES TRANSPORTING EXPLOSIVES.**

(a) Any person operating any vehicle transporting explosives upon a street or highway shall at all times comply with the following requirements:

- (1) Such vehicle shall be marked or placarded on each side and on the rear with the word "EXPLOSIVES" in letters not less than eight inches high, or there shall be displayed on the rear of such vehicle a red flag not less than twenty-four inches square marked with the word "DANGER" in white letters six inches high, or shall be marked or placarded in accordance with Section 177.823 of the United States Department of Transportation Regulations.
- (2) Such vehicle shall be equipped with not less than two fire extinguishers, filled and ready for immediate use, and placed at convenient points on such vehicle. (ORC 4513.29)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.99)

**339.07 TOWING REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) When one vehicle is towing another vehicle, the drawbar or other connection shall be of sufficient strength to pull all weight towed thereby, and such drawbar or other connection shall not exceed fifteen feet from one vehicle to the other, except the connection between any two vehicles transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of structural nature which cannot readily be dismembered.

(b) When one vehicle is towing another and the connection consists only of a chain, rope or cable, there shall be displayed upon such connection a white flag or cloth not less than twelve inches square.

(c) In addition to such drawbar or other connection, each trailer and each semitrailer which is not connected to a commercial tractor by means of a fifth wheel shall be coupled with stay chains or cables to the vehicle by which it is being drawn. The chains or cables shall be of sufficient size and strength to prevent the towed vehicle's parting from the drawing vehicle in case the drawbar or other connection should break or become disengaged. In case of a loaded pole trailer, the connecting pole to the drawing vehicle shall be coupled to the drawing vehicle with stay chains or cables of sufficient size and strength to prevent the towed vehicle's parting from the drawing vehicle.

(d) Every trailer or semitrailer, except pole and cable trailers and pole and cable dollies operated by a public utility, as defined in Ohio R.C. 5727.01, shall be equipped with a coupling device which shall be so designed and constructed that the trailer will follow substantially in the path of the vehicle drawing it, without whipping or swerving from side to side. Vehicles used to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production materials between a local place of storage and supply and the farm, when drawn or towed on a street or highway at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less, and vehicles 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 shall have a drawbar or other connection, including the hitch mounted on the towing vehicle, which shall be of sufficient strength to pull all the weight towed thereby. Only one such vehicle used to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production materials as provided in this section may be towed or drawn at one time, except as follows:

- (1) An agricultural tractor may tow or draw more than one such vehicle;
- (2) A pickup truck or straight truck designed by the manufacturer to carry a load of not less than one-half ton and not more than two tons may tow or draw not more than two such vehicles that are being used to transport agricultural produce from the farm to a local place of storage. No vehicle being so towed by such a pickup truck or straight truck shall be considered to be a motor vehicle. (ORC 4513.32)

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.99)

**339.08 LOADS DROPPING OR LEAKING; REMOVAL REQUIRED;  
TRACKING MUD.**

(a) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street, highway or other public place unless such vehicle is so constructed, loaded or covered as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom, except that sand or other substances may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substances may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway.

(b) Except for a farm vehicle used to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production materials or a rubbish vehicle in the process of acquiring its load, no vehicle loaded with garbage, swill, cans, bottles, waste paper, ashes, refuse, trash, rubbish, waste, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, glass, solid waste or any other material of an unsanitary nature that is susceptible to blowing or bouncing from a moving vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street, highway or other public place unless the load is covered with a sufficient cover to prevent the load or any part of the load from spilling onto the street, highway or other public place.  
(ORC 4513.31)

(c) No person shall operate any vehicle so as to track or drop mud, stones, gravel or other similar material on any street, highway or other public place.

(d) It shall be the duty of the driver of a vehicle who unlawfully drops or deposits mud, stones, gravel or other similar material or permits the load or any portion thereof to be dropped or deposited upon any street, highway or other public place to immediately remove the same or cause it to be removed. (ORC 4513.31)

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.99)

**339.09 SHIFTING LOAD; LOOSE LOADS.**

(a) In addition to any other lawful requirements of load distribution, no person shall operate any vehicle upon a street or highway unless such vehicle is so laden as to prevent its contents from shifting or otherwise unbalancing the vehicle to such an extent as to interfere with the safe operation of the same.

(b) No motor vehicle or trailer shall be driven unless the tailboard or tailgate, tarpaulins, chains (except ground or contact chains), ropes, stakes, poles, and the like, or any part of the load, are securely fastened to prevent dangling, flapping, swinging or falling from the side, end or top of the load or body. All projecting cargo shall be properly guarded by a red flag or cloth or a red light or lantern as required by Section 337.08.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.



**339.10 VEHICLES WITH SPIKES, LUGS AND CHAINS.**

(a) No person shall drive over the improved streets of this Municipality a traction engine or tractor with tires or wheels equipped with ice picks, spuds, spikes, chains or other projections of any kind extending beyond the cleats, or no person shall tow or in any way pull another vehicle over the improved streets of this Municipality, which towed or pulled vehicle has tires or wheels equipped with ice picks, spuds, spikes, chains or other projections of any kind. "Traction engine" or "tractor," as used in this section, applies to all self-propelling engines equipped with metal-tired wheels operated or propelled by any form of engine, motor or mechanical power. (ORC 5589.08)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 5589.99)

**339.11 USE OF STUDDED TIRES AND CHAINS.**

(a) For purposes of this section, "studded tire" means any tire designed for use on a vehicle, and equipped with metal studs or studs of wear-resisting material that project beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire. "Motor vehicle," "street or highway," "public safety vehicle" and "school bus" have the same meanings as given those terms in Chapter 301.

- (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b)(2) hereof, no person shall operate any motor vehicle, other than a public safety vehicle or bus, that is equipped with studded tires on any street or highway, except during the period extending from November 1 of each year through April 15 of the succeeding year.
- (2) A person may operate a motor vehicle that is equipped with retractable studded tires with the studs retracted at any time of the year, but shall operate the motor vehicle with the studs extended only as provided in subsection (b)(1) hereof.

(c) This section does not apply to the use of tire chains when there is snow or ice on the streets or highways where such chains are being used, or the immediate vicinity thereof.  
(ORC 5589.081)

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 5589.99)

**339.99 PENALTY.**

In addition to any other penalty provided in this chapter, whoever violates any weight provisions of Chapter 339 shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first 2,000 pounds, or fraction thereof, of overload; for overloads in excess of 2,000 pounds but not in excess of 5,000 pounds, he shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and in addition thereto one dollar (\$1.00) per 100 pounds of overload; for overloads in excess of 5,000 pounds, but not in excess of 10,000 pounds, he shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and in addition thereto two dollars (\$2.00) per 100 pounds of overload, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. For all overloads in excess of 10,000 pounds, he shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and in addition thereto, three dollars (\$3.00) per 100 pounds of overload, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. Whoever violates the weight provisions of vehicle and load relating to gross load limits shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) provided that no penalty prescribed shall be imposed on any vehicle combination if:

- (a) The overload on any axle does not exceed 1,000 pounds; and if
- (b) The immediately preceding or following axle, excepting the front axle of the vehicle combination, is underloaded by the same or a greater amount.

For purposes of this section, two axles on one vehicle less than eight feet apart, shall be considered as one axle. (ORC 5577.99)

CHAPTER 341  
Commercial Drivers

<p>341.01 Definitions.</p> <p>341.02 Exemptions.</p> <p>341.03 Prerequisites to operation of a commercial motor vehicle.</p>	<p>341.04 Prohibitions.</p> <p>341.05 Criminal offenses.</p> <p>341.06 Employment of drivers of commercial vehicles.</p>
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CROSS REFERENCES

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Disqualification - see Ohio R.C. 4506.16  
 Suspension or revocation of license - see Ohio R.C. 4507.16  
 Warning devices when disabled on freeways - see Ohio R.C. 4513.28  
 Arrest notice of driver - see Ohio R.C. 5577.14  
 Load limits - see TRAF. Ch. 339

341.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Alcohol concentration" means the concentration of alcohol in a person's blood, breath or urine. When expressed as a percentage, it means grams of alcohol per the following:
  - (1) One hundred milliliters of whole blood, blood serum, or blood plasma;
  - (2) Two hundred ten liters of breath;
  - (3) One hundred milliliters of urine.
- (b) "Commercial driver's license".
  - (1) A license issued in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 4506 that authorizes an individual to drive a commercial motor vehicle. Except as otherwise specifically provided, "commercial driver's license" includes an "enhanced commercial driver's license."
  - (2) "Enhanced commercial driver's license" means a commercial driver's license issued in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4507.021 and 4506.072 that denotes citizenship and identity and is approved by the United States Secretary of Homeland Security or other designated federal agency for purposes of entering the United States.
- (c) "Commercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle designed or used to transport persons or property that meets any of the following qualifications:
  - (1) Any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight or combined gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, provided the gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle or vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds;
  - (2) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more;

- (3) Any single vehicle or combination of vehicles that is not a class A or class B vehicle, but is designed to transport sixteen or more passengers including the driver;
- (4) Any school bus with a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating of less than 26,001 pounds that is designed to transport fewer than sixteen passengers including the driver;
- (5) Is transporting hazardous materials for which placarding is required under subpart F of 49 C.F.R. part 172, as amended;
- (6) Any single vehicle or combination of vehicles that is designed to be operated and to travel on a public street or highway and is considered by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to be a commercial motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, a motorized crane, a vehicle whose function is to pump cement, a rig for drilling wells, and a portable crane.
- (d) "Controlled substance" means all of the following:
  - (1) Any substance classified as a controlled substance under the "Controlled Substances Act," 80 Stat. 1242 (1970), 21 U.S.C.A. 802(6), as amended;
  - (2) Any substance included in schedules I through V of 21 C.F.R. part 1308, as amended;
  - (3) Any drug of abuse.
- (e) "Disqualification" means any of the following:
  - (1) The suspension, revocation, or cancellation of a person's privileges to operate a commercial motor vehicle;
  - (2) Any withdrawal of a person's privileges to operate a commercial motor vehicle as the result of a violation of state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control other than parking, vehicle weight, or vehicle defect violations;
  - (3) A determination by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that a person is not qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle under 49 C.F.R. 391.
- (f) "Drive" means to drive, operate or be in physical control of a motor vehicle.
- (g) "Driver" means any person who drives, operates or is in physical control of a commercial motor vehicle or is required to have a commercial driver's license.
- (h) "Driver's license" means a license issued by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles that authorizes an individual to drive.
- (i) "Drug of abuse" means any controlled substance, dangerous drug as defined in Ohio R.C. 4729.01, harmful intoxicant as defined in Ohio R.C. 2925.01, or over-the-counter medication that, when taken in quantities exceeding the recommended dosage, can result in impairment of judgment or reflexes.
- (j) "Employer" means any person, including the Federal Government, any state and a political subdivision of any state, that owns or leases a commercial motor vehicle or assigns a person to drive such a motor vehicle.
- (k) "Endorsement" means an authorization on a person's commercial driver's license that is required to permit the person to operate a specified type of commercial motor vehicle.
- (l) "Farm truck" means a truck controlled and operated by a farmer for use in the transportation to or from a farm, for a distance of not more than one hundred fifty miles, of products of the farm, including livestock and its products, poultry and its products, floricultural and horticultural products, and in the transportation to the farm, from a distance of not more than one hundred fifty miles, of supplies for the farm, including tile, fence, and every other thing or commodity used in agricultural, floricultural, horticultural, livestock and poultry production, and livestock, poultry and other animals and things used for breeding, feeding, or other purposes connected with the operation of the farm, when the truck is operated in accordance with this subsection and is not used in the operations of a motor carrier, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4923.01.

- (m) "Fatality" means the death of a person as the result of a motor vehicle accident occurring not more than three hundred sixty-five days prior to the date of a death.
- (n) "Felony" means any offense under federal or state law that is punishable by death or specifically classified as a felony under the law of this State, regardless of the penalty that may be imposed.
- (o) "Foreign jurisdiction" means any jurisdiction other than a state.
- (p) "Gross vehicle weight rating" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a single or a combination vehicle. The gross vehicle weight rating of a combination vehicle is the gross vehicle weight rating of the power unit plus the gross vehicle weight rating of each towed unit.
- (q) "Hazardous materials" means any material that has been designated as hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and is required to be placarded under subpart F of 49 C.F.R. part 172 or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 C.F.R. part 73, as amended.
- (r) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, or semitrailer propelled or drawn by mechanical power used on highways, except that such term does not include a vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer or semitrailer operated exclusively on a rail.
- (s) "Out-of-service order" means a declaration by an authorized enforcement officer of a federal, state, local, Canadian or Mexican jurisdiction declaring that a driver, commercial motor vehicle or commercial motor carrier operation is out of service as defined in 49 C.F.R. 390.5.
- (t) "Public safety vehicle" has the same meaning as in divisions (E)(1) and (3) of Ohio R.C. 4511.01.
- (u) "Recreational vehicle" includes every vehicle that is defined as a recreational vehicle in Ohio R.C. 4501.01 and is used exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for profit.
- (v) "School bus" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4511.01.
- (w) "State" means a state of the United States and includes the District of Columbia.
- (x) "Tester" means a person or entity acting pursuant to a valid agreement entered into pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4506.09.
- (y) "United States" means the fifty states and the District of Columbia.
- (z) "Vehicle" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4511.01.  
(ORC 4506.01)

#### 341.02 EXEMPTIONS.

Section 341.02 has been deleted from the Codified Ordinances. Former Ohio R.C. 4506.02 from which Section 341.02 was derived was repealed by Am. Sub. H.B. No. 68, effective June 29, 2005. The exemptions are now contained in Section 341.03.

#### 341.03 PREREQUISITES TO OPERATION OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.

- (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the following shall apply:
- (1) No person shall drive a commercial motor vehicle on a highway in this Municipality unless the person holds, and has in the person's possession, any of the following:
    - A. A valid commercial driver's license with proper endorsements for the motor vehicle being driven, issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, or by another jurisdiction recognized by this State;
    - B. A valid examiner's commercial driving permit issued under Ohio R.C. 4506.13;

- C. A valid restricted commercial driver's license and waiver for farm-related service industries issued under Ohio R.C. 4506.24;
  - D. A valid commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit issued by the Registrar, provided that the person is accompanied by an authorized state driver's license examiner or tester or a person who has been issued and has in the person's immediate possession a current, valid commercial driver's license and who meets the requirements of Ohio R.C. 4506.06(B).
- (2) No person who has been a resident of this State for thirty days or longer shall drive a commercial motor vehicle under the authority of a commercial driver's license issued by another jurisdiction.

(b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section applies to any qualified person when engaged in the operation of any of the following:

- (1) A farm truck;
- (2) Fire equipment for a fire department, volunteer or nonvolunteer fire company, fire district, joint fire district or the Ohio Fire Marshal;
- (3) A public safety vehicle used to provide transportation or emergency medical service for ill or injured persons;
- (4) A recreational vehicle;
- (5) A commercial motor vehicle within the boundaries of an eligible unit of local government, if the person is employed by the eligible unit of local government and is operating the commercial motor vehicle for the purpose of removing snow or ice from a roadway by plowing, sanding, or salting, but only if either the employee who holds a commercial driver's license issued under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4506 and ordinarily operates a commercial motor vehicle for these purposes is unable to operate the vehicle, or the employing eligible unit of local government determines that a snow or ice emergency exists that requires additional assistance;
- (6) A vehicle operated for military purposes by any member or uniformed employee of the armed forces of the United States or their reserve components, including the Ohio national guard. This exception does not apply to United States reserved technicians.
- (7) A commercial motor vehicle that is operated for nonbusiness purposes. "Operated for nonbusiness purposes" means that the commercial motor vehicle is not used in commerce as "commerce" is defined in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended, and is not regulated by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 4905, 4921, or 4923.
- (8) A motor vehicle that is designed primarily for the transportation of goods and not persons, while that motor vehicle is being used for the occasional transportation of personal property by individuals not for compensation and not in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise.
- (9) A police SWAT team vehicle.
- (10) A police vehicle used to transport prisoners.

(c) Nothing contained in subsection (b)(5) of this section shall be construed as preempting or superseding any law, rule, or regulation of this State concerning the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.  
(ORC 4506.03)

**341.04 PROHIBITIONS.**

(a) No person shall do any of the following:

- (1) Drive a commercial motor vehicle while having in the person's possession or otherwise under the person's control more than one valid driver's license issued by this State, any other state or by a foreign jurisdiction;
- (2) Drive a commercial motor vehicle on a highway in this Municipality in violation of an out-of-service order, while the person's driving privilege is suspended, revoked or canceled, or while the person is subject to disqualification;
- (3) Drive a motor vehicle on a highway in this Municipality under authority of a commercial driver's license issued by another state or a foreign jurisdiction, after having been a resident of this State for thirty days or longer.
- (4) Knowingly give false information in any application or certification required by Ohio R.C. 4506.07;
- (5) Knowingly provide false statements or engage in any fraudulent act related to testing for a commercial driver's license as required in Ohio R.C. 4506.09.

(b) The Municipality shall give every conviction occurring out of this state and notice of which was received by the state Department of Public Safety after December 31, 1989, full faith and credit and treat it for sanctioning purposes under this chapter as though the conviction had occurred in this state. (ORC 4506.04(A), (B))

(c) No person shall drive any commercial motor vehicle for which an endorsement is required under Ohio R.C. 4506.12 unless the proper endorsement appears on the person's commercial driver's license or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit. No person shall drive a commercial motor vehicle in violation of a restriction established under Ohio R.C. 4506.12 that appears on the person's commercial driver's license or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit.  
(ORC 4506.12(I))

- (d)
  - (1) Whoever violates subsection (a)(1), (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
  - (2) Whoever violates subsection (a)(4) of this section is guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree. In addition, the provisions of Ohio R.C. 4507.19 apply.
  - (3) Whoever violates subsection (a)(5) of this section is guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the third degree. In addition, the provisions of Ohio R.C. 4507.19 apply. (ORC 4506.04(C))
  - (4)
    - A. Whoever violates subsection (c) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
    - B. The offenses established under subsection (c) of this section are strict liability offenses and Ohio R.C. 2901.20 does not apply. The designation of these offenses as strict liability offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense for which there is no specified degree of culpability, whether in this section or another section of this code or the Ohio Revised Code, is not a strict liability offense. (ORC 4506.12(J))

**341.05 CRIMINAL OFFENSES.**

(a) No person who holds a commercial driver's license, or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit or who operates a motor vehicle for which a commercial driver's license or permit is required shall do any of the following:

- (1) Drive a commercial motor vehicle while having a measureable or detectable amount of alcohol or of a controlled substance in the person's blood, breath or urine;
- (2) Drive a commercial motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of four-hundredths of one per cent or more by whole blood or breath;
- (3) Drive a commercial motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of forty-eight-thousandths of one per cent or more by blood serum or blood plasma;
- (4) Drive a commercial motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of fifty-six-thousandths of one per cent or more by urine;
- (5) Drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance;
- (6) Drive a motor vehicle in violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a municipal OVI ordinance as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.181;
- (7) Use a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony;
- (8) Refuse to submit to a test under Ohio R.C. 4506.17 or 4511.191;
- (9) Operate a commercial motor vehicle while the person's commercial driver's license or permit or other commercial driving privileges are revoked, suspended, canceled, or disqualified;
- (10) Cause a fatality through the negligent operation of a commercial motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, the offenses of aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular homicide, and vehicular manslaughter;
- (11) Fail to stop after an accident in violation of Sections 335.12 to 335.14;
- (12) Drive a commercial motor vehicle in violation of any provision of Ohio R.C. 4511.61 to 4511.63 or any federal or local law or ordinance pertaining to railroad-highway grade crossings;
- (13) Use a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony involving the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of a controlled substance as defined in Ohio R.C. 3719.01 or the possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispose a controlled substance.
- (14) Use a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a violation of Ohio R.C. 2905.32 or any other substantially equivalent offense established under federal law or the laws of another state.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(c) The offense established under subsection (a) of this section are strict liability offenses and Ohio R.C. 2901.20 does not apply. The designation of these offenses as strict liability offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.  
(ORC 4506.15)

**341.06 EMPLOYMENT OF DRIVERS OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.**

(a) Each employer shall require every applicant for employment as a driver of a commercial motor vehicle to provide the applicant's employment history for the ten years preceding the date the employment application is submitted to the prospective employer. The following information shall be submitted:



- (1) A list of the names and addresses of the applicant's previous employers for which the applicant was the operator of a commercial motor vehicle;
- (2) The dates the applicant was employed by these employers;
- (3) The reason for leaving each of these employers.

(b) No employer shall knowingly permit or authorize any driver employed by the employer to drive a commercial motor vehicle during any period in which any of the following apply:

- (1) The driver's commercial driver's license is suspended, revoked or canceled by any state or a foreign jurisdiction;
- (2) The driver has lost the privilege to drive, or currently is disqualified from driving, a commercial motor vehicle in any state or foreign jurisdiction;
- (3) The driver, the commercial motor vehicle the driver is driving, or the motor carrier operation is subject to an out-of-service order in any state or foreign jurisdiction;
- (4) The driver has more than one driver's license.

(c) No employer shall knowingly permit or authorize a driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle in violation of Section 341.05.

(d) No employer shall knowingly permit or authorize a driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle if the driver does not hold a valid, current commercial driver's license or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit bearing the proper class or endorsements for the vehicle. No employer shall knowingly permit or authorize a driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle in violation of the restrictions on the driver's commercial driver's license or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit.

- (e)
  - (1) Whoever violates subsection (a), (b) or (d) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
  - (2) Whoever violates subsection (c) of this section may be assessed a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars. (ORC 4506.20)



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**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 as provided in subsection (b) hereof;
- (2) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (3) Within an intersection;
- (4) Within ten feet of a fire hydrant;
- (5) On a crosswalk;
- (6) Within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- (7) Within thirty feet of, and upon the approach to, any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control device;
- (8) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the end of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by a traffic control device;
- (9) Within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- (10) 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;
- (11) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
- (12) Alongside any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
- (13) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a street, or within a street tunnel;
- (14) 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;
- (15) Within one foot of another parked vehicle;
- (16) On the roadway portion of a freeway, expressway or thruway.

(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)

351.04 PARKING NEAR CURB; HANDICAPPED LOCATIONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LOTS AND GARAGES.

(a) Every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there is an adjacent curb shall be stopped or parked with the curb side wheels of the vehicle parallel with and not more than twelve inches from the curb, unless it is impossible to approach so close to the curb; in such case the stop shall be as close to the curb as possible and only for the time necessary to discharge and receive passengers or to load or unload merchandise.

(b) (1) This subsection does not apply to streets or parts thereof where angle parking is lawfully permitted. However, no angle parking shall be permitted on a state route unless an unoccupied roadway width of not less than twenty-five feet is available for free-moving traffic.

(2) A. No angled parking space that is located on a state route within a municipal corporation is subject to elimination, irrespective of whether there is or is not at least twenty-five feet of unoccupied roadway width available for free-moving traffic at the location of that angled parking space, unless the municipal corporation approves of the elimination of the angled parking space.

B. Replacement, repainting or any other repair performed by or on behalf of the municipal corporation of the lines that indicate the angled parking space does not constitute an intent by the municipal corporation to eliminate the angled parking space.

(c) (1) A. Except as provided in subsection (c)(1)B. hereof, no vehicle shall be stopped or parked on a road or highway with the vehicle facing in a direction other than the direction of travel on that side of the road or highway.

B. The operator of a motorcycle may back the motorcycle into an angled parking space so that when the motorcycle is parked it is facing in a direction other than the direction of travel on the side of the road or highway.

(2) The operator of a motorcycle may back the motorcycle into a parking space that is located on the side of, and parallel to, a road or highway. The motorcycle may face any direction when so parked. Not more than two motorcycles at a time shall be parked in a parking space as described in subsection (c)(2) of this section irrespective of whether or not the space is metered.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code or any rule, air compressors, tractors, trucks and other equipment, while being used in the construction, reconstruction, installation, repair or removal of facilities near, on, over or under a street, may stop, stand or park where necessary in order to perform such work, provided a flagperson is on duty, or warning signs or lights are displayed as may be prescribed by the Ohio Director of Transportation.

(e) Accessible parking locations and privileges for persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk shall be provided and designated by all political subdivisions and by the state and all agencies and instrumentalities thereof at all offices and facilities where parking is provided, whether owned, rented, or leased, and at all publicly owned parking garages. The locations shall be designated through the posting of an elevated sign, whether permanently affixed or movable, imprinted with the international symbol of access and shall be reasonably close to exits, entrances, elevators, and ramps. All elevated signs posted in accordance with this division

and Ohio R.C. 3781.111(C) shall be mounted on a fixed or movable post, and the distance from the ground to the bottom edge of the sign shall measure not less than five feet. If a new sign or a replacement sign designating an accessible parking location is posted on or after October 14, 1999, there also shall be affixed upon the surface of that sign or affixed next to the designating sign a notice that states the fine applicable for the offense of parking a motor vehicle in the designated accessible parking location if the motor vehicle is not legally entitled to be parked in that location.

- (f) (1) A. No person shall stop, stand or park any motor vehicle at accessible parking locations provided under subsection (e) of this section, or at accessible clearly marked parking locations provided in or on privately owned parking lots, parking garages, or other parking areas and designated in accordance with that division, unless one of the following applies:
    - 1. The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the transport of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk and is displaying a valid removable windshield placard or accessible license plates; or
    - 2. The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the transport of a person with a disability and is displaying a parking card or accessible license plates.
  - B. Any motor vehicle that is parked in an accessible marked parking location in violation of subsections (f)(1)A.1. or (f)(1)A.2. of this section may be towed or otherwise removed from the parking location by the law enforcement agency of the municipality. A motor vehicle that is so towed or removed shall not be released to its owner until the owner presents proof of ownership of the motor vehicle and pays all towing and storage fees normally imposed by the municipality for towing and storing motor vehicles. If the motor vehicle is a leased vehicle, it shall not be released to the lessee until the lessee presents proof that the person is the lessee of the motor vehicle and pays all towing and storage fees normally imposed by the municipality for towing and storing motor vehicles.
  - C. If a person is charged with a violation of subsections (f)(1)A.1. or (f)(1)A.2. of this section, it is an affirmative defense to the charge that the person suffered an injury not more than seventy-two hours prior to the time the person was issued the ticket or citation and that, because of the injury, the person meets at least one of the criteria contained in Ohio R.C. 4503.44(A)(1).
- (2) No person shall stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle in an area that is commonly known as an access aisle, which area is marked by diagonal strips and is located immediately adjacent to an accessible parking location provided under subsection (e) of this section or at an accessible clearly marked parking location provided in or on a privately owned parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area and designated in accordance with that division.

(g) When a motor vehicle is being operated by or for the transport of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk and is displaying a removable windshield placard or accessible license plates, or when a motor vehicle is being operated by or for the transport of a person with a disability, and is displaying a parking card or accessible license plates, the motor vehicle is permitted to park for a period of two hours in excess of the legal parking period permitted by local authorities, except where local ordinances or police rules provide otherwise or where the vehicle is parked in such a manner as to be clearly a traffic hazard.

(h) No owner of an office, facility, or parking garage where accessible parking locations are required to be designated in accordance with subsection (e) of this section shall fail to properly mark the accessible parking locations in accordance with that division or fail to maintain the markings of the accessible locations, including the erection and maintenance of the fixed or movable signs.

(i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a person or organization to apply for a removable windshield placard or accessible license plates if the parking card or accessible license plates, issued to the person or organization under prior law have not expired or been surrendered or revoked.

(j) As used in this section:

- (1) “Accessible license plates” and “removable windshield placard” mean any license plates, standard removable windshield placard, permanent removable windshield placard or temporary removable windshield placard issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.41 or 4503.44, and also mean any substantially equivalent license plates or removable windshield placard issued by a state, district, country, or sovereignty.
- (2) “Person with a disability” means any person who has lost the use of one or both legs or one or both arms, who is blind, deaf, or unable to move without the aid of crutches or a wheelchair, or whose mobility is restricted by a permanent cardiovascular, pulmonary or other disabling condition.
- (3) “Person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4503.44.

(k) Penalty.

- (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) or (c) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (2) A. Whoever violates subsection (f)(1)A.1. or 2. of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in subsection (k)(2)A. and B. of this section. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (k)(2)A. of this section, an offender who violates subsection (f)(1)A.1. or 2. of this section shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). An offender who violates subsection (f)(1)A.1. or 2. of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) if the offender, prior to sentencing, proves either of the following to the satisfaction of the court:
  1. At the time of the violation of subsection (f)(1)A.1. of this section, the offender or the person for whose transport the motor vehicle was being operated had been issued a removable windshield placard that then was valid or accessible license plates that then were valid but the offender or the person neglected to display the placard or license plates as described in subsection (f)(1)A.1. of this section.
  2. At the time of the violation of subsection (f)(1)A.2. of this section, the offender or the person for whose transport the motor vehicle was being operated had been issued a parking card that then was valid or accessible license plates that then were valid but the offender or the person neglected to display the card or license plates as described in subsection (f)(1)A.2. of this section.
- B. In no case shall an offender who violates subsection (f)(1)A.1. or 2. of this section be sentenced to any term of imprisonment.

An arrest or conviction for a violation of subsection (f)(1)A.1. or 2. of this section does not constitute a criminal record and need not be reported by the person so arrested or convicted in response to any inquiries contained in any application for employment, license, or other right or privilege, or made in connection with the person's appearance as a witness.

(3) Whoever violates subsection (f)(2) of this section shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

In no case shall an offender who violates subsection (f)(2) of this section be sentenced to any term of imprisonment. An arrest or conviction for a violation of subsection (f)(2) of this section does not constitute a criminal record and need not be reported by the person so arrested or convicted in response to any inquiries contained in any application for employment, license, or other right or privilege, or made in connection with the person's appearance as a witness. (ORC 4511.69)

#### 351.05 MANNER OF ANGLE PARKING.

(a) In the three corners of Public Square, vehicles shall be parked at right angles to the curb, and the front wheels thereof shall be against the curb.

(b) Where angle parking is designated by signs or street markings, vehicles shall park at an angle of thirty degrees with the curb and in the direction in which traffic on that side of the street is moving, and the front right wheel of the vehicle shall stand against the curb.

(c) Where parking spaces are designated by painted lines, the wheels of vehicles shall not stand beyond the edge of the lines, except in cases where the width of the vehicle requires the same.

(d) Vehicles which are of such length that if parked at an angle of thirty degrees on such streets, the rear of such vehicles would be less than nine feet from the center line of the street, then such vehicles shall be parked at a lesser angle regardless of the markings on the streets, so that there shall be not less than nine feet from the rear of the vehicle to the center line of the street. (Ord. 2065. Passed 6-26-39.)

#### 351.06 SELLING, WASHING OR REPAIRING VEHICLE UPON ROADWAY.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of:

- (a) Displaying such vehicle for sale;
- (b) Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

#### 351.07 UNATTENDED VEHICLE: DUTY TO STOP ENGINE, REMOVE KEY, SET BRAKE AND TURN WHEELS.

(a) No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the ignition, effectively setting the parking brake, and, when the motor vehicle is standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.

The requirements of this section relating to the stopping of the engine, locking of the ignition and removing the key from the ignition of a motor vehicle do not apply to any of the following:

- (1) A motor vehicle that is parked on residential property;
- (2) A motor vehicle that is locked, regardless of where it is parked;
- (3) An emergency vehicle;
- (4) A public safety vehicle.



**351.08 OPENING VEHICLE DOOR ON TRAFFIC SIDE.**

No person shall open the door of a vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless and until it is reasonably safe to do so, and can be done without interfering with the movement of other traffic, nor shall any person leave a door open on the side of a vehicle available to moving traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers. (ORC 4511.70(C))

**351.09 TRUCK LOADING ZONES.**

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time other than for the expeditious unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of materials in any place marked as a truck loading zone during hours when the provisions applicable to such zones are in effect. In no case shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials exceed thirty minutes.

**351.10 BUS STOPS AND TAXICAB STANDS.**

(a) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle other than a bus in a bus stop, or other than a taxicab in a taxicab stand when any such stop or stand has been officially designated and appropriately posted, except that the driver of a passenger vehicle may temporarily stop therein for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers when such stopping does not interfere with any bus or taxicab waiting to enter or about to enter such zone, and then only for a period not to exceed three minutes, if such stopping is not prohibited therein by posted signs.

(b) The operator of a bus shall not stop, stand or park such vehicle upon any street at any place for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or their baggage other than at a bus stop so designated and posted as such, except in case of an emergency.

(c) The operator of a bus shall enter a bus stop on a public street in such a manner that the bus when stopped to load or unload passengers or baggage shall be in a position with the right front wheel of such vehicle not further than eighteen inches from the curb and the bus approximately parallel to the curb so as not to unduly impede the movement of other vehicular traffic.

(d) The operator of a taxicab shall not stand or park such vehicle upon any street at any place other than in a taxicab stand so designated and posted as such. This provision shall not prevent the operator of a taxicab from temporarily stopping in accordance with other stopping or parking provisions at any place for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers.

**351.11 PARKING IN ALLEYS AND NARROW STREETS; EXCEPTIONS.**

No person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle upon a street, other than an alley, in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic, except that a driver may stop temporarily during the actual loading or unloading of passengers or when directed to by a police officer or traffic control signal.

Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within an alley except while actually loading and unloading, and then only for a period not to exceed thirty minutes.

**351.12 PROHIBITION AGAINST PARKING ON STREETS OR HIGHWAYS.**

Upon any street or highway outside a business or residence district, no person shall stop, park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or main traveled part of the street or highway if it is practicable to stop, park or so leave such vehicle off the paved or main traveled part of such street or highway. In every event, a clear and unobstructed portion of the street or highway opposite such standing vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles, and a clear view of such stopped vehicle shall be available from a distance of 200 feet in each direction upon such street or highway.

This section does not apply to the driver of any vehicle which is disabled while on the paved or improved or main traveled portion of a street or highway in such manner and to such extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving the disabled vehicle in such position. (ORC 4511.66)

#### 351.13 NIGHT PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

No person shall park a school bus, commercial tractor, agricultural tractor, truck of more than one-half ton capacity, bus, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer or moving van on any street within the Residential Districts of the Municipality between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

#### 351.14 PARKING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON STREETS.

No operator of any vehicle, including trucks, tractor trucks, trailers or semitrailers, either single or in combination, designed to carry or pull a load of two tons or more, shall park such a vehicle upon any street or thoroughfare for a period of time longer than is necessary for the expeditious loading or unloading of merchandise, except in the case of any emergency. (Ord. 53-74. Passed 11-14-74.)

#### 351.15 NIGHT PARKING.

No person shall park a vehicle in Public Square or on either side of Broadway or High Avenue within one block of Public Square between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. (Ord. 2173. Passed 5-11-42.)

#### 351.16 PARKING OF TRAILERS AND MOTORLESS VEHICLES.

No person shall park a trailer or motorless vehicle on the streets of the City when such trailer or motorless vehicle is not attached to its motor vehicle or propulsion unit. (Ord. 2673. Passed 7-11-55.)

#### 351.17 REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FROM STREET DURING PERIODS OF EMERGENCY.

Whenever, in the opinion of the Mayor, there is an actual or threatened local emergency such as riot, fire, flood, other act of God, common disaster or act of the enemy, the Mayor may require the removal of motor vehicles parked upon the affected streets of the City. The Mayor shall inform the public of the aforementioned conditions through reasonable and usual methods of communication. If the owner or operator of the vehicle does not remove it within a reasonable time the vehicle may be removed by the Police Department. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

#### 351.18 SNOW EMERGENCY.

(a) In order to facilitate the cleaning of certain streets and to expedite the free flow of vehicular traffic, motor vehicles shall not be parked on the streets designated herein and all cul-de-sacs at such times as the United States Weather Bureau records indicate that two inches of snow has fallen and there is a prospect of a further snowfall. All cars parked prior to the time weather conditions prohibit parking must be removed by the owners or operators. Any motor vehicle parked in violation of this prohibition shall be removed at the order of the Chief of Police and shall subject the owner or operator of the fines provided herein. When such accumulation of snow exists, an emergency is declared to exist in that such accumulation of snow constitutes a serious public hazard and such emergency shall continue until an announcement by the Mayor that snow removal operations have been completed.

(b) It is the responsibility of the owners or operators of motor vehicles to ascertain whether weather conditions require the removal of their motor vehicles from the streets designated and to remove all cars parked in violation of the provisions set forth in this section. While the City will make every effort to inform the public of the existence of weather conditions requiring the removal of parked automobiles from the street designated herein, the owners and operators of motor vehicles parked in these areas have full responsibility to determine existing weather conditions and to remove parked automobiles if the weather conditions are such as require their removal under the terms of this section.

(c) After the United States Weather Bureau records indicate that two inches of snow has fallen and there is a prospect of further snowfall, the Chief of Police shall order the removal of all vehicles parked on the streets designated herein and all cul-de-sacs which have not been removed by the owners or operators. Any motor vehicle parked in violation of this prohibition is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and may be removed from the streets and impounded at such place as may be directed by the Director of Public Safety at the cost and expense of the owner or operator thereof.

(d) The Mayor shall use all available means of disseminating information as to the existence of weather conditions requiring removal of parked motor vehicles from the areas designated. Such notice shall be disseminated through the radio, newspaper and all other available media to the extent feasible. The dissemination of this information, however, shall not relieve owners or operators of motor vehicles from the responsibility of ascertaining the existence of weather conditions requiring the removal of parked motor vehicles from the areas designated.

(e) The streets where parking is prohibited after two inches of snow has fallen and there is a prospect of further snowfall, are as follows:

- North and South Broadway, both sides;
- East and West High Avenue, both sides;
- Fourth Street NW from its intersection with West High Avenue, both sides;
- Third Street NW from its intersection with West High Avenue;
- Tuscarawas Avenue, both sides;
- Front Avenue, both sides;
- Fair Avenue from its intersection with Beaver Avenue to its intersection with Tuscarawas Avenue, both sides;
- Ray Avenue from its intersection with Beaver Avenue to its intersection with Tuscarawas Avenue, both sides;
- Beaver Avenue, both sides;
- Wabash to Tuscarawas Avenue;
- Union Avenue from Avenue to the corporation limits;
- All Cul-de-sacs

(f) In addition to the cost incurred for the removal of an illegally parked vehicle, any person violating any provision of this section shall be subject to the penalty provided under Section 303.99(a). (Ord. 100-2002. Passed 1-27-03.)

#### 351.19 CITY HALL AND SAFETY FORCES RESERVED PARKING.

No person shall park a vehicle for any purpose or any length of time in the municipally owned parking lot located at the rear or side of the Municipal Building, Fire Department, Police Department, or the City Hall Employee Parking Lot located at the southeast corner of First Drive SE and Allen Lane SE in the City, except in those spaces clearly marked "Visitors" unless that vehicle displays a current City of New Philadelphia City Hall Reserved Parking sticker or a City of New Philadelphia Safety Forces Reserved Parking sticker. (Ord. 28-82. Passed 4-26-82.)

**351.20 PARKING ON POSTED PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

If an owner of private property posts on the property in a conspicuous manner, prohibition against parking on the property or conditions and regulations under which parking is permitted, no person shall do either of the following:

- (a) Park a vehicle on the property without the owner's consent;
- (b) Park a vehicle on the property in violation of any condition or regulation posted by the owner. (ORC 4511.681)

**351.99 PENALTY.**

(a) Any person charged with parking in violation of any provision of this Traffic Code, unless a specific penalty is otherwise provided, may pay a fine of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each offense by appearing at the Police Station within twenty-four hours of the time appearing on the parking citation issued. After the twenty-four hour period expires, the fine will become thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each offense.

(b) Any person charged with parking in violation of New Philadelphia Ordinance 351.04 (e) shall be fine the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Any vehicle found in violation of Section 351.04 (e) may be towed by the New Philadelphia City Police Department.

(c) Such payment shall be deemed a plea a guilty, waiver of court appearance and acknowledgment of conviction of the alleged offense and may be accepted in full satisfaction of the prescribed penalty for such violation.

(d) Payment of the prescribed fine need not be accepted when laws specify that a certain number of such offenses shall require a Court appearance.  
(Ord. 35-2001. Passed 8-13-01.)

**CHAPTER 353**  
**Parking Meters**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This chapter regulates only those parking meter areas not covered by the regulations set forth in Chapter 355, Parking in Central Business District.

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Regulation of Municipal parking lots - see TRAF. 305.03  
Moving vehicle of another to cause violation - see TRAF. 331.41  
Prohibited standing or parking places - see TRAF. 351.03

**353.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Parking meter" means any mechanical device or meter not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, placed or erected for the regulation of parking by authority of this chapter. Each parking meter installed shall indicate by proper legend the legal parking time established by the Municipality and when operated shall at all times indicate the balance of legal parking time, and at the expiration of such period shall indicate illegal or overtime parking.
- (b) "Parking meter space" means any space within a parking meter zone, adjacent to a parking meter which is duly designated for the parking of a single vehicle by a line painted or otherwise durably marked on the curb or on the surface of the street adjacent to or adjoining the parking meter.
- (c) "Parking meter zone" means any part of a street upon which parking meters are installed and in operation. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**353.02 PARKING METER ZONES DESIGNATED.**

The streets or portions of streets or areas designated as parking meter zones on the Traffic Control Map and File in conformity with Chapter 305 shall constitute the parking meter zones of the Municipality. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**353.03 MARKING OF PARKING SPACES; ILLEGAL PARKING.**

The Director of Public Safety is directed and authorized to cause to be marked off individual parking spaces in the parking meter zone, the parking spaces to be designated by lines painted or durably marked on the curbing or surface of the street. At a space so marked off no person shall park any vehicle in such a way that the vehicle will not be entirely within the limits of the space so designated, except as herein otherwise provided. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

#### 353.04 INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS.

In a parking meter zone, the Director of Public Safety shall cause parking meters to be installed upon the curb or sidewalk immediately adjacent to the parking meter spaces, and the Chief of Police shall be responsible for the regulation, control, operation, maintenance and use of such parking meters. Each parking meter shall be so set as to display a signal showing legal parking upon the deposit of the appropriate coin or coins, lawful money of the United States of America, for the period of time prescribed by the provisions of this chapter. Each parking meter shall be so arranged that, upon the expiration of the lawful time limit, it indicates by a proper visible signal that the lawful parking period has expired and in such cases the right of such vehicle to occupy such space shall cease and the operator or owner thereof shall be subject to the penalty provided.

(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

#### 353.05 DEPOSITING OF COINS; EMERGENCIES.

When any vehicle is parked in any parking meter space, the operator of the vehicle shall, upon entering the space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited in the meter such proper coin of the United States as may be required for the parking meter and as specified by directions on the meter. Failure to deposit the proper coin or coins shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this chapter. Upon the deposit of such coin, the parking space may be lawfully occupied by the vehicle during the maximum period of time which has been prescribed for the particular meter space, provided that any person placing a vehicle in a parking meter space adjacent to a meter which indicates that unused time has been left in the meter by the previous occupant of the space, is not required to deposit a coin so long as his occupancy of the space does not exceed the indicated unused parking time. If the vehicle remains parked in any parking meter space beyond the maximum parking time limit paid for, as is designated by directions on the meter, and if the meter indicates illegal or overtime parking, such vehicle shall be considered as parking overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time, and such parking shall be deemed a violation of this chapter.

In case of an emergency determined by an officer of the Fire or Police Departments, the privilege of parking in any parking meter space may be withdrawn and the operator of any vehicle shall comply with the orders and directions of such officer or shall comply with any traffic control sign or signal placed on the street or curb indicating that parking is temporarily prohibited; parking in such a prohibited area shall be deemed a violation of this chapter.

(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

#### 353.06 HOURS AND DAYS OF METER PARKING.

In a parking meter zone, all parking is prohibited between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays, unless the owner or operator of a vehicle parked in a parking meter space shall, upon enter the space, deposit coins in the parking meter as specified in Section 353.05. Provisions for the use of parking meters do not apply to parking on Sundays, and on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days.

During the times when the parking meters are not in operation under the provisions of this section, vehicles may be parked in parking meter spaces without the deposit of any coin in parking meters unless such parking would be in violation of any other provision of this Traffic Code.

(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**353.07 VIOLATIONS.**

No person shall:

- (a) Cause, allow or permit any vehicle registered in the name of such person or operated by such person to be parked overtime in any parking meter zone.
- (b) Permit any vehicle, registered in the name of or operated by such person, to remain in any parking space adjacent to any parking meter while the meter is displaying a signal indicating that the vehicle occupying such parking space has already been parked beyond the period prescribed for such parking space.
- (c) Cause, allow or permit any vehicle registered in the name of such person or operated by such person to be parked across any line or marking of a parking meter space or in such position that the vehicle is not entirely within the area designated by such lines or markings, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**353.08 PURPOSE OF FUNDS.**

The coins deposited in parking meters shall be used for purchasing, and defraying the expenses of the operation and maintenance of the parking meters, and the proper regulations of traffic on public streets, providing street markings, traffic signs and the control devices and maintaining the same, and for similar purposes. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**353.09 WAIVER.**

(a) The owner or operator of a vehicle who has been ticketed for an expired meter may within twenty-four hours of the time of such offense, appear at the New Philadelphia Police Department and pay the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for full satisfaction of such violation. If not paid within twenty-four hours of the time of such offense the fine will be twenty dollars (\$20.00). (Ord. 25-2018. Passed 2-25-19.)

(b) After the passage of twenty-four hours from the time of such violation a person may appear and pay at the Police Department the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00).

(c) The owner or operator of a vehicle who remains in a two hour parking meter area in excess of three hours shall pay a fine of one dollar (\$1.00) for each succeeding hour or portion thereof for the balance of the parking hours for the day of violation. Such violator shall be issued a parking ticket at the end of the three hour period and each succeeding hour or portion thereof for the balance of the parking hours for the day of violation at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour, not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00).

(d) The owner or operator of a vehicle who remains in an express meter (thirty minute) parking area in excess of three hours shall pay a fine of one dollars (\$1.00) for each succeeding hour or portion thereof for the balance of the parking hours for the day of violation. Such violator shall be issued a parking ticket at the end of the three hour period and each succeeding hour or portion thereof for the balance of the parking hours for the day of violation at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour, not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00).

(e) The failure of the owner or operator to make a payment as specified herein shall render such owner or operator subject to the penalty provided in Section 303.99. (Ord. 64-97. Passed 12-22-97.)

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353.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 303.99 for misdemeanor classifications and penalties.)



**CHAPTER 355**  
**Parking in Central Business District**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**  
 Parking generally - see TRAF. Ch. 351

**355.01 REMOVAL OF PARKING METERS.**

The Director of Public Safety is hereby directed to remove all parking meters from the following sections of the Central Business District.

- (a) West from the Public Square on West High Avenue to Third Street;
  - (b) East from the Public Square on East High Avenue to Second Street;
  - (c) North from the Public Square on North Broadway to Fair Avenue; and
  - (d) South from the Public Square on South Broadway to Front Street.
- (Ord. 56-92. Passed 10-12-92.)

**355.02 ANGLE PARKING.**

(a) The Director of Public Safety is hereby directed to install angle parking in all of the above designated areas with the exception of the east side of North Broadway, where parallel parking will be retained. On the west side of North Broadway, the line outlining the parking spaces on the pavement will be painted at a 37 degree angle from the curb and will be at least eight feet in width.

(b) In all other angle parking areas, the line outlining the parking spaces on the pavement will be painted at a 45 degree angle from the curb and will be at least eight feet in width. The parallel parking spaces on the east side of North Broadway will be marked off as double nineteen foot spaces with a six foot area in between. This area will be marked with an "X" and no parking will be permitted in this space so delineated. Each parking space in this five block area listed in Section 1 above will be numbered on the curb.

(Ord. 56-92. Passed 10-12-92.)

**355.03 METERED PARKING.**

(a) All other areas now controlled by parking meters within the Central Business District will continue to be so controlled and will continue to be parallel parking spaces. The Director of Public Safety is hereby directed to install two hour meter hands uniformly in all of these locations.

(b) The Public Parking lot owned by the City on South Broadway and any other cooperative metered parking lots still under the jurisdiction of the City will also be metered by two (2) hour meter heads.

(Ord. 56-92. Passed 10-12-92.)

**355.04 PARKING CONTROL OFFICER.**

The "Parking Control Officer" shall have the authority to enforce parking restrictions in all metered and nonmetered areas within the Central Business District as defined by the Zoning Regulations of the City and in such other areas as may be assigned to that office by the Director of Public Safety.

(Ord. 56-92. Passed 10-12-92.)

**355.05 CHALKING TIRES TO CONTROL PARKING.**

In the nonmetered five block section outlined in Section 355.01, parking will be controlled by chalking the right front tire of the vehicle with the chalk mark extending from the tire onto the pavement area.

(a) Vehicles parked in these areas will be permitted two hours of free parking.

(b) The time count will start at the moment the right front tire is chalked by the Parking Control Officer. Any effort to erase the chalk mark will be an additional violation and a fine of five dollars (\$5.00) will be assigned by the Parking Control Officer.

(c) If the vehicle is still parked at the same location at least two hours after the right front tire is chalked, the Parking Control Officer shall issue a citation showing the date, time of the issuance of the citation and the parking space number and section in which it is located. (Ord. 56-92. Passed 10-12-92.)

(d) When a violation occurs, the driver or owner shall pay a fine of five dollars (\$5.00) at the Police Station within one hour from the time the citation was issued. If the driver or owner does not appear within the one hour period allotted, the fine will become ten dollars (\$10.00). If the driver and/or owner does not appear at the Police Station within twenty-four hours, an additional ten dollars (\$10.00) will be added to the fine. A maximum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be charged for any single violation, except in instances where tampering with the chalk mark has occurred when the maximum fine for each violation will become twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

- (e) Any vehicle which is parked in the same section but at a different space for the two hour period will be considered to have been parked at the same space for the purpose of issuing a citation. When a violation of this section occurs the fine shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00).  
(Ord. 51-97. Passed 11-10-97.)
- (f) Violations of the parking privileges, as outlined for meters in Section 355.03, will be fined the same as the violators of the nonmetered sections as described in subsection (d) hereof.
- (g) If, for any reason considered as being valid by the Chief of Police, the owner or driver of a vehicle must leave a vehicle parked in a certain space or section for longer than the allotted time, that owner or driver may request a parking permit from the Chief of Police, Police Officer in charge, or the Parking Control Officer for a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for each two hours the vehicle must remain parked. This must be done before the vehicle is parked, and the permit must be prominently displayed in the front window of the parked vehicle.
- (h) Any owner or driver who must park in a space for more than the allotted time for official government business other than being a witness in a trial or legal proceeding or being a participant in a legal proceeding in any Court located within the Central Business District as outlined by the Zoning Regulations of the City, may obtain a permit from the Chief of Police, the Police Officer in charge or the Parking Control Officer, free of charge for a period of twenty-four hours, providing it does not infringe on any other parking restrictions in force.  
(Ord. 56-92. Passed 10-12-92.)
- (i) Parking spaces will be rented out at the City-owned parking lot on South Broadway for reserved parking at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per month. Persons holding these permits may park at any meter on the lot. The Parking Permit issued must be prominently displayed in the front window of the vehicle. If it is not so displayed, the owner of the vehicle may be found in violation.  
(Ord. 13-2018. Passed 8-13-18.)

#### 355.06 FUNDS.

All funds from parking violations of controlled parking spaces in the Central Business District shall be used to defray the costs of providing parking control in the Central Business District, including necessary signs, materials and supplies needed in the enforcement of the parking laws and the salary and fringe benefits of the full-time Parking Control Officer.  
(Ord. 56-92. Passed 10-12-92.)

#### 355.07 HOURS.

Hours for controlled parking on dedicated City streets and City-owned or controlled parking lots in the Central Business District are established as being from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- (a) Parking on dedicated City streets and City-owned or controlled parking lots in the Central Business District will be free after 4:30 p.m. daily, on Saturday and Sunday and on all holidays observed by the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.  
(Ord. 56-92. Passed 10-12-92.)

**355.08 DESIGNATION ON TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP.**

The streets or portion of streets and parking lot areas designated as controlled parking zones will be so marked on the Traffic Control Map and filed in conformity with Chapter 305 of the Codified Ordinances.

(Ord. 56-92. Passed 10-12-92.)

**355.09 PROHIBITIONS.**

No person shall:

- (a) Cause, allow or permit any vehicle registered in the name of such person or operated by such person to be parked overtime in any controlled parking space.
- (b) Permit any vehicle, registered in the name of or operated by such person to be parked across any line or marking of a controlled parking space or in such a position that the vehicle is not entirely within the area designated by such lines or markings.
- (c) Park any vehicle so that the front wheels are not against the curb in any angle parking space or more than twelve inches from the curb in any parallel parking space unless the parking spaces are completely outlined. In such case, the vehicle must be parked so that it is completely within the lines so marked.

(Ord. 56-92. Passed 10-12-92.)

**355.10 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Central Business District" means that section of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, as outlined in Ordinance Number 4-87, passed March 23, 1987, as the Central Business District.
- (b) "Controlled Parking Space" means a parking space in the Central Business District which is numbered consecutively for the purpose of employing parking control.
- (c) "Parking Control Officer" means that person in the Police Department designated as the person who will implement control over parking in the Central Business District.
- (d) "Traffic Control Map" means that map outlined in Section 305.04 of the Codified Ordinances.
- (e) "Angle Parking" means parking permitted on certain streets in the Central Business District with lines painted outlining a space which is at a 37 or 45 degree angle from the curb.
- (f) "Parallel parking" means parking permitted in the Central Business District and its fringe areas in which lines are painted outlining an area parallel to the curb.
- (g) "Cooperative Parking Lots" means those parking lots which are not owned by the City but which control for policing has been given to the City and where fees paid for parking privileges are shared between the City and the owner of the lot.
- (h) "Parking permit" means that printed card for which a vehicle owner pays a specified sum for the parking privileges on a given lot or controlled parking area.
- (i) "Parking violation ticket" means a ticket which contains the date, time and number of parking space and section in which a vehicle is said to have been parked illegally.

- (j) "Uniformed Officer in Charge" means the uniformed police officer who is in charge of the shift or who holds the authority as Senior Officer Present in the absence of the Police Chief.
- (k) "Section" is a half-block area from the main thoroughfare to the lane or drive bisecting the block.  
(Ord. 56-92. Passed 10-12-92.)



## TITLE NINE - Pedestrians, Bicycles and Motorcycles

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CHAPTER 371  
Pedestrians

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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Pedestrian defined - see TRAF. 301.22

Pedestrian prohibited on freeways - see TRAF. 303.06

Obedience to traffic control devices - see TRAF. 313.01, 313.03

Pedestrian control signals - see TRAF. 313.05

## 371.01 RIGHT OF WAY IN CROSSWALK.

(a) When traffic control signals are not in place, not in operation or are not clearly assigning the right of way, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield or if required by Section 313.09, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

(b) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(c) Subsection (a) hereof does not apply under the conditions stated in Section 371.03(b).

(d) Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

(e) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.46)

#### 371.02 RIGHT OF WAY OF BLIND PERSON.

(a) As used in this section "blind person" or "blind pedestrian" means a person having not more than 20/200 visual acuity in the better eye with correcting lenses or visual acuity greater than 20/200 but with a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees.

The driver of every vehicle shall yield the right of way to every blind pedestrian guided by a guide dog, or carrying a cane which is predominately white or metallic in color, with or without a red tip.

(b) No person, other than a blind person, while on any public highway, street, alley or other public thoroughfare shall carry a white metallic cane, with or without a red tip.

(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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.47)

#### 371.03 CROSSING ROADWAY OUTSIDE CROSSWALK; DIAGONAL CROSSINGS AT INTERSECTIONS.

(a) Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(b) Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right of way to all traffic upon the roadway.

(c) Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

(d) No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic control devices; and, when authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.



(e) This section does not relieve the operator of a vehicle from exercising due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway. (ORC 4511.48)

(f) A pedestrian and/or any person operating a non-motorized form of transportation such as bicycle, skateboard, skates, and similar items is prohibited from crossing at any place except in a marked crosswalk within any school zone one-half hour before school starts through one-half hour after school ends on school days. Violation of this section shall be a minor misdemeanor. (Ord. 96-2002. Passed 1-27-03.)

(g) 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 4511.48)

#### 371.04 MOVING UPON RIGHT HALF OF CROSSWALK.

(a) Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of crosswalks.

(b) 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 4511.49)

#### 371.05 WALKING ALONG HIGHWAYS.

(a) Where a sidewalk is provided and its use is practicable, no pedestrian shall walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.

(b) Where a sidewalk is not available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on a shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.

(c) Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway, and, if on a two-way roadway, shall walk only on the left side of the roadway.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in Section 313.03 and 371.01, any pedestrian upon a roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(e) 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 4511.50)

371.06 USE OF HIGHWAY FOR SOLICITING; RIDING ON OUTSIDE OF VEHICLES.

(a) No person while on a roadway outside a safety zone shall solicit a ride from the driver of any vehicle.

- (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b)(2) hereof, no person shall stand on a highway for the purpose of soliciting employment, business or contributions from the occupant of any vehicle.
- (2) Council, by ordinance, may authorize the issuance of a permit to a charitable organization to allow a person acting on behalf of the organization to solicit charitable contributions from the occupant of a vehicle by standing on a highway, other than a freeway, as provided in Ohio R.C. 4511.051(A), that is under the jurisdiction of the Municipality. The permit shall be valid for only one period or time, which shall be specified in the permit, in any calendar year. Council also may specify the locations where contributions may be solicited and may impose any other restrictions on or requirements regarding the manner in which the solicitations are to be conducted that Council considers advisable.
- (3) As used herein, "charitable organization" means an organization that has received from the Internal Revenue Service a currently valid ruling or determination letter recognizing the tax-exempt status of the organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code."

(c) No person shall hang onto, or ride on the outside of any motor vehicle while it is moving upon a roadway, except mechanics or test engineers making repairs or adjustments, or workers performing specialized highway or street maintenance or construction under authority of a public agency.

(d) No operator shall knowingly permit any person to hang onto, or ride on the outside of, any motor vehicle while it is moving upon a roadway, except mechanics or test engineers making repairs or adjustments, or workers performing specialized highway or street maintenance or construction under authority of a public agency.

(e) No driver of a truck, trailer or semitrailer shall knowingly permit any person who has not attained the age of sixteen years to ride in the unenclosed or unroofed cargo storage area of the driver's vehicle if the vehicle is traveling faster than twenty-five miles per hour, unless either of the following applies:

- (1) The cargo storage area of the vehicle is equipped with a properly secured seat to which is attached a seat safety belt that is in compliance with federal standards for an occupant restraining device as defined in Ohio R.C. 4513.263(A)(2), the seat and seat safety belt were installed at the time the vehicle was originally assembled and the person riding in the cargo storage area is in the seat and is wearing the seat safety belt;
- (2) An emergency exists that threatens the life of the driver or the person being transported in the cargo storage area of the truck, trailer or semitrailer.

(f) No driver of a truck, trailer or semitrailer shall permit any person, except for those workers performing specialized highway or street maintenance or construction under authority of a public agency to ride in the cargo storage area or on a tailgate of the driver's vehicle while the tailgate is unlatched.

- (g) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates any provision of subsections (a) to (d) of 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 any provision of subsections (a) to (d) of 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 any provision of subsections (a) to (d) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (e) or (f) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4511.51)

#### 371.07 RIGHT OF WAY ON SIDEWALK.

- (a) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian on a sidewalk.
- (b) 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.  
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.441)

#### 371.08 YIELDING TO PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE.

- (a) Upon the immediate approach of a public safety vehicle as stated in Section 331.21, every pedestrian shall yield the right of way to the public safety vehicle.
- (b) This section shall not relieve the driver of a public safety vehicle from the duty to exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian.
- (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 4511.452)

#### 371.09 WALKING ON HIGHWAY WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE.

- (a) A pedestrian who is under the influence of alcohol, any drug of abuse, or any combination of them, to a degree that renders the pedestrian a hazard shall not walk or be upon a highway.
- (b) 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 4511.481)

**371.10 ON BRIDGES OR RAILROAD CROSSINGS.**

(a) No pedestrian shall enter or remain upon any bridge or approach thereto beyond the bridge signal, gate or barrier after a bridge operation signal indication has been given.

(b) No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while the gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

(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 4511.511)

**371.11 PERSONS OPERATING MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS.**

(a) Every person operating a motorized wheelchair shall have all of the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian that are contained in this Traffic Code, except those provisions which by their nature can have no application. (ORC 4511.491)

(b) 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 4511.99)

**371.12 ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES.**

- (a) (1) Electric personal assistive mobility devices may be operated on the public streets, highways, sidewalks, and paths and portions of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles in accordance with this section.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, those sections of this Traffic Code that by their nature are applicable to an electric personal assistive mobility device apply to the device and the person operating it whenever it is operated upon any public street, highway, sidewalk, or path or upon any portion of a roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(b) No operator of an electric personal assistive mobility device shall do any of the following:

- (1) Fail to yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and human-powered vehicles at all times;
- (2) Fail to give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian;
- (3) Operate the device at night unless the device or its operator is equipped with or wearing both of the following:
  - A. A lamp pointing to the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet;

B. A red reflector facing the rear that is visible from all distances from one hundred feet to six hundred feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

- (4) Operate the device on any portion of a street or highway that has an established speed limit of fifty-five miles per hour or more;
- (5) Operate the device upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of pedestrians or other specialized use when an appropriate sign giving notice of the specialized use is posted on the path;
- (6) If under eighteen years of age, operate the device unless wearing a protective helmet on the person's head with the chin strap properly fastened;
- (7) If under sixteen years of age, operate the device unless, during the operation, the person is under the direct visual and audible supervision of another person who is eighteen years of age or older and is responsible for the immediate care of the person under sixteen years of age.

(c) No person who is under fourteen years of age shall operate an electric personal assistive mobility device.

(d) No person shall distribute or sell an electric personal assistive mobility device unless the device is accompanied by a written statement that is substantially equivalent to the following: "WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY, USE ONLY WHILE WEARING FULL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT - HELMET, WRIST GUARDS, ELBOW PADS, AND KNEE PADS". (ORC 4511.512)

(e) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per hour. (ORC 4501.01)

(f) Whoever violates subsection (b) or (c) hereof is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be punished as follows:

- (1) The offender shall be fined ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (2) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B) or (C) of Ohio R.C. 4511.512 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance, the court, in addition to imposing the fine required under subsection (f)(1) hereof, shall do one of the following:
  - A. Order the impoundment for not less than one day but not more than thirty days of the electric personal assistive mobility device that was involved in the current violation of that section. The court shall order the device to be impounded at a safe indoor location designated by the court and may assess storage fees of not more than five dollars (\$5.00) per day, provided the total storage, processing, and release fees assessed against the offender or the device in connection with the device's impoundment or subsequent release shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

- B. If the court does not issue an impoundment order pursuant to subsection (f)(2)A. hereof, issue an order prohibiting the offender from operating any electric personal assistive mobility device on the public streets, highways, sidewalks, and paths and portions of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles for not less than one day but not more than thirty days.

(g) Whoever violates subsection (d) hereof is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4511.512)

### 371.13 OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICE ON SIDEWALKS AND CROSSWALKS.

- (a) As used in this section:
  - (1) “Eligible entity” means a corporation, partnership, association, firm, sole proprietorship, or other entity engaged in business.
  - (2) “Personal delivery device” means an electrically powered device to which all of the following apply:
    - A. The device is intended primarily to transport property and cargo on sidewalks and crosswalks.
    - B. The device weighs less than 250 pounds excluding any property or cargo being carried in the device.
    - C. The device has a maximum speed of ten miles per hour.
    - D. The device is equipped with technology that enables the operation of the device with active control or monitoring by a person, without active control or monitoring by a person, or both with or without active control or monitoring by a person.
  - (3) “Personal delivery device operator” means an agent of an eligible entity who exercises direct physical control over, or monitoring of, the navigation and operation of a personal delivery device. The phrase does not include, with respect to a delivery or other service rendered by a personal delivery device, the person who requests the delivery or service. The phrase also does not include a person who only arranges for and dispatches a personal delivery device for a delivery or other service.
- (b) An eligible entity may operate a personal delivery device on sidewalks and crosswalks so long as all of the following requirements are met:
  - (1) The personal delivery device is operated in accordance with all regulations, if any, established by each local authority within which the personal delivery device is operated.
  - (2) A personal delivery device operator is actively controlling or monitoring the navigation and operation of the personal delivery device.
  - (3) The eligible entity maintains an insurance policy that includes general liability coverage of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for damages arising from the operation of the personal delivery device by the eligible entity and any agent of the eligible entity.
  - (4) The device is equipped with all of the following:
    - A. A marker that clearly identifies the name and contact information of the eligible entity operating the personal delivery device and a unique identification number;
    - B. A braking system that enables the personal delivery device to come to a controlled stop;

- C. If the personal delivery device is being operated between sunset and sunrise, a light on both the front and rear of the personal delivery device that is visible in clear weather from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and rear of the personal delivery device when directly in front of low beams of headlights on a motor vehicle.
- (c) No personal delivery device operator shall allow a personal delivery device to do any of the following:
- (1) Fail to comply with traffic or pedestrian control devices and signals;
  - (2) Unreasonably interfere with pedestrians or traffic;
  - (3) Transport any hazardous material that would require a permit issued by the Public Utilities Commission;
  - (4) Operate on a street or highway, except when crossing the street or highway within a crosswalk.
- (d) A personal delivery device has all of the rights and obligations applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances, except that a personal delivery device shall yield the right-of-way to human pedestrians on sidewalks and crosswalks.
- (e) (1) No person shall operate a personal delivery device unless the person is authorized to do so under this section and complies with the requirements of this section.
- (2) An eligible entity is responsible for both of the following:
- A. Any violation of this section that is committed by a personal delivery device operator; and
  - B. Any other circumstance, including a technological malfunction, in which a personal delivery device operates in a manner prohibited by divisions (c)(1) to (c)(4) of this section.
- (ORC 4511.513)

#### 371.14 LOW-SPEED MICROMOBILITY DEVICES.

- (a) (1) A low-speed micromobility device may be operated on the public streets, highways, sidewalks, and shared-use paths, and may be operated on any portions of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles in accordance with this section.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, those sections of this title that by their nature could apply to a low-speed micromobility device do apply to the device and the person operating it whenever it is operated upon any public street, highway, sidewalk, or shared-use path, or upon any portion of a roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
- (b) No operator of a low-speed micromobility device shall do any of the following:
- (1) Fail to yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians at all times;
  - (2) Fail to give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian;
  - (3) Operate the device at night unless the device or its operator is equipped with or wearing both of the following:
    - A. A lamp pointing to the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of not less than 500 feet;
    - B. A red reflector facing the rear that is visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

- (c)
  - (1) No person who is under sixteen years of age shall rent a low-speed micromobility device.
  - (2) No person shall knowingly rent a low-speed micromobility device to a person who is under sixteen years of age.
  - (3) No person shall knowingly rent a low-speed micromobility device on behalf of a person who is under sixteen years of age.
- (d) No person shall operate a low-speed micromobility device at a speed greater than twenty miles per hour.
- (e)
  - (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
  - (2) Unless a mens rea is otherwise specified in this section, an offense established under this section is a strict liability offense and Ohio R.C. 2901.20 does not apply. The designation of that offense as a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.
- (f) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1) of this section, the municipality, may do any of the following:
  - (1) Regulate or prohibit the operation of low-speed micromobility devices on public streets, highways, sidewalks, and shared-use paths, and portions of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, under its jurisdiction;
  - (2) Include low-speed micromobility devices that are adapted to expand access for people with various physical limitations into a shared bicycle, shared electric bicycle, or similar vehicle sharing program, under its jurisdiction;
  - (3) Require the owner or operator of a low-speed micromobility device rental service or low-speed micromobility device sharing program to maintain commercial general liability insurance related to the operation of the devices, with limits of up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per aggregate.  
(ORC 4511.514)



**CHAPTER 373**  
**Bicycles and Motorcycles**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Motorcycle protective equipment - see OAC Ch. 4501-17  
 Motorized bicycle equipment - see OAC Ch. 4501-23  
 Bicycle defined - see TRAF. 301.04  
 Motorcycle defined - see TRAF. 301.19  
 Bicycles prohibited on freeways - see TRAF. 303.06  
 Hand and arm signals - see TRAF. 331.15  
 Motorcycle operator's license required - see TRAF. 335.01(a)  
 Motorcycle headlight - see TRAF. 337.03  
 Motorcycle brakes - see TRAF. 337.18(b)

**373.01 CODE APPLICATION TO BICYCLES.**

(a) The provisions of this Traffic Code that are applicable to bicycles and electric bicycles apply whenever a bicycle or electric bicycle is operated upon any street or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a bicycle operator or electric bicycle operator who violates any section of this Traffic Code described in subsection (a) of this section that is applicable to bicycles or electric bicycles may be issued a ticket, citation or summons by a law enforcement officer for the violation in the same manner as the operator of a motor vehicle would be cited for the same violation. A person who commits any such violation while operating a bicycle or electric bicycle shall not have any points assessed against the person's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or probationary license under Ohio R.C. 4510.036.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, in the case of a violation of any section of this Traffic Code described in subsection (a) of this section by a bicycle operator, electric bicycle operator, or motor vehicle operator when the trier of fact finds that the violation by the motor vehicle operator endangered the lives of bicycle riders or electric bicycle riders at the time of the violation, the court, notwithstanding any provision of this Traffic Code to the contrary, may require the bicycle operator, electric bicycle operator or motor vehicle operator to take and successfully complete a bicycling skills course approved by the court in addition to or in lieu of any penalty otherwise prescribed by the Traffic Code for that violation.

(d) Subsections (b) and (c) of this section do not apply to violations of Section 333.01 of this Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.52)

(e) The provisions of this Traffic Code shall apply to bicycles and electric bicycles except those which by their nature are not applicable.

### 373.02 RIDING UPON SEATS; HANDLEBARS; HELMETS AND GLASSES.

(a) For purposes of this section "snowmobile" has the same meaning as given that term in Ohio R.C 4519.01.

(b) No person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle shall ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, or carry any other person upon such bicycle or electric bicycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon, and no person shall ride upon a bicycle or electric bicycle other than upon such a firmly attached and regular seat.

(c) No person operating a motorcycle shall ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat or saddle attached thereto, or carry any other person upon such motorcycle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat or saddle thereon, and no person shall ride upon a motorcycle other than upon such a firmly attached and regular seat or saddle.

(d) No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped with a saddle other than while sitting astride the saddle, facing forward, with one leg on each side of the motorcycle.

(e) No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped with a seat other than while sitting upon the seat.

(f) No person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article that prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

(g) No bicycle, electric bicycle, or motorcycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. No motorcycle shall be operated on a highway when the handlebars rise higher than the shoulders of the operator when the operator is seated in the operator's seat or saddle.

- (h) (1) Except as provided in subsection (h)(2) of this section, no person shall operate or be a passenger on a snowmobile or motorcycle without using safety glasses or other protective eye device. Except as provided in subsection (i)(3) of this section, no person who is under the age of eighteen years, or who holds a motorcycle operator's endorsement or license bearing "novice" designation that is currently in effect as provided in Ohio R.C. 4507.13, shall operate a motorcycle on a highway, or be a passenger on a motorcycle, unless wearing a United States Department of Transportation-approved protective helmet on the person's head, and no other person shall be a passenger on a motorcycle operated by such a person unless similarly wearing a protective helmet. The helmet, safety glasses or other protective eye device shall conform with rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety. The provisions of this subsection or a violation thereof shall not be used in the trial of any civil action.
- (2) Subsection (h)(1) of this section does not apply to a person operating an auticycle or cab-enclosed motorcycle when the occupant compartment top is in place enclosing the occupants.
- (i) (1) No person shall operate a motorcycle with a valid temporary permit and temporary instruction permit identification card issued by the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4507.05 unless the person, at the time of such operation, is wearing on the person's head a protective helmet that has been approved by the United States Department of Transportation that conforms with rules adopted by the Director.
- (2) No person shall operate a motorcycle with a valid temporary instruction permit and temporary instruction permit identification card issued by the Registrar pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4507.05 in any of the following circumstances:
- A. At any time when lighted lights are required by Section 337.02(a)(1);
- B. While carrying a passenger;
- C. On any limited access highway or heavily congested roadway.
- (3) Subsections (i)(1) and (i)(2)A. of this section do not apply to a person who operates or is a passenger in an auticycle or cab-enclosed motorcycle when the occupant compartment top is in place enclosing the occupants.
- (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the carrying of a child in a seat or trailer that is designed for carrying children and is firmly attached to the bicycle or electric bicycle.
- (k) 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 4511.53)

### 373.03 ATTACHING BICYCLE OR SLED TO VEHICLE.

- (a) No person riding upon any motorcycle, bicycle, electric bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, skateboard or toy vehicle shall attach the same or self to any vehicle upon a roadway. No operator shall knowingly permit any person riding upon any motorcycle, bicycle, electric bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, skateboard or toy vehicle to attach the same or self to any vehicle while it is moving upon a roadway. This section does not apply to the towing of a disabled vehicle.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.54)

#### 373.04 RIDING BICYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES ABREAST.

(a) Persons riding bicycles, electric bicycles, or motorcycles upon a roadway shall ride not more than two abreast in a single lane, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, electric bicycles, or motorcycles.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.55)

#### 373.05 SIGNAL DEVICE ON BICYCLE.

(a) A bicycle or electric bicycle may be equipped with a device capable of giving an audible signal, except that a bicycle or electric bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle or electric bicycle any siren or whistle.

(b) 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 4511.56)

#### 373.06 LIGHTS AND REFLECTOR ON BICYCLE; BRAKES.

(a) Every bicycle or electric bicycle when in use at the times specified in Section 337.02, shall be equipped with the following:

- (1) A lamp mounted on the front of either the bicycle or electric bicycle or the operator that shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front; and three hundred feet to the sides. A generator-powered lamp that emits light only when the bicycle or electric bicycle is moving may be used to meet this requirement.
- (2) A red reflector on the rear that shall be visible from all distances from one hundred feet to six hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

- (3) A lamp emitting either flashing or steady red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear shall be used in addition to the red reflector; If the red lamp performs as a reflector in that it is visible as specified in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the red lamp may serve as the reflector and a separate reflector is not required.

(b) Additional lamps and reflectors may be used in addition to those required under subsection (a) of this section, except that red lamps and red reflectors shall not be used on the front of the bicycle or electric bicycle and white lamps and white reflectors shall not be used on the rear of the bicycle or electric bicycle.

(c) Every bicycle or electric bicycle shall be equipped with an adequate brake when used on a street or highway.

(d) 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 4511.56)

#### 373.07 RIDING BICYCLE ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROADWAY; OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC RULES; PASSING.

(a) Every person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(b) This section does not require a person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle to ride at the edge of the roadway when it is unreasonable or unsafe to do so. Conditions that may require riding away from the edge of the roadway include when necessary to avoid fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, surface hazards, or if it otherwise is unsafe or impracticable to do so, including if the lane is too narrow for the bicycle or electric bicycle and an overtaking vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

(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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code. (ORC 4511.55(A))

#### 373.08 RECKLESS OPERATION; CONTROL, COURSE AND SPEED.

(a) No person shall operate a bicycle or electric bicycle:

- (1) Without due regard for the safety and rights of pedestrians and drivers and occupants of all other vehicles, and so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person while in the lawful use of the streets or sidewalks or any other public or private property;

- (2) Without exercising reasonable and ordinary control over such bicycle or electric bicycle;
- (3) In a weaving or zigzag course unless such irregular course is necessary for safe operation in compliance with law;
- (4) Without both hands upon the handle grips except when necessary to give the required hand and arm signals, or as provided in Section 373.02(d);
- (5) At a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

#### 373.09 PARKING OF BICYCLE.

(a) No person shall park a bicycle or electric bicycle upon a sidewalk in such a manner so as to unduly interfere with pedestrian traffic or upon a roadway so as to unduly interfere with vehicular traffic.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

#### 373.10 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS.

(a) No person shall operate a bicycle, skateboard, or low speed micromobility device as defined in Section 301.183, upon the sidewalks of the Public Square, or upon the sidewalks of High Avenue and Broadway Street within one block of the Public Square. This does not apply to those operating a low speed micromobility device for medical purposes. (Ord. 18-2024. Passed 6-13-24.)

(b) 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.

#### 373.11 IMPOUNDING.

Whenever any bicycle is operated by any person under the age of eighteen years, in violation of any provision of this chapter, in addition to the penalty imposed under Section 303.99, such bicycle may be seized by any member of the Police Department and impounded in the Municipal Building. The bicycle so impounded shall be surrendered to the parent or guardian of the minor without charge, after a full explanation, to such parent or guardian, of the reason for impounding the bicycle. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

#### 373.12 REGISTRATION.

(a) All bicycles owned by residents of the City shall be registered with the Police Department.

(b) Registration of bicycles shall be on such forms as prescribed by the Police Department and shall contain sufficient information to correctly establish ownership of the bicycle.

(c) The Department shall notify the owner of any bicycle recovered by or turned in to such Department and the owner upon satisfactory proof of ownership may claim the same. Any bicycle unclaimed for the period of ninety days may be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Ohio R.C. 737.32 and 737.33.

(d) All bicycles acquired after January 1, 1974, shall be registered within thirty days from the date of purchase. (Ord. 50-73. Passed 9-10-73.)

(e) 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.

**373.13 MOTORIZED BICYCLE OPERATION, EQUIPMENT AND LICENSE.**  
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 373.13 is now codified as Section 374.03.)

**373.14 PATHS EXCLUSIVELY FOR BICYCLES.**

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle, snowmobile, or all-purpose vehicle upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, when an appropriate sign giving notice of such use is posted on the path.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any rule of the Ohio Director of Natural Resources governing the operation of motor vehicles, snowmobiles, all-purpose vehicles, and bicycles on lands under the Director's jurisdiction.

(b) 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.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.713)

**373.15 ELECTRIC BICYCLES.**

- (a) (1) The operation of a class 1 electric bicycle and a class 2 electric bicycle is permitted on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or on a shared-use path, unless the Municipality by resolution, ordinance, or rule prohibits the use of a class 1 electric bicycle or class 2 electric bicycle on such a path.
- (2) No person shall operate a class 3 electric bicycle on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or a shared-use path unless that path is within or adjacent to a highway or the Municipality by resolution, ordinance, or rule authorizes the use of a class 3 electric bicycle on such a path.

- (3) No person shall operate a class 1 electric bicycle, a class 2 electric bicycle or a class 3 electric bicycle on a path that is intended to be used primarily for mountain biking, hiking, equestrian use, or other similar uses, or any other single track or natural surface trail that has historically been reserved for nonmotorized use, unless the Municipality by resolution, ordinance or rule authorizes the use of a class 1 electric bicycle, a class 2 electric bicycle, or a class 3 electric bicycle on such a path.
  - (4) Subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this section do not apply to a law enforcement officer, or other person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, using an electric bicycle while in the performance of the officer's duties.
- (b)
- (1) No person under sixteen years of age shall operate a class 3 electric bicycle; however, a person under sixteen years of age may ride as a passenger on a class 3 electric bicycle that is designed to accommodate passengers.
  - (2) No person shall operate or be a passenger on a class 3 electric bicycle unless the person is wearing a protective helmet that meets the standards established by the Consumer Product Safety Commission or the American Society for Testing and Materials.
- (c)
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever operates an electric bicycle in a manner that is prohibited under subsection (a) of this section and whoever violates subsection (b) of 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.
  - (2) The offenses established under subsection (c)(1) of this section are strict liability offenses and strict liability is a culpable mental state for purposes of Ohio R.C. 2901.20. The designation of these offenses as strict liability offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense. (ORC 4511.522)



**CHAPTER 374**  
**Motorized Bicycles**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Motorized bicycle defined - see TRAF. 301.04

Lighted lights required - see TRAF. 337.02

Brakes required - see TRAF. 337.18

Reckless operation - see TRAF. 333.02

**374.01 PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

The parent or guardian of any minor under the age of eighteen years shall not authorize or permit such minor to violate any provision of this chapter under circumstances where the parent or guardian knew or should have known of such violation.  
(Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

**374.02 TRAFFIC CODE APPLICATION.**

Every person operating a motorized bicycle shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of the State, or by the traffic ordinances of the Municipality applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations which, by their nature can have no application.  
(Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

**374.03 MOTORIZED BICYCLE OPERATION, EQUIPMENT AND LICENSE.**

(a) No person shall operate a motorized bicycle upon any street or highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking unless all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The person possesses a valid license or permit authorizing such operation and which is issued by the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4506 or 4507 or Ohio R.C. 4511.521;
- (2) The motorized bicycle is equipped in accordance with rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety and is in proper working order;
- (3) The person, if he is under eighteen years of age, is wearing a protective helmet on his head with the chin strap properly fastened, and the motorized bicycle is equipped with a rear-view mirror; and
- (4) The person operates the motorized bicycle when practicable within three feet of the right edge of the roadway obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles.

(b) No person operating a motorized bicycle shall carry another person upon the motorized bicycle.

(c) The protective helmet and rearview mirror required by subsection (a)(3) of this section shall, on and after January 1, 1985, conform with rules adopted by the Ohio Director of Public Safety.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4511.521)

#### 374.04 RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATION.

(a) A person operating a motorized bicycle shall not ride other than upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto and meeting the specifications promulgated by the Ohio Director of Highway Safety.

(b) No motorized bicycle shall be operated carrying any person other than the operator.

(c) A person shall ride upon a motorized bicycle only while sitting astride the seat facing forward with one leg on each side of the motorized bicycle.

(d) No person operating a motorized bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article that prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars.

(e) No motorized bicycle shall be operated with any part of the handlebar more than fifteen inches above that portion of the seat occupied by the operator when the seat is fully depressed.

(f) No person shall operate a motorized bicycle without using safety glasses or other protective eye devices. No person who is under the age of eighteen shall operate a motorized bicycle unless wearing a protective helmet. The helmet, safety glasses or other protective eye device shall conform with regulations prescribed and promulgated by the Director of Highway Safety. The provisions of this subsection or a violation thereof shall not be used in trial in any civil action.

(Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

**374.05 ATTACHING TO VEHICLE.**

No person riding upon any motorized bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway. No operator of a motorized bicycle shall knowingly permit any person riding upon a motorcycle, motorized bicycle, bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle to attach the same to himself or to any vehicle while it is moving upon a roadway. (Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

**374.06 RIDING ABREAST.**

Persons riding motorized bicycles upon a roadway shall ride not more than two abreast in a single line. (Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

**374.07 AUDIBLE SIGNALING DEVICE.**

No person shall operate a motorized bicycle unless it is equipped with at least one audible signaling device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, activated by pushing a self-returning device located on the left handle bar. Such signaling device shall not consist of a siren or whistle. (OAC 4501-23-15; Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

**374.08 EXHAUST SYSTEMS.**

Motorized bicycles shall be equipped with an exhaust system, where applicable, incorporating a muffler or other mechanical device for the purpose of reducing engine noise. Cutouts and by-passes in the exhaust are prohibited. The system shall be securely attached and located so as not to interfere with the operation of the motorized bicycle. Shielding shall be provided to prevent inadvertent bodily contact with the exhaust system during normal operation. (OAC 4501-23-09; Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

**374.09 RIDING ON RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY; OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC RULES; PASSING.**

Every person operating a motorized bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. (Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

**374.10 CONTROL AND SPEED.**

No person shall operate a motorized bicycle:

- (a) Without both hands upon the handle grips except when necessary to give the required hand and arm signals or as provided in Section 374.04(d).
- (b) At a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under conditions then existing.
- (c) At a speed exceeding twenty miles per hour.

- (d) Without exercising reasonable and ordinary control over such motorized bicycle.
- (e) In a weaving or zigzag course unless such irregular course is necessary for safe operation in compliance with law.  
(Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

#### 374.11 FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY.

The operator of a motorized bicycle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle, and the traffic upon and the condition of the street.

(Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

#### 374.12 PARKING.

No person shall park a motorized bicycle upon a sidewalk in such a manner so as to unduly interfere with pedestrian traffic, or upon a roadway so as to unduly interfere with vehicular traffic.

(Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

#### 374.13 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS.

No person shall operate a motorized bicycle upon a sidewalk.

(Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

#### 374.14 USE OF FICTITIOUS LICENSE; LENDING PROHIBITED.

(a) No person shall display or cause or permit to be displayed or possessed any motorized bicycle knowing the same to be fictitious, canceled, revoked, suspended or altered.

(b) No person shall lend to a person not entitled thereto or knowingly permit such other person to use any motorized bicycle license issued to the person so lending or permitting the use thereof. (OAC 4501-23-25; Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

#### 374.15 POSSESSION OF LICENSE.

The motorized bicycle license or operator's license issued under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507 shall be in the immediate possession of the operator of the motorized bicycle while operating such vehicle.

(OAC 4501-23-32; Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

#### 374.16 STOPPING AFTER AN ACCIDENT UPON STREETS; COLLISION WITH UNATTENDED VEHICLE.

In case of accident to or collision with persons or property upon any of the public streets or highways, due to the driving or operation thereon of any motorized bicycle, the person so driving or operating such motorized bicycle, having knowledge of such accident or collision shall immediately stop his motorized bicycle at the scene of the accident or collision and shall remain at the scene of such accident or collision until he has given his name and address, if he is not the owner, the name and address of the owner of such motorized bicycle together with the registered number of such motorized bicycle to any person injured in such accident or collision or to the operator, occupant, owner or attendant of any motor vehicle damaged in such accident or collision or to any police officer at such accident or collision. In the event the injured person is unable to comprehend and record the information required to be given by this section, the other driver involved in such accident or collision shall forthwith notify the nearest police authority concerning the location of the accident or collision, and his

name and his address and the registered number of the motorized bicycle he was operating and then remain at the scene of the accident or collision until a police officer arrives, unless removed from the scene by an emergency vehicle operated by a political subdivision or an ambulance. If such accident or collision is with an unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle the operator so colliding with such motor vehicle shall securely attach the information required to be given in this section, in writing to a conspicuous place in or on such unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle. (Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

#### 374.17 STOPPING AFTER ACCIDENT UPON PROPERTY OTHER THAN STREETS.

In case of accident or collision resulting in the injury or damage to persons or property upon any public or private property other than public streets or highways due to the driving or operation thereon of any motorized bicycle, the person so driving or operating such motorized bicycle, having knowledge of such accident or collision, shall stop and upon request of the person injured or damaged or any other person shall give such person's name and address, and if he is not the owner, the name and address of the owner of such motorized bicycle together with the registered number of such motorized bicycle, and if available, exhibit his operator's or motorized bicycle operator's license. If the owner or person in charge of such damaged property is not furnished such information the driver of the motorized bicycle involved in the accident or collision shall, within twenty-four hours of such accident or collision, forward to the Police Department the same information required to be given to the owner or person in control of such damaged property and give the date, time and location of accident or collision. If such accident or collision is with an unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle the operator so colliding with such motor vehicle shall securely attach the information required to be given in this section, in writing, to a conspicuous place in or on such unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle. (Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

#### 374.18 FLEEING PROHIBITED.

No person shall operate a motorized bicycle so as to willfully elude or flee a police officer after receiving a visible or audible signal from a police officer to bring his motorized bicycle to a stop. (Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

#### 374.10 IMPOUNDING.

(a) Whenever any person operates a motorized bicycle in violation of any section of this Traffic Code, the motorized bicycle may be seized by any police officer and the Chief of Police shall have the authority to impound any motorized bicycle at the Police Station. An impounded motorized bicycle shall not be released to a minor under the age of eighteen years.

(b) When any motorized bicycle has been seized and so impounded, notice shall be made forthwith by the officer in charge to the owner of the motorized bicycle or, in the event the person is a minor, such notice shall be made to the parent or guardian of the owner of the motorized bicycle. The notice shall contain a full explanation of the reason for seizing and impounding the motorized bicycle.

(c) Any motorized bicycle impounded under the provisions of this Traffic Code shall be surrendered to the owner or to the parents or guardian of any minor upon showing sufficient proof of ownership of the motorized bicycle, but nothing herein shall relieve the offender of any penalty that may be imposed under this chapter.

(d) It shall be the duty of the police officer or the person in charge of records to keep in an appropriate book or file the name and address of each owner of a motorized bicycle impounded, the name and address of the violator if he is not the owner, and license number and serial number of the motorized bicycle, together with the nature and circumstances of each violation, as well as the disposition of each case.  
(Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

**374.99 PENALTY.**

(a) Whoever violates any provision of this chapter for which no other penalty is provided shall be subject to the general Traffic Code penalty provided under Section 303.99(a)(1).

(b) Whoever violates any provision of Section 374.14 to 374.18 is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(c) In addition to or in lieu of the penalty imposed under subsection (a) or (b) hereof, the court may prohibit such violator from riding a motorized bicycle for a period not to exceed six months or authorize a motorized bicycle to be impounded for a period not exceeding thirty days.  
(Ord. 11-83. Passed 3-14-83.)

**CHAPTER 375**  
Snowmobiles, Off-Highway Motorcycles and All Purpose Vehicles

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Lights, brakes and muffler - see OAC Ch. 4501.29  
 Power of trial court of record to impound registration certificate for certain violations - see Ohio R.C 4519.47  
 Power to regulate; municipal licensing prohibited - see Ohio R.C. 4519.48  
 Street or highway defined - see TRAF. 301.42  
 Required usage of helmets and safety glasses - see TRAF. 373.02(f)

**375.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Snowmobile" means any self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for use on snow or ice, and steered by skis, runners or caterpillar treads. (ORC 4519.01(A))
- (b) "All purpose vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for cross-country travel on land and water, or on more than one type of terrain, and steered by wheels or caterpillar treads, or any combination thereof, including vehicles that operate on a cushion of air, vehicles commonly known as all-terrain vehicles, all season vehicles, mini-bikes and trail bikes. "All-purpose vehicle" does not include a utility vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4501.01 or any vehicle principally used in playing golf, any motor vehicle or aircraft required to be registered under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4503 or Chapter 4561, and any vehicle excepted from definition as a motor vehicle by Section 301.20 of this Traffic Code. (ORC 4519.01(B))
- (c) "Owner" means any person, firm or corporation, other than a lienholder or dealer, having title to a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all purpose vehicle, or other right to the possession thereof. (ORC 4519.01(C))

- (d) "Operator" means any person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle or all purpose vehicle.
- (e) "Limited access highway" or "freeway" means a highway especially designed for through traffic and over which abutting property owners have no easement or right of access by reason of the fact that their property abuts upon such highway, and access to which may be allowed only at highway intersections designated by the Ohio Director of Transportation. (ORC 5511.02)
- (f) "Interstate highway" means any part of the interstate system of highways as defined in subsection (e), 90 Stat. 431 (1976), 23 U.S.C.A. 103, and amendments thereof.
- (g) "Off-highway motorcycle" means every motorcycle, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.01, that is designed to be operated primarily on lands other than a street or highway. (ORC 4519.01)

### 375.02 EQUIPMENT.

(a) Equipment of snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles, and all purpose vehicles shall include, but not necessarily be limited to requirements for the following items:

- (1) At least one headlight having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and objects at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness;
- (2) At least one red taillight having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to be plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness;
- (3) Adequate brakes. Every snowmobile, while traveling on packed snow, shall be capable of carrying a driver who weighs 175 pounds or more, and, while carrying such driver, be capable of stopping in not more than forty feet from an initial steady speed of twenty miles per hour, or locking its traction belt.
- (4) A muffler system capable of precluding the emission of excessive smoke or exhaust fumes, and of limiting the engine noise of vehicles. On snowmobiles manufactured after January 1, 1973, such requirement shall include sound dampening equipment such that noise does not exceed eighty-two decibels on the "A" scale at fifty feet as measured according to SAE J192 (September 1970).

(b) No person shall operate any snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all purpose vehicle in violation of this section, except that equipment specified in subsections (a)(1) and (2) hereof shall not be required on snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles, or all purpose vehicles operated during the daylight hours.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates subsection (b) of this section shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). If the offender within the preceding year previously has committed a violation of subsection (b) of this section, whoever violates subsection (b) of this section shall be fined not less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), imprisoned not more than three days, or both. (ORC 4519.20)



**375.03 CODE APPLICATION; PROHIBITED OPERATION.**

(a) The applicable provisions of this Traffic Code shall be applied to the operation of snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles, and all purpose vehicles; except that no snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all purpose vehicle shall be operated as follows:

- (1) On any street or highway except for emergency travel only during such time and in such manner as the State or local authority having jurisdiction over such street or highway shall designate, and except as provided in Section 375.04;
- (2) Upon any property owned or leased by the Municipality except in areas designated for such purposes;
- (3) On any private property, or in any nursery or planting area, without the permission of the owner or other person having the right to possession of the property;
- (4) On any land or waters controlled by the State, except at those locations where a sign has been posted permitting such operation;
- (5) On tracks or right of way of any operating railroad;
- (6) While transporting any firearm, bow or other implement for hunting, that is not unloaded and securely encased;
- (7) For the purpose of chasing, pursuing, capturing or killing any animal or wild fowl;
- (8) During the time from sunset to sunrise, unless displaying lighted lights as required by Section 375.02.

(b) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), imprisoned not less than three nor more than thirty days, or both. (ORC 4519.40)

**375.04 PERMITTED OPERATION.**

Snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles, and all purpose vehicles may be operated as follows:

- (a) To make a crossing of a highway, other than a freeway or limited access highway, whenever the crossing can be made in safety and will not interfere with the movement of vehicular traffic approaching from any direction on the highway, and provided that the operator yields the right of way to any approaching traffic that presents an immediate hazard;
- (b) On highways in the County or Township road systems whenever the local authority having jurisdiction over such highway so permits;
- (c) Off and alongside a street or highway for limited distances from the point of unloading from a conveyance to the point at which the snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all purpose vehicle is intended and authorized to be operated.
- (d) On the berm or shoulder of a highway, other than a highway as designated in Ohio R.C. 4519.40(A), when the terrain permits such operation to be undertaken safely and without the necessity of entering any traffic lane;
- (e) On the berm or shoulder of a county or township road, while traveling from one area of operation of the snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle to another such area. (ORC 4519.41)

**375.05 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF OPERATOR.**

(a) No person who does not hold a valid, current motor vehicle driver's or commercial driver's license, motorcycle operator's endorsement or probationary license issued under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4506 or 4507, or a valid, current driver's license issued by another jurisdiction, shall operate a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all purpose vehicle on any street or highway, on any portion of the right of way thereof, or on any public land or waters. This subsection shall not be construed to permit the holder of such a license to operate a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all purpose vehicle in violation of Section 375.03.

(b) No person who is less than sixteen years of age shall operate a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all purpose vehicle on any land or waters other than private property or waters owned by or leased to such person's parent or guardian, unless accompanied by another person who is eighteen years of age, or older, and who holds a license as provided in subsection (a) hereof, except that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources may permit such operation on State controlled land under its jurisdiction when such person is less than sixteen years of age and is accompanied by a parent or guardian who is a licensed driver eighteen years of age or older.

(c) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), imprisoned not less than three nor more than thirty days, or both. (ORC 4519.44)

**375.06 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.**

(a) Except as provided in Ohio R.C 4519.02(B), (C) and (D), no person shall operate any snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all purpose vehicle unless the snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all purpose vehicle is registered and numbered in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4519.03 and 4519.04.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates subsection (a) of this section shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (a) of this section, whoever violates subsection (a) of this section shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). (ORC 4519.02)

**375.07 ACCIDENT REPORTS.**

(a) The operator of a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all purpose vehicle involved in any accident resulting in bodily injury to or death of any person or damage to the property of any person in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall report the accident within forty-eight hours to the Chief of Police, and, within thirty days, shall forward a written report of the accident to the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles on a form prescribed by the Registrar. If the operator is physically incapable of making the reports and there is another participant in the accident not so incapacitated, the participant shall make the reports. In the event that there is no other participant, and the operator is other than the owner, the owner, within the prescribed periods of time, shall make the reports.

Any law enforcement officer or other person authorized by Ohio R.C. 4519.42 and 4519.43, who investigates or receives information of an accident involving a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all purpose vehicle shall forward to the Registrar a written report of the accident within forty-eight hours. (ORC 4519.46)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

#### 375.08 CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

(a) No person shall do any of the following:

- (1) Operate in this Municipality an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle without having a certificate of title for the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle, if such a certificate is required by Ohio R.C. Chapter 4519 to be issued for the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle, or, if a physical certificate of title has not been issued for it, operate an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle knowing that the ownership information relating to the motorcycle or vehicle has not been entered into the automated title processing system by a clerk of a court of common pleas;
- (2) Operate in this Municipality an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle if a certificate of title to the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle has been issued and then has been canceled;
- (3) Fail to surrender any certificate of title upon cancellation of it by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and notice of the cancellation as prescribed in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4519;
- (4) Fail to surrender the certificate of title to a clerk of the court of common pleas as provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4519, in case of the destruction or dismantling of, or change in, the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle described in the certificate of title;
- (5) Violate any provision of Ohio R.C. 4519.51 to 4519.70 or any lawful rules adopted pursuant to those sections;
- (6) Operate in this Municipality an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle knowing that the certificate of title to or ownership of the motorcycle or vehicle as otherwise reflected in the automated title processing system has been canceled.

(b) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both.  
(ORC 4519.66)

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CHAPTER 501

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501.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in the Codified Ordinances:

- (a) "Force" means any violence, compulsion or constraint physically exerted by any means upon or against a person or thing.
- (b) "Deadly force" means any force that carries a substantial risk that it will proximately result in the death of any person.
- (c) "Physical harm to persons" means any injury, illness or other physiological impairment, regardless of its gravity or duration.
- (d) "Physical harm to property" means any tangible or intangible damage to property that, in any degree, results in loss to its value or interferes with its use or enjoyment. "Physical harm to property" does not include wear and tear occasioned by normal use.
- (e) "Serious physical harm to persons" means any of the following:
  - (1) Any mental illness or condition of such gravity as would normally require hospitalization or prolonged psychiatric treatment;
  - (2) Any physical harm that carries a substantial risk of death;
  - (3) Any physical harm that involves some permanent incapacity, whether partial or total, or that involves some temporary, substantial incapacity;

- (4) Any physical harm that involves some permanent disfigurement, or that involves some temporary, serious disfigurement;
- (5) Any physical harm that involves acute pain of such duration as to result in substantial suffering, or that involves any degree of prolonged or intractable pain.
- (f) "Serious physical harm to property" means any physical harm to property that does either of the following:
  - (1) Results in substantial loss to the value of the property, or requires a substantial amount of time, effort or money to repair or replace;
  - (2) Temporarily prevents the use or enjoyment of the property, or substantially interferes with its use and enjoyment for an extended period of time.
- (g) "Risk" means a significant possibility, as contrasted with a remote possibility, that a certain result may occur or that certain circumstances may exist.
- (h) "Substantial risk" means a strong possibility, as contrasted with a remote or significant possibility, that a certain result may occur or that certain circumstances may exist.
- (i) "Offense of violence" means any of the following:
  - (1) A violation of Ohio R.C. 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.15, 2903.18, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.11, 2905.32, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2917.321, 2919.25, 2921.03, 2921.04, 2921.34, 2923.161, 2903.34(A)(1), 2911.12(A)(1) to (3) or 2919.22(B)(1) to (4), or felonious sexual penetration in violation of former Ohio R.C. 2907.12;
  - (2) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States, substantially equivalent to any section listed in subsection (i)(1) hereof;
  - (3) An offense, other than a traffic offense, under an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States, committed, purposely or knowingly, and involving physical harm to persons or a risk of serious physical harm to persons;
  - (4) A conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in committing any offense under subsection (i)(1), (2) or (3) hereof.
  - (5) A violation of division (C) of Ohio R.C. 959.131.
- (j) (1) "Property" means any property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, and any interest or license in that property. "Property" includes, but is not limited to, cable television service, other telecommunications service, telecommunications devices, information service, computers, data, computer software, financial instruments associated with computers, other documents associated with computers, or copies of the documents, whether in machine or human readable form, trade secrets, trademarks, copyrights, patents, and property protected by a trademark, copyright, or patent. "Financial instruments associated with computers" include, but are not limited to, checks, drafts, warrants, money orders, notes of indebtedness, certificates of deposit, letters of credit, bills of credit or debit cards, financial transaction authorization mechanisms, marketable securities, or any computer system representations of any of them.

- (2) As used in this section, “trade secret” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 1333.61, and “telecommunications service” and “information service” have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2913.01.
- (3) As used in this section, “cable television service”, “computer”, “computer software”, “computer system”, “computer network”, “data”, and “telecommunications device” have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2913.01.
- (k) "Law enforcement officer" means any of the following:
- (1) A sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, police officer of a township or joint police district, marshal, deputy marshal, municipal police officer, member of a police force employed by a metropolitan housing authority under Ohio R.C. 3735.31(D) or State highway patrol trooper;
  - (2) An officer, agent or employee of the State or any of its agencies, instrumentalities or political subdivisions, upon whom, by statute, Charter or ordinance, a duty to conserve the peace or to enforce all or certain laws is imposed and the authority to arrest violators is conferred, within the limits of that statutory duty and authority;
  - (3) A mayor or manager in the mayor’s or manager’s capacity as chief conservator of the peace within the mayor’s or manager’s municipal corporation;
  - (4) A member of an auxiliary police force organized by county, township or municipal law enforcement authorities, within the scope of the member's appointment or commission;
  - (5) A person lawfully called pursuant to Ohio R.C. 311.07 to aid a sheriff in keeping the peace, for the purposes and during the time when the person is called;
  - (6) A person appointed by a mayor pursuant to Ohio R.C. 737.10 as a special patrolling officer during riot or emergency, for the purposes and during the time when the person is appointed;
  - (7) A member of the organized militia of this State or the armed forces of the United States, lawfully called to duty to aid civil authorities in keeping the peace or protect against domestic violence;
  - (8) A prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, secret service officer or municipal prosecutor;
  - (9) A veterans' home police officer appointed under Ohio R.C. 5907.02;
  - (10) A member of a police force employed by a regional transit authority under Ohio R.C. 306.35(Y);
  - (11) A special police officer employed by a port authority under Ohio R.C. 4582.04 or 4582.28;
  - (12) The Senate Sergeant of Arms and or Assistant Sergeant at Arms;
  - (13) A special police officer employed by a municipal corporation at a municipal airport, or other municipal air navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as defined in Section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required to be under a security program and is governed by aviation security rules of the transportation security administration of the United States Department of Transportation as provided in Parts 1542 and 1544 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended.
- (l) "Privilege" means an immunity, license or right conferred by law, or bestowed by express or implied grant, or arising out of status, position, office or relationship, or growing out of necessity.
- (m) "Contraband" means any property that is illegal for a person to acquire or possess under a statute, ordinance, or rule, or that a trier of fact lawfully determines to be illegal to possess by reason of the property’s involvement in an offense. “Contraband” includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:



- (1) Any controlled substance, as defined in Ohio R.C. 3719.01, or any device, or paraphernalia;
  - (2) Any unlawful gambling device, or paraphernalia;
  - (3) Any dangerous ordnance or obscene material.
- (n) A person is “not guilty by reason of insanity” relative to a charge of an offense only if the person proves, in the manner specified in Ohio R.C. 2901.05, that at the time of the commission of the offense, the person did not know, as a result of a severe mental disease or defect, the wrongfulness of the person’s acts.
- (o) (1) A. Subject to subsection (o)(2) hereof, as used in any section contained in Part Five - General Offenses Code that sets forth a criminal offense, “person” includes all of the following:
- 1. An individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, and association;
  - 2. An unborn human who is viable.
- B. As used in any section contained in Part Five - General Offenses Code that does not set forth a criminal offense, “person” includes an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership and association.
- C. As used in subsection (o)(1)A. hereof:
- 1. “Unborn human” means an individual organism of the species *Homo sapiens* from fertilization until live birth.
  - 2. “Viable” means the stage of development of a human fetus at which there is a realistic possibility of maintaining and nourishing of a life outside the womb with or without temporary artificial life-sustaining support.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (o)(1)A. hereof, in no case shall the portion of the definition of the term “person” that is set forth in subsection (o)(1)A.2. hereof be applied or construed in any section contained in Part Five - General Offenses Code that sets forth a criminal offense in any of the following manners:
- A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (o)(2)A. hereof, in a manner so that the offense prohibits or is construed as prohibiting any pregnant woman or her physician from performing an abortion with the consent of the pregnant woman, with the consent of the pregnant woman implied by law in a medical emergency, or with the approval of one otherwise authorized by law to consent to medical treatment on behalf of the pregnant woman. An abortion that violates the conditions described in the immediately preceding sentence may be punished as a violation of Ohio R.C. 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.05, 2903.06, 2903.08, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.14, 2903.21, or 2903.22, as applicable. An abortion that does not violate the conditions described in the second immediately preceding sentence, but that does violate Ohio R.C. 2919.12, division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2919.13, or Ohio R.C. 2919.151, 2919.17 or 2919.18, may be punished as a violation of Ohio R.C. 2919.12, division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2919.13, or Ohio R.C. 2919.151, 2919.17 or 2919.18, as applicable. Consent is sufficient under this subsection if it is of the type otherwise adequate to permit medical treatment to the pregnant woman, even if it does not comply with Ohio R.C. 2919.12.

- B. In a manner so that the offense is applied or is construed as applying to a woman based on an act or omission of the woman that occurs while she is or was pregnant and that results in any of the following:
1. Her delivery of a stillborn baby;
  2. Her causing, in any other manner, the death in utero of a viable, unborn human that she is carrying;
  3. Her causing the death of her child who is born alive but who dies from one or more injuries that are sustained while the child is a viable, unborn human;
  4. Her causing her child who is born alive to sustain one or more injuries while the child is a viable, unborn human;
  5. Her causing, threatening to cause, or attempting to cause, in any other manner, an injury, illness or other physiological impairment, regardless of its duration or gravity, or a mental illness or condition, regardless of its duration or gravity, to a viable, unborn human that she is carrying.
- (p) “School safety zone” consists of a school, school building, school premises, school activity, and school bus.
- (q) “School”, “school building” and “school premises” have the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2925.01.
- (r) “School activity” means any activity held under the auspices of a board of education of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district; a governing authority of a community school established under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3314; a governing board of an educational service center; or the governing body of a nonpublic school for which the Ohio Director of Education and Workforce prescribes minimum standards under Ohio R.C. 3301.07.
- (s) “School bus” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4511.01.  
(ORC 2901.01)

#### 501.02 CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES.

As used in the Codified Ordinances:

- (a) Offenses include misdemeanors of the first, second, third and fourth degree, minor misdemeanors and offenses not specifically classified.
  - (b) Regardless of the penalty that may be imposed, any offense specifically classified as a misdemeanor is a misdemeanor.
  - (c) Any offense not specifically classified is a misdemeanor if imprisonment for not more than one year may be imposed as a penalty.
  - (d) Any offense not specifically classified is a minor misdemeanor if the only penalty that may be imposed is one of the following:
    - (1) For an offense committed prior to January 1, 2004, a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00);
    - (2) For an offense committed on or after January 1, 2004, a fine not exceeding one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), community service under division (D) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, or a financial sanction other than a fine under Ohio R.C. 2929.28.
- (ORC 2901.02)

#### 501.03 COMMON LAW OFFENSES ABROGATED.

- (a) No conduct constitutes a criminal offense against the Municipality unless it is defined as an offense in the Codified Ordinances or any other Municipal ordinance.

(b) An offense is defined when one or more sections of the Codified Ordinances state a positive prohibition or enjoin a specific duty, and provide a penalty for violation of such prohibition or failure to meet such duty.

(c) This section does not affect the power of a court to punish for contempt or to employ any sanction authorized by law to enforce an order, civil judgment or decree. (ORC 2901.03)

#### 501.04 RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) hereof, sections of the Codified Ordinances defining offenses or penalties shall be strictly construed against the Municipality and liberally construed in favor of the accused.

(b) Rules of criminal procedure and sections of the Ohio Revised Code providing for criminal procedure shall be construed so as to effect the fair, impartial, speedy and sure administration of justice.

(c) Any provision of a section of the Codified Ordinances that refers to a previous conviction of or plea of guilty to a violation of a section of the Codified Ordinances or Ohio Revised Code or of a division of a section of the Codified Ordinances or Ohio Revised Code shall be construed to also refer to a previous conviction of or plea of guilty to a substantially equivalent offense under an existing or former law of this State, another state, or the United States or under an existing or former municipal ordinance.

(d) Any provision of the Codified Ordinances that refers to a section, or to a division of a section, of the Codified Ordinances that defines or specifies a criminal offense shall be construed to also refer to an existing or former law of this State, another state, or the United States, to an existing or former municipal ordinance, or to an existing or former division of any such existing or former law or ordinance that defines or specifies, or that defined or specified, a substantially equivalent offense. (ORC 2901.04)

#### 501.05 CRIMINAL LAW JURISDICTION.

(a) A person is subject to misdemeanor prosecution and punishment in this Municipality if any of the following occur:

- (1) The person commits an offense under the laws of this Municipality, any element of which takes place in this Municipality.
- (2) While in this Municipality, the person attempts to commit, or is guilty of complicity in the commission of, an offense in another jurisdiction, which offense is an offense under both the laws of this Municipality or this State and the other jurisdiction, or, while in this Municipality, the person conspires to commit an offense in another jurisdiction, which offense is an offense under both the laws of this Municipality or this State and the other jurisdiction, and a substantial overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy is undertaken in this Municipality by the person or another person involved in the conspiracy, subsequent to the person's entrance into the conspiracy. In any case in which a person attempts to commit, is guilty of complicity in the commission of, or conspires to commit an offense in another jurisdiction as described in this subsection, the person is subject to criminal prosecution and punishment in this Municipality for the attempt, complicity, or conspiracy, and for any resulting offense that is committed or completed in the other jurisdiction.
- (3) While out of this Municipality, the person conspires or attempts to commit, or is guilty of complicity in the commission of, an offense in this Municipality.

- (4) While out of this Municipality, the person omits to perform a legal duty imposed by the laws of this Municipality, which omission affects a legitimate interest of the Municipality in protecting, governing or regulating any person, property, thing, transaction or activity in this Municipality.
- (5) While out of this Municipality, the person unlawfully takes or retains property and subsequently brings any of the unlawfully taken or retained property into this Municipality.
- (6) While out of this Municipality, the person unlawfully takes or entices another and subsequently brings the other person into this Municipality.
- (7) The person, by means of a computer, computer system, computer network, telecommunication, telecommunications device, telecommunications service, or information service, causes or knowingly permits any writing, data, image, or other telecommunication to be disseminated or transmitted into this Municipality in violation of the law of this Municipality.

(b) This Municipality includes the land and water within its boundaries and the air space above such land and water, and real property outside the corporate limits, with respect to which this Municipality has either exclusive or concurrent legislative jurisdiction. Where the boundary between this Municipality and another jurisdiction is disputed, the disputed territory is conclusively presumed to be within this Municipality for purposes of this section.

(c) When an offense is committed under the laws of this Municipality, and it appears beyond a reasonable doubt that the offense or any element of the offense took place either in this Municipality or in another jurisdiction or jurisdictions, but it cannot reasonably be determined in which it took place, the offense or element is conclusively presumed to have taken place in this Municipality for purposes of this section.

(d) When a person is subject to criminal prosecution and punishment in this Municipality for an offense committed or completed outside of this Municipality, the person is subject to all specifications for that offense that would be applicable if the offense had been committed within this Municipality.

(e) Any act, conduct, or element that is a basis of a person being subject under this section to criminal prosecution and punishment in this Municipality need not be committed personally by the person as long as it is committed by another person who is in complicity or conspiracy with the person.

(f) This section shall be liberally construed, consistent with constitutional limitations, to allow this Municipality the broadest possible jurisdiction over offenses and persons committing offenses in, or affecting, this Municipality.

(g) For purposes of subsection (a)(2) of this section, an overt act is substantial when it is of a character that manifests a purpose on the part of the actor that the object of the conspiracy should be completed.

(h) As used in this section, “computer”, “computer system”, “computer network”, “information service”, “telecommunication”, “telecommunications device”, “telecommunications service”, “data”, and “writing” have the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2913.01. (ORC 2901.11)

**501.06 LIMITATION OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a prosecution shall be barred unless it is commenced within the following periods after an offense is committed:

- (1) For misdemeanor other than a minor misdemeanor, two years;
- (2) For a minor misdemeanor, six months.

(b) If the period of limitation provided in subsection (a) hereof has expired, prosecution shall be commenced for an offense of which an element is fraud or breach of a fiduciary duty, within one year after discovery of the offense either by an aggrieved person, or by his legal representative who is not himself a party to the offense.

- (c) (1) If the period of limitation provided in this section has expired, prosecution shall be commenced for the following offenses during the following specified periods of time:
- A. For an offense involving misconduct in office by a public servant at any time while the accused remains a public servant, or within two years thereafter;
  - B. For an offense by a person who is not a public servant but whose offense is directly related to the misconduct in office of a public servant, at any time while that public servant remains a public servant, or within two years thereafter.
- (2) As used in this subsection:
- A. An "offense is directly related to the misconduct in office of a public servant" includes, but is not limited to, a violation of Ohio R.C. 101.71, 101.91, 121.61 or 2921.13, division (F) or (H) of Ohio R.C. 102.03, division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2921.02, division (A) or (B) of Ohio R.C. 2921.43, or division (F) or (G) of Ohio R.C. 3517.13, that is directly related to an offense involving misconduct in office of a public servant.
  - B. "Public servant" has the same meaning as in Section 525.01.

(d) An offense is committed when every element of the offense occurs. In the case of an offense of which an element is a continuing course of conduct, the period of limitation does not begin to run until such course of conduct or the accused's accountability for it terminates, whichever occurs first.

(e) A prosecution is commenced on the date an indictment is returned or an information filed, or on the date a lawful arrest without a warrant is made, or on the date a warrant, summons, citation or other process is issued, whichever occurs first. A prosecution is not commenced by the return of an indictment or the filing of an information unless reasonable diligence is exercised to issue and execute process on the same. A prosecution is not commenced upon issuance of a warrant, summons, citation or other process, unless reasonable diligence is exercised to execute the same.

(f) The period of limitation shall not run during any time when the corpus delicti remains undiscovered.

(g) The period of limitation shall not run during any time when the accused purposely avoids prosecution. Proof that the accused absented himself from this Municipality or concealed his identity or whereabouts is prima-facie evidence of his purpose to avoid prosecution.

(h) The period of limitation shall not run during any time a prosecution against the accused based on the same conduct is pending in this State, even though the indictment,  
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information or process that commenced the prosecution is quashed or the proceedings on the indictment, information or process are set aside or reversed on appeal.

(i) The period of limitation for a violation of any provision of this General Offenses Code that involves a physical or mental wound, injury, disability or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of a child under eighteen years of age or of a child with a developmental disability or physical impairment under twenty-one years of age shall not begin to run until either of the following occurs:

- (1) The victim of the offense reaches the age of majority.
- (2) A public children services agency, or a municipal or county peace officer that is not the parent or guardian of the child, in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred has been notified that abuse or neglect is known, suspected, or believed to have occurred. (ORC 2901.13)

(j) This section shall not apply to prosecutions commenced within the period of limitations set forth in Ohio R.C. 718.12(B) for violations of the Municipal income tax ordinance.

#### 501.07 REQUIREMENTS FOR CRIMINAL LIABILITY.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) hereof, a person is not guilty of an offense unless both of the following apply:

- (1) The person's liability is based on conduct that includes either a voluntary act, or an omission to perform an act or duty that the person is capable of performing;
- (2) The person has the requisite degree of culpability for each element as to which a culpable mental state is specified by the language defining the offense.

(b) When the language defining an offense does not specify any degree of culpability, and plainly indicates a purpose to impose strict criminal liability for the conduct described in the section, then culpability is not required for a person to be guilty of the offense. The fact that one subsection of a section plainly indicates a purpose to impose strict liability for an offense defined in that subsection does not by itself plainly indicate a purpose to impose strict criminal liability for an offense defined in other subsections of the section that do not specify a degree of culpability.

- (c)
  - (1) When language defining an element of an offense that is related to knowledge or intent or to which mens rea could fairly be applied neither specifies culpability nor plainly indicates a purpose to impose strict liability, the element of the offense is established only if a person acts recklessly.
  - (2) Subsection (c)(1) of this section does not apply to offenses defined in the Traffic Code.
  - (3) Subsection (c)(1) of this section does not relieve the prosecution of the burden of proving the culpable mental state required by any definition incorporated into the offense.

(d) Voluntary intoxication may not be taken into consideration in determining the existence of a mental state that is an element of a criminal offense. Voluntary intoxication does not relieve a person of a duty to act if failure to act constitutes a criminal offense. Evidence that a person was voluntarily intoxicated may be admissible to show whether or not the person was physically capable of performing the act with which the person is charged.

- (e) As used in this section:
- (1) Possession is a voluntary act if the possessor knowingly procured or received the thing possessed, or was aware of the possessor's control of the thing possessed for a sufficient time to have ended possession.
  - (2) Reflexes, convulsions, body movements during unconsciousness or sleep, and body movements that are not otherwise a product of the actor's volition, are involuntary acts.
  - (3) "Culpability" means purpose, knowledge, recklessness or negligence, as defined in Section 501.08.
  - (4) "Intoxication" includes, but is not limited to, intoxication resulting from the ingestion of alcohol, a drug, or alcohol and a drug.  
(ORC 2901.21)

#### 501.08 CULPABLE MENTAL STATES.

(a) A person acts purposely when it is the person's specific intention to cause a certain result, or when the gist of the offense is a prohibition against conduct of a certain nature, regardless of what the offender intends to accomplish thereby, it is the offender's specific intention to engage in conduct of that nature.

(b) A person acts knowingly, regardless of purpose, when the person is aware that the person's conduct will probably cause a certain result or will probably be of a certain nature. A person has knowledge of circumstances when the person is aware that such circumstances probably exist.

When knowledge of the existence of a particular fact is an element of an offense, such knowledge is established if a person subjectively believes that there is a high probability of its existence and fails to make inquiry or acts with a conscious purpose to avoid learning the fact.

(c) A person acts recklessly when, with heedless indifference to the consequences, the person perversely disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the person's conduct is likely to cause a certain result or is likely to be of a certain nature. A person is reckless with respect to circumstances when, with heedless indifference to the consequences, the person perversely disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that such circumstances are likely to exist.

(d) A person acts negligently when, because of a substantial lapse from due care, the person fails to perceive or avoid a risk that the person's conduct may cause a certain result or may be of a certain nature. A person is negligent with respect to circumstances when, because of a substantial lapse from due care, the person fails to perceive or avoid a risk that such circumstances may exist.

(e) When the section defining an offense provides that negligence suffices to establish an element thereof, then recklessness, knowledge or purpose is also sufficient culpability for such element. When recklessness suffices to establish an element of an offense, then knowledge or purpose is also sufficient culpability for such element. When knowledge suffices to establish an element of an offense, then purpose is also sufficient culpability for such element. (ORC 2901.22)

#### 501.09 ATTEMPT.

(a) No person, purposely or knowingly, and when purpose or knowledge is sufficient culpability for the commission of an offense, shall engage in conduct that, if successful, would constitute or result in the offense.

(b) It is no defense to a charge under this section that, in retrospect, commission of the offense that was the object of the attempt was either factually or legally impossible under the attendant circumstances, if that offense could have been committed had the attendant circumstances been as the actor believed them to be.

(c) No person who is convicted of committing a specific offense or of complicity in the commission of an offense, shall be convicted of an attempt to commit the same offense in violation of this section.

(d) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section that the actor abandoned the actor's effort to commit the offense or otherwise prevented its commission, under circumstances manifesting a complete and voluntary renunciation of the actor's criminal purpose.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of an attempt to commit an offense. An attempt to commit a drug abuse offense for which the penalty is determined by the amount or number of unit doses of the controlled substance involved in the drug abuse offense is an offense of the same degree as the drug abuse offense attempted would be if that drug abuse offense had been committed and had involved an amount or number of unit doses of the controlled substance that is within the next lower range of controlled substance amounts than was involved in the attempt. An attempt to commit any other misdemeanor is a misdemeanor of the next lesser degree than the misdemeanor attempted. In the case of an attempt to commit an offense other than a violation of Ohio R.C. Chapter 3734 that is not specifically classified, an attempt is a misdemeanor of the first degree if the offense attempted is a felony under the Ohio Revised Code, and a misdemeanor of the fourth degree if the offense attempted is a misdemeanor. An attempt to commit a minor misdemeanor is not an offense under this section.

(f) As used in this section, "drug abuse offense" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2925.01. (ORC 2923.02)

#### 501.10 COMPLICITY.

(a) No person, acting with the kind of culpability required for the commission of an offense, shall do any of the following:

- (1) Solicit or procure another to commit the offense;
- (2) Aid or abet another in committing the offense;
- (3) Cause an innocent or irresponsible person to commit the offense.

(b) It is no defense to a charge under this section that no person with whom the accused was in complicity has been convicted as a principal offender.

(c) No person shall be convicted of complicity under this section unless an offense is actually committed, but a person may be convicted of complicity in an attempt to commit an offense in violation of Section 501.09.

(d) If an alleged accomplice of the defendant testifies against the defendant in a case in which the defendant is charged with complicity in the commission of or an attempt to commit an offense, an attempt to commit an offense or an offense, the court when it charges the jury, shall state substantially the following:

"The testimony of an accomplice does not become inadmissible because of his complicity, moral turpitude or self-interest, but the admitted or claimed complicity of a witness may affect his credibility and make his testimony subject to grave suspicion, and require that it be weighed with great caution.



"It is for you, as jurors, in the light of all the facts presented to you from the witness stand, to evaluate such testimony and to determine its quality and worth or its lack of quality and worth."

(e) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section that, prior to the commission of or attempt to commit the offense, the actor terminated his complicity, under circumstances manifesting a complete and voluntary renunciation of his criminal purpose.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of complicity in the commission of an offense, and shall be prosecuted and punished as if he were a principal offender. A charge of complicity may be stated in terms of this section, or in terms of the principal offense. (ORC 2923.03)

#### 501.11 ORGANIZATIONAL CRIMINAL LIABILITY.

(a) An organization may be convicted of an offense under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) The offense is a minor misdemeanor committed by an officer, agent or employee of the organization acting in its behalf and within the scope of the officer's, agent's or employee's office or employment, except that if the section defining the offense designates the officers, agents or employees for whose conduct the organization is accountable or the circumstances under which it is accountable, those provisions shall apply.
- (2) A purpose to impose organizational liability plainly appears in the section defining the offense, and the offense is committed by an officer, agent or employee of the organization acting in its behalf and within the scope of the officer's, agent's or employee's office or employment, except that if the section defining the offense designates the officers, agents or employees for whose conduct the organization is accountable or the circumstances under which it is accountable, those provisions shall apply.
- (3) The offense consists of an omission to discharge a specific duty imposed by law on the organization.
- (4) If, acting with the kind of culpability otherwise required for the commission of the offense, its commission was authorized, requested, commanded, tolerated or performed by the board of directors, trustees, partners or by a high managerial officer, agent or employee acting in behalf of the organization and within the scope of such a board's or person's office or employment.

(b) If strict liability is imposed for the commission of an offense, a purpose to impose organizational liability shall be presumed, unless the contrary plainly appears.

(c) In a prosecution of an organization for an offense other than one for which strict liability is imposed, it is a defense that the high managerial officer, agent or employee having supervisory responsibility over the subject matter of the offense exercised due diligence to prevent its commission. This defense is not available if it plainly appears inconsistent with the purpose of the section defining the offense.

(d) As used in this section, "organization" means a corporation for profit or not for profit, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, unincorporated nonprofit association, estate, trust or other commercial or legal entity. "Organization" does not include an entity organized as or by a governmental agency for the execution of a governmental program. (ORC 2901.23)

#### 501.12 PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONDUCT.

(a) An officer, agent or employee of an organization as defined in Section 501.11 may be prosecuted for an offense committed by such organization, if he acts with the kind of culpability required for the commission of the offense, and any of the following apply:

- (1) In the name of the organization or in its behalf, he engages in conduct constituting the offense, or causes another to engage in such conduct, or tolerates such conduct when it is of a type for which he has direct responsibility;
- (2) He has primary responsibility to discharge a duty imposed on the organization by law, and such duty is not discharged.

(b) When a person is convicted of an offense by reason of this section, he is subject to the same penalty as if he had acted in his own behalf. (ORC 2901.24)

#### 501.13 PAYMENT OF COST OF CONFINEMENT.

(a) Any person convicted of a criminal offense other than a minor misdemeanor and who as a consequence thereof, is confined in the Tuscarawas County Jail, shall reimburse the City for its expenses incurred by reason of his or her confinement, including but not limited to, the expenses relating to the provisions of food, clothing, medical care and shelter.

(b) The Law Director is hereby authorized to institute any appropriate civil suit in the Tuscarawas County Court of Common Pleas for recovery of the expenses referred to in subsection (a) hereof, the amount of the reimbursement to be determined by the Court pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.15. (Ord. 25-85. Passed 4-22-85.)

#### 501.14 CONSPIRACY.

(a) No person, with purpose to commit or to promote or facilitate the commission of aggravated murder, murder, kidnapping, abduction, compelling prostitution, promoting prostitution, trafficking in persons, aggravated arson, arson, aggravated robbery, robbery, aggravated burglary, burglary, engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, corrupting another with drugs, a felony drug trafficking, manufacturing, processing or possession offense, theft of drugs, or illegal processing of drug documents, the commission of a felony offense of unauthorized use of a vehicle, illegally transmitting multiple commercial electronic mail messages or unauthorized access of a computer in violation of Ohio R.C. 2923.421 or the commission of a violation of any provision of Ohio R.C. Chapter 3734, other than Ohio R.C. 3734.18, that relates to hazardous wastes, shall do either of the following:

- (1) With another person or persons, plan or aid in planning the commission of any of the specified offenses;
- (2) Agree with another person or persons that one or more of them will engage in conduct that facilitates the commission of any of the specified offenses.

(b) No person shall be convicted of conspiracy unless a substantial overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy is alleged and proved to have been done by the accused or a person with whom the accused conspired, subsequent to the accused's entrance into the conspiracy. For purposes of this section, an overt act is substantial when it is of a character that manifests a purpose on the part of the actor that the object of the conspiracy should be completed.

(c) When the offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a person with whom the offender conspires also has conspired or is conspiring with another to commit the same offense, the offender is guilty of conspiring with that other person, even though the other person's identity may be unknown to the offender.

(d) It is no defense to a charge under this section that, in retrospect, commission of the offense that was the object of the conspiracy was impossible under the circumstances.

(e) A conspiracy terminates when the offense or offenses that are its objects are committed or when it is abandoned by all conspirators. In the absence of abandonment, it is no defense to a charge under this section that no offense that was the object of the conspiracy was committed.

(f) A person who conspires to commit more than one offense is guilty of only one conspiracy, when the offenses are the object of the same agreement or continuous conspiratorial relationship.

(g) When a person is convicted of committing or attempting to commit a specific offense or of complicity in the commission of or attempt to commit the specific offense, the person shall not be convicted of conspiracy involving the same offense.

- (h) (1) No person shall be convicted of conspiracy upon the testimony of a person with whom the defendant conspired, unsupported by other evidence.
- (2) If a person with whom the defendant allegedly has conspired testifies against the defendant in a case in which the defendant is charged with conspiracy and if the testimony is supported by other evidence, the court, when it charges the jury, shall state substantially the following:  
“The testimony of an accomplice that is supported by other evidence does not become inadmissible because of the accomplice’s complicity, moral turpitude, or self-interest, but the admitted or claimed complicity of a witness may affect the witness’ credibility and make the witness’ testimony subject to grave suspicion, and requires that it be weighed with great caution.  
It is for you, as jurors, in light of all the facts presented to you from the witness stand, to evaluate such testimony and to determine its quality and worth or its lack of quality and worth”.
- (3) “Conspiracy”, as used in subsection (h)(1) of this section, does not include any conspiracy that results in an attempt to commit an offense or in the commission of an offense.

- (i) The following are affirmative defenses to a charge of conspiracy:
- (1) After conspiring to commit an offense, the actor thwarted the success of the conspiracy under circumstances manifesting a complete and voluntary renunciation of the actor’s criminal purpose.
- (2) After conspiring to commit an offense, the actor abandoned the conspiracy prior to the commission of or attempt to commit any offense that was the object of the conspiracy, either by advising all other conspirators of the actor’s abandonment, or by informing any law enforcement authority of the existence of the conspiracy and of the actor’s participation in the conspiracy.

(j) Whoever violates this section is guilty of conspiracy, which is a misdemeanor of the first degree, when the most serious offense that is the object of the conspiracy is a felony of the fifth degree.

(k) This section does not define a separate conspiracy offense or penalty where conspiracy is defined as an offense by one or more sections of this Code, other than this section. In such a case, however:

- (1) With respect to the offense specified as the object of the conspiracy in the other section or sections, subsection (a) hereof defines the voluntary act or acts and culpable mental state necessary to constitute the conspiracy;
  - (2) Subsections (b) to (i) hereof are incorporated by reference in the conspiracy offense defined by the other section or sections of this Code.
- (1) (1) In addition to the penalties that otherwise are imposed for conspiracy, a person who is found guilty of conspiracy to engage in a pattern of corrupt activity is subject to divisions (B)(2) and (3) of Ohio R.C. 2923.32, division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2981.04 and division (D) of Ohio R.C. 2981.06.
  - (2) If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to conspiracy and if the most serious offense that is the object of the conspiracy is a felony drug trafficking, manufacturing, processing or possession offense, in addition to the penalties or sanctions that may be imposed for the conspiracy under subsection (j) hereof and Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, both of the following apply:
    - A. The provisions of divisions (D), (F) and (G) of Ohio R.C. 2925.03, division (D) of Ohio R.C. 2925.04, division (D) of Ohio R.C. 2925.05, division (D) of Ohio R.C. 2925.06 and division (E) of Ohio R.C. 2925.11 that pertain to mandatory and additional fines, driver's or commercial driver's license or permit suspensions, and professionally licensed persons and that would apply under the appropriate provisions of those divisions to a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to the felony drug trafficking, manufacturing, processing, or possession offense that is the most serious offense that is the basis of the conspiracy shall apply to the person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to the conspiracy as if the person had been convicted or pleaded guilty to the felony drug trafficking, manufacturing, processing or possession offense that is the most serious offense that is the basis of the conspiracy.
    - B. The court that imposes sentence upon the person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to the conspiracy shall comply with the provisions identified as being applicable under subsection (l)(2) of this section, in addition to any other penalty or sanction that it imposes for the conspiracy under subsection (j) of this section and Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929.
- (m) As used in this section:
    - (1) "Felony drug trafficking, manufacturing, processing or possession offense" means any of the following that is a felony:
      - A. A violation of Ohio R.C. 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, or 2925.06;
      - B. A violation of Ohio R.C. 2925.11 that is not a minor drug possession offense.
    - (2) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2925.01. (ORC 2923.01)

## 501.99 PENALTIES FOR MISDEMEANORS.

(a) Financial Sanctions. In addition to imposing court costs pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2947.23, the court imposing a sentence upon an offender for a misdemeanor committed under the Codified Ordinances, including a minor misdemeanor, may sentence the offender to any financial sanction or combination of financial sanctions authorized under this section and, if the offender is being sentenced for a criminal offense as defined in Ohio R.C. 2930.01, shall sentence the offender to make restitution pursuant to this section and Ohio R.C. 2929.281. If the court, in its discretion or as required by this section, imposes one or more financial sanctions, the financial sanctions that may be imposed pursuant to this section include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Restitution.

- A. Unless the misdemeanor offense could be disposed of by the traffic violations bureau serving the court under Traffic Rule 13, restitution by the offender to the victim of the offender's crime or the victim's estate, in an amount based on the victim's economic loss. The court may not impose restitution as a sanction pursuant to this section if the offense could be disposed of by the traffic violations bureau serving the court under Traffic Rule 13. If the court requires restitution, the court shall order that the restitution be made to the victim in open court or to the adult probation department that serves the jurisdiction or the clerk of the court on behalf of the victim.
- B. The court shall determine the amount of restitution to be paid by the offender. The victim, victim's representative, victim's attorney, if applicable, the prosecutor or the prosecutor's designee, and the offender may provide information relevant to the determination of the amount of restitution. The amount the court orders as restitution shall not exceed the amount of the economic loss suffered by the victim as a direct and proximate result of the commission of the offense. If the court imposes restitution for the cost of accounting or auditing done to determine the extent of economic loss, the court may order restitution for any amount of the victim's costs of accounting or auditing provided that the amount of restitution is reasonable and does not exceed the value of property or services stolen or damaged as a result of the offense. If the court decides to or is required to impose restitution, the court shall hold an evidentiary hearing on restitution if the offender, victim, victim's representative, victim's attorney, if applicable, or victim's estate disputes the amount of restitution. The court shall determine the amount of full restitution by a preponderance of the evidence.
- C. All restitution payments shall be credited against any recovery of economic loss in a civil action brought by the victim or the victim's estate against the offender. No person may introduce evidence of an award of restitution under this section in a civil action for purposes of imposing liability against an insurer under Ohio R.C. 3937.18.
- D. The court may order that the offender pay a surcharge, of not more than five percent (5%) of the amount of the restitution otherwise ordered, to the entity responsible for collecting and processing restitution payments.

- E. The victim, victim's attorney, if applicable, or the attorney for the victim's estate may request that the prosecutor in the case file a motion, or the offender may file a motion, for modification of the payment terms of any restitution ordered. If the court grants the motion, it may modify the payment terms as it determines appropriate but shall not reduce the amount of restitution ordered, except as provided in Ohio R.C. 2929.281(A).
- (2) Fines. A fine in the following amount:
- A. For a misdemeanor of the first degree, not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000);
- B. For a misdemeanor of the second degree, not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00);
- C. For a misdemeanor of the third degree, not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00);
- D. For a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00);
- E. For a minor misdemeanor, not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
- (3) Reimbursement of costs of sanctions.
- A. Reimbursement by the offender of any or all of the costs of sanctions incurred by the government, including, but not limited to, the following:
1. All or part of the costs of implementing any community control sanction, including a supervision fee under Ohio R.C. 2951.021 and the costs of global positioning system device monitoring;
  2. All or part of the costs of confinement in a jail or other residential facility, including, but not limited to, a per diem fee for room and board, the costs of medical and dental treatment, and the costs of repairing property damaged by the offender while confined.
- B. The amount of reimbursement ordered under subsection (a)(3)A. of this section shall not exceed the total amount of reimbursement the offender is able to pay and shall not exceed the actual cost of the sanctions. The court may collect any amount of reimbursement the offender is required to pay under that subsection. If the court does not order reimbursement under that subsection, confinement costs may be assessed pursuant to a repayment policy adopted under Ohio R.C. 2929.37. In addition, the offender may be required to pay the fees specified in Ohio R.C. 2929.38 in accordance with that section.  
(ORC 2929.28)
- (b) Jail Terms.
- (1) Except as provided in Ohio R.C. 2929.22 or 2929.23 of the Revised Code, and unless another term is required or authorized pursuant to law, if the sentencing court imposing a sentence upon an offender for a misdemeanor elects or is required to impose a jail term on the offender pursuant to this General Offenses Code, the court shall impose a definite jail term that shall be one of the following:
- A. For a misdemeanor of the first degree, not more than one hundred eighty days;
- B. For a misdemeanor of the second degree, not more than ninety days;

- C. For a misdemeanor of the third degree, not more than sixty days;
  - D. For a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, not more than thirty days.
- (2) A. A court that sentences an offender to a jail term under this section may permit the offender to serve the sentenced in intermittent confinement or may authorize a limited release of the offender as provided in Ohio R.C. 2929.26(B). The court retains jurisdiction over every offender sentenced to jail to modify the jail sentence imposed at any time, but the court shall not reduce any mandatory jail term.
- B.
- 1. If a prosecutor, as defined in Ohio R.C. 2935.01, has filed a notice with the court that the prosecutor wants to be notified about a particular case and if the court is considering modifying the jail sentence of the offender in that case, the court shall notify the prosecutor that the court is considering modifying the jail sentence of the offender in that case. The prosecutor may request a hearing regarding the court's consideration of modifying the jail sentence of the offender in that case, and, if the prosecutor requests a hearing, the court shall notify the eligible offender of the hearing.
  - 2. If the prosecutor requests a hearing regarding the court's consideration of modifying the jail sentence of the offender in that case, the court shall hold the hearing before considering whether or not to release the offender from the offender's jail sentence.
- (3) If a court sentences an offender to a jail term under this section and the court assigns the offender to a county jail that has established a county jail industry program pursuant to Ohio R.C. 5147.30, the court shall specify, as part of the sentence, whether the offender may be considered for participation in the program. During the offender's term in the county jail, the court retains jurisdiction to modify its specification regarding the offender's participation in the county jail industry program.
- (4) If a person is sentenced to a jail term pursuant to this section, the court may impose as part of the sentence pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28 a reimbursement sanction, and, if the local detention facility in which the term is to be served is covered by a policy adopted pursuant to Ohio R.C. 307.93, 341.14, 341.19, 341.21, 341.23, 753.02, 753.04, 753.16, 2301.56, or 2947.19 and Ohio R.C. 2929.37, both of the following apply:
- A. The court shall specify both of the following as part of the sentence:
- 1. If the person is presented with an itemized bill pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.37 for payment of the costs of confinement, the person is required to pay the bill in accordance with that section.
  - 2. If the person does not dispute the bill described in subsection (b)(4)A.1. of this section and does not pay the bill by the times specified in Ohio R.C. 2929.37, the clerk of the court may issue a certificate of judgment against the person as described in that section.

- B. The sentence automatically includes any certificate of judgment issued as described in subsection (b)(4)A.2. of this section. (ORC 2929.24)

(c) Organizations. Regardless of the penalties provided in subsections (a) and (b) hereof, an organization convicted of an offense pursuant to Section 501.11 shall be fined, in accordance with this section. The court shall fix the fine as follows:

Type of <u>Misdemeanor</u>	Maximum <u>Fine</u>
First degree	\$5000.00
Second degree	4000.00
Third degree	3000.00
Fourth degree	2000.00
Minor	1000.00
Misdemeanor not specifically classified	2000.00
Minor misdemeanor not specifically classified	1000.00

- (1) When an organization is convicted of an offense that is not specifically classified, and the section defining the offense or penalty plainly indicates a purpose to impose the penalty provided for violation upon organizations, then the penalty so provided shall be imposed in lieu of the penalty provided in this subsection (c).
- (2) When an organization is convicted of an offense that is not specifically classified, and the penalty provided includes a higher fine than the fine that is provided in this subsection (c), then the penalty imposed shall be pursuant to the penalty provided for the violation of the section defining the offense.
- (3) This subsection (c) does not prevent the imposition of available civil sanctions against an organization convicted of an offense pursuant to Section 501.11, either in addition to or in lieu of a fine imposed pursuant to this subsection (c). (ORC 2929.31)





**CHAPTER 505**  
**Animals and Fowl**

<p>505.01 Dogs and other animals running at large.</p> <p>505.02 Impounding and disposition; records.</p> <p>505.03 Annual registration of dogs; tags required.</p> <p>505.04 Abandoning animals.</p> <p>505.05 Killing or injuring animals.</p> <p>505.06 Poisoning animals.</p> <p>505.07 Cruelty to animals generally.</p> <p>505.071 Cruelty to companion animals.</p> <p>505.08 Nuisance conditions prohibited.</p> <p>505.09 Barking or howling dogs.</p> <p>505.10 Animal bites; reports and quarantine.</p> <p>505.11 Hunting prohibited.</p> <p>505.12 Coloring rabbits or baby poultry; sale or display of poultry.</p>	<p>505.13 Report of escape of exotic or dangerous animal.</p> <p>505.14 Vicious animals.</p> <p>505.141 Menacing and aggressive animals; animal owner responsibility.</p> <p>505.15 Animal excretion removal.</p> <p>505.16 Dangerous animals.</p> <p>505.17 Prohibition against feeding and maintaining Canadian Geese on public property.</p> <p>505.18 Management of cat population permitted acts.</p> <p>505.19 Rights of blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person, or trainer with assistance dog.</p> <p>505.99 Penalty.</p>
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Owner or keeper liable for damages - see Ohio R.C 951.10  
 Dog registration - see Ohio R.C. 955.01

**505.01 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.**

(a) No person being the owner or having charge of a cat or cats, cattle, sheep, geese, ducks, goats, turkeys, chickens or other fowl or animals shall permit them to run at large upon a public place, or upon any unenclosed lands or upon the premise of another.

(b) Except when a dog is lawfully engaged in hunting and accompanied by the owner, keeper, harbinger, or handler of the dog, no owner, keeper, or harbinger of any dog shall fail at any time to do either of the following:

- (1) Keep the dog physically confined or restrained upon the premises of the owner, keeper, or harbinger by a leash, tether, adequate fence, supervision, or secure enclosure to prevent escape.
- (2) Keep the dog under the control of some person.

- (3) It is unlawful for any person to suffer or permit any dog owned, harbored, or controlled by him to be on any public street, alley, lane, park or place of whatever nature open to and used by the public in the incorporated area of the City unless such dog is securely leashed and the leash is held continuously in the hand of a responsible person capable of controlling such dog, or unless the dog is securely confined in a vehicle unless the dog is at "heel" beside a competent person and obedient to that person's command. (Ord. 19-2015. Passed 12-14-15.)

(c) The owner, keeper or harbinger of every cat shall at all times keep said cat, regardless of whether such animal is wearing a registration tag, either confined upon the premises of the owner or keeper, or upon a leash and in reasonable control of the owner, keeper or harbinger. This provision shall expressly prohibit an owner, keeper or harbinger of any cat from allowing said animal to enter upon the property of another, or upon public property, unless properly restrained by a leash.

(d) The running at large of any such animal in or upon any of the places mentioned in this section is prima-facie evidence that it is running at large in violation of this section.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for a first offense and a misdemeanor of the first degree for each subsequent offense. (Ord. 6-2020. Passed 3-23-20.)

#### 505.02 IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION; RECORDS.

(a) A police officer or animal warden may impound every animal or dog found in violation of Section 505.01. If the dog is not wearing a valid registration tag and the owner is not otherwise reasonably determined, notice shall be posted in the pound or animal shelter both describing the dog and place where seized and advising the unknown owner that unless the dog is redeemed within three days, it may thereafter be sold or destroyed according to law. If the dog is wearing a valid registration tag or the identity of the owner, keeper or harbinger is otherwise reasonably determined, notice shall be given by certified mail to such owner, keeper or harbinger that the dog has been impounded and unless redeemed within fourteen days of the date of notice, it may thereafter be sold or destroyed according to law. Any dog seized and impounded may be redeemed by its owner, keeper or harbinger at any time prior to the applicable redemption period upon payment of all lawful costs assessed against the animal and upon providing the dog with a valid registration tag if it has none.

(b) A record of all dogs impounded, the disposition of the same, the owner's name and address where known, and a statement of any costs assessed against the dog shall be kept by any poundkeeper.

#### 505.03 ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF DOGS; TAGS REQUIRED.

(a) Except for guide dogs registered under Ohio R.C. 955.011 and dogs kept by an institution or organization for teaching and research purposes under Ohio R.C. 955.16, no person shall own, keep or harbor a dog more than three months of age without annually registering such dog with the County Auditor. Failure of any dog at any time to wear a valid registration tag shall be prima-facie evidence of lack of registration and subject such dog to impounding and disposition as provided by Ohio R.C. 955.16.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for a first offense and a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for each subsequent offense. (ORC 955.99(D)).

**505.04 ABANDONING ANIMALS.**

(a) No owner or keeper of a dog, cat or other domestic animal shall abandon such animal. (ORC 959.01)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree on a first offense and a misdemeanor of the first degree on each subsequent offense. (ORC 959.99)

**505.05 KILLING OR INJURING ANIMALS.**

(a) No person shall maliciously, or willfully, and without the consent of the owner, kill or injure a farm animal, dog, cat or other domestic animal that is the property of another. This section does not apply to a licensed veterinarian acting in an official capacity, or to trespassing animals as set forth in Ohio R.C. 959.04. (ORC 959.02)

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. If the value of the animal killed or the injury done amounts to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or more, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 959.99(B))

**505.06 POISONING ANIMALS.**

(a) No person shall maliciously, or willfully and without the consent of the owner, administer poison, except a licensed veterinarian acting in such capacity, to a farm animal, dog, cat, poultry or other domestic animal that is the property of another; and no person shall, willfully and without the consent of the owner, place any poisoned food where it may be easily found and eaten by any of such animals, either upon his own lands or the lands of another. (ORC 959.03)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (ORC 959.99(C))

**505.07 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS GENERALLY.**

(a) No person shall:

- (1) Torture an animal, deprive one of necessary sustenance, unnecessarily or cruelly beat, needlessly mutilate or kill, or impound or confine an animal without supplying it during such confinement with a sufficient quantity of good wholesome food and water;
- (2) Impound or confine an animal without affording it, during such confinement, access to shelter from wind, rain, snow or excessive direct sunlight if it can reasonably be expected that the animal would otherwise become sick or in some other way suffer. This subsection (a)(2) does not apply to animals impounded or confined prior to slaughter. For the purpose of this section, "shelter" means a man-made enclosure, windbreak, sunshade or natural windbreak or sunshade that is developed from the earth's contour, tree development or vegetation;
- (3) Carry or convey an animal in a cruel or inhuman manner;
- (4) Keep animals other than cattle, poultry or fowl, swine, sheep or goats in an enclosure without wholesome exercise and change of air, nor feed cows on food that produces impure or unwholesome milk;
- (5) Detain livestock in railroad cars or compartments longer than twenty-eight hours after they are so placed without supplying them with necessary food, water and attention, nor permit such livestock to be so crowded as to overlie, crush, wound or kill each other.

(b) Upon the written request of the owner or person in custody of any particular shipment of livestock, which written request shall be separate and apart from any printed bill of lading or other railroad form, the length of time in which such livestock may be detained in any cars or compartments without food, water and attention, may be extended to thirty-six hours without penalty therefor. This section does not prevent the dehorning of cattle. (ORC 959.13)

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. In addition, the court may order the offender to forfeit the animal or livestock and may provide for its disposition including, but not limited to, the sale of the animal or livestock. If an animal or livestock is forfeited and sold pursuant to this subsection, the proceeds from the sale first shall be applied to pay the expenses incurred with regard to the care of the animal from the time it was taken from the custody of the former owner. The balance of the proceeds from the sale, if any, shall be paid to the former owner of the animal. (ORC 959.99)

#### 505.071 CRUELTY TO COMPANION ANIMALS.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Animal rescue for dogs", has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 956.01.
- (2) "Boarding kennel" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 956.01.
- (3) "Companion animal" means any animal that is kept inside a residential dwelling and any dog or cat regardless of where it is kept, including a pet store as defined in Ohio R.C. 956.01. The term does not include livestock or any wild animal.
- (4) "Cruelty", "torment" and "torture" have the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 1717.01.
- (5) "Dog kennel" means an animal rescue for dogs, a boarding kennel or a training kennel.
- (6) "Federal Animal Welfare Act" means the "Laboratory Animal Act of 1966", Pub. L. No. 89-544, 80 Stat. 350 (1966), 7 U.S.C. §2131 et seq., as amended by the "Animal Welfare Act of 1970", Pub. L. No. 91-579, 84 Stat. 1560 (1970), the "Animal Welfare Act Amendments of 1976", Pub. L. No. 94-279, 90 Stat. 417 (1976) and the "Food Security Act of 1985", Pub. L. No. 99-198, 99 Stat. 1354 (1985), and as it may be subsequently amended.
- (7) "Practice of veterinary medicine" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4741.01.
- (8) "Residential dwelling" means a structure or shelter or the portion of a structure or shelter that is used by one or more humans for the purpose of a habitation.
- (9) "Wild animal" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 1531.01.

(b) No person shall knowingly torture, torment, needlessly mutilate or maim, cruelly beat, poison, needlessly kill, or commit an act of cruelty against a companion animal.

(c) No person who confines or who is the custodian or caretaker of a companion animal shall negligently do any of the following:

- (1) Torture, torment or commit an act or cruelty against the companion animal;
- (2) Deprive the companion animal of necessary sustenance, or confine the companion animal without supplying it during the confinement with sufficient quantities of good, wholesome food and water, if it can reasonably be expected that the companion animal would become sick or suffer in any other way as a result of or due to the deprivation or confinement;
- (3) Impound or confine the companion animal without affording it, during the impoundment or confinement, with access to shelter from heat, cold, wind, rain, snow, or excessive direct sunlight if it can reasonably be expected that the companion animal would become sick or suffer in any other way as a result of or due to the lack of adequate shelter.

(d) No person who confines or who is the custodian or caretaker of a companion animal shall recklessly deprive the companion animal of necessary sustenance or confine the companion animal without supplying it during the confinement with sufficient quantities of good, wholesome food and water.

(e) No owner, manager or employee of a dog kennel who confines or is the custodian or caretaker of a companion animal shall negligently do any of the following:

- (1) Torture, torment, or commit an act of cruelty against the companion animal;
- (2) Deprive the companion animal of necessary sustenance, or confine the companion animal without supplying it during the confinement with sufficient quantities of good, wholesome food and water, if it can reasonably be expected that the companion animal would become sick or suffer in any other way as a result of or due to the deprivation or confinement;
- (3) Impound or confine the companion animal without affording it, during the impoundment or confinement, with access to shelter from heat, cold, wind, rain, snow or excessive direct sunlight if it can reasonably be expected that the companion animal would become sick or suffer in any other way as a result of or due to the lack of adequate shelter.

(f) Subsections (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this section do not apply to any of the following:

- (1) A companion animal used in scientific research conducted by an institution in accordance with the federal animal welfare act and related regulations;
- (2) The lawful practice of veterinary medicine by a person who has been issued a license, temporary permit, or registration certificate to do so under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4741;
- (3) Dogs being used or intended for use for hunting or field trial purposes, provided that the dogs are being treated in accordance with usual and commonly accepted practices for the care of hunting dogs;
- (4) The use of common training devices, if the companion animal is being treated in accordance with usual and commonly accepted practices for the training of animals;
- (5) The administering of medicine to a companion animal that was properly prescribed by a person who has been issued a license, temporary permit, or registration certificate under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4741.

(g) Notwithstanding any section of the Ohio Revised Code that otherwise provides for the distribution of fine moneys, the Clerk of Court shall forward all fines the Clerk collects that are so imposed for any violation of this section to the Treasurer of the municipality, whose county humane society or law enforcement agency is to be paid the fine money as determined under this section. The Treasurer shall pay the fine moneys to the county humane society or the county, township, municipal corporation, or state law enforcement agency in this state that primarily was responsible for or involved in the investigation and prosecution of the violation. If a county humane society receives any fine moneys under this section, the county humane society shall use the fine moneys either to provide the training that is required for humane society agents under Ohio R.C. 1717.061 or to provide additional training for humane society agents. (ORC 959.131)

- (h) (1) Whoever violates subsection (b) or (d) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree on a first offense. On each subsequent offense such person is guilty of a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (c) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree on a first offense and a misdemeanor of the first degree on each subsequent offense.
- (3) Whoever violates subsection (e) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (4) A. A court may order a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this section to forfeit to an impounding agency, as defined in Ohio R.C. 959.132, any or all of the companion animals in that person's ownership or care. The court also may prohibit or place limitations on the person's ability to own or care for any companion animals for a specified or indefinite period of time.
- B. A court may order a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this section to reimburse an impounding agency for the reasonably necessary costs incurred by the agency for the care of a companion animal that the agency impounded as a result of the investigation or prosecution of the violation, provided that the costs were not otherwise paid under Ohio R.C. 959.132.
- (5) If a court has reason to believe that a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this section has a mental or emotional disorder that contributed to the violation, the court may impose as a community control sanction or as a condition of probation a requirement that the offender undergo psychological evaluation or counseling. The court shall order the offender to pay the costs of the evaluation or counseling. (ORC 959.99)

#### 505.08 NUISANCE CONDITIONS PROHIBITED.

(a) No person shall keep or harbor any animal or fowl in the Municipality so as to create noxious, or offensive odors or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health, comfort or safety of the public.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**505.09 BARKING OR HOWLING DOGS.**

(a) No person shall keep or harbor any dog within the Municipality which, by frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping, creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet and good order of the Municipality. Any person who shall allow any dog habitually to remain, be lodged or fed within any dwelling, building, yard or enclosure, which he occupies or owns, shall be considered as harboring such dog.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**505.10 ANIMAL BITES; REPORTS AND QUARANTINE.**

(a) Whenever any person is bitten by a dog or other animal, report of such bite shall be made to the Health Commissioner within twenty-four hours. The dog or other animal inflicting a bite shall immediately be examined by a qualified veterinarian and results of such examination shall be reported to the Health Commissioner within twenty-four hours. At the direction of the Health Commissioner, the dog or other animal shall either be confined by its owner or harbinger to his premises away from the public at large, or be placed under supervision of a veterinarian at the owner's or harbinger's expense. The isolation or observation period shall not be less than ten days from the date the person was bitten at which time report of the condition of the animal shall be made to the Health Commissioner.

No person shall fail to comply with the requirements of this section or with any order of the Health Commissioner made pursuant thereto, nor fail to immediately report to the Health Commissioner any symptoms or behavior suggestive of rabies.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**505.11 HUNTING PROHIBITED.**

(a) No person shall hunt, kill or attempt to kill any animal or fowl by the use of firearms, bow and arrow, air rifle or any other means within the corporate limits of the Municipality.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**505.12 COLORING RABBITS OR BABY POULTRY; SALE OR DISPLAY OF POULTRY.**

(a) No person shall dye or otherwise color any rabbit or baby poultry, including, but not limited to, chicks and ducklings. No person shall sell, offer for sale, expose for sale, raffle or give away any rabbit or poultry which has been dyed or otherwise colored. No poultry younger than four weeks of age may be sold, given away or otherwise distributed to any person in lots of less than three. Stores, shops, vendors and others offering young poultry for sale or other distribution shall provide and operate brooders or other heating devices that may be necessary to maintain poultry in good health, and shall keep adequate food and water available to the poultry at all times.

(ORC 925.62)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**505.13 REPORT OF ESCAPE OF EXOTIC OR DANGEROUS ANIMAL.**

(a) The owner or keeper of any member of a species of the animal kingdom that escapes from his custody or control and that is not indigenous to this State or presents a risk of serious physical harm to persons or property, or both, shall, within one hour after he discovers or reasonably should have discovered the escape, report it to:

- (1) A law enforcement officer of the Municipality and the sheriff of the county where the escape occurred; and



(2) The Clerk of the Municipal Legislative Authority.

(b) If the office of the Clerk of the Legislative Authority is closed to the public at the time a report is required by subsection (a) hereof, then it is sufficient compliance with subsection (a) hereof if the owner or keeper makes the report within one hour after the office is next open to the public.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.  
(ORC 2927.21)

#### 505.14 VICIOUS ANIMALS.

(a) Definitions.

(1) A “vicious animal” as the term is used in this section shall be defined as any of the following:

- A. Any animal known to have a propensity, tendency or disposition to attack, to cause injury, or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or other domestic animals, or
- B. Any animal which attacks a human being or another domestic animal one or more times without provocation, or
- C. Any animal that has killed a human being or another domestic animal.

(2) A vicious animal is “unconfined” as the term is used in this section if such animal is not securely confined indoors or confined in a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure upon the premises of the person described in subsection (b) hereof. Such pen or structure must have secure sides.

(b) No person owning or harboring or having the care and/or control of a vicious animal shall suffer or permit such animal to go unconfined on the premises of such person.

(c) No person owning or harboring or having the care and/or control of a vicious animal shall suffer or permit such animal to go beyond the premises of such person unless such animal is securely leashed or otherwise securely restrained.

(d) “Vicious animal” does not include either of the following:

- (1) A police dog that has killed or caused serious injury to any person or that has caused injury, other than killing or serious injury, to any person while the police dog is being used to assist one or more law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties;
- (2) A dog that has killed or caused serious injury to any person while a person was committing or attempting to commit a trespass or other criminal offense on the property of the owner, keeper or harbinger of the dog.

(e) “Without provocation” means that the animal was not teased, tormented or abused by a person, or that the animal was not coming to the aid or the defense of a person who was not engaged in illegal or criminal activity and who was not using the animal as a means of carrying out such activity.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.  
(Ord. 30-90. Passed 7-9-90.)

505.141 MENACING AND AGGRESSIVE ANIMALS; ANIMAL OWNER RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to keep, harbor, or maintain any aggressive or menacing animal which threatens, harasses, or intimidates a person who is peaceably and lawfully upon public or private property, unless it is contained in an enclosure of a construction adequate to keep it securely confined and prevent its escape.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to permit any animal owned, harbored, or controlled by him or her to attack and cause severe bodily injury or death to another domestic or captive animal while off the property of its owner or keeper.

(c) Upon notification of a violation of subsection (a), the animal owner(s) must immediately confine the animal to an enclosure or location which mitigates the aggressive and menacing behavior.

(d) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Aggressive animal" means any animal whose observable behavior causes a person observing that behavior reasonably to believe that the animal may attack a person or another animal without provocation. Police or military service canines being utilized in an official capacity are excluded from this definition.
- (2) "Menacing animal" means any animal which, through its behavior, causes a person observing or subject to that behavior to be in reasonable fear for his or her safety, or the safety of animals kept by him or her. Police or military service canines being utilized in an official capacity are excluded from this definition.
- (3) "Severe bodily injury" means any physical injury which results in deep lacerations with separation of subcutaneous tissues, muscle tears or lacerations, fractures or joint dislocations, or permanent impairment of locomotion or special senses.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of misdemeanor of the first degree. The penalties for a violation of this section, in addition to any others imposed by the Court shall include the following fines:

- (1) Three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) for the first violations.
- (2) Seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) for the second violations of subsection (a) or (b) within one (1) year.
- (3) One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each additional violation of subsection (a) or (b) within one (1) year.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, a first violation of subsection (a) will be deemed to have occurred if the menacing or aggressive animal is not confined as required by subsection (c) within twenty-four (24) hours of notification; a separate violation of subsection (a) shall be deemed to exist for each twenty-four (24) hour period following notification in which an animal's menacing or aggressive behavior continues unmitigated. (Ord. 19-2015. Passed 12-14-15.)

505.15 ANIMAL EXCRETION REMOVAL.

(a) The owner or person in charge of every animal shall be responsible for the immediate removal of any excreta deposited by his animal or animals on property, public or private, not owned or possess by such person.

(b) No person, being the owner or person in charge of any animal, shall fail to immediately remove excreta deposited by his animal or animals on property, public or private, not owned or possessed by such person.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(Ord. 27-97. Passed 6-9-97.)

#### 505.16 DANGEROUS ANIMALS.

(a) No person shall knowingly keep, maintain or have in his possession or under his control within the City any dangerous or carnivorous wild animal or reptile, or dangerous domesticated animal, or any other animal or reptile of wild, vicious or dangerous propensities, except to the extent that an exemption may be applicable pursuant to subsections (d) or (e) hereof. As used in this section, "dangerous animal" means and includes the following:

- (1) Any animal with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals; or
- (2) Any animal which attacks a human being or domestic animal without provocation; or
- (3) Any animal owned or harbored primarily or in part for purpose of fighting or any animal trained for fighting.

(b) The prohibitions of subsection (a) hereof shall not be applicable to the owners or keepers of domesticated dogs or cats; provided, however, that the owners or keepers of a domesticated dog or cat which by its characteristics meets the definitions of a dangerous animal set forth in subsections (a)(1) through (3) hereof shall be subject to the following requirements:

- (1) No such person shall suffer or permit such animal to go unconfined on the land or building of such person.
- (2) No such person shall permit such animal to run on the property of the owner other than in the back yard of the property, in residential districts.
- (3) Such person in residential districts shall maintain fencing in the back yard which is not less than six (6) feet in heights; which shall be constructed from stockade or solid screening material; which shall fully confine the animal and prevent the animal from reaching over, under or through the fence with its jaws, teeth or claws; and which fencing shall be set back a minimum of four (4) feet from any adjacent property lines.
- (4) No such person shall suffer or permit such animal to go beyond the land or building of such person unless such animal is securely restrained and muzzled.
- (5) Such person in residential districts shall possess at a minimum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) liability insurance policy.

(c) For purposes of this section, there shall be an irrebuttable presumption that, when kept or maintained within the City, the animals listed below are considered dangerous animals to which the prohibition of subsection (a) hereof, in the absence of an exemption pursuant to subsections (d) or (e) hereof, applies:

- (1) All crotalid, elapid and venomous colubroid snakes;
- (2) Apes: Gibbons (hylobates); gorillas (Gorilla); orangutans (Pongo); and stamangs (Symphalangus);
- (3) Baboons (Papoi, Mandrillus);
- (4) Bears (Ursidae);
- (5) Bison (Bison);

- (6) Cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*);
- (7) Crocodilians (*Corcodilia*) when twenty-four (24) inches in length or more;
- (8) Constrictor snakes exceeding six (6) feet in length;
- (9) Coyotes (*Canis Latrans*);
- (10) Deer (*Cervidae*), includes all members of the deer family, for example white-tailed deer, elk, antelope and moose;
- (11) Elephants (*Elepas* and *Loxodonta*);
- (12) Foxes (*Canis Vulpes*);
- (13) Game Cocks and other fighting birds;
- (14) Hippopotami (*Hippopotamidae*);
- (15) Hyenas (*Hyaenidae*);
- (16) Jaguars (*Panthera onca*);
- (17) Leopards (*Panthera pardus*);
- (18) Lions (*Panthera leo*);
- (19) Lynxes (*Lynx*);
- (20) Ostriches (*Struthio*);
- (21) Piranha fish (*Characidae*), except those considered vegetarians;
- (22) Pumas (*Felis concolor*), also known as cougars, mountain lions and panthers;
- (23) Rhinoceroses (*Rhinocero tidae*);
- (24) Sharks (Class *Chondrichthyes*);
- (25) Snow leopards (*Panthera uncia*);
- (26) Swine (*Suidae*);
- (27) Tigers (*Panthera tigris*);
- (28) Wolves or Wolf Hybrid Canines (*Canis lupus*);
- (29) Scorpions;
- (30) Birds of prey, except for those held by licensed falconers;
- (31) Venomous fish;
- (32) Poisonous spiders, except for tarantulas;
- (33) Stinging insects (except for honey bees);
- (34) Bats;
- (35) Reptiles.

(d) Licensed menageries, zoological gardens, and circuses shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) hereof if all of the following conditions are applicable:

- (1) The location conforms to the provisions of the City Zoning Code;
- (2) All animals and animal quarters are kept in a clean and sanitary condition and so maintained as to eliminate objectionable odors;
- (3) Animals are maintained in quarters so constructed as to prevent their escape; and
- (4) No person resides within fifty (50) feet of th quarters in which the animals are kept.

(e) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the Director of Safety may grant a specific exemption, on a temporary or permanent basis, from nay of the provisions of this sections to any person with a legitimate scientific, educational, commercial or other purposes for maintaining the prohibited animals, in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) Written application for exemption shall be filed by any person desiring to obtain an exemption with the Director of Safety. The application shall state the applicant's name, address, type and number of animals desired to be kept, general purpose for which the animals will be kept, and a general description of provisions which will be made for safe, sanitary and secure maintenance of the animals.

- (2) The Director of Safety may grant, deny or restrict the terms of an application for exemption; provided, however, that he shall take some official action on an application within 30 days of its filing.
- (3) In considering the merits of an application for exemption, the Director of Safety may cause one or more inspections of the applicant's premises to be made by appropriate City employees or representatives, and may also refer the application to persons technically knowledgeable with respect to the animals involved for an advisory opinion.
- (4) In evaluating an application for exemption, the Director of Safety shall give consideration to the following criteria:
  - A. The experience and knowledge of the applicant relative to the animals involved;
  - B. Whether the applicant has obtained a federal or state permit relative to the animals involved;
  - C. The relative danger, safety and health risks to the general public, to persons residing or passing near the applicant's premises, and to the applicant in connection with the animals involved;
  - D. The provisions which have been or will be made for the safe, sanitary and secure maintenance of the animals for the protection of the general public, persons residing or passing near the applicant's premises, and the applicant;
  - E. The provisions which have been made or will be made to protect the safety and health of the animals involved;
  - F. Any other logically relevant information.
- (5) An application for exemption under this subsection (c) shall be denied unless the Director of Public Safety determines that, in view of all the relevant criteria and any restrictions which he may provide, reasonably appropriate measures commensurate with the degree of risk associated with the animals involved have been or will be taken to assure at least a minimum acceptable level of protection from danger to the health and safety of the general public, persons residing or passing near the applicant's premises, and the applicant.
- (6) An exemption granted pursuant to this subsection (e) may be withdrawn by action of the Director of Public Safety in the event that the Director determines that there has been a change in the conditions or assumption under which it was originally granted or in the event that the applicant fails to comply with restrictions originally placed on the exemption.

(f) No exemption granted pursuant to any provision of this section shall be construed, nor is it intended by the City as a guaranty or warranty of any kind, whether express or implied, to any person, including without limitation the general public, persons residing or passing near the applicants' premises, or the applicant, either in general or individually, as to the danger or lack thereof, or degree of risk or health or safety of any animal, specifically or generally, or any premises where any animal is maintained or kept pursuant to such exemption.

(g) Impounding Dangerous and Vicious Animals. The police officers and/or dog wardens of the County shall impound any dangerous or carnivorous wild animal or reptile, any vicious or dangerous domesticated animal or any other animal or reptile of wild, or vicious or dangerous propensities as described herein and kept and maintained in violation of this section.

- (h) (1) Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Each day that such violation continues shall be considered a separate violation.

- (2) In addition to any penalty provided in this chapter, and Judge of the Municipal Court or the Common Pleas Court may order that any dangerous animal, or wild or exotic animal which attacks a person or domestic animal, be destroyed if the Court finds that such dangerous animal, or wild or exotic animal represents a continuing threat of serious harm to persons or domestic animals. In addition, any person found guilty of violating any provision of this chapter shall pay all expenses, including shelter, food, boarding and veterinary expenses necessitated by the seizure of any dangerous animal or wild or exotic animal for the protection of the public, and for such other expenses as may be required. (Ord. 13-2001. Passed 4-9-01.)

505.17 PROHIBITION AGAINST FEEDING AND MAINTAINING  
CANADIAN GEESE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

- (a) Definition. "Canadian Geese" is defined as the common wild goose (*Branta canadensis*) of North America.
- (b) Purpose. Canadian Geese are deemed to be a nuisance health risk animal whose presence is considered hazardous to the health and welfare of the citizens of New Philadelphia.
- (c) Prohibited. From October 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year, no person shall be permitted to feed, harbor, maintain, or provide bedding of any kind to any Canadian Geese on any public property located within the City of New Philadelphia.
- (d) Penalty. Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense, and a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for any subsequent offense. (Ord. 10-2015. Passed 5-28-15.)

505.18 MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATION PERMITTED ACTS.

- (a) Definitions. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (1) "Community Cat" shall mean a cat that is abandoned, stray, lost, or feral and that may be cared for by a community cat caregiver, specifically TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT INC., or their approved representatives.
  - (2) "Community Cat Caregiver" shall mean a person who, is approved by and in accordance with the policy of TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT INC., provides care, including, food, shelter, or medical care to a community cat, while not being considered the owner, harborer, controller, or keeper of a community cat.
  - (3) "Eartipping" shall mean the removal of the ¼ inch tip of a community cat's left ear, performed while the cat is under anesthesia, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, designed to identify the community cat as being sterilized and lawfully vaccinated for rabies.
  - (4) "Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)" shall mean the process of humanely trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, eartipping, and returning community cats to their original location.

(b) Permitted Acts. The following actions shall be permitted in the City of New Philadelphia, specifically allowing TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT INC., to pursue the process of Trap-Neuter-Return:

- (1) Trapping, for the sole purpose of sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, and eartipping community cats, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, where applicable.
- (2) An eartipped cat received by local shelters will be returned to the location where trapped unless veterinary care is required. A trapped eartipped cat will be released on site unless veterinary care is required.
- (3) Community cat caregivers are empowered to reclaim impounded community cats without proof of ownership solely for the purpose of the implementation of the process of Trap-Neuter-Return as more particularly provided in this Section.
- (4) TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT INC., will provide to the New Philadelphia Police Department and the New Philadelphia Safety Director a list of representatives (trapper, caregiver) who are approved by TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT INC. The list must be updated by TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT INC. whenever any change is made to the current submitted list.
- (5) A current copy of TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT INC. Internal Revenue Service Employee Identification Number (EIN 84-1973667) and a copy of TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT INC. Charter and Bylaws will be submitted to and kept in the City of New Philadelphia Mayor's Office.
- (6) Every approved TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECTS INC. representative, when performing in a TNR or Community Cat Caregiver function, must have written permission from the landowner on their person. (Ord. 23-2019. Passed 1-27-20.)

**505.19 RIGHTS OF BLIND, DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED, OR MOBILITY IMPAIRED PERSON, OR TRAINER WITH ASSISTANCE DOG.**

(a) When either a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person, or a training of an assistance dog is accompanied by an assistance dog, the person or trainer, as applicable, is entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of all public conveyances, hotels, and lodging places, all places of public accommodation, amusement, or resort, and other places to which the general public is invited, and may take the dog into such conveyances and places, subject only to the conditions and limitations applicable to all persons not so accompanied, except that:

- (1) The dog shall not occupy a seat in any public conveyance; and
- (2) The dog shall be leashed while using the facilities of a common carrier.
- (3) Any dog in training to become an assistance dog shall be covered by a liability insurance policy provided by the nonprofit special agency engaged in such work protecting members of the public against personal injury or property damage caused by the dog.

(b) No person shall deprive a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person, or a training of an assistance dog who is accompanied by an assistance dog, of any of the advantages, facilities or privileges provided in subsection (a) of this section, nor charge the person or training a fee or charge for the dog.

(ORC 955.43(A), (B))

- (c) As used in this section:
- (1) “Assistance dog” means a dog that has been trained by a nonprofit or for-profit special agency and that is one of the following:
    - A. A guide dog;
    - B. A hearing dog;
    - C. A service dog.
  - (2) “Blind” means either of the following:
    - A. Vision 20/20 or less in the better eye with proper correction;
    - B. Field defect in the better eye with proper correction that contracts the peripheral field so that the diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees.
  - (3) “Guide dog” means a dog that has been trained or is in training to assist a blind person.
  - (4) “Hearing dog” means a dog that has been trained or is in training to assist a deaf or hearing-impaired person.
  - (5) “Institutions of education” means:
    - A. Any state university or college as defined in Ohio R.C. 3345.32;
    - B. Any private college or university that holds a certificate of authorization issued by the Ohio Board of Regents pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 1713;
    - C. Any elementary or secondary school operated by a board of education;
    - D. Any chartered or nonchartered nonpublic elementary or secondary school; or
    - E. Any school issued a certificate of registration by the state Board of Career Colleges and Schools.
  - (6) “Person with a mobility impairment” means any person, regardless of age, who is subject to a physiological impairment regardless of its cause, nature or extent that renders the person unable to move about without the aid of crutches, a wheelchair, or any other form of support, or that limits the person’s functional ability to ambulate, climb, descend, sit, rise, or perform any related function. The phrase includes a person with a neurological or psychological disability that limits the person’s functional ability to ambulate, climb, descend, sit, rise or perform any related function. The phrase also includes a person with a seizure disorder and a person who is diagnosed with autism.
  - (7) “Service dog” means a dog that has been trained or is in training to assist a person with a mobility impairment.  
(ORC 955.011(B), 955.43(C))

(d) Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (ORC 955.99(D))

**505.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR’S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)





**CHAPTER 509**  
Disorderly Conduct and Peace Disturbance

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

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 Use of force to suppress riot - see Ohio R.C. 2917.05  
 Cordoning off riot areas, prohibiting sales of firearms  
 and explosives - see Ohio R.C. 3761.16  
 Emergency suspension of permits and sales by Director of  
 Liquor Control - see Ohio R.C 4301.251  
 Criminal trespass - see GEN. OFF. 541.05

**509.01 RIOT.**

- (a) No person shall participate with four or more others in a course of disorderly conduct in violation of Section 509.03:
- (1) With purpose to commit or facilitate the commission of a misdemeanor, other than disorderly conduct;
  - (2) With purpose to intimidate a public official or employee into taking or refraining from official action, or with purpose to hinder, impede or obstruct a function of government;
  - (3) With purpose to hinder, impede or obstruct the orderly process of administration or instruction at an educational institution, or to interfere with or disrupt lawful activities carried on at such institution.
- (b) No person shall participate with four or more others with purpose to do an act with unlawful force or violence, even though such act might otherwise be lawful.
- (c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of riot, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2917.03)

**509.011 INCITING TO VIOLENCE.**

- (a) No person shall knowingly engage in conduct designed to urge or incite another to commit any offense of violence, when either of the following apply:
- (1) The conduct takes place under circumstances that create a clear and present danger that any offense of violence will be committed;
  - (2) The conduct proximately results in the commission of any offense of violence.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of inciting to violence. If the offense of violence that the other person is being urged or incited to commit is a misdemeanor, inciting to violence is a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2917.01)

#### 509.02 FAILURE TO DISPERSE.

(a) Where five or more persons are participating in a course of disorderly conduct in violation of Section 509.03, and there are other persons in the vicinity whose presence creates the likelihood of physical harm to persons or property or of serious public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, a law enforcement officer or other public official may order the participants and such other persons to disperse. No person shall knowingly fail to obey such order.

(b) Nothing in this section requires persons to disperse who are peaceably assembled for a lawful purpose.

- (c)
- (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of failure to disperse.
  - (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(3) hereof, failure to disperse is a minor misdemeanor.
  - (3) Failure to disperse is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree if the failure to obey the order described in subsection (a) hereof, creates the likelihood of physical harm to persons or is committed at the scene of a fire, accident, disaster, riot, or emergency of any kind. (ORC 2917.04)

#### 509.03 DISORDERLY CONDUCT; INTOXICATION.

(a) No person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance or alarm to another by doing any of the following:

- (1) Engaging in fighting, in threatening harm to persons or property, or in violent or turbulent behavior;
- (2) Making unreasonable noise or offensively coarse utterance, gesture or display, or communicating unwarranted and grossly abusive language to any person, which by its very utterance or usage inflicts injury or tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace;
- (3) Insulting, taunting or challenging another, under circumstances in which that conduct is likely to provoke a violent response;
- (4) Hindering or preventing the movement of persons on a public street, road, highway or right of way, or to, from, within or upon public or private property, so as to interfere with the rights of others, and by any act that serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender;
- (5) Creating a condition that is physically offensive to persons or that presents a risk of physical harm to persons or property, by any act that serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender.
- (6) Damaging, befouling or disturbing public property or the property of another, so as to create a hazardous, unhealthy or physically offensive condition. (Ord. 36-82. Passed 7-26-82.)

(b) No person, while voluntarily intoxicated shall do either of the following:

- (1) In a public place or in the presence of two or more persons, engage in conduct likely to be offensive or to cause inconvenience, annoyance or alarm to persons of ordinary sensibilities, which conduct the offender, if the offender were not intoxicated, should know is likely to have that effect on others;
- (2) Engage in conduct or create a condition that presents a risk of physical harm to the offender or another, or to the property of another.

(c) Violation of any statute or ordinance of which an element is operating a motor vehicle, locomotive, watercraft, aircraft or other vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any drug of abuse, is not a violation of subsection (b) hereof.

(d) If a person appears to an ordinary observer to be intoxicated, it is probable cause to believe that person is voluntarily intoxicated for purposes of subsection (b) hereof.

- (e) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of disorderly conduct. (ORC 2917.11)
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (e)(3), disorderly conduct is a minor misdemeanor, punishable by a mandatory minimum fine of \$50.00. (Ord. 17-2018. Passed 6-11-18.)
- (3) Disorderly conduct is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree if any of the following applies:
- A. The offender persists in disorderly conduct after reasonable warning or request to desist.
  - B. The offense is committed in the vicinity of a school or in a school safety zone.
  - C. The offense is committed in the presence of any law enforcement officer, firefighter, rescuer, medical person, emergency medical services person, or other authorized person who is engaged in the person's duties at the scene of a fire, accident, disaster, riot or emergency of any kind.
  - D. The offense is committed in the presence of any emergency facility person who is engaged in the person's duties in an emergency facility.
- (4) If an offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of subsection (b) of this section, a violation of subsection (b) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
- (f) As used in this section:
- (1) "Emergency medical services person" is the singular of "emergency medical services personnel" as defined in Ohio R.C. 2133.21.
  - (2) "Emergency facility person" is the singular of "emergency facility personnel" as defined in Ohio R.C. 2909.04.
  - (3) "Emergency facility" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2909.04.
  - (4) "Committed in the vicinity of a school" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2925.01. (ORC 2917.11)

(g) Electronic Restrained Devices Fund. Whoever violates a provision of this section, in addition to any other penalties or fines imposed by the Court, shall be subject to a mandatory fifty-dollars (\$50.00) fee at the time the individual either posts bond, is found guilty, or pleads no contest to any provision of this section, which shall be deposited in the City of New Philadelphia Electronic Restraint Devices Fund. (Ord. 4-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 509.04 DISTURBING A LAWFUL MEETING.

(a) No person, with purpose to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession or gathering, shall do either of the following:

- (1) Do any act which obstructs or interferes with the due conduct of such meeting, procession or gathering;
- (2) Make any utterance, gesture or display which outrages the sensibilities of the group.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of disturbing a lawful meeting. Except as otherwise provided in this section, disturbing a lawful meeting is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Disturbing a lawful meeting is a misdemeanor of the first degree if either of the following applies:

- (1) The violation is committed with the intent to disturb or disquiet any assemblage of people met for religious worship at a tax-exempt place of worship, regardless of whether the conduct is within the place at which the assemblage is held or is on the property on which that place is located and disturbs the order and solemnity of the assemblage.
- (2) The violation is committed with the intent to prevent, disrupt, or interfere with a virtual meeting or gathering of people for religious worship, through use of a computer, computer system, telecommunications device, or other electronic device or system, or in any other manner.

(c) As used in this section:

- (1) "Computer" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2913.01.
- (2) "Computer system" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2913.01.
- (3) "Telecommunications device" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2913.01.
- (4) "Virtual meeting or gathering" means a meeting or gathering by interactive video conference or teleconference, or by a combination thereof. (ORC 2917.12)

#### 509.05 MISCONDUCT AT AN EMERGENCY.

(a) No person shall knowingly do any of the following:

- (1) Hamper the lawful operations of any law enforcement officer, firefighter, rescuer, medical person, emergency medical services person, or other authorized person, engaged in the person's duties at the scene of a fire, accident, disaster, riot, or emergency of any kind;
- (2) Hamper the lawful activities of any emergency facility person who is engaged in the person's duties in an emergency facility;
- (3) Fail to obey the lawful order of any law enforcement officer engaged in the law enforcement officer's duties at the scene of or in connection with a fire, accident, disaster, riot, or emergency of any kind.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit access or deny information to any news media representative in the lawful exercise of the news media representative's duties.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of misconduct at an emergency. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, misconduct at an emergency is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If a violation of this section creates a risk of physical harm to persons or property, misconduct at an emergency is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(d) As used in this section:

- (1) "Emergency medical services person" is the singular of "emergency medical services personnel" as defined in Ohio R.C. 2133.21.
- (2) "Emergency facility person" is the singular of "emergency facility personnel" as defined in Ohio R.C. 2909.04.
- (3) "Emergency facility" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2909.04.

## 509.06 INDUCING PANIC.

(a) No person shall cause the evacuation of any public place, or otherwise cause serious public inconvenience or alarm, by doing any of the following:

- (1) Initiating or circulating a report or warning of an alleged or impending fire, explosion, crime or other catastrophe, knowing that such report or warning is false;
- (2) Threatening to commit any offense of violence;
- (3) Committing any offense, with reckless disregard of the likelihood that its commission will cause serious public inconvenience or alarm.

(b) Division (a) hereof does not apply to any person conducting an authorized fire or emergency drill.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of inducing panic, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If inducing panic results in physical harm to any person, economic harm of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, if the public place involved in a violation of this section is a school or an institution of higher education, or if the violation pertains to a purported, threatened or actual use of a weapon of mass destruction, inducing panic is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(d) Any act that is a violation of this section and any other section of the Codified Ordinances may be prosecuted under this section, the other section, or both sections.

(e) As used in this section:

- (1) "Biological agent" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2917.33.
- (2) "Economic harm" means any of the following:
  - A. All direct, incidental, and consequential pecuniary harm suffered by a victim as a result of criminal conduct. "Economic harm" as described in this division includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:
    1. All wages, salaries, or other compensation lost as a result of the criminal conduct;
    2. The cost of all wages, salaries, or other compensation paid to employees for time those employees are prevented from working as a result of the criminal conduct;
    3. The overhead costs incurred for the time that a business is shut down as a result of the criminal conduct;
    4. The loss of value to tangible or intangible property that was damaged as a result of the criminal conduct.
  - B. All costs incurred by the Municipality as a result of, or in making any response to, the criminal conduct that constituted the violation of this section or Section 509.07, including, but not limited to, all costs so incurred by any law enforcement officers, firefighters, rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel of the state or the political subdivision.
- (3) "Emergency medical services personnel" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2133.21.
- (4) "Institution of higher education" means any of the following:
  - A. A state university or college as defined in Ohio R.C. 3345.12(A)(1), community college, state community college, university branch, or technical college;

- B. A private, nonprofit college, university or other post-secondary institution located in this State that possesses a certificate of authorization issued by the Chancellor of Higher Education pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 1713.
  - C. A post-secondary institution with a certificate of registration issued by the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3332. (ORC 2917.31)
- (5) “School” means any school operated by a board of education or any school for which the Director of Education and Workforce prescribes minimum standards under Ohio R.C. 3301.07, whether or not any instruction, extracurricular activities, or training provided by the school is being conducted at the time a violation of this section is committed.
- (6) “Weapon of mass destruction” means any of the following:
- A. Any weapon that is designed or intended to cause death or serious physical harm through the release, dissemination, or impact of toxic or poisonous chemicals, or their precursors;
  - B. Any weapon involving a disease organism or biological agent;
  - C. Any weapon that is designed to release radiation or radioactivity at a level dangerous to human life;
  - D. Any of the following, except to the extent that the item or device in question is expressly excepted from the definition of “destructive device” pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(4) and regulations issued under that section:
    - 1. Any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine, or similar device;
    - 2. Any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any item or device into any item or device described in division (e)(3)D.1. of this section and from which an item or device described in that division may be readily assembled.

#### 509.07 MAKING FALSE ALARMS.

- (a) No person shall do any of the following:
- (1) Initiate or circulate a report or warning of an alleged or impending fire, explosion, crime or other catastrophe, knowing that the report or warning is false and likely to cause public inconvenience or alarm;
  - (2) Knowingly cause a false alarm of fire or other emergency to be transmitted to or within any organization, public or private, for dealing with emergencies involving a risk of physical harm to persons or property;
  - (3) Report to any law enforcement agency an alleged offense or other incident within its concern, knowing that such offense did not occur.
  - (4) Initiate or circulate a report or warning of an alleged or impending fire, explosion, crime, or other catastrophe, knowing that the report or warning is false and likely to impede the operation of a critical infrastructure facility.
- (b) This section does not apply to any person conducting an authorized fire or emergency drill.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of making false alarms, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If a violation of this section results in economic harm of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, or if a violation of this section pertains to a purported, threatened, or actual use of a weapon of mass destruction, making false alarms is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(d) Any act that is a violation of this section and any other section of the Codified Ordinances may be prosecuted under this section, the other section, or both sections.

(e) As used in this section:

- (1) "Critical infrastructure facility" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2911.21.
- (2) "Economic harm" and "weapon of mass destruction" have the same meaning as in Section 509.06. (ORC 2917.32)

#### 509.08 EMERGENCY POWERS OF MAYOR.

(a) The Mayor may, in case of riot or insurrection, or when there is clear and present danger of a riot or insurrection, proclaim in writing a state of emergency.

(b) As part of such proclamation or by subsequent written order after such proclamation is issued, the Mayor may, in his discretion as he deems necessary to the public safety:

- (1) Delineate the boundaries of any area threatened by riot or insurrection, and restrict or prohibit the movement of persons into, from or within such area.
- (2) Establish a curfew within such area, and prohibit persons from being out of doors during such curfew.
- (3) Prohibit the sale, offering for sale, dispensing and transportation of firearms and other deadly weapons, ammunition, dynamite and other dangerous explosives, incendiary devices and any necessary ingredient thereof.
- (4) Issue reasonable regulations to suppress such riot or insurrection, or to protect persons or property from harm by reason of such riot or insurrection.

(c) Public notice of the state of emergency shall be given by the sounding of the fire siren for two continuous minutes.

(d) As soon as a state of emergency exists, the Mayor shall call a special meeting of Council as soon as permitted by law, for the purpose of securing Council's approval to the imposition of a curfew under the provisions of this section.

(e) The emergency powers herein granted to the Mayor shall be limited to the twenty-four hour period immediately following the declaration of emergency by the Mayor.

(f) When the danger from riot or insurrection has passed, the Mayor shall immediately make a proclamation that the emergency has ended and any proclamation, order or regulation issued pursuant to this section shall then become void.



(g) The powers conferred by this section are in addition to any other power which may be conferred by law and nothing in this section shall be construed to modify or limit such authority, powers, duties and responsibilities of any officer or public official as may be provided by law. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit suspension of the privilege to a writ of habeas corpus. (Ord. 3199. Passed 9-23-68.)

(h) Whoever violates any prohibition contained in, or knowingly fails to perform any duty required by a proclamation, order or regulation issued and in effect pursuant to this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

#### 509.09 CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS.

(a) Definitions. In this section:

(1) "Curfew hours" means:

- A. 11:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday until 6:00 a.m. of the following day; and
- B. 12:01 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. on any Saturday or Sunday.
- C. During the period from October 1 to November 1 of each year, the hours shall be 7:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m., except for home football games played at Quaker Stadium when the hours shall be between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(2) "Emergency" means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action. The term includes, but is not limited to, a fire, a natural disaster or automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.

(3) "Establishment" means any privately-owned place of business operated for a profit to which the public is invited, including but not limited to any place of amusement or entertainment.

(4) "Guardian" means:

- A. A person who, under court order, is the guardian of the person of a minor; or
- B. A public or private agency with whom a minor has been placed by a court.

(5) "Minor" means any person under eighteen years of age.

(6) "Operator" means any individual, firm, association, partnership, or corporation operating, managing or conducting any establishment. The term includes the members or partners of an association or partnership and the officers of a corporation.

(7) "Parent" means a person who is:

- A. A natural parent, adoptive parent or step-parent of another person; or
- B. At least eighteen years of age and authorized by a parent or guardian to have the care and custody of a minor.

(8) "Public place" means any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and includes, but is not limited to, streets, highways, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings, transport facilities and shops.

(9) "Remain" means to:

- A. Linger or stay; or
- B. Fail to leave premises when requested to do so by a police officer or the owner, operator or other person in control of the premises.

(10) “Serious bodily injury” means bodily injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes death, serious permanent disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.

(b) Offenses.

(1) A minor commits an offense if he remains in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the Municipality during curfew hours.

(2) A parent or guardian of a minor commits an offense if he knowingly permits, or by insufficient control allows, the minor to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the Municipal during curfew hours.

(3) The owner, operator or any employee of an establishment commits an offense if he knowingly allows a minor to remain upon the premises of the establishment during curfew hours.

(c) Defenses.

(1) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (b) hereof that the minor was:

A. Accompanied by the minor’s parent or guardian;

B. On an errand at the direction of the minor’s parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;

C. In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;

D. Engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop;

E. Involved in an emergency;

F. On the sidewalk abutting the minor’s residence or abutting the residence of a next-door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the Police Department about the minor’s presence;

G. Attending an official school, religious or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the Municipality, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop, an official school, religious or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the Municipality, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor.

H. Exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly; or

I. Married or had been married.

(2) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (b)(3) hereof that the owner, operator or employee of an establishment promptly notified the Police Department that a minor was present on the premises of the establishment during curfew hours and refused to leave.

(d) Enforcement. Before taking any enforcement action under this section, a police officer shall ask the apparent offender’s age and reason for being in the public place. The officer shall not issue a citation or make an arrest under this section unless the officer reasonably believes that an offense has occurred and that, based on any response and other circumstances, no defense in subsection (c) hereof is present.

(e) Penalty. Whoever violates a provision of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A person who violates a provision of this section is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed, continued or permitted. (Ord. 41-2001. Passed 8-27-01.)

509.10 IMPEDING PUBLIC PASSAGE OF AN EMERGENCY SERVICE RESPONDER.

(a) No person, without privilege to do so, shall recklessly obstruct any highway, street, sidewalk, or any other public passage in such a manner as to render the highway, street, sidewalk, or passage impassable without unreasonable inconvenience or hazard if both of the following apply:

- (1) The obstruction prevents an emergency vehicle from accessing a highway or street, prevents an emergency service responder from responding to an emergency, or prevents an emergency vehicle or an emergency service responder from having access to an exit from an emergency.
- (2) Upon receipt of a request or order from an emergency service responder to remove or cease the obstruction, the person refuses to remove or cease the obstruction.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not limit or affect the application of Ohio R.C. 2921.31 or any other section of the Ohio Revised Code. Any conduct that is a violation of subsection (a) of this section and that also is a violation of Ohio R.C. 2921.31 or any other section of the Ohio Revised Code may be prosecuted under this section, the other section of the Ohio Revised Code or both sections.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of unlawfully impeding public passage of an emergency service responder, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(d) As used in this section, “emergency service responder” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2903.13. (ORC 2917.14)

509.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR’S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

CHAPTER 510  
Nuisance Activity

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510.01 DECLARATION OF NUISANCES.

(a) Definition of Nuisance Activity. The following activities occurring either on residential or commercial property, or within one thousand (1,000) feet of the property line of said residential or commercial property, and engaged in by the owner, or the owner's agent, or, the owner's lessee, occupant, invitee or the person or entity in charge of said residential or commercial property (including individual apartments and condominium units and occupants of hotel rooms) are hereby declared to be a public nuisances:

- (1) Any animal violations under Sections 505.01 (animals running at large), 505.071 (cruelty to companion animals), 505.09 (barking or howling dogs), 505.14 (vicious animals), 505.141 (menacing and aggressive animals), 505.16 (dangerous animals) of the Codified Ordinances;
- (2) Any disorderly conduct disturbances of the peace or other violation of Chapter 509 of the Codified Ordinances and Ohio Revised Code 2917.11;
- (3) Any drug abuse violation under Chapter 513 of the Codified Ordinances and Ohio Revised Code 2925.01 (G);
- (4) Any gambling violation under Chapter 517 of the Codified Ordinances;
- (5) Any false alarm call which is defined for the purposes of this Chapter as being an emergency call by an alarm company triggered either by an automated or manual alarm activation which, after investigation by the Police it is determined that there is no need for criminal investigation and that the alarm activated for some other reason;
- (6) Any sex related offenses under Sections 533.07 (public indecency), 533.08 (procuring), 533.09 (soliciting), 533.091 (loitering to engage in solicitation), 533.10 (prostitution), or in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2907;
- (7) Any health, safety, or sanitation violation under Chapter 521 of the Codified Ordinances;
- (8) Any weapons, explosives, firearm or handgun violation under Chapter 549 of the Codified Ordinances;
- (9) Any alcohol violations under Chapter 529 of the Codified Ordinances or under Chapter 4301 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (10) Any noise violation under Chapter 531 of the Codified Ordinances;
- (11) Any fireworks violation under Section 1519 of the Codified Ordinances;
- (12) Any obstruction of official business violation under Chapter 525.07 of the Codified Ordinances;

- (13) Any offenses against property under Sections 541.03 ( criminal damaging or endangering) or 541.04 (criminal mischief) of the Codified Ordinances or under Chapter 2921.31 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (14) Any trespass or aggravated trespass offenses under Section 541.05 and 541.051 of the Codified Ordinances or under Sections 2911.23 and 2911.211 under the Ohio Revised Code;
- (15) Any arson or related offenses under Chapter 541 of the Codified Ordinances and under Chapter 2909 in the Ohio Revised Code;
- (16) Any offense against persons under Chapter 537 of the Codified Ordinances except Sections 537.051 (menacing by stalking) and 537.14 (domestic violence);
- (17) Any other criminal offense that threatens the health, safety or welfare of the City or unreasonably interferes with the right of the residents of the City of New Philadelphia to the peaceful enjoyment of their neighborhoods;
- (18) Any offense that is a felony under the Ohio Revised Code;
- (19) Any activity engaged in by a person under eighteen (18) years of age which would constitute a violation of any offense listed in this section if committed by an adult.

(b) For the purposes of subsection (a), the occurrence of a nuisance activity means either a citation has been issued, or an arrest has been made, or a conviction has been obtained, or a City Department, including, but not limited to, Police, Fire, Animal Control, or Building, has documented the activity in lieu of arrest or citation.

(c) Initiation of Nuisance Declaration Process. The Director of Public Safety or his or her designee, upon finding that two (2) or more nuisance activities or any one felony as outlined in subsection (a) have occurred within a twelve-month period, may cause a written notice and order to be served on the owner of the property. The notice shall declare that if a third nuisance activity, or any additional felony as outlined in subsection (a) hereof occurs within a twelve-month period of the first nuisance activity, such property shall be declared a nuisance property. The notice and order shall set forth the nature of the nuisances and the estimated costs to abate any future nuisance and shall state that the owner may avoid being charged the costs of abatement by taking steps to prevent any further nuisance activity as set forth in this section. The notice shall further state that the City may abate the nuisance by responding to the activities using administrative and law enforcement actions and the costs of such abatement shall be assessed on the nuisance property as set forth in subsection (g). Notice shall be served pursuant to the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure.

(d) Nuisance Declaration. If a third nuisance activity as declared in this section, or any additional felony, occurs within twelve months after the first of the two nuisance activities referred to in subsection (c), the Director of Public Safety or his or her designee may declare the property to be a nuisance under this chapter. Once a property has been declared a nuisance then any subsequent occurrence of any activity listed in subsection (a) may cause another nuisance declaration. The cost of responding to the nuisance activity shall be assessed on the nuisance property. The nuisance declaration may come before or after the City has incurred the response costs. The costs shall be calculated as set forth in subsection (g) hereof. The City shall provide notice to the owner of the nuisance property to pay the costs of abatement at least thirty (30) days before such costs are certified to the County Auditor for assessment against the property, and such notice shall contain a description of the nuisance activity that is the basis for the notice of intent to assess the property, and the cost to abate. If the same is not paid

within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the notice, such amount may be certified to the County Auditor for collection as other taxes and assessments are collected, or the City may seek recovery of such costs by civil action. Notice shall be served pursuant to the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure. (Ord. 13-2021. Passed 7-12-21.)

(e) Reconsideration Request. The owner of a nuisance property who receives a nuisance declaration notice from the Director of Public Safety or his or her designee pursuant to subsection (d) may appeal such notice by submitting a written request for reconsideration to the Director of Public Safety within thirty (30) days of the date of the nuisance declaration notice. If the Director of Public Safety or his or her designee finds that the facts presented do not constitute a public nuisance then the Director of Public Safety or his or her designee shall rescind the notice. Otherwise the Director of Public Safety or his or her designee shall deny the request and advise the appellant in writing of the denial and of the appellant's right to file an appeal to the Housing Appeals Board, created in Sections 1334.62-68 of the New Philadelphia Codified Ordinances.

(f) Appeal to the Housing Appeals Board. The owner may appeal the denial of the request for reconsideration by submitting a written appeal letter to the Housing Appeals Board created under Section 1334.62 of the New Philadelphia Codified Ordinances, within thirty (30) days of the date of the denial. The Housing Appeals Board shall interpret the intent of this Nuisance Abatement Code and any rules or regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Any such appeal shall not stay any actions by the City to abate the first or any subsequent nuisance activity. In any such appeal, the City must show by a preponderance of the evidence that each nuisance activity stated in the notice being appealed, or if the activities stated in the notice number more than three, each nuisance activity for which the City seeks compensation, has occurred, and that the declaration of the property as a nuisance property or of the intent of the City to assess the property for abatement costs, whichever is applicable, is justified. If a nuisance activity has been evidenced by a criminal conviction then it shall be per se proof that the activity has occurred. The City shall be deemed to have failed to meet this standard if the owner demonstrates by a preponderance of evidence that:

- (1) He or she was not the owner at the time of any of the nuisance activity that is the basis of the notice; or
  - (2) He or she had knowledge of the nuisance activity, but has promptly and vigorously taken all actions necessary to abate each nuisance including, without limitation, compliance with the requirements of Ohio R.C. 5321.17(C) and 5321.04(A)(9); or
  - (3) He or she had no knowledge of the nuisance activity and could not with reasonable care and diligence, have known of the nuisance activity; and upon receipt of the notice of the declaration of the property as a nuisance property, he or she promptly took all actions necessary to abate the nuisance including without limitation, compliance with the requirements of Ohio R.C. 5321.17(C) and 5321.04(A)(9).
- (Ord. 12-2022. Passed 7-11-22.)

(g) Costs of abatement shall be the actual cost based upon expenses and the hourly wage of any personnel involved in the response to the nuisance activity defined in subsection (d) and any related notice and declaration proceedings.

(h) The declaration of a nuisance property, an order to abate a nuisance, or the assessment of costs by the City on a property, does not affect or limit the City's right or authority to bring criminal prosecution or other legal action against any person for violation of the City's ordinances. (Ord. 13-2021. Passed 7-12-21.)

510.02 (RESERVED).

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**CHAPTER 513**  
**Drug Abuse Control**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Federal prosecution bar to local prosecution - see Ohio R.C. 2925.50, 3719.19  
 Analysis report and notarized statement as evidence - see Ohio R.C. 2925.51  
 Criteria for granting probation - see Ohio R.C. 3719.70(B)  
 Adulterating food with drug of abuse - see GEN. OFF. 537.13  
 Using weapons while under the influence - see GEN. OFF. 549.03.

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**513.01 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning. Words, terms and phrases and their derivatives used in this chapter which are not defined in this section shall have the meanings given to them in the Ohio Revised Code.

- (a) "Administer." Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (b) "Adulterate." To cause a drug to be adulterated as described in Ohio R.C. 3715.63.
- (c) "Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services". Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 5119.01.



- (d) “Bulk amount.” Of a controlled substance, means any of the following:
- (1) For any compound, mixture, preparation, or substance included in Schedule I, Schedule II, or Schedule III, with the exception of any controlled substance analog, marihuana, cocaine, L.S.D., heroin, any fentanyl-related compound, and hashish and except as provided in subsection (c)(2), (5), or (6) of this definition, whichever of the following is applicable:
    - A. An amount equal to or exceeding ten grams or twenty-five unit doses of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule I opiate or opium derivative;
    - B. An amount equal to or exceeding ten grams of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of raw or gum opium;
    - C. An amount equal to or exceeding thirty grams or ten unit doses of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule I hallucinogen other than tetrahydrocannabinol or lysergic acid amide, or a Schedule I stimulant or depressant;
    - D. An amount equal to or exceeding twenty grams or five times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule II opiate or opium derivative;
    - E. An amount equal to or exceeding five grams or ten unit doses of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of phencyclidine;
    - F. An amount equal to or exceeding 120 grams or thirty times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule II stimulant that is in a final dosage form manufactured by a person authorized by the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq., as amended) and the federal drug abuse control laws, as defined in this section, that is or contains any amount of a Schedule II depressant substance or a Schedule II hallucinogenic substance;
    - G. An amount equal to or exceeding three grams of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule II stimulant, or any of its salts or isomers, that is not in a final dosage form manufactured by a person authorized by the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq., as amended) and the federal drug abuse control laws;
  - (2) An amount equal to or exceeding 120 grams or thirty times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule III or IV substance other than an anabolic steroid or a Schedule III opiate or opium derivative;
  - (3) An amount equal to or exceeding twenty grams or five times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule III opiate or opium derivative;

- (4) An amount equal to or exceeding 250 milliliters or 250 grams of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule V substance;
- (5) An amount equal to or exceeding 200 solid dosage units, sixteen grams, or sixteen milliliters of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule III anabolic steroid;
- (6) For any compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is a combination of a fentanyl-related compound and any other compound, mixture, preparation, or substance included in Schedule III, Schedule IV, or Schedule V, if the defendant is charged with a violation of Ohio R.C. 2925.11 and the sentencing provisions set forth in Ohio R.C. 2925.11(C)(10)(b) and (C)(11) will not apply regarding the defendant and the violation, the bulk amount of the controlled substance for purposes of the violation is the amount specified in division (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this definition for the other Schedule III, Schedule IV, or Schedule V controlled substance that is combined with the fentanyl-related compound.
- (e) “Certified grievance committee.” A duly constituted and organized committee of the Ohio State Bar Association or of one or more local bar associations of the state that complies with the criteria set forth in Rule V, Section 6 of the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.
- (f) “Cocaine.” Any of the following:
  - (1) A cocaine salt, isomer or derivative, a salt of a cocaine isomer or derivative, or the base form of cocaine.
  - (2) Coca leaves or a salt, compound, derivative or preparation of coca leaves, including ecgonine, a salt, isomer or derivative of ecgonine, or a salt of an isomer or derivative of ecgonine.
  - (3) A salt, compound, derivative or preparation of a substance identified in subsection (e)(1) or (2) of this definition that is chemically equivalent to or identical with any of those substances, except that the substances shall not include decocainized coca leaves or extraction of coca leaves if the extractions do not contain cocaine or ecgonine.
- (g) “Committed in the vicinity of a juvenile.” An offense is “committed in the vicinity of a juvenile” if the offender commits the offense within 100 feet of a juvenile or within the view of a juvenile, regardless of whether the offender knows the age of the juvenile, whether the offender knows the offense is being committed within 100 feet of or within view of the juvenile, or whether the juvenile actually views the commission of the offense.
- (h) “Committed in the vicinity of a school.” An offense is “committed in the vicinity of a school” if the offender commits the offense on school premises, in a school building, or within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of any school premises, regardless of whether the offender knows the offense is being committed on school premises, in a school building, or within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of any school premises.
- (i) “Committed in the vicinity of a substance addiction services provider or a recovering addict”. An offense is “committed in the vicinity of a substance addiction services provider or a recovering addict” if either of the following apply:

- (1) The offender commits the offense on the premises of a substance addiction services provider's facility, including a facility licensed prior to June 29, 2019, under Ohio R.C. 5119.391 to provide methadone treatment or an opioid treatment program licensed on or after that date under Ohio R.C. 5119.37, or within 500 feet of the premises of a substance addiction services provider's facility and the offender knows or should know that the offense is being committed within the vicinity of the substance addiction services provider's facility.
  - (2) The offender sells, offers to sell, delivers, or distributes the controlled substance or controlled substance analog to a person who is receiving treatment at the time of the commission of the offense, or received treatment within 30 days prior to the commission of the offense, from a substance addiction services provider and the offender knows that the person is receiving or received that treatment.
- (j) "Controlled substance." Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (k) "Controlled substance analog." Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (l) "Counterfeit controlled substance." Any of the following:
- (1) Any drug that bears, or whose container or label bears, a trademark, trade name or other identifying mark used without authorization of the owner of rights to the trademark, trade name or identifying mark.
  - (2) Any unmarked or unlabeled substance that is represented to be a controlled substance manufactured, processed, packed or distributed by a person other than the person that manufactured, processed, packed or distributed it.
  - (3) Any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance but is not a controlled substance or is a different controlled substance.
  - (4) Any substance other than a controlled substance that a reasonable person would believe to be a controlled substance because of its similarity in shape, size and color, or its markings, labeling, packaging, distribution or the price for which it is sold or offered for sale.
- (m) "Cultivate." Includes planting, watering, fertilizing or tilling.
- (n) "Dangerous drug." Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4729.01.
- (o) "Deception." Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2913.01.
- (p) "Disciplinary counsel." The disciplinary counsel appointed by the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Ohio Supreme Court under the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.
- (q) "Dispense." Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (r) "Distribute." Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (s) "Drug." Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4729.01.
- (t) "Drug abuse offense." Any of the following:
- (1) A violation of Ohio R.C. 2913.02(A) that constitutes theft of drugs, or any violation of Ohio R.C. 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.11, 2925.12, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.24, 2925.31, 2925.32, 2925.36 or 2925.37.
  - (2) A violation of an existing or former law of any municipality, state or of the United States, that is substantially equivalent to any section listed in subsection (r)(1) of this definition.
  - (3) An offense under an existing or former law of any municipality, state or of the United States, of which planting, cultivating, harvesting, processing, making, manufacturing, producing, shipping, transporting, delivering, acquiring, possessing, storing, distributing, dispensing, selling, inducing another to use, administering to another, using or otherwise dealing with a controlled substance is an element.

- (4) A conspiracy to commit, attempt to commit, or complicity in committing or attempting to commit, any offense under subsection (r)(1), (2) or (3) of this definition.
- (u) “Drug of abuse.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.011.
- (v) “Felony drug abuse offense.” Any drug abuse offense that would constitute a felony under the laws of this state, any other state or the United States.
- (w) “Fentanyl-related compound.” Any of the following:
- (1) Fentanyl;
  - (2) Alpha-methylfentanyl (N-[1-(alpha-methyl-beta-phenyl)ethyl-4-piperidyl]propionanilide; 1-(1-methyl-2-phenylethyl)-4-(N-propanilido) piperidine);
  - (3) Alpha-methylthiofentanyl (N-[1-methyl-2-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidiny]-N-phenylpropanamide);
  - (4) Beta-hydroxyfentanyl (N-[1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenethyl-4-piperidiny)]-N-phenylpropanamide);
  - (5) Beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl (other name: N-[1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenethyl)-3-methyl-4-piperidiny]-N-phenylpropanamide);
  - (6) 3-methylfentanyl (N-[3-methyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide);
  - (7) 3-methylthiofentanyl (N-[3-methyl-1-[2-(thienyl)ethyl]-4-piperidiny]-N-phenylpropanamide);
  - (8) Para-fluorofentanyl (N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenethyl)-4-piperidiny]propanamide);
  - (9) Thiofentanyl (N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidiny]propanamide);
  - (10) Alfentanil;
  - (11) Carfentanil;
  - (12) Remifentanil;
  - (13) Sufentanil;
  - (14) Acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl (N-[1-(1-methyl-2-phenethyl)-4-piperidiny]-N-phenylacetamide); and
  - (15) Any compound that meets all of the following fentanyl pharmacophore requirements to bind at the mu receptor, as identified by a report from an established forensic laboratory, including acetylfentanyl, furanylfentanyl, valerylfentanyl, butyrylfentanyl, isobutyrylfentanyl, 4-methoxybutyrylfentanyl, para-fluorobutyrylfentanyl, acrylfentanyl, and ortho-fluorofentanyl:
    - A. A chemical scaffold consisting of both of the following:
      1. A five, six, or seven member ring structure containing a nitrogen, whether or not further substituted;
      2. An attached nitrogen to the ring, whether or not that nitrogen is enclosed in a ring structure, including an attached aromatic ring or other lipophilic group to that nitrogen.
    - B. A polar functional group attached to the chemical scaffold, including but not limited to a hydroxyl, ketone, amide, or ester;
    - C. An alkyl or aryl substitution off the ring nitrogen of the chemical scaffold; and
    - D. The compound has not been approved for medical use by the United States food and drug administration.
- (x) “Harmful intoxicant.” Does not include beer or intoxicating liquor, but means any of the following:

- (1) Any compound, mixture, preparation or substance the gas, fumes or vapor of which when inhaled can induce intoxication, excitement, giddiness, irrational behavior, depression, stupefaction, paralysis, unconsciousness, asphyxiation or other harmful physiological effects, and includes but is not limited to any of the following:
  - A. Any volatile organic solvent, plastic cement, model cement, fingernail polish remover, lacquer thinner, cleaning fluid, gasoline or other preparation containing a volatile organic solvent.
  - B. Any aerosol propellant.
  - C. Any fluorocarbon refrigerant.
  - D. Any anesthetic gas.
- (2) Gamma Butyrolactone;
- (3) 1,4 Butanediol.
- (y) “Hashish”.
  - (1) A resin or a preparation of a resin to which both of the following apply:
    - A. It is contained in or derived from any part of the plant of the genus cannabis, whether in solid form or in a liquid concentrate, liquid extract, or liquid distillate form.
    - B. It has a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of more than 0.3%.
  - (2) The term does not include a hemp byproduct in the possession of a licensed hemp processor under Ohio R.C. Chapter 928, provided that the hemp byproduct is being produced, stored, and disposed of in accordance with rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 928.03.
- (z) “Hypodermic.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (aa) “Juvenile.” A person under eighteen years of age.
- (bb) “Licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4729.01.
- (cc) “L.S.D.” Lysergic acid diethylamide.
- (dd) “Major drug offender.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.
- (ee) “Mandatory prison term.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.
- (ff) “Manufacture.” To plant, cultivate, harvest, process, make, prepare or otherwise engage in any part of the production of a drug, by propagation, extraction, chemical synthesis or compounding, or any combination of the same, and includes packaging, repackaging, labeling and other activities incident to production.
- (gg) “Manufacturer.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (hh) “Marihuana.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01, except that it does not include hashish.
- (ii) “Methamphetamine.” Methamphetamine, any salt, isomer or salt of an isomer of methamphetamine, or any compound, mixture, preparation or substance containing methamphetamine or any salt, isomer or salt of an isomer of methamphetamine.
- (jj) “Minor drug possession offense.” Either of the following:
  - (1) A violation of Ohio R.C. 2925.11, as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.
  - (2) A violation of Ohio R.C. 2925.11, as it exists on and after July 1, 1996, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, that is a misdemeanor or a felony of the fifth degree.
- (kk) “Official written order.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (ll) “Person.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (mm) “Person with a drug dependency” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.011.

- (nn) “Pharmacist.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (oo) “Pharmacy.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (pp) “Possess” or “possession.” Having control over a thing or substance but may not be inferred solely from mere access to the thing or substance through ownership or occupation of the premises upon which the thing or substance is found.
- (qq) “Premises of a substance addiction services provider’s facility”. Means the parcel of real property on which any substance addiction service provider’s facility is situated.
- (rr) “Prescription.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4729.01.
- (ss) “Presumption for a prison term” or “presumption that a prison term shall be imposed.” A presumption as described in Ohio R.C. 2929.13(D) that a prison term is a necessary sanction for a felony in order to comply with the purposes and principles of sentencing under Ohio R.C. 2929.11.
- (tt) “Professional license.” Any license, permit, certificate, registration, qualification, admission, temporary license, temporary permit, temporary certificate or temporary registration that is described in Ohio R.C. 2925.01(W)(1) to (W)(37) and that qualifies a person as a professionally licensed person.
- (uu) “Professionally licensed person.” Any of the following:
- (1) A person who has received a certificate or temporary certificate as a certified public accountant or who has registered as a public accountant under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4701 and who holds an Ohio permit issued under that chapter;
  - (2) A person who holds a certificate of qualification to practice architecture issued or renewed and registered under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4703;
  - (3) A person who is registered as a landscape architect under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4703 or who holds a permit as a landscape architect issued under that chapter;
  - (4) A person licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4707;
  - (5) A person who has been issued a certificate of registration as a registered barber under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4709;
  - (6) A person licensed and regulated to engage in the business of a debt pooling company by a legislative authority, under authority of Ohio R.C. Chapter 4710;
  - (7) A person who has been issued a cosmetologist’s license, hair designer’s license, manicurist’s license, esthetician’s license, natural hair stylist’s license, advanced cosmetologist’s license, advanced hair designer’s license, advanced manicurist’s license, advanced esthetician’s license, advanced natural hair stylist’s license, cosmetology instructor’s license, hair design instructor’s license, manicurist instructor’s license, esthetics instructor’s license, natural hair style instructor’s license, independent contractor’s license, or tanning facility permit under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4713;
  - (8) A person who has been issued a license to practice dentistry, a general anesthesia permit, a conscious sedation permit, a limited resident’s license, a limited teaching license, a dental hygienist’s license or a dental hygienist’s teacher’s certificate under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4715;
  - (9) A person who has been issued an embalmer’s license, a funeral director’s license, a funeral home license or a crematory license, or who has been registered for an embalmer’s or funeral director’s apprenticeship under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4717;

- (10) A person who has been licensed as a registered nurse or practical nurse, or who has been issued a certificate for the practice of nurse-midwifery under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4723;
- (11) A person who has been licensed to practice optometry or to engage in optical dispensing under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4725;
- (12) A person licensed to act as a pawnbroker under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4727;
- (13) A person licensed to act as a precious metals dealer under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4728;
- (14) A person licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4729 as a pharmacist or pharmacy intern or registered under that chapter as a registered pharmacy technician, certified pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee;
- (15) A person licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4729 as a manufacturer of dangerous drugs, outsourcing facility, third-party logistics provider, repackager of dangerous drugs, wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs, or terminal distributor of dangerous drugs;
- (16) A person who is authorized to practice as a physician assistant under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4730;
- (17) A person who has been issued a license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4731 or has been issued a certificate to practice a limited branch of medicine under that chapter;
- (18) A person licensed as a psychologist, independent school psychologist, or school psychologist under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4732;
- (19) A person registered to practice the profession of engineering or surveying under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4733;
- (20) A person who has been issued a license to practice chiropractic under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4734;
- (21) A person licensed to act as a real estate broker or real estate salesperson under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4735;
- (22) A person registered as a registered environmental health specialist under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3776;
- (23) A person licensed to operate or maintain a junkyard under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4737;
- (24) A person who has been issued a motor vehicle salvage dealer's license under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4738;
- (25) A person who has been licensed to act as a steam engineer under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4739;
- (26) A person who has been issued a license or temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine or any of its branches, or who is registered as a graduate animal technician under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4741;
- (27) A person who has been issued a hearing aid dealer's or fitter's license or trainee permit under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4747;
- (28) A person who has been issued a class A, class B or class C license or who has been registered as an investigator or security guard employee under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4749;
- (29) A person licensed to practice as a nursing home administrator under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4751;
- (30) A person licensed to practice as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4753;
- (31) A person issued a license as an occupational therapist or physical therapist under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4755;

- (32) A person who is licensed as a licensed professional clinical counselor, licensed professional counselor, social worker, independent social worker, independent marriage and family therapist, or marriage and family therapist, or registered as a social work assistant under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4757;
- (33) A person issued a license to practice dietetics under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4759;
- (34) A person who has been issued a license or limited permit to practice respiratory therapy under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4761;
- (35) A person who has been issued a real estate appraiser certificate under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4763;
- (36) A person who has been issued a home inspector license under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4764;
- (37) A person who has been admitted to the bar by order of the Ohio Supreme Court in compliance with its prescribed and published rules.
- (vv) “Public premises.” Any hotel, restaurant, tavern, store, arena, hall or other place of public accommodation, business, amusement or resort.
- (ww) “Sale.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (xx) “Sample drug.” A drug or pharmaceutical preparation that would be hazardous to health or safety if used without the supervision of a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, or a drug of abuse, and that, at one time, had been placed in a container plainly marked as a sample by a manufacturer.
- (yy) “Schedule I”, “Schedule II”, “Schedule III”, “Schedule IV” or “Schedule V.” Have the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (zz) “School.” Any school operated by a board of education, any community school established under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3314, or any nonpublic school for which the Director of Education and Workforce prescribes minimum standards under Ohio R.C. 3301.07, whether or not any instruction, extracurricular activities or training provided by the school is being conducted at the time a criminal offense is committed.
- (aaa) “School building.” Any building in which any of the instruction, extracurricular activities or training provided by a school is conducted, whether or not any instruction, extracurricular activities or training provided by the school is being conducted in the school building at the time a criminal offense is committed.
- (bbb) “School premises.” Either of the following:
  - (1) The parcel of real property on which any school is situated, whether or not any instruction, extracurricular activities, or training provided by the school is being conducted on the premises at the time a criminal offense is committed.
  - (2) Any other parcel of real property that is owned or leased by a board of education of a school, the governing authority of a community school established under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3314, or the governing body of a nonpublic school for which the Director of Education and Workforce prescribes minimum standards under Ohio R.C. 3301.07 and on which some of the instruction, extracurricular activities or training of the school is conducted, whether or not any instruction, extracurricular activities, or training provided by the school is being conducted on the parcel of real property at the time a criminal offense is committed.
- (ccc) “Standard Pharmaceutical Reference Manual.” The current edition, with cumulative changes if any, of references that are approved by the State Board of Pharmacy.



- (ddd) “Substance Addiction Services Provider”. Means an agency, association, corporation or other legal entity, individual, or program that provides one or more of the following at a facility:
- (1) Either alcohol addiction services, or drug addiction services, or both such services that are certified by the Ohio Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services under Ohio R.C. 5119.36;
  - (2) Recovery supports that are related to either alcohol addiction services, or drug addiction services, or both such services and paid for with federal, state, or local funds administered by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services or a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services.
- (eee) “Unit dose.” An amount or unit of a compound, mixture or preparation containing a controlled substance that is separately identifiable and in a form that indicates that it is the amount or unit by which the controlled substance is separately administered to or taken by an individual.
- (fff) “Wholesaler.” Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.  
(ORC 2925.01)

#### 513.02 GIFT OF MARIHUANA.

- (a) No person shall knowingly give or offer to make a gift of twenty grams or less of marihuana.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of trafficking in marihuana. Trafficking in marihuana is a minor misdemeanor for the first offense and, for any subsequent offense, it is a misdemeanor of the third degree. If the offense was committed in the vicinity of a school or the vicinity of a juvenile, trafficking in marihuana is a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- (c) The court may by order suspend for not more than five years the driver’s or commercial driver’s license or permit of any person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to any violation of this section. However, if the offender pleaded guilty to or was convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or the law of another state or the United States arising out of the same set of circumstances as the violation, the court shall suspend the offender’s driver’s or commercial driver’s license or permit in accordance with Ohio R.C. 2925.03(G). If an offender’s driver’s or commercial driver’s license or permit is suspended pursuant to this subsection, the offender, at any time after the expiration of two years from the day on which the offender’s sentence was imposed, may file a motion with the sentencing court requesting termination of the suspension; upon the filing of such a motion and the court’s finding of good cause for the termination, the court may terminate the suspension. (ORC 2925.03)

#### 513.03 DRUG ABUSE; CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE POSSESSION OR USE.

- (a) No person shall knowingly obtain, possess or use a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog.
- (b) (1) This section does not apply to the following:
- A. Manufacturers, licensed health professionals authorized to prescribe drugs, pharmacists, owners of pharmacies and other persons whose conduct was in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapters 3719, 4715, 4729, 4730, 4731 and 4741.

- B. If the offense involves an anabolic steroid, any person who is conducting or participating in a research project involving the use of an anabolic steroid if the project has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;
- C. Any person who sells, offers for sale, prescribes, dispenses or administers for livestock or other nonhuman species an anabolic steroid that is expressly intended for administration through implants to livestock or other nonhuman species and approved for that purpose under the "Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act", 52 Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, and is sold, offered for sale, prescribed, dispensed or administered for that purpose in accordance with that Act;
- D. Any person who obtained the controlled substance pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs if the prescription was issued for a legitimate medical purpose and not altered, forged or obtained through deception or commission of a theft offense.  
As used in subsection (b)(1)D. of this section, "deception" and "theft offense" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2913.01.
- (2) A. As used in subsection (b)(2) of this section:
1. "Community addiction services provider" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 5119.01.
  2. "Community control sanction" and "drug treatment program" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.
  3. "Health care facility" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2919.16.
  4. "Minor drug possession offense" means a violation of this section that is a misdemeanor or a felony of the fifth degree.
  5. "Post-release control sanction" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2967.28.
  6. "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2935.01.
  7. "Public agency" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2930.01.
  8. "Qualified individual" means a person who is acting in good faith who seeks or obtains medical assistance for another person who is experiencing a drug overdose, a person who experiences a drug overdose and who seeks medical assistance for that overdose, or a person who is the subject of another person seeking or obtaining medical assistance for that overdose as described in subsection (b)(2)B. of this section.
  9. "Seek or obtain medical assistance" includes, but is not limited to making a 9-1-1 call, contacting in person or by telephone call an on-duty peace officer, or transporting or presenting a person to a health care facility.
- B. Subject to subsection (b)(2)E. of this section, a qualified individual shall not be arrested, charged, prosecuted, convicted or penalized pursuant to this chapter for a minor drug possession offense or a violation of Ohio R.C. 2925.12, Ohio R.C. 2925.14(C)(1) or Ohio R.C. 2925.141 if all of the following apply:

1. The evidence of the obtaining, possession or use of the controlled substance or controlled substance analog, drug abuse instruments, or drug paraphernalia that would be the basis of the offense was obtained as a result of the qualified individual seeking the medical assistance or experiencing an overdose and needing medical assistance.
  2. Subject to subsection (b)(2)F. of this section, within thirty days after seeking or obtaining the medical assistance, the qualified individual seeks and obtains a screening and receives a referral for treatment from a community addiction services provider or a properly credentialed addiction treatment professional.
  3. Subject to subsection (b)(2)F. of this section, the qualified individual who obtains a screening and receives a referral for treatment under subsection (b)(2)B.2. of this section, upon the request of any prosecuting attorney, submits documentation to the prosecuting attorney that verifies that the qualified individual satisfied the requirements of that subsection. The documentation shall be limited to the date and time of the screening obtained and referral received.
- C. If a person who is serving a community control sanction or is under a sanction on post-release control acts pursuant to subsection (b)(2)B. of this section, then Ohio R.C. 2929.141(B), Ohio R.C. 2929.15(B)(2), Ohio R.C. 2929.25(D)(3) or Ohio R.C. 2967.28(F)(3) applies to the person with respect to any violation of the sanction or post-release control sanction based on a minor drug possession offense, as defined in Ohio R.C. 2925.11, or a violation of Ohio R.C. 2925.12, Ohio R.C. 2925.14(C)(1), or Ohio R.C. 2925.141.
- D. Nothing in subsection (b)(2)B. of this section shall be construed to do any of the following:
1. Limit the admissibility of any evidence in connection with the investigation or prosecution of a crime with regards to a defendant who does not qualify for the protections of subsection (b)(2)B. of this section or with regards to any crime other than a minor drug possession offense or a violation of Ohio R.C. 2925.12, Ohio R.C. 2925.14(C)(1) or Ohio R.C. 2925.141 committed by a person who qualifies for protection pursuant to subsection (b)(2)B. of this section;
  2. Limit any seizure of evidence or contraband otherwise permitted by law;
  3. Limit or abridge the authority of a peace officer to detain or take into custody a person in the course of an investigation or to effectuate an arrest for any offense except as provided in that division;
  4. Limit, modify or remove any immunity from liability available pursuant to law in effect prior to September 13, 2016, to any public agency or to an employee of any public agency.

- E. Subsection (b)(2)B. of this section does not apply to any person who twice previously has been granted an immunity under subsection (b)(2)B. of this section. No person shall be granted an immunity under subsection (b)(2)B. of this section more than two times.
- F. Nothing in this section shall compel any qualified individual to disclose protected health information in a way that conflicts with the requirements of the "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996", 104 Pub. L. No. 191, 110 Stat. 2021, 42 U.S.C. 1320d et seq., as amended, and regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services to implement the act or the requirements of 42 C.F.R. Part 2.
- (c) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of one of the following:
- (1) If the drug involved in the violation is a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance included in Schedule III, IV, or V, whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of possession of drugs. Possession of drugs is a misdemeanor if the amount of the drug involved does not exceed the bulk amount. The penalty for the offense shall be determined as follows: possession of drugs is a misdemeanor of the first degree or, if the offender previously has been convicted of a drug abuse offense, a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
  - (2) If the drug involved in the violation is marihuana or a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing marihuana other than hashish, whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of possession of marihuana. Possession of marihuana is a misdemeanor if the amount of the drug involved does not exceed 200 grams. The penalty for the offense shall be determined as follows:
    - A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(2)B. hereof, possession of marihuana is a minor misdemeanor.
    - B. If the amount of the drug involved equals or exceeds 100 grams but is less than 200 grams, possession of marihuana is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
  - (3) If the drug involved in the violation is hashish or a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing hashish, whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of possession of hashish. Possession of hashish is a misdemeanor if the amount of the drug involved does not exceed the maximum amount specified in subsection (c)(3)B. hereof. The penalty for the offense shall be determined as follows:
    - A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(3)B. hereof, possession of hashish is a minor misdemeanor.
    - B. If the amount of the drug involved equals or exceeds five grams but is less than ten grams of hashish in a solid form or equals or exceeds one gram but is less than two grams of hashish in a liquid concentrate, liquid extract, or liquid distillate form, possession of hashish is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
- (d) In addition to any other sanction that is imposed for an offense under this section, the court that sentences an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this section may suspend for not more than five years the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit. However, if the offender pleaded guilty to or was convicted of a

violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or the law of another state or the United States arising out of the same set of circumstances as the violation, the court shall suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit for not more than five years.

(e) Arrest or conviction for a minor misdemeanor violation of this section does not constitute a criminal record and need not be reported by the person so arrested or convicted in response to any inquiries about the person's criminal record, including any inquiries contained in any application for employment, license, or other right or privilege, or made in connection with the person's appearance as a witness. (ORC 2925.11)

#### 513.04 POSSESSING DRUG ABUSE INSTRUMENTS.

(a) No person shall knowingly make, obtain, possess or use any instrument, article or thing the customary and primary purpose of which is for the administration or use of a dangerous drug, other than marihuana, when the instrument involved is a hypodermic or syringe, whether or not of crude or extemporized manufacture or assembly, and the instrument, article or thing involved has been used by the offender to unlawfully administer or use a dangerous drug, other than marihuana, or to prepare a dangerous drug, other than marihuana, for unlawful administration or use.

- (b) (1) This section does not apply to manufacturers, licensed health professionals authorized to prescribe drugs, pharmacists, owners of pharmacies and other persons whose conduct was in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapters 3719, 4715, 4729, 4730, 4731 and 4741.
- (2) Division (B)(2) of Ohio R.C. 2925.11 applies with respect to a violation of this section when a person seeks or obtains medical assistance for another person who is experiencing a drug overdose, a person experiences a drug overdose and seeks medical assistance for that overdose, or a person is the subject of another person seeking or obtaining medical assistance for that overdose.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of possessing drug abuse instruments, a misdemeanor of the second degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a drug abuse offense, violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(d) In addition to any other sanction imposed upon an offender for a violation of this section, the court may suspend for not more than five years the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit. However, if the offender pleaded guilty to or was convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or the law of another state or the United States arising out of the same set of circumstances as the violation, the court shall suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit for not more than five years. (ORC 2925.12)

#### 513.05 PERMITTING DRUG ABUSE.

(a) No person, who is the owner, operator or person in charge of a locomotive, watercraft, aircraft or other vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4501.01(A), shall knowingly permit the vehicle to be used for the commission of a felony drug abuse offense.

(b) No person, who is the owner, lessee or occupant, or who has custody, control or supervision of premises, or real estate, including vacant land, shall knowingly permit the premises, or real estate, including vacant land, to be used for the commission of a felony drug abuse offense by another person.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of permitting drug abuse, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the felony drug abuse offense in question is a violation of Ohio R.C. 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04 or 2925.041 as provided in Ohio R.C. 2925.13, permitting drug abuse is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(d) In addition to any other sanction imposed for an offense under this section, the court that sentences a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this section may suspend for not more than five years the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit. However, if the offender pleaded guilty to or was convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or the law of another state or the United States arising out of the same set of circumstances as the violation, the court shall suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit for not more than five years.

(e) Any premises or real estate that is permitted to be used in violation of subsection (b) hereof constitutes a nuisance subject to abatement pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 3767. (ORC 2925.13)

#### 513.06 ILLEGAL CULTIVATION OF MARIHUANA.

(a) No person shall knowingly cultivate marihuana.

(b) This section does not apply to any person listed in Ohio R.C. 2925.03(B)(1) to (3) to the extent and under the circumstances described in those divisions.

(c) Whoever commits a violation of subsection (a) hereof is guilty of illegal cultivation of marihuana. Illegal cultivation of marihuana is a misdemeanor if the amount of marihuana involved does not exceed 200 grams.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(2) hereof, illegal cultivation of marihuana is a minor misdemeanor, or if the offense was committed in the vicinity of a school or in the vicinity of a juvenile, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(2) If the amount of marihuana involved equals or exceeds 100 grams but is less than 200 grams, illegal cultivation of marihuana is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, or if the offense was committed in the vicinity of a school or in the vicinity of a juvenile, a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(d) In addition to any other sanction imposed for an offense under this section, the court that sentences an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this section may suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit in accordance with division (G) of Ohio R.C. 2925.03. If an offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit is suspended in accordance with that division, the offender may request termination of, and the court may terminate, the suspension in accordance with that division.

(e) Arrest or conviction for a minor misdemeanor violation of this section does not constitute a criminal record and need not be reported by the person so arrested or convicted in response to any inquiries about the person's criminal record, including any inquiries contained in an application for employment, a license, or any other right or privilege or made in connection with the person's appearance as a witness. (ORC 2925.04)

#### 513.07 POSSESSING OR USING HARMFUL INTOXICANTS.

(a) Except for lawful research, clinical, medical, dental or veterinary purposes, no person, with purpose to induce intoxication or similar physiological effects, shall obtain, possess or use a harmful intoxicant.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of abusing harmful intoxicants, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a drug abuse offense, abusing harmful intoxicants is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(c) In addition to any other sanction imposed upon an offender for a violation of this section, the court may suspend for not more than five years the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit. However, if the offender pleaded guilty to or was convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or the law of another state or the United States arising out of the same set of circumstances as the violation, the court shall suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit for not more than five years. (ORC 2925.31)

#### 513.08 ILLEGALLY DISPENSING DRUG SAMPLES.

(a) No person shall knowingly furnish another a sample drug.

(b) Subsection (a) hereof does not apply to manufacturers, wholesalers, pharmacists, owners of pharmacies, licensed health professionals authorized to prescribe drugs, and other persons whose conduct is in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapters 3719, 4715, 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4741.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of illegal dispensing of drug samples. If the drug involved in the offense is a dangerous drug or a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance included in Schedule III, IV, or V, or is marihuana, the penalty for the offense shall be determined as follows:

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(2) hereof, illegal dispensing of drug samples is a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- (2) If the offense was committed in the vicinity of a school or in the vicinity of a juvenile, illegal dispensing of drug samples is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(d) In addition to any other sanction imposed for an offense under this section, the court that sentences an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this section may suspend for not more than five years the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit. However, if the offender pleaded guilty to or was convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or the law of another state or the United States arising out of the same set of circumstances as the violation, the court shall suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit for not more than five years. (ORC 2925.36)

#### 513.09 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OR PRESCRIPTION LABELS.

(a) As used in this section, "repackager" and "outsourcing facility" have the same meanings as in ORC 4729.01.

Whenever a manufacturer sells a controlled substance, and whenever a wholesaler, repackager, or outsourcing facility sells a controlled substance in a package the wholesaler, repackager or outsourcing facility has prepared, the manufacturer or the wholesaler, repackager or outsourcing facility, as the case may be, shall securely affix to each package in which the controlled substance is contained a label showing in legible English the name and address of the vendor and the quantity, kind, and form of controlled substance contained therein. No person, except a pharmacist for the purpose of dispensing a controlled substance upon a prescription shall alter, deface or remove any label so affixed.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, when a pharmacist dispenses any controlled substance on a prescription for use by a patient, or supplies a controlled substance to a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs for use by the professional in personally furnishing patients with controlled substances, the pharmacist shall affix to the container in which the controlled substance is dispensed or supplied a label showing the following:

- (1) The name and address of the pharmacy dispensing or supplying the controlled substance;
- (2) The name of the patient for whom the controlled substance is prescribed and, if the patient is an animal, the name of the owner and the species of the animal;
- (3) The name of the prescriber;
- (4) All directions for use stated on the prescription or provided by the prescriber;
- (5) The date on which the controlled substance was dispensed or supplied;
- (6) The name, quantity and strength of the controlled substance and, if applicable, the name of the distributor or manufacturer.

(c) The requirements of subsection (b) of this section do not apply when a controlled substance is prescribed or supplied for administration to an ultimate user who is institutionalized.

(d) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs who personally furnishes a controlled substance to a patient shall comply with division (A) of ORC 4729.291 with respect to labeling and packaging of the controlled substance.

(e) No person shall alter, deface, or remove any label affixed pursuant to this section as long as any of the original contents remain.

(f) Every label for a schedule II, III or IV controlled substance shall contain the following warning:

“Caution: federal law prohibits the transfer of this drug to any person other than the patient for whom it was prescribed”. (ORC 3719.08)

(g) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender has previously been convicted of a violation of this section, Ohio R.C. 3719.07 or 3719.08 or a drug abuse offense, such violation is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 3719.99)

#### 513.10 HYPODERMIC POSSESSION, DISPLAY AND DISPENSING.

(a) Possession of a hypodermic is authorized for the following:

- (1) A manufacturer or distributor of, or dealer in, hypodermics or medication packaged in hypodermics, and any authorized agent or employee of that manufacturer, distributor or dealer, in the regular course of business;
- (2) Terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, in the regular course of business;
- (3) A person authorized to administer injections, in the regular course of the person's profession or employment;
- (4) A person, when the hypodermic was lawfully obtained and is kept and used for the purpose of self-administration of insulin or other drug prescribed for the treatment of disease by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs;



- (5) A person whose use of a hypodermic is for legal research, clinical, educational or medicinal purposes;
- (6) A farmer, for the lawful administration of a drug to an animal;
- (7) A person whose use of a hypodermic is for lawful professional, mechanical, trade or craft purposes.

(b) No manufacturer or distributor of, or dealer in, hypodermics or medication packaged in hypodermics, or their authorized agents or employees, and no terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, shall display any hypodermic for sale. No person authorized to possess a hypodermic pursuant to division (a) of this section shall negligently fail to take reasonable precautions to prevent any hypodermic in the person's possession from theft or acquisition by any unauthorized person. (ORC 3719.172)

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. If the offender has previously been convicted of a violation of this section, Ohio R.C. 3719.05, 3719.06, 3719.13, 3719.172(B) or (E), or 3719.31 or a drug abuse offense, a violation is a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 3719.99)

#### 513.11 HARMFUL INTOXICANTS; POSSESSING NITROUS OXIDE IN MOTOR VEHICLE.

(a) As used in this section, "motor vehicle", "street" and "highway" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4511.01.

(b) Unless authorized under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3719, 4715, 4729, 4731, 4741 or 4765, no person shall possess an open cartridge of nitrous oxide in either of the following circumstances:

- (1) While operating or being a passenger in or on a motor vehicle on a street, highway, or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular traffic or parking;
- (2) While being in or on a stationary motor vehicle on a street, highway, or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular traffic or parking.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of possessing nitrous oxide in a motor vehicle, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(d) In addition to any other sanction imposed upon an offender for possessing nitrous oxide in a motor vehicle, the court may suspend for not more than five years the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit. (ORC 2925.33)

#### 513.12 DRUG PARAPHERNALIA.

(a) As used in this section, "drug paraphernalia" means any equipment, product or material of any kind that is used by the offender, intended by the offender for use or designed for use, in propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body, a controlled substance in violation of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2925. "Drug paraphernalia" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following equipment, products or materials that are used by the offender, intended by the offender for use or designated by the offender for use, in any of the following manners:

- (1) A kit for propagating, cultivating, growing or harvesting any species of a plant that is a controlled substance or from which a controlled substance can be derived;

- (2) A kit for manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing or preparing a controlled substance;
- (3) Any object, instrument, or device for manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, or preparing methamphetamine;
- (4) An isomerization device for increasing the potency of any species of a plant that is a controlled substance;
- (5) Testing equipment for identifying, or analyzing the strength, effectiveness or purity of, a controlled substance, except for those exempted in subsection (d)(4) of this section;
- (6) A scale or balance for weighing or measuring a controlled substance;
- (7) A diluent or adulterant, such as quinine hydrochloride, mannitol, mannite, dextrose or lactose, for cutting a controlled substance;
- (8) A separation gin or sifter for removing twigs and seeds from, or otherwise cleaning or refining, marihuana;
- (9) A blender, bowl, container, spoon or mixing device for compounding a controlled substance;
- (10) A capsule, balloon, envelope or container for packaging small quantities of a controlled substance;
- (11) A container or device for storing or concealing a controlled substance;
- (12) A hypodermic syringe, needle or instrument for parenterally injecting a controlled substance into the human body;
- (13) An object, instrument or device for ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body, marihuana, cocaine, hashish or hashish oil, such as a metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic or ceramic pipe, with or without a screen, permanent screen, hashish head or punctured metal bowl; water pipe; carburetion tube or device; smoking or carburetion mask; roach clip or similar object used to hold burning material, such as a marihuana cigarette, that has become too small or too short to be held in the hand; miniature cocaine spoon, or cocaine vial; chamber pipe; carburetor pipe; electric pipe; air driver pipe; chillum; bong; or ice pipe or chiller.

(b) In determining if any equipment, product or material is drug paraphernalia, a court or law enforcement officer shall consider, in addition to other relevant factors, the following:

- (1) Any statement by the owner, or by anyone in control, of the equipment, product or material, concerning its use;
- (2) The proximity in time or space of the equipment, product or material, or of the act relating to the equipment, product or material, to a violation of any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2925;
- (3) The proximity of the equipment, product or material to any controlled substance;
- (4) The existence of any residue of a controlled substance on the equipment, product or material;
- (5) Direct or circumstantial evidence of the intent of the owner, or of anyone in control, of the equipment, product or material, to deliver it to any person whom the owner or person in control of the equipment, product or material knows intends to use the object to facilitate a violation of any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2925. A finding that the owner, or anyone in control, of the equipment, product or material, is not guilty of a violation of any other provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2925, does not prevent a finding that the equipment, product or material was intended or designed by the offender for use as drug paraphernalia;

- (6) Any oral or written instruction provided with the equipment, product or material concerning its use;
  - (7) Any descriptive material accompanying the equipment, product or material and explaining or depicting its use;
  - (8) National or local advertising concerning the use of the equipment, product or material;
  - (9) The manner and circumstances in which the equipment, product or material is displayed for sale;
  - (10) Direct or circumstantial evidence of the ratio of the sales of the equipment, product or material to the total sales of the business enterprise;
  - (11) The existence and scope of legitimate uses of the equipment, product or material in the community;
  - (12) Expert testimony concerning the use of the equipment, product or material.
- (c)
- (1) Subject to subsection (d)(2), (d)(3) and (d)(4) of this section, no person shall knowingly use, or possess with purpose to use, drug paraphernalia.
  - (2) No person shall knowingly sell, or possess or manufacture with purpose to sell, drug paraphernalia, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the equipment, product or material will be used as drug paraphernalia.
  - (3) No person shall place an advertisement in any newspaper, magazine, handbill or other publication that is published and printed and circulates primarily within this State, if the person knows that the purpose of the advertisement is to promote the illegal sale in the State of the equipment, product or material that the offender intended or designed for use as drug paraphernalia.
- (d)
- (1) This section does not apply to manufacturers, licensed health professionals authorized to prescribe drugs, pharmacists, owners of pharmacies and other persons whose conduct is in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapters 3719, 4715, 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4741. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the possession or use of a hypodermic as authorized by Section 513.10.
  - (2) Subsection (c)(1) of this section does not apply to a person's use, or possession with purpose to use, any drug paraphernalia that is equipment, a product, or material of any kind that is used by the person, intended by the person for use, or designed for use in storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body marihuana.
  - (3) Division (B)(2) of Ohio R.C. 2925.11 applies with respect to a violation of subsection (c)(1) of this section when a person seeks or obtains medical assistance for another person who is experiencing a drug overdose, a person experiences a drug overdose and seeks medical assistance for that overdose, or a person is the subject of another person seeking or obtaining medical assistance for that overdose.
  - (4) Subsection (c)(1) of this section does not apply to a person's use, or possession with purpose to use, any drug testing strips to determine the presence of fentanyl or a fentanyl-related compound.

(e) Notwithstanding Ohio R.C. Chapter 2981, any drug paraphernalia that was used, possessed, sold or manufactured in violation of this section shall be seized, after a conviction for that violation shall be forfeited, and upon forfeiture shall be disposed of pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2981.12.

- (f) (1) Whoever violates subsection (c)(1) hereof is guilty of illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (f)(3) hereof, whoever violates subsection (c)(2) hereof is guilty of dealing in drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- (3) Whoever violates subsection (c)(2) hereof by selling drug paraphernalia to a juvenile is guilty of selling drug paraphernalia to juveniles, a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (4) Whoever violates subsection (c)(3) hereof is guilty of illegal advertising of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(g) In addition to any other sanction imposed upon an offender for a violation of this section, the court may suspend for not more than five years the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit. However, if the offender pleaded guilty to or was convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or the law of another state or the United States arising out of the same set of circumstances as the violation, the court shall suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit for not more than five years. If the offender is a professionally licensed person, in addition to any other sanction imposed for a violation of this section, the court immediately shall comply with Ohio R.C. 2925.38. (ORC 2925.14)

#### 513.121 MARIHUANA DRUG PARAPHERNALIA.

(a) As used in this section, "drug paraphernalia" has the same meaning as in Section 513.12.

(b) In determining if any equipment, product, or material is drug paraphernalia, a court or law enforcement officer shall consider, in addition to other relevant factors, all factors identified in subsection (b) of Section 513.12.

(c) No person shall knowingly use, or possess with purpose to use, any drug paraphernalia that is equipment, a product, or material of any kind that is used by the person, intended by the person for use, or designed for use in storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body marihuana.

(d) This section does not apply to any person identified in subsection (d)(1) of Section 513.12 and it shall not be construed to prohibit the possession or use of a hypodermic as authorized by Section 513.10.

- (e) (1) Subsection (e) of Section 513.12 applies with respect to any drug paraphernalia that was used or possessed in violation of this section.
- (2) Division (B)(2) of Ohio R.C. 2925.11 applies with respect to a violation of this subsection when a person seeks or obtains medical assistance for another person who is experiencing a drug overdose, a person experiences a drug overdose and seeks medical assistance for that overdose, or a person is the subject of another person seeking or obtaining medical assistance for that overdose.

- (f) (1) Whoever violates subsection (c) of this section is guilty of illegal use or possession of marihuana drug paraphernalia, a minor misdemeanor.
- (2) Arrest or conviction for a violation of subsection (c) of this section does not constitute a criminal record and need not be reported by the person so arrested or convicted in response to any inquiries about the person's criminal record, including any inquiries contained in any application for employment, license, or other right or privilege, or made in connection with the person's appearance as a witness.
- (g) (1) In addition to any other sanction imposed upon an offender for a violation of this section, the court shall do the following if applicable:
  - A. If the offender pleaded guilty to or was convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or the law of another state or the United States arising out of the same set of circumstances as the violation, the court shall suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit for not more than five years.
  - B. If the offender is a professionally licensed person, the court immediately shall comply with Ohio R.C. 2925.38. (ORC 2925.141)

#### 513.13 COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

- (a) No person shall knowingly possess any counterfeit controlled substance.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of possession of counterfeit controlled substances, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2925.37)
- (c) The court may suspend for not more than five years the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit. However, if the offender pleaded guilty to or was convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or the law of another state or the United States arising out of the same set of circumstances as the violation, the court shall suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit for not more than five years. (ORC 2925.37)

#### 513.14 LOITERING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN DRUG-RELATED ACTIVITY.

- (a) No person shall loiter in or near any thoroughfare, place open to the public, or any public or private place in a manner and under circumstances manifesting the purpose to commit a drug abuse offense.
- (b) Among the circumstances which may be considered in determining whether such purpose is manifested are:
  - (1) Such person is a known unlawful drug user, possessor or seller. For purposes of this section a "known unlawful drug user, possessor or seller" is: a person who has, within the knowledge of the arresting officer, been found guilty in any court of a drug abuse offense; or a person who displays physical characteristics of drug intoxication or usage, including but not limited to dilated pupils, glassy eyes, slurred speed, loss of coordination or motor skills, or a person who possesses drug paraphernalia.
  - (2) Such person is currently subject to an order prohibiting his/her presence in a high drug activity geographic area.

- (3) Such person behaves in such a manner so as to raise a reasonable suspicion that he or she is about to commit, or is then engaged in the commission of, a drug abuse offense, including, by way of example only, such person acting as a “lookout” or such person flagging down vehicles or pedestrians.
- (4) Such person is physically identified by the arresting officer as a member of a gang or association which has as its principal purpose illegal drug activity.
- (5) Such person transfers small objects or packages for currency or any other thing of value in a furtive fashion.
- (6) Such person takes flight upon the appearance of a police officer.
- (7) Such person manifestly endeavors to conceal himself or herself or any object which reasonably could be involved in the commission of a drug abuse offense.
- (8) The area involved is by public repute known to be an area of unlawful drug use and trafficking.
- (9) The premises involved are known to the arresting officer to have been reported to any law enforcement agency as a place where the commission of a drug abuse offense has been suspected.
- (10) Any vehicle involved is registered to a known unlawful drug user, possessor, or seller or a person for whom there is an outstanding warrant involving a drug abuse offense.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. (Ord. 62-89. Passed 9-25-89.)

#### 513.15 FREQUENTING PLACES WHERE DRUGS ARE POSSESSED.

(a) No person shall knowingly keep, operate, live in, resort to, frequent, loiter in, be employed in or be found in any house, home, room, establishment, building, vehicle or any place where drugs of abuse are sold, kept, possessed, furnished, smoked, inhaled or used, in violation of any City ordinance, State or Federal law.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. (Ord. 63-89. Passed 9-25-89.)

#### 513.16 OFFENDER MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TESTS.

In addition to the financial sanctions authorized or required under Ohio R.C. 2929.18 and 2929.28 and to any costs otherwise authorized or required under any provision of law, the court imposing sentence upon an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a drug abuse offense may order the offender to pay to the state, municipal, or county law enforcement agencies that handled the investigation and prosecution all of the costs that the state, municipal corporation, or county reasonably incurred in having tests performed under Ohio R.C. 2925.51, or in any other manner on any substance that was the basis of, or involved in, the offense to determine whether the substance contained any amount of a controlled substance if the results of the tests indicate that the substance tested contained any controlled substance. No court shall order an offender under this section to pay the costs of tests performed on a substance if the results of the tests do not indicate that the substance tested contained any controlled substance.

The court shall hold a hearing to determine the amount of costs to be imposed under this section. The court may hold the hearing as part of the sentencing hearing for the offender. (ORC 2925.511)

513.17 MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS AND  
RETAIL DISPENSARIES PROHIBITED.

The operation of medical marijuana cultivators, processors and retail dispensaries, as defined by the Ohio Revised Code, is banned and strictly prohibited in all zoning districts in the City of New Philadelphia, or anywhere within the City of New Philadelphia's Corporation Limits, as allowed by Ohio R.C. 3796.29.  
(Ord. 9-2016. Passed 9-7-16.)

513.18 SALE OF DEXTROMETHORPHAN.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Dextromethorphan" means the dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-N-methylmorphinan, including its salts, but not including its racemic or levorotatory forms.
- (2) "Evidence of majority and identity" means a document issued by the federal government or a state, county, or municipal government, or a subdivision or agency of any of the foregoing, including a driver's or commercial driver's license, an identification card issued under Ohio R.C. 4507.50 to 4507.52, a military identification card, or any other form of identification that bears the name, date of birth, description and picture of the person identified.
- (3) "Retailer" means a place of business that offers consumer products for sale to the general public, including a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that is licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4729 and operated as a pharmacy.

(b) No retailer or employee of a retailer shall knowingly supply, deliver, give or otherwise provide a drug, material, compound, mixture, preparation or substance containing any quantity of dextromethorphan through the sale of any product to a person under eighteen years of age, unless the person has been issued a prescription for the product being purchased.

(c) For purposes of subsection (b) of this section, the person making the sale of a product containing dextromethorphan shall require and obtain evidence of majority and identity from the purchaser, unless from the purchaser's outward appearance the person making the sale would reasonably presume the purchaser to be twenty-five years of age or older. Proof that the person making the sale demanded, was shown, and acted in reasonable reliance on the purchaser's evidence of majority and identity is a defense to any charge of a violation of subsection (b) of this section.

(d) A retailer or employee of a retailer is not liable for damages in a civil action for injury, death or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with a failure to prevent the sale of a product containing dextromethorphan to a person under eighteen years of age, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(e) Whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of illegally selling dextromethorphan, a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 2925.62)

**513.19 LOITERING DEFINED; PROHIBITIONS.**

(a) "Loitering" means remaining idle in essentially one location and shall include the colloquial expressing "hanging around".

(b) No person shall loiter on or about the public streets or sidewalks of the City and do any of the following:

- (1) Breach the peace; or create a disturbance or unreasonable annoyance to other persons using the streets or sidewalks or to any other person;
- (2) Obstruct the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles;
- (3) Obstruct, molest or physically interfere with any person;
- (4) Engage in conduct which creates an unreasonable risk of physical harm to persons or property.

(c) When any police officer has reasonable grounds to believe that any person loitering on any street or sidewalk is likely to cause any of the conditions enumerated in subsection (b) hereof, the police officer may order that person to leave that place in order to preserve the public peace and safety.

(d) Any person who violates subsection (b) hereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Any person who refuses to leave the sidewalk or street after being ordered to do so by a police officer under subsection (c) hereof shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (Ord. 2-2023. Passed 3-13-23.)

**513.20 ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS.**

(a) The term "adult use cannabis operator" shall have the same meaning as in Section 3780(A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, effective December 7, 2023.

(b) No person or entity licensed as an adult use cannabis operator under Section 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code shall open, establish, or operate any business or commercial enterprise of any kind within the corporate limits of the City.

(c) No zoning clearance, permit, or other administrative approval shall be approved or issued by any administrative official of the City, nor shall any variance be approved or granted, to any person, entity or other applicant desiring or intending to operate a business or commercial enterprise as an adult use cannabis operator within the corporate limits of the City.

(d) Any use or condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this Section 513.20 shall be and hereby is declared to be a public nuisance and may be abated by the City. (Ord. 16-2024. Passed 4-22-24.)

**513.21 ADULT USE CANNABIS CONTROL; LIMITATIONS ON CONDUCT BY INDIVIDUALS.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780 and notwithstanding any conflicting provision of this code or the Ohio Revised Code, an adult use consumer, may do the following:

- (1) Use adult use cannabis;
- (2) Possess, transfer without remuneration to another adult consumer, or transport adult use cannabis, subject to subsection (b) of this section; and
- (3) Purchase adult use cannabis from an adult use dispensary per day in amounts that do not exceed the possession limits set forth in subsection (b)(1) of this section.



- (b) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 3796:
- (1) The amount of cannabis that may be possessed by an adult use consumer shall not exceed:
    - A. Two and one-half ounces of adult use cannabis in any form except adult use extract; and
    - B. Fifteen grams of adult use cannabis in the form of adult use extract.
  - (2) The amount of cannabis that may be transferred by an adult use consumer without remuneration and not advertised or promoted to the public shall not exceed:
    - A. Two and one-half ounces of adult use cannabis in any form except adult use extract; and
    - B. Fifteen grams of adult use cannabis in the form of adult use extract.
  - (3) The amount of cannabis that may be transported by an adult use consumer shall not exceed:
    - A. Two and one-half ounces of adult use cannabis in any form except adult use extract; and
    - B. Fifteen grams of adult use cannabis in the form of adult use extract.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780, an adult use consumer shall not be subject to arrest, criminal prosecution, or civil penalty for engaging in any of the activities authorized under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780, including:
- (1) Obtaining, using, possessing, or transporting adult use cannabis;
  - (2) Performing conduct authorized under Ohio R.C. 3780.29;
  - (3) Acquiring, possessing, using, purchasing, manufacturing, selling, or transporting paraphernalia; and
  - (4) Assisting another adult use consumer, or allowing property to be used, in any of the acts authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780.
- (d) (1) An individual is prohibited from operating a vehicle, motor vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, bike, watercraft, or aircraft while using adult use cannabis or while under the influence of adult use cannabis and is subject to Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance for any violation of this division.
- (2) An individual is prohibited from smoking, vaporizing, or using any other combustible adult use cannabis product while in a vehicle, motor vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, bike, watercraft, or aircraft and is subject to Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance for any violation of this section.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780, no individual under twenty-one years of age shall knowingly show or give false information concerning the individual's name, age, or other identification for the purpose of purchasing adult use cannabis from an adult use dispensary licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780.
- (f) Nothing in Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780 is intended to permit the transfer or sale of adult use cannabis, with or without remuneration, to an individual under twenty-one years of age, or to allow an individual under twenty-one years of age to purchase, possess, use, process, transport, or cultivate cannabis except where authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 3796.

(g) It is unlawful for any parent or guardian to knowingly permit their residence, any other private property under their control, or any vehicle, conveyance, or watercraft under their control to be used by an invitee of the parent's child or the guardian's ward, if the invitee is under twenty-one years of age, in a manner that constitutes a violation of Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780.

- (1) A parent or guardian is deemed to have knowingly permitted their residence, any other private property under their control, or any vehicle, conveyance, or watercraft under their control to be used in violation of Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780 if they knowingly authorize or permit consumption of cannabis by underage invitees.
- (2) Where the residence or other property has an owner and a tenant or lessee, the trier of fact may infer that the residence or other property is occupied only by the tenant or lessee.  
(ORC 3780.36)

(h) Penalties.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 3796, Ohio R.C. 2925.11 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance shall apply when an adult use consumer possesses an amount of cannabis greater than the limits set forth in subsection (b)(1) of this section.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780, an adult use consumer who uses adult use cannabis in public areas, or who violates subsection (d)(2) of this section as a passenger, is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (3) A.  
An individual under twenty-one years of age who knowingly shows or gives false information concerning the individual's name, age, or other identification for the purpose of purchasing or otherwise obtaining adult use cannabis from an adult use dispensary licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780 is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If, in committing a first violation, the offender presented to an adult use dispensary licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780 a false, fictitious, or altered identification card, a false or fictitious driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's license issued by any state that has been altered, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six months.  
B.  
On a second violation in which, for the second time, the offender presented to an adult use dispensary licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780 a false, fictitious, or altered identification card, a false or fictitious driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's license issued by any state that has been altered, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six months. The court also may impose a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in Ohio R.C. 4510.02(A)(7).

The court, in lieu of suspending the offender's temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or driver's license, instead may order the offender to perform a determinate number of hours of community service, with the court determining the actual number of hours and the nature of the community service the offender shall perform.

- C. On a third or subsequent violation in which, for the third or subsequent time, the offender presented to an adult use dispensary licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780 a false, fictitious, or altered identification card, a false or fictitious driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's license issued by any state that has been altered, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six months.

Except as provided in this subsection, the court also may impose a class six suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in Ohio R.C. 4510.02(A)(6), and the court may order that the suspension or denial remain in effect until the offender attains the age of twenty-one years. The court, in lieu of suspending the offender's temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or driver's license, instead may order the offender to perform a determinate number of hours of community service, with the court determining the actual number of hours and the nature of the community service the offender shall perform.

- (4) An individual who is under twenty-one years of age and who solicits another individual to purchase adult use cannabis from an adult use dispensary licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780 is guilty of:
- A. For a first violation, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; and
  - B. For a second or subsequent violation, a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- (5) An employee or agent of an adult use dispensary licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3780 who knowingly sells cannabis to an individual under twenty-one years of age is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (6) Any individual who violates Ohio R.C. 3780.10(A), or 3780.29(F), is guilty of the illegal trafficking in drugs under Ohio R.C. 2925.03 and the illegal manufacture of drugs under Ohio R.C. 2925.04.
- (7) Any individual who violates subsection (b)(2) or (b)(3) of this section is guilty of the illegal trafficking in drugs under Ohio R.C. 2925.03.
- (8) Any individual who violates Ohio R.C. 3780.20(B) is guilty of illegal dispensing of drug samples under Ohio R.C. 2925.36 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.
- (9) A. An individual who violates subsection (g) of this section is guilty of:
- 1. For a first violation, a misdemeanor of the third degree; and
  - 2. For a second or subsequent violation, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

- B. If a violation of subsection (g) of this section directly or indirectly results in great bodily harm or death to any individual, the individual violating subsection (g) is guilty of a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.  
(ORC 3780.99)

513.99 PENALTY.  
(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)



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517.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- (a) "Bet" means the hazarding of anything of value upon the result of an event, undertaking, or contingency, but does not include a bona fide business risk.
- (b) "Bingo" means either of the following:
  - (1) A game with all of the following characteristics:
    - A. The participants use bingo cards or sheets, including paper formats and electronic representation or image formats, that are divided into twenty-five (25) spaces arranged in five (5) horizontal and five (5) vertical rows of spaces, with each space, except the central space, being designated by a combination of a letter and a number and with the central space being designated as a free space;
    - B. The participants cover the spaces on the bingo cards or sheets that correspond to combinations of letters and numbers that are announced by a bingo game operator;

- C. A bingo game operator announces combinations of letters and numbers that appear on objects that a bingo game operator selects by chance, either manually or mechanically, from a receptacle that contains seventy-five (75) objects at the beginning of each game, each object marked by a different combination of a letter and a number that corresponds to one of the seventy-five (75) possible combinations of a letter and a number that can appear on the bingo cards or sheets;
  - D. The winner of the bingo game includes any participant who properly announces during the interval between the announcements of letters and numbers, as described in subsection (b)(1)C. hereof, that a predetermined and pre-announced pattern of spaces has been covered on a bingo card or sheet being used by the participant.
- (2) Instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, and raffles.
- (c) “Bingo game operator” means any person, except security personnel, who performs work or labor at the site of bingo including but not limited to collecting money from participants, handing out bingo cards or sheets or objects to cover spaces on bingo cards or sheets, selecting from a receptacle the objects that contain the combination of letters and numbers that appear on bingo cards or sheets, calling out the combinations of letters and numbers, distributing prizes, selling or redeeming instant bingo tickets or cards, selling or redeeming electronic instant bingo tickets, credits, or vouchers, accessing an electronic instant bingo system other than as a participant, supervising the operation of a punch board, selling raffle tickets, selecting raffle tickets from a receptacle and announcing the winning numbers in a raffle, and preparing, selling, and serving food or beverages. “Bingo game operator” does not include a person who is installing, maintaining, updating, or repairing an electronic instant bingo system.
  - (d) “Bingo session” means a period that includes both of the following:
    - (1) Not to exceed five (5) continuous hours for the conduct of one or more games described in subsection (d)(1) hereof the definition of “bingo” in this section, instant bingo, and electronic instant bingo;
    - (2) A period for the conduct of instant bingo and electronic instant bingo for not more than two (2) hours before and not more than two (2) hours after the period described in subsection (d)(1) hereof.
  - (e) “Bingo supplies” means bingo cards or sheets; instant bingo tickets or cards; electronic bingo aids; raffle tickets; punch boards; seal cards; instant bingo ticket dispensers; electronic instant bingo systems; and devices for selecting or displaying the combination of bingo letters and numbers or raffle tickets. Items that are “bingo supplies” are not gambling devices if sold or otherwise provided, and used, in accordance with this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915. For purposes of this chapter, “bingo supplies” are not to be considered equipment used to conduct a bingo game.
  - (f) “Bookmaking” means the business of receiving or paying off bets.

- (g) “Charitable bingo game” means any bingo game described in subsections (b)(1) or (2) hereof that is conducted by a charitable organization that has obtained a license pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.08 and the proceeds of which are used for a charitable purpose.
- (h) “Charitable instant bingo organization” means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3) and is a charitable organization as defined in this section. The term does not include a charitable organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3) and that is created by a veteran’s organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization in regards to bingo conducted or assisted by a veteran’s organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization pursuant to Section 517.14.
- (i) “Charitable organization” means:
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, “charitable organization” means either of the following:
    - A. An organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3);
    - B. A volunteer rescue service organization, volunteer firefighter’s organization, veteran’s organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(c)(4), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19).
  - (2) To qualify as a charitable organization, an organization shall have been in continuous existence as such in this state for a period of two (2) years immediately preceding either the making of an application for a bingo license under Ohio R.C. 2915.08 or the conducting of any game of chance as provided Section 517.02(d).
- (j) “Charitable purpose” means that the net profit of bingo, other than instant bingo or electronic instant bingo, is used by, or is given, donated, or otherwise transferred to, any of the following:
- (1) Any organization that is described in IRC 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3) and is either a governmental unit or an organization that is tax exempt under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3);
  - (2) A veteran’s organization that is a post, chapter, or organization of veterans, or an auxiliary unit or society of, or a trust or foundation for, any such post, chapter, or organization organized in the United States or any of its possessions, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of which are veterans and substantially all of the other members of which are individuals who are spouses, widows, or widowers of veterans, or such individuals, provided that no part of the net earnings of such post, chapter, or organization inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and further provided that the net profit is used by the post, chapter, or organization for the charitable purposes set forth in Ohio R.C. 5739.02(B)(12), is used for awarding scholarships to or for attendance at an institution mentioned in that division of the Ohio Revised Code, is donated to a governmental agency, or is used for nonprofit youth activities, the purchase of United States or Ohio flags that are donated to schools, youth groups, or other bona fide nonprofit organizations, promotion of patriotism, or disaster relief;



- (3) A fraternal organization that has been in continuous existence in this state for fifteen (15) years and that uses the net profit exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, if contributions for such use would qualify as a deductible charitable contribution under IRC 170;
- (4) A volunteer firefighter's organization that uses the net profit for the purposes set forth in the definition of "volunteer firefighter's organization" in this section.
- (k) "Community action agency" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 122.66.
- (l) "Conduct" means to back, promote, organize, manage, carry on, sponsor, or prepare for the operation of bingo or a game of chance, a scheme of chance, or a sweepstakes.
- (m) "Deal" means a single game of instant bingo tickets, or a single game of electronic instant bingo tickets, all with the same serial number.
- (n) "Distributor" means any person who purchases or obtains bingo supplies and who does either of the following:
  - (1) Sells, offers for sale, or otherwise provides or offers to provide the bingo supplies to another person for use in this state;
  - (2) Modifies, converts, adds to, or removes parts from the bingo supplies to further their promotion or sale for use in this state.
- (o) "Electronic bingo aid" means:
  - (1) An electronic device used by a participant to monitor bingo cards or sheets purchased at the time and place of a bingo session and that does all of the following:
    - A. It provides a means for a participant to input numbers and letters announced by a bingo caller.
    - B. It compares the numbers and letters entered by the participant to the bingo faces previously stored in the memory of the device.
    - C. It identifies a winning bingo pattern.
  - (2) The term does not include any device into which a coin, currency, token, or an equivalent is inserted to activate play.
- (p) "Electronic instant bingo" means:
  - (1) A form of bingo that consists of an electronic or digital representation of instant bingo in which a participant wins a prize if the participant's electronic instant bingo ticket contains a combination of numbers or symbols that was designated in advance as a winning combination, and to which all of the following apply:
    - A. Each deal has a predetermined, finite number of winning and losing tickets and a predetermined prize amount and deal structure, provided that there may be multiple winning combinations in each deal and multiple winning tickets.
    - B. Each electronic instant bingo ticket within a deal has a unique serial number that is not regenerated.
    - C. Each electronic instant bingo ticket within a deal is sold for the same price.
    - D. After a participant purchases an electronic instant bingo ticket, the combination of numbers or symbols on the ticket is revealed to the participant.

- E. The reveal of numbers or symbols on the ticket may incorporate an entertainment or bonus theme, provided that the reveal does not include spinning reels that resemble a slot machine.
- F. The reveal theme, if any, does not require additional consideration or award any prize other than any predetermined prize associated with the electronic instant bingo ticket.
- (2) The term shall not include any of the following:
  - A. Any game, entertainment, or bonus theme that replicates or simulates any of the following:
    - 1. The gambling games of keno, blackjack, roulette, poker, craps, other casino-style table games;
    - 2. Horse racing;
    - 3. Gambling games offered in this state on slot machines or video lottery terminals. As used in this division, “video lottery terminal” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3770.21.
  - B. Any device operated by dropping one or more coins or tokens into a slot and pulling a handle or pushing a button or touchpoint on a touchscreen to activate one to three or more rotating reels marked into horizontal segments by varying symbols, where the predetermined prize amount depends on how and how many of the symbols line up when the rotating reels come to a rest;
  - C. Any device that includes a coin or token slot, tray, or hopper and the ability to dispense coins, cash, tokens, or anything of value other than a credit ticket voucher.
- (q) “Electronic instant bingo system” means both of the following:
  - (1) A mechanical, electronic, digital, or video device and associated software to which all of the following apply:
    - A. It is used by not more than one player at a time to play electronic instant bingo on a single screen that is physically connected to the device;
    - B. It is located on the premises of the principal place of business of a veteran’s or fraternal organization that holds a type II or type III bingo license to conduct electronic instant bingo at that location issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08.
  - (2) Any associated equipment or software used to manage, monitor, or document any aspect of electronic instant bingo.
- (r) “Expenses” means the reasonable amount of gross profit actually expended for all of the following:
  - (1) The purchase or lease of bingo supplies;
  - (2) The annual license fee required under Ohio R.C. 2915.08;
  - (3) Bank fees and service charges for a bingo session or game account described in Ohio R.C. 2915.10;
  - (4) Audits and accounting services;
  - (5) Safes;
  - (6) Cash registers;
  - (7) Hiring security personnel;
  - (8) Advertising bingo;
  - (9) Renting premises in which to conduct a bingo session;

- (10) Tables and chairs;
- (11) Expenses for maintaining and operating a charitable organization's facilities, including but not limited to a post home, club house, lounge, tavern, or canteen and any grounds attached to the post home, club house, lounge, tavern, or canteen;
- (12) Payment of real property taxes and assessments that are levied on a premises on which bingo is conducted;
- (13) Any other product or service directly related to the conduct of bingo that is authorized in rules adopted by the Attorney General under Ohio R.C. 2915.08(F)(1).
- (s) "Fraternal organization" means any society, order, state headquarters, or association within this state, except a college or high school fraternity, that is not organized for profit, that is a branch, lodge, or chapter of a national or state organization, that exists exclusively for the common business or sodality of its members.
- (t) "Gambling device" means any of the following:
  - (1) A book, totalizer, or other equipment used for recording bets;
  - (2) A ticket, token, or other device representing a chance, share, or interest in a scheme of chance or evidencing a bet;
  - (3) A deck of cards, dice, gaming table, roulette wheel, slot machine, or other apparatus designed for use in connection with a game of chance;
  - (4) Any equipment, device, apparatus, or paraphernalia specially designed for gambling purposes;
  - (5) Bingo supplies sold or otherwise provided, or used, in violation of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915.
- (u) "Gambling offense" means any of the following:
  - (1) A violation of Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915;
  - (2) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or of the United States substantially equivalent to any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915 or a violation of Ohio R.C. 2915.06 as it existed prior to July 1, 1996;
  - (3) An offense under an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or of the United States, of which gambling is an element;
  - (4) A conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in committing, any offense under subsections (v)(1), (2), or (3) hereof.
- (v) "Game flare" means the board or placard, or electronic representation of a board or placard, that accompanies each deal of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo tickets and that includes the following information for the game:
  - (1) The name of the game;
  - (2) The manufacture's name or distinctive logo;
  - (3) The form number;
  - (4) The ticket count;
  - (5) The prize structure, including the number of winning tickets by denomination and the respective winning symbol or number combinations for the winning tickets;
  - (6) The cost per play;
  - (7) The serial number of the game.
- (w) "Game of chance" means poker, craps, roulette, or other game in which a player gives anything of value in the hope of gain, the outcome of which is determined largely by chance, but does not include bingo.

- (x) “Game of chance conducted for profit” means any game of chance designed to produce income for the person who conducts or operates the game of chance, but does not include bingo.
- (y) “Gross annual revenues” means the annual gross receipts derived from the conduct of bingo described in subsection (b)(1) hereof plus the annual net profit derived from the conduct of bingo described subsection (b)(2) hereof.
- (z) “Gross profit” means gross receipts minus the amount actually expended for the payment of prize awards.
- (aa) “Gross receipts” means all money or assets, including admission fees, that a person receives from bingo without the deduction of any amounts for prizes paid out or for the expenses of conducting bingo. The term does not include any money directly taken in from the sale of food or beverages by a charitable organization conducting bingo, or by a bona fide auxiliary unit or society of a charitable organization conducting bingo, provided all of the following apply:
  - (1) The auxiliary unit or society has been in existence as a bona fide auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization for at least two (2) years prior to conducting bingo.
  - (2) The person who purchases the food or beverage receives nothing of value except the food or beverage and items customarily received with the purchase of that food or beverage.
  - (3) The food and beverages are sold at customary and reasonable prices.
- (bb) “Instant bingo” means a form of bingo that shall use folded or banded tickets or paper cards with perforated break-open tabs, a face of which is covered or otherwise hidden from view to conceal a number, letter, or symbol, or set of numbers, letters, or symbols, some of which have been designated in advance as prize winners, and may also include games in which some winners are determined by the random selection of one or more bingo numbers by the use of a seal card or bingo blower. “Instant bingo” also includes a punch board game. In all “instant bingo” the prize amount and structure shall be predetermined. The term does not include electronic instant bingo or any device that is activated by the insertion of a coin, currency, token, or an equivalent, and that contains as one of its components a video display monitor that is capable of displaying numbers, letters, symbols, or characters in winning or losing combinations.
- (cc) “Instant bingo ticket dispenser” means a mechanical device that dispenses an instant bingo ticket or card as the sole item of value dispensed and that has the following characteristics:
  - (1) It is activated upon the insertion of United States currency.
  - (2) It performs no gaming functions.
  - (3) It does not contain a video display monitor or generate noise.
  - (4) It is not capable of displaying any numbers, letters, symbols, or characters in winning or losing combinations.
  - (5) It does not simulate or display rolling or spinning reels.
  - (6) It is incapable of determining whether a dispensed bingo ticket or card is a winning or non-winning ticket or card and requires a winning ticket or card to be paid by a bingo game operator.

- (7) It may provide accounting and security features to aid in accounting for the instant bingo tickets or cards it dispenses.
- (8) It is not part of an electronic network and is not interactive.
- (dd) “Internal Revenue Code (IRC)” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1 et seq., as now or hereafter amended.
- (ee) “Manufacturer” means any person who assembles completed bingo supplies from raw materials, other items, or subparts or who modifies, converts, adds to, or removes parts from bingo supplies to further their promotion or sale.
- (ff) “Merchandise prize” means any item of value, but shall not include any of the following:
- (1) Cash, gift cards, or any equivalent thereof;
  - (2) Plays on games of chance, state lottery tickets, or bingo;
  - (3) Firearms, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages; or
  - (4) A redeemable voucher that is redeemable for any of the items listed in subsections (hh)(1), (2) or (3) hereof.
- (gg) “Net profit” means gross profit minus expenses.
- (hh) “Net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo” means gross profit minus the ordinary, necessary, and reasonable expense expended for the purchase of bingo supplies for the purpose of conducting instant bingo or electronic instant bingo, and, in the case of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo conducted by a veteran’s, fraternal, or sporting organization, minus the payment by that organization of real property taxes and assessments levied on a premises on which instant bingo or electronic instant bingo is conducted.
- (ii) “Participant” means any person who plays bingo.
- (jj) “Person” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 1.59 and includes any firm or any other legal entity, however organized.
- (kk) “Pool not conducted for profit” means a scheme in which a participant gives a valuable consideration for a chance to win a prize and the total amount of consideration wagered is distributed to a participant or participants.
- (ll) “Punch board” means a form of instant bingo that uses a board containing a number of holes or receptacles of uniform size in which are placed, mechanically and randomly, serially numbered slips of paper that may be punched or drawn from the hole or receptacle. A player may punch or draw the numbered slips of paper from the holes or receptacles and obtain the prize established for the game if the number drawn corresponds to a winning number or, if the punch board includes the use of a seal card, a potential winning number.
- (mm) “Raffle” means a form of bingo in which the one or more prizes are won by one or more persons who have purchased a raffle ticket. The one or more winners of the raffle are determined by drawing a ticket stub or other detachable section from a receptacle containing ticket stubs or detachable sections corresponding to all tickets sold for the raffle. The term does not include the drawing of a ticket stub or other detachable section of a ticket purchased to attend a professional sporting event if both of the following apply:
- (1) The ticket stub or other detachable section is used to select the winner of a free prize given away at the professional sporting event; and
  - (2) The cost of the ticket is the same as the cost of a ticket to the professional sporting event on days when no free prize is given away.
- (nn) “Redeemable voucher” means any ticket, token, coupon, receipt, or other noncash representation of value.

- (oo) “Religious organization” means any church, body of communicants, or group that is not organized or operated for profit and that gathers in common membership for regular worship and religious observances.
- (pp) “Revoke” means to void permanently all rights and privileges of the holder of a license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 or a charitable gaming license issued by another jurisdiction.
- (qq) “Scheme of chance” means:
- (1) A slot machine unless authorized under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3772, lottery unless authorized under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3770, numbers game, pool conducted for profit, or other scheme in which a participant gives a valuable consideration for a chance to win a prize, but does not include bingo, a skill-based amusement machine, or a pool not conducted for profit. “Scheme of chance” includes the use of an electronic device to reveal the results of a game entry if valuable consideration is paid, directly or indirectly, for a chance to win a prize. Valuable consideration is deemed to be paid for a chance to win a prize in the following instances:
    - A. Less than fifty percent (50%) of the goods or services sold by a scheme of chance operator in exchange for game entries are used or redeemed by participants at any one location;
    - B. Less than fifty percent (50%) of participants who purchase goods or services at any one location do not accept, use, or redeem the goods or services sold or purportedly sold;
    - C. More than fifty percent (50%) of prizes at any one location are revealed to participants through an electronic device simulating a game of chance or a “casino game” as defined in Ohio R.C. 3772.01;
    - D. The good or service sold by a scheme of chance operator in exchange for a game entry cannot be used or redeemed in the manner advertised;
    - E. A participant pays more than fair market value for goods or services offered by a scheme of chance operator in order to receive one or more game entries;
    - F. A participant may use the electronic device to purchase additional game entries;
    - G. A participant may purchase additional game entries by using points or credits won as prizes while using the electronic device;
    - H. A scheme of chance operator pays out in prize money more than twenty percent (20%) of the gross revenue received at one location; or
    - I. A participant makes a purchase or exchange in order to obtain any good or service that may be used to facilitate play on the electronic device.
  - (2) As used in this subsection, “electronic device” means a mechanical, video, digital, or electronic machine or device that is capable of displaying information on a screen or other mechanism and that is owned, leased, or otherwise possessed by any person conducting a scheme of chance, or by that person’s partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, or contractors. “Electronic device” does not include an electronic instant bingo system.

- (rr) “Seal card” means a form of instant bingo that uses instant bingo tickets in conjunction with a board or placard that contains one or more seals that, when removed or opened, reveal predesignated winning numbers, letters, or symbols.
- (ss) “Security personnel” includes any person who either is a Sheriff, deputy sheriff, Marshal, deputy marshal, township constable, or member of an organized police department of a municipal corporation or has successfully completed a peace officer’s training course pursuant to Ohio R.C. 109.71 through 109.79 and who is hired to provide security for the premises on which bingo is conducted.
- (tt) “Skill-based amusement machine” means:
- (1) A. A mechanical, video, digital, or electronic device that rewards the player or players, if at all, only with merchandise prizes or with redeemable vouchers redeemable only for merchandise prizes, provided that with respect to rewards for playing the game all of the following apply:
1. The wholesale value of a merchandise prize awarded as a result of the single play of a machine does not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00);
  2. Redeemable vouchers awarded for any single play of a machine are not redeemable for a merchandise prize with a wholesale value of more than ten dollars (\$10.00);
  3. Redeemable vouchers are not redeemable for a merchandise prize that has a wholesale value of more than ten dollars (\$10.00) times the fewest number of single plays necessary to accrue the redeemable vouchers required to obtain that prize; and
  4. Any redeemable vouchers or merchandise prizes are distributed at the site of the skill-based amusement machine at the time of play.
- B. A card for the purchase of gasoline is a redeemable voucher for purposes of subsection (vv)(1) hereof even if the skill-based amusement machine for the play of which the card is awarded is located at a place where gasoline may not be legally distributed to the public or the card is not redeemable at the location of, or at the time of playing, the skill-based amusement machine.
- (2) A device shall not be considered a skill-based amusement machine and shall be considered a slot machine if it pays cash or one or more of the following apply:
- A. The ability of a player to succeed at the game is impacted by the number or ratio of prior wins to prior losses of players playing the game;
  - B. Any reward of redeemable vouchers is not based solely on the player achieving the object of the game or the player’s score;
  - C. The outcome of the game, or the value of the redeemable voucher or merchandise prize awarded for winning the game, can be controlled by a source other than any player playing the game;
  - D. The success of any player is or may be determined by a chance event that cannot be altered by player actions;
  - E. The ability of any player to succeed at the game is determined by game features not visible or known to the player;

- F. The ability of the player to succeed at the game is impacted by the exercise of a skill that no reasonable player could exercise.
- (3) All of the following apply to any machine that is operated as described in subsection (vv)(1) hereof:
  - A. As used in this definition of “skill-based amusement machine”, “game” and “play” mean one event from the initial activation of the machine until the results of play are determined without payment of additional consideration. An individual utilizing a machine that involves a single game, play, contest, competition, or tournament may be awarded redeemable vouchers or merchandise prizes based on the results of play.
  - B. Advance play for a single game, play, contest, competition, or tournament participation may be purchased. The cost of the contest, competition, or tournament participation may be greater than a single non-contest, competition, or tournament play.
  - C. To the extent that the machine is used in a contest, competition, or tournament, that contest, competition, or tournament has a defined starting and ending date and is open to participants in competition for scoring and ranking results toward the awarding of redeemable vouchers or merchandise prizes that are stated prior to the start of the contest, competition, or tournament.
- (4) For purposes of subsection (vv)(1) hereof, the mere presence of a device, such as a pinsetting, ball-releasing, or scoring mechanism, that does not contribute to or affect the outcome of the play of the game does not make the device a skill-based amusement machine.
- (uu) “Slot machine” means:
  - (1) Either of the following:
    - A. Any mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of a player who gives the thing of value in the hope of gain;
    - B. Any mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of a player to conduct bingo or a scheme or game of chance.
  - (2) The term does not include a skill-based amusement machine, an instant bingo ticket dispenser, or an electronic instant bingo system.
- (vv) “Sporting organization” means a hunting, fishing, or trapping organization, other than a college or high school fraternity or sorority, that is not organized for profit, that is affiliated with a state or national sporting organization, including but not limited to the League of Ohio Sportsmen, and that has been in continuous existence in this state for a period of three (3) years.
- (ww) “Suspend” means to interrupt temporarily all rights and privileges of the holder of a license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 or a charitable gaming license issued by another jurisdiction.
- (xx) “Sweepstakes” means any game, contest, advertising scheme or plan, or other promotion where consideration is not required for a person to enter to win or become eligible to receive any prize, the determination of which is based upon chance. “Sweepstakes” does not include bingo as authorized under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915, pari-mutuel wagering as authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 3769, lotteries conducted by the State Lottery Commission as authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 3770, and casino gaming as authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 3772.



- (yy) “Sweepstakes terminal device” means:
- (1) A mechanical, video, digital, or electronic machine or device that is owned, leased, or otherwise possessed by any person conducting a sweepstakes, or by that person’s partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, or contractors, that is intended to be used by a sweepstakes participant, and that is capable of displaying information on a screen or other mechanism. A device is a sweepstakes terminal device if any of the following apply:
    - A. The device uses a simulated game terminal as a representation of the prizes associated with the results of the sweepstakes entries.
    - B. The device utilizes software such that the simulated game influences or determines the winning of or value of the prize.
    - C. The device selects prizes from a predetermined finite pool of entries.
    - D. The device utilizes a mechanism that reveals the content of a predetermined sweepstakes entry.
    - E. The device predetermines the prize results and stores those results for delivery at the time the sweepstakes entry results are revealed.
    - F. The device utilizes software to create a game result.
    - G. The device reveals the prize incrementally, even though the device does not influence the awarding of the prize or the value of any prize awarded.
    - H. The device determines and associates the prize with an entry or entries at the time the sweepstakes is entered.
  - (2) As used in this definition and in Section 517.02:
    - A. “Enter” means the act by which a person becomes eligible to receive any prize offered in a sweepstakes.
    - B. “Entry” means one event from the initial activation of the sweepstakes terminal device until all the sweepstakes prize results from that activation are revealed.
    - C. “Prize” means any gift, award, gratuity, good, service, credit, reward, or any other thing of value that may be transferred to a person, whether possession of the prize is actually transferred, or placed on an account or other record as evidence of the intent to transfer the prize.
- (zz) “Sweepstakes terminal facility” means any location in this state where a sweepstakes terminal device is provided to a sweepstakes participant, except as provided in Ohio R.C. 2915.02(G).
- (aaa) “Veteran’s organization” means any individual post or state headquarters of a national veteran’s association or an auxiliary unit of any individual post of a national veteran’s association, which post, state headquarters, or auxiliary unit is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation and either has received a letter from the state headquarters of the national veteran’s association indicating that the individual post or auxiliary unit is in good standing with the national veteran’s association or has received a letter from the national veteran’s association indicating that the state headquarters is in good standing with the national veteran’s association. As used in this definition, “National Veterans’ Association” means any veteran’s association that has been in continuous existence as such for a period of at least five (5) years and either is incorporated by an act of the United States Congress or has a national dues-paying membership of at least 5,000 persons.

- (bbb) “Volunteer firefighter’s organization” means any organization of volunteer firefighters, as defined in Ohio R.C. 146.01, that is organized and operated exclusively to provide financial support for a volunteer fire department or a volunteer fire company and that is recognized or ratified by a county, municipal corporation, or township.
- (ccc) “Volunteer rescue service organization” means any organization of volunteers organized to function as an emergency medical service organization, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4765.01.
- (ddd) “Youth athletic organization” means any organization, not organized for profit, that is organized and operated exclusively to provide financial support to, or to operate, athletic activities for persons who are twenty-one (21) years of age or younger by means of sponsoring, organizing, operating, or contributing to the support of an athletic team, club, league, or association.
- (eee) “Youth athletic park organization” means any organization, not organized for profit, that satisfies both of the following:
  - (1) It owns, operates, and maintains playing fields that satisfy both of the following:
    - A. The playing fields are used for athletic activities by one or more organizations, not organized for profit, each of which is organized and operated exclusively to provide financial support to, or to operate, athletic activities for persons who are eighteen (18) years of age or younger by means of sponsoring, organizing, operating, or contributing to the support of an athletic team, club, league, or association.
    - B. The playing fields are not used for any profit-making activity at any time during the year.
  - (2) It uses the proceeds of bingo it conducts exclusively for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of its playing fields of the type described in subsection (ggg)(1) hereof.  
(ORC 2915.01)

#### 517.02 GAMBLING.

- (a) No person shall do any of the following:
  - (1) Engage in bookmaking, or knowingly engage in conduct that facilitates bookmaking;
  - (2) Establish, promote, or operate or knowingly engage in conduct that facilitates any game of chance conducted for profit or any scheme of chance;
  - (3) Knowingly procure, transmit, exchange, or engage in conduct that facilitates the procurement, transmission, or exchange of information for use in establishing odds or determining winners in connection with bookmaking or with any game of chance conducted for profit or any scheme of chance;
  - (4) Engage in betting or in playing any scheme or game of chance as a substantial source of income or livelihood;
  - (5) Conduct, or participate in the conduct of, a sweepstakes with the use of a sweepstakes terminal device at a sweepstakes terminal device facility and either:
    - A. Give to another person any item described in subsection (ff)(1), (2), (3) or (4) of Section 517.01 as a prize for playing or participating in a sweepstakes; or

- B. Give to another person any merchandise prize, or a redeemable voucher for a merchandise prize, the wholesale value of which is in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00) and which is awarded as a single entry for playing or participating in a sweepstakes. Redeemable vouchers shall not be redeemable for a merchandise prize that has a wholesale value of more than ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (6) Conduct, or participate in the conduct of, a sweepstakes with the use of a sweepstakes terminal device at a sweepstakes terminal device facility without first obtaining a current annual "certificate of registration" from the Attorney General as required by division (F) of Ohio R.C. 2915.02.
- (7) With purpose to violate subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of this section, acquire, possess, control, or operate any gambling device.

(b) For purposes of subsection (a)(1) of this section, a person facilitates bookmaking if the person in any way knowingly aids an illegal bookmaking operation, including, without limitation, placing a bet with a person engaged in or facilitating illegal bookmaking. For purposes of subsection (a)(2) of this section, a person facilitates a game of chance conducted for profit or a scheme of chance if the person in any way knowingly aids in the conduct or operation of any such game or scheme, including, without limitation, playing any such game or scheme.

(c) This section does not prohibit conduct in connection with gambling expressly permitted by law.

- (d) This section does not apply to any of the following:
- (1) Games of chance, if all of the following apply:
    - A. The games of chance are not craps for money or roulette for money.
    - B. The games of chance are conducted by a charitable organization that is, and has received from the Internal Revenue Service a determination letter that is currently in effect, stating that the organization is, exempt from Federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
    - C. The games of chance are conducted at festivals of the charitable organization that are conducted not more than a total of five days a calendar year, and are conducted on premises owned by the charitable organization for a period of no less than one year immediately preceding the conducting of the games of chance, on premises leased from a governmental unit, or on premises that are leased from a veteran's or fraternal organization and that have been owned by the lessor veteran's or fraternal organization for a period of no less than one year immediately preceding the conducting of the games of chance.

A charitable organization shall not lease premises from a veteran's or fraternal organization to conduct a festival described in subsection (d)(1)C. hereof if the veteran's or fraternal organization has already leased the premises twelve times during the preceding year to charitable organizations for that purpose. If a charitable organization leases premises from a veteran's or fraternal organization to conduct a festival described in subsection (d)(1)C. hereof, the charitable organization shall not pay a rental rate for the premises per day of the festival that exceeds the rental rate per bingo session that a charitable organization may pay under Section 517.06(b)(1) when it leases premises from another charitable organization to conduct bingo games.

D. All of the money or assets received from the games of chance after deduction only of prizes paid out during the conduct of the games of chance are used by, or given, donated or otherwise transferred to, any organization that is described in subsection 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is either a governmental unit or an organization that is tax exempt under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

E. The games of chance are not conducted during, or within ten hours of, a bingo game conducted for amusement purposes only pursuant to Section 517.13.

No person shall receive any commission, wage, salary, reward, tip, donations, gratuity or other form of compensation, directly or indirectly, for operating or assisting in the operation of any game of chance.

- (2) Any tag fishing tournament operated under a permit issued under Ohio R.C. 1533.92, as "tag fishing tournament" is defined in Ohio R.C. 1531.01.
- (3) Bingo conducted by a charitable organization that holds a license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08.

(e) Subsection (d) hereof shall not be construed to authorize the sale, lease or other temporary or permanent transfer of the right to conduct games of chance, as granted by subsection (d) hereof, by any charitable organization that is granted that right.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of gambling, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a gambling offense, gambling is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2915.02)

#### 517.03 OPERATING A GAMBLING HOUSE.

(a) No person, being the owner or lessee, or having custody, control or supervision of premises, shall:

- (1) Use or occupy such premises for gambling in violation of Section 517.02;
- (2) Recklessly permit such premises to be used or occupied for gambling in violation of Section 517.02.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of operating a gambling house, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a gambling offense, operating a gambling house is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(c) Premises used or occupied in violation of this section constitute a nuisance subject to abatement pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 3767. (ORC 2915.03)

#### 517.04 PUBLIC GAMING.

(a) No person, while at a hotel, restaurant, tavern, store, arena, hall, or other place of public accommodation, business, amusement, or resort shall make a bet or play any game of chance or scheme of chance.

(b) No person, being the owner or lessee, or having custody, control, or supervision, of a hotel, restaurant, tavern, store, arena, hall, or other place of public accommodation, business, amusement, or resort shall recklessly permit those premises to be used or occupied in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section do not prohibit conduct in connection with gambling expressly permitted by law.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of public gaming. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, public gaming is a minor misdemeanor. If the offender previously has been convicted of any gambling offense, public gaming is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(e) Premises used or occupied in violation of subsection (b) of this section constitute a nuisance subject to abatement under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3767. (ORC 2915.04)

#### 517.05 CHEATING.

(a) No person, with purpose to defraud or knowing that the person is facilitating a fraud, shall engage in conduct designed to corrupt the outcome of any of the following:

- (1) The subject of a bet;
- (2) A contest of knowledge, skill, or endurance that is not an athletic or sporting event;
- (3) A scheme or game of chance;
- (4) Bingo.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of cheating. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection cheating is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the potential gain from the cheating is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, or if the offender previously has been convicted of any gambling offense or of any theft offense as defined in Ohio R.C. 2913.01, cheating is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2915.05)

#### 517.06 METHODS OF CONDUCTING A BINGO GAME; PROHIBITIONS.

(a) No charitable organization that conducts bingo shall fail to do any of the following:

- (1) Own all of the equipment used to conduct bingo or lease that equipment from a charitable organization that is licensed to conduct bingo, or from the landlord of a premises where bingo is conducted, for a rental rate that is not more than is customary and reasonable for that equipment;

- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a)(3) of this section, use all of the gross receipts from bingo for paying prizes, for reimbursement of expenses for or for renting premises in which to conduct bingo, for reimbursement of expenses for or for purchasing or leasing bingo supplies used in conducting bingo, for reimbursement of expenses for or for hiring security personnel, for reimbursement of expenses for or for advertising bingo, or for reimbursement of other expenses or for other expenses listed in the definition for “expenses” in Section 517.01(r), provided that the amount of the receipts so spent is not more than is customary and reasonable for a similar purchase, lease, hiring, advertising, or expense. If the building in which bingo is conducted is owned by the charitable organization conducting bingo and the bingo conducted includes a form of bingo described in the definition of “bingo” in Section 517.01(b)(1), the charitable organization may deduct from the total amount of the gross receipts from each session a sum equal to the lesser of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) or forty-five percent (45%) of the gross receipts from the bingo described in that division as consideration for the use of the premises;
  - (3) Use, or give, donate, or otherwise transfer, all of the net profit derived from bingo described in Section 517.01(b)(1), for a charitable purpose listed in its license application and described in Section 517.02(j), or distribute all of the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo as stated in its license application and in accordance with Ohio R.C. 2915.101, as applicable.
- (b) No charitable organization that conducts a bingo game described in Section 517.01(b)(1) shall fail to do any of the following:
- (1) Conduct the bingo game on premises that are owned by the charitable organization, on premises that are owned by another charitable organization and leased from that charitable organization for a rental rate not in excess of the lesser of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per bingo session or forty-five percent (45%) of the gross receipts of the bingo session, on premises that are leased from a person other than a charitable organization for a rental rate that is not more than is customary and reasonable for premises that are similar in location, size, and quality but not in excess of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) per bingo session, or on premises that are owned by a person other than a charitable organization, that are leased from that person by another charitable organization, and that are subleased from that other charitable organization by the charitable organization for a rental rate not in excess of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) per bingo session. No charitable organization is required to pay property taxes or assessments on premises that the charitable organization leases from another person to conduct bingo sessions. If the charitable organization leases from a person other than a charitable organization the premises on which it conducts bingo sessions, the lessor of the premises shall provide the premises to the organization and shall not provide the organization with bingo game operators, security personnel, concessions or concession operators, bingo supplies, or any other type of service. A charitable organization shall not lease or sublease premises that it owns or leases to more than three (3) other charitable organizations per calendar week for

conducting bingo sessions on the premises. A person that is not a charitable organization shall not lease premises that it owns, leases, or otherwise is empowered to lease to more than three (3) charitable organizations per calendar week for conducting bingo sessions on the premises. In no case shall more than nine (9) bingo sessions be conducted on any premises in any calendar week.

- (2) Display its license conspicuously at the premises where the bingo session is conducted;
- (3) Conduct the bingo session in accordance with the definition of bingo set forth in Section 517.01(b)(1).

(c) No charitable organization that conducts a bingo game described in Section 517.01(b)(1) shall do any of the following:

- (1) Pay any compensation to a bingo game operator for operating a bingo session that is conducted by the charitable organization or for preparing, selling, or serving food or beverages at the site of the bingo session, permit any auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization to pay compensation to any bingo game operator who prepares, sells, or serves food or beverages at a bingo session conducted by the charitable organization, or permit any auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization to prepare, sell, or serve food or beverages at a bingo session conducted by the charitable organization, if the auxiliary unit or society pays any compensation to the bingo game operators who prepare, sell, or serve the food or beverages;
- (2) Pay consulting fees to any person for any services performed in relation to the bingo session;
- (3) Pay concession fees to any person who provides refreshments to the participants in the bingo session;
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(4) of this section, conduct more than three bingo sessions in any seven-day period. A volunteer firefighter's organization or a volunteer rescue service organization that conducts not more than five (5) bingo sessions in a calendar year may conduct more than three (3) bingo sessions in a seven-day period after notifying the Attorney General when it will conduct the sessions;
- (5) Pay out more than six thousand dollars (\$6,000) in prizes for bingo games described in Section 517.01(b)(1) during any bingo session that is conducted by the charitable organization. "Prizes" does not include awards from the conduct of instant bingo;
- (6) Conduct a bingo session at any time during the eight-hour period between 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., at any time during, or within ten (10) hours of, a bingo game conducted for amusement only pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.12, at any premises not specified on its license, or on any day of the week or during any time period not specified on its license. Subsection (c)(6) of this section does not prohibit the sale of instant bingo tickets beginning at 9:00 a.m. for a bingo session that begins at 10:00 a.m. If circumstances make it impractical for the charitable organization to conduct a bingo session at the premises, or on the day of the week or at the time, specified on its license or if a charitable organization wants to conduct bingo sessions on a day of the week or at a time other than the day or time specified on its license, the charitable organization may apply in writing to the Attorney

General for an amended license, pursuant to division (J) of Ohio R.C. 2915.08. A charitable organization may apply twice in each calendar year for an amended license to conduct bingo sessions on a day of the week or at a time other than the day or time specified on its license. If the amended license is granted, the organization may conduct bingo sessions at the premises, on the day of the week, and at the time specified on its amended license;

- (7) Permit any person whom the charitable organization knows, or should have known, is under the age of eighteen (18) to work as a bingo game operator;
- (8) Permit any person whom the charitable organization knows, or should have known, has been convicted of a felony or gambling offense in any jurisdiction to be a bingo game operator;
- (9) Permit the lessor of the premises on which the bingo session is conducted, if the lessor is not a charitable organization, to provide the charitable organization with bingo game operators, security personnel, concessions, bingo supplies, or any other type of service;
- (10) Purchase or lease bingo supplies from any person except a distributor issued a license under Ohio R.C. 2915.081;
- (11) A. Use or permit the use of electronic bingo aids except under the following circumstances:
  1. For any single participant, not more than ninety (90) bingo faces can be played using an electronic bingo aid or aids.
  2. The charitable organization shall provide a participant using an electronic bingo aid with corresponding paper bingo cards or sheets.
  3. The total price of bingo faces played with an electronic bingo aid shall be equal to the total price of the same number of bingo faces played with a paper bingo card or sheet sold at the same bingo session but without an electronic bingo aid.
  4. An electronic bingo aid cannot be part of an electronic network other than a network that includes only bingo aids and devices that are located on the premises at which the bingo is being conducted or be interactive with any device not located on the premises at which the bingo is being conducted.
  5. An electronic bingo aid cannot be used to participate in bingo that is conducted at a location other than the location at which the bingo session is conducted and at which the electronic bingo aid is used.
  6. An electronic bingo aid cannot be used to provide for the input of numbers and letters announced by a bingo caller other than the bingo caller who physically calls the numbers and letters at the location at which the bingo session is conducted and at which the electronic bingo aid is used.
- B. The Attorney General may adopt rules in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 119 that govern the use of electronic bingo aids. The rules may include a requirement that an electronic bingo aid be capable of being audited by the Attorney General to verify the number of bingo cards or sheets played during each bingo session.



- (12) Permit any person the charitable organization knows, or should have known, to be under eighteen (18) years of age to play bingo described in Section 517.01(b)(1).
- (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d)(3) hereof, no charitable organization shall provide to a bingo game operator, and no bingo game operator shall receive or accept, any commission, wage, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity, or other form of compensation, directly or indirectly, regardless of the source, for conducting bingo or providing other work or labor at the site of bingo during a bingo session.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d)(3) of this section, no charitable organization shall provide to a bingo game operator any commission, wage, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity, or other form of compensation, directly or indirectly regardless of the source, for conducting instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, or both other than at a bingo session at the site of instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, or both other than at a bingo session.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (d) hereof prohibits an employee of a fraternal organization, veteran's organization, or sporting organization from selling instant bingo tickets or cards to the organization's members or invited guests, as long as no portion of the employee's compensation is paid from any receipts of bingo.
- (e) Notwithstanding subsection (b)(1) of this section, a charitable organization that, prior to December 6, 1977, has entered into written agreements for the lease of premises it owns to another charitable organization or other charitable organizations for the conducting of bingo sessions so that more than two (2) bingo sessions are conducted per calendar week on the premises, and a person that is not a charitable organization and that, prior to December 6, 1977, has entered into written agreements for the lease of premises it owns to charitable organizations for the conducting of more than two (2) bingo sessions per calendar week on the premises, may continue to lease the premises to those charitable organizations, provided that no more than four sessions are conducted per calendar week, that the lessor organization or person has notified the Attorney General in writing of the organizations that will conduct the sessions and the days of the week and the times of the day on which the sessions will be conducted, that the initial lease entered into with each organization that will conduct the sessions was filed with the Attorney General prior to December 6, 1977, and that each organization that will conduct the sessions was issued a license to conduct bingo games by the Attorney General prior to December 6, 1977.
- (f) This section does not prohibit a bingo licensed charitable organization or a game operator from giving any person an instant bingo ticket as a prize.
- (g) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates subsection (a)(1) or (2), (b)(1), (2), or (3), (c)(1) to (11) or (d) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (2), (b)(1), (2) or (3), (c)(1) to (11), or (d) of this section, a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (2), (b)(1), (2) or (3) or (c)(1) to (11) or (d) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Whoever violates subsection (c)(12) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (c)(12) of this section, a violation of subsection (c)(12) is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.  
(ORC 2915.09)

## 517.07 INSTANT BINGO CONDUCT.

(a) No charitable organization that conducts instant bingo shall do any of the following:

- (1) Fail to comply with the requirements of divisions (A)(1), (2), and (3) of Ohio R.C. 2915.09;
- (2) Conduct instant bingo unless either of the following applies:
  - A. That organization is, and has received from the Internal Revenue Service a determination letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a), is described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, is a charitable organization as defined in Section 517.01, is in good standing in the State pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.08, and is in compliance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 1716;
  - B. That organization is, and has received from the Internal Revenue Service a determination letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a), is described in subsection 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19) or is a veteran's organization described in subsection 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, and conducts instant bingo under Section 517.14.
- (3) Conduct instant bingo on any day, at any time, or at any premises not specified on the organization's license issued pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.08;
- (4) Permit any person whom the organization knows or should have known has been convicted of a felony or gambling offense in any jurisdiction to be a bingo game operator in the conduct of instant bingo;
- (5) Purchase or lease supplies used to conduct instant bingo or punch board games from any person except a distributor licensed under Ohio R.C. 2915.081;
- (6) Sell or provide any instant bingo ticket or card for a price different from the price printed on it by the manufacturer on either the instant bingo ticket or card or on the game flare;
- (7) Sell an instant bingo ticket or card to a person under eighteen (18) years of age;
- (8) Fail to keep unsold instant bingo tickets or cards for less than three (3) years;
- (9) Pay any compensation to a bingo game operator for conducting instant bingo that is conducted by the organization or for preparing, selling, or serving food or beverages at the site of the instant bingo game, permit any auxiliary unit or society of the organization to pay compensation to any bingo game operator who prepares, sells, or serves food or beverages at an instant bingo game conducted by the organization, or permit any auxiliary unit or society of the organization to prepare, sell, or serve food or beverages at an instant bingo game conducted by the organization, if the auxiliary unit or society pays any compensation to the bingo game operators who prepare, sell, or serve the food or beverages;
- (10) Pay fees to any person for any services performed in relation to an instant bingo game, except as provided in Section 517.09(d);
- (11) Pay fees to any person who provides refreshments to the participants in an instant bingo game;

- (12) A. Allow instant bingo tickets or cards to be sold to bingo game operators at a premises at which the organization sells instant bingo tickets or cards or to be sold to employees of a D permit holder who are working at a premises at which instant bingo tickets or cards are sold;
- B. Subsection (a)(12)A. of this section does not prohibit a licensed charitable organization or a bingo game operator from giving any person an instant bingo ticket as a prize in place of a cash prize won by a participant in an instant bingo game. In no case shall an instant bingo ticket or card be sold or provided for a price different from the price printed on it by the manufacturer on either the instant bingo ticket or card or on the game flare.
- (13) Fail to display its bingo license, and the serial numbers of the deal of instant bingo tickets or cards to be sold, conspicuously at each premises at which it sells instant bingo tickets or cards;
- (14) Possess a deal of instant bingo tickets or cards that was not purchased from a distributor licensed under Ohio R.C. 2915.081 as reflected on an invoice issued by the distributor that contains all of the information required by Section 517.11(f);
- (15) Fail, once it opens a deal of instant bingo tickets or cards, to continue to sell the tickets or cards in that deal until the tickets or cards with the top two (2) highest tiers of prizes in that deal are sold;
- (16) Possess bingo supplies that were not obtained in accordance with Ohio R.C. 2915.01 to 2915.13.

(b) A charitable organization may purchase, lease, or use instant bingo ticket dispensers to sell instant bingo tickets or cards.

(c) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section or a rule adopted under Ohio R.C. 2915.091(C) is guilty of illegal instant bingo conduct. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, illegal instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of this section or of such a rule, illegal instant bingo conduct is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2915.091)

#### 517.08 RAFFLES.

- (a) (1) Subject to subsection (a)(2) of this section, a person or entity may conduct a raffle to raise money for the person or entity and does not need a license to conduct bingo in order to conduct a raffle drawing that is not for profit if the person or entity is any of the following:
  - A. Exempt from federal income taxation under IRC §501(a) and described in IRC §501(c)(3);
  - B. A school district, community school established under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3314, STEM school established under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3326, college-preparatory boarding school established under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3328, or chartered nonpublic school;
  - C. Exempt from federal income taxation under IRC §501(a) and described in IRC §501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19).
- (2) If a person or entity that is described in subsection (a)(1)C. of this section conducts a raffle, the person or entity shall distribute at least fifty percent (50%) of the net profit from the raffle to a charitable purpose described in Section 517.01(j) or to a department or agency of the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, no person shall conduct a raffle drawing that is for profit or a raffle drawing that is not for profit.

(c) Whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of illegal conduct of a raffle. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, illegal conduct of a raffle is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (b) of this section, illegal conduct of a raffle is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2915.092)

#### 517.09 CHARITABLE INSTANT BINGO ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) As used in this section, "retail income from all commercial activity" means the income that a person receives from the provision of goods, services, or activities that are provided at the location where instant bingo other than at a bingo session is conducted, including the sale of instant bingo tickets. A religious organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, at not more than one location at which it conducts its charitable programs, may include donations from its members and guests as retail income.

- (b) (1) If a charitable instant bingo organization conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session under a type III license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08, the charitable instant bingo organization shall enter into a written contract with the owner or lessor of the location at which the instant bingo is conducted to allow the owner or lessor to assist in the conduct of instant bingo other than at a bingo session, identify each location where the instant bingo other than at a bingo session is being conducted, and identify the owner or lessor of each location.
- (2) A charitable instant bingo organization that conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session under a type III license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08 is not required to enter into a written contract with the owner or lessor of the location at which the instant bingo is conducted provided that the owner or lessor is not assisting in the conduct of the instant bingo other than at a bingo session and provided that the conduct of the instant bingo other than at a bingo session at that location is not more than five (5) days per calendar year and not more than ten (10) hours per day.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, no charitable instant bingo organization shall conduct instant bingo other than at a bingo session at a location where the primary source of retail income from all commercial activity at that location is the sale of instant bingo tickets.

(d) The owner or lessor of a location that enters into a contract pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall pay the full gross profit to the charitable instant bingo organization, in return for the deal of instant bingo tickets. The owner or lessor may retain the money that the owner or lessor receives for selling the instant bingo tickets, provided, however, that after the deal has been sold, the owner or lessor shall pay to the charitable instant bingo organization the value of any unredeemed instant bingo prizes remaining in the deal of instant bingo tickets.

The charitable instant bingo organization shall pay six per cent of the total gross receipts of any deal of instant bingo tickets for the purpose of reimbursing the owner or lessor for expenses described in this subsection.

As used in this subsection, “expenses” means those items provided for in subsections (r)(4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (12) and (13) of Section 517.01 and that percentage of the owner’s or lessor’s rent for the location where instant bingo is conducted. “Expenses” in the aggregate, shall not exceed six percent (6%) of the total gross receipts of any deal of instant bingo tickets.

As used in this subsection, “full gross profit” means the amount by which the total receipts of all instant bingo tickets, if the deal had been sold in full, exceeds the amount that would be paid out if all prizes were redeemed.

(e) A charitable instant bingo organization shall provide the Attorney General with all of the following information:

- (1) That the charitable instant bingo organization has terminated a contract entered into pursuant to subsection (b) of this section with an owner or lessor of a location;
- (2) That the charitable instant bingo organization has entered into a written contract pursuant to subsection (b) of this section with a new owner or lessor of a location;
- (3) That the charitable instant bingo organization is aware of conduct by the owner or lessor of a location at which instant bingo is conducted that is in violation of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915.

(f) Subsection (c) of this section does not apply to a volunteer firefighter’s organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session on the premises where the organization conducts firefighter training, that has conducted instant bingo continuously for at least five years prior to July 1, 2003, and that, during each of those five years, had gross receipts of at least one million five hundred thousand dollars.

(ORC 2915.093)

#### 517.10 LOCATION OF INSTANT BINGO.

(a) No owner or lessor of a location shall assist a charitable instant bingo organization in the conduct of instant bingo other than at a bingo session at that location unless the owner or lessor has entered into a written contract, as described in Section 517.09, with the charitable instant bingo organization to assist in the conduct of instant bingo other than at a bingo session.

(b) The location of the lessor or owner shall be designated as a location where the charitable instant bingo organization conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session.

(c) No owner or lessor of a location that enters into a written contract as prescribed in subsection (a) of this section shall violate any provision of Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915, or permit, aid, or abet any other person in violating any provision of Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915.

(d) No owner or lessor of a location that enters into a written contract as prescribed in subsection (a) of this section shall violate the terms of the contract.

- (e) (1) Whoever violates subsection (c) or (d) of this section is guilty of illegal instant bingo conduct. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, illegal instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (c) or (d) of this section, illegal instant bingo conduct is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

- (2) If an owner or lessor of a location knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates subsection (c) or (d) of this section, any license that the owner or lessor holds for the retail sale of any goods on the owner's or lessor's premises that is issued by the State or a political subdivision is subject to suspension, revocation, or payment of a monetary penalty at the request of the Attorney General. (ORC 2915.094)

#### 517.11 BINGO OR GAME OF CHANCE RECORDS.

(a) No charitable organization that conducts bingo or a game of chance pursuant to Section 517.02(d), shall fail to maintain the following records for at least three years from the date on which the bingo or game of chance is conducted:

- (1) An itemized list of the gross receipts of each bingo session, each game of instant bingo by serial number, each electronic instant bingo game by serial number, each raffle, each punch board game, and each game of chance, and an itemized list of the gross profits of each game of instant bingo by serial number and each electronic instant bingo game by serial number;
- (2) An itemized list of all expenses, other than prizes, that are incurred in conducting bingo, the name of each person to whom the expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of the expenses;
- (3) A list of all prizes awarded during each bingo session, each raffle, each punch board game, and each game of chance conducted by the charitable organization, the total prizes awarded from each game of instant bingo by serial number and each electronic instant bingo game by serial number, and the name, address, and social security number of all persons who are winners of prizes of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) or more in value;
- (4) An itemized list of the recipients of the net profit of the bingo or game of chance, including the name and address of each recipient to whom the money is distributed, and if the organization uses the net profit of bingo, or the money or assets received from a game of chance, for any charitable or other purpose set forth in Section 517.01(j), Section 517.02(d), or Ohio R.C. 2915.101, a list of each purpose and an itemized list of each expenditure for each purpose;
- (5) The number of persons who participate in any bingo session or game of chance that is conducted by the charitable organization;
- (6) A list of receipts from the sale of food and beverages by the charitable organization or one of its auxiliary units or societies, if the receipts were excluded from "gross receipts" Section 517.01(aa);
- (7) An itemized list of all expenses incurred at each bingo session, each raffle, each punch board game, or each game of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo conducted by the charitable organization in the sale of food and beverages by the charitable organization or by an auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization, the name of each person to whom the expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of the expenses.

(b) A charitable organization shall keep the records that it is required to maintain pursuant to subsection (a) of this section at its principal place of business in this State or at its headquarters in this State and shall notify the Attorney General of the location at which those records are kept.

(c) The gross profit from each bingo session or game described in Section 517.01(b)(1) or (2) shall be deposited into a checking account devoted exclusively to the bingo session or game. Payments for allowable expenses incurred in conducting the bingo session or game and payments to recipients of some or all of the net profit of the bingo session or game shall be made only by checks or electronic fund transfers drawn on the bingo session or game account.

(d) Each charitable organization shall conduct and record an inventory of all of its bingo supplies as of the first day of November of each year.

(e) The Attorney General may adopt rules in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 119 that establish standards of accounting, record keeping, and reporting to ensure that gross receipts from bingo or games of chance are properly accounted for.

(f) A distributor shall maintain, for a period of three (3) years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of each instance of its selling or otherwise providing to another person bingo supplies for use in this State. The record shall include all of the following for each instance:

- (1) The name of the manufacturer from which the distributor purchased the bingo supplies and the date of the purchase;
- (2) The name and address of the charitable organization or other distributor to which the bingo supplies were sold or otherwise provided;
- (3) A description that clearly identifies the bingo supplies;
- (4) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals sold or otherwise provided to each charitable organization.

(g) A manufacturer shall maintain, for a period of three (3) years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of each instance of its selling or otherwise providing bingo supplies for use in this State. The record shall include all of the following for each instance:

- (1) The name and address of the distributor to whom the bingo supplies were sold or otherwise provided;
- (2) A description that clearly identifies the bingo supplies, including serial numbers;
- (3) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals sold or otherwise provided to each distributor.

- (h) (1) The Attorney General, or any law enforcement agency, may do all of the following:
- A. Investigate any charitable organization, distributor, or manufacturer or any officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization, distributor, or manufacturer;
  - B. Examine the accounts and records of the charitable organization, distributor, or manufacturer or of any officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization, distributor, or manufacturer;
  - C. Conduct inspections, audits, and observations of bingo or games of chance;
  - D. Conduct inspections of the premises where bingo or games of chance are conducted or where bingo supplies are manufactured or distributed;

- E. Take any other necessary and reasonable action to determine if a violation of any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915 has occurred and to determine whether Section 517.12 has been complied with.
- (2) If any law enforcement agency has reasonable grounds to believe that a charitable organization, distributor, or manufacturer or an officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization, distributor, or manufacturer has violated any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915, the law enforcement agency may proceed by action in the proper court to enforce this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915, provided that the law enforcement agency shall give written notice to the Attorney General when commencing an action as described in this division.

(i) No person shall destroy, alter, conceal, withhold, or deny access to any accounts or records of a charitable organization, distributor, or manufacturer that have been requested for examination, or obstruct, impede, or interfere with any inspection, audit, or observation of bingo or a game of chance, of premises where bingo or a game of chance is conducted, or of premises where bingo supplies are manufactured or distributed, or refuse to comply with any reasonable request of, or obstruct, impede, or interfere with any other reasonable action undertaken by, the Attorney General or a law enforcement agency pursuant to subsection (h) hereof.

(j) Whoever violates subsection (a) or (i) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2915.10)

#### 517.12 BINGO OPERATOR PROHIBITIONS.

(a) No person shall be a bingo game operator unless he is eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(b) No person who has been convicted of a felony or a gambling offense in any jurisdiction shall be a bingo game operator.

(c) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(d) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2915.11)

#### 517.13 BINGO EXCEPTIONS.

(a) Ohio R.C. 2915.07 to 2915.11 and 2915.14 or Section 517.06 et seq. of this chapter do not apply to bingo games that are conducted for the purpose of amusement only. A bingo game is conducted for the purpose of amusement only if it complies with all of the requirements specified in either subsection (a)(1) or (2) hereof:

- (1) A. The participants do not pay any money or any other thing of value including an admission fee, or any fee for bingo cards, sheets, objects to cover the spaces or other devices used in playing bingo, for the privilege of participating in the bingo game or to defray any costs of the game, or pay tips or make donations during or immediately before or after the bingo game.
- B. All prizes awarded during the course of the game are nonmonetary, and in the form of merchandise, goods or entitlements to goods or services only, and the total value of all prizes awarded during the game is less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).



- C. No commission, wages, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity or other form of compensation, either directly or indirectly, and regardless of the source, is paid to any bingo game operator for work or labor performed at the site of the bingo game.
  - D. The bingo game is not conducted either during or within ten (10) hours of any of the following:
    - 1. A bingo session during which a charitable bingo game is conducted pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.07 to 2915.11 or Section 517.06 et seq. of this chapter;
    - 2. A scheme or game of chance or bingo described in Section 517.01(b)(2).
  - E. The number of players participating in the bingo game does not exceed fifty (50).
- (2)
- A. The participants do not pay money or any other thing of value as an admission fee, and no participant is charged more than twenty-five cents (25¢) to purchase a bingo card or sheet, objects to cover the spaces or other devices used in playing bingo.
  - B. The total amount of money paid by all of the participants for bingo cards or sheets, objects to cover the spaces or other devices used in playing bingo does not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
  - C. All of the money paid for bingo cards or sheets, objects to cover spaces or other devices used in playing bingo is used only to pay winners monetary and nonmonetary prizes and to provide refreshments.
  - D. The total value of all prizes awarded during the game does not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
  - E. No commission, wages, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity or other form of compensation, either directly or indirectly, and regardless of the source, is paid to any bingo game operator for work or labor performed at the site of the bingo game.
  - F. The bingo game is not conducted during or within ten (10) hours of either of the following:
    - 1. A bingo session during which a charitable bingo game is conducted pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.07 to 2915.15 or Section 517.06 et seq. of this chapter;
    - 2. A scheme of chance or game of chance or bingo described in Section 517.01(b)(2).
  - G. All of the participants reside at the premises where the bingo game is conducted.
  - H. The bingo games are conducted on different days of the week and not more than twice in a calendar week.

(b) The Attorney General, or any local law enforcement agency, may investigate the conduct of a bingo game that purportedly is conducted for purposes of amusement only if there is reason to believe that the purported amusement bingo game does not comply with subsection (a) hereof. A local law enforcement agency may proceed by action in the proper court to enforce this section if the local law enforcement agency gives written notice to the Attorney General when commencing the action. (ORC 2915.12)

517.14 INSTANT BINGO CONDUCT BY A VETERAN'S OR FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION.

(a) Subject to the requirements of Ohio R.C. 2915.14 and 2915.15 concerning electronic instant bingo, a veteran's organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization authorized to conduct a bingo session pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915 may conduct instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, or both other than at a bingo session under a type III license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08 if all of the following apply:

- (1) The veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization limits the sale of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo to twelve (12) hours during any day, provided that the sale does not begin earlier than 10:00 a.m. and ends not later than 2:00 a.m.
- (2) The veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization limits the sale of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo to its own premises and to its own members and invited guests.
- (3) The veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization is raising money for an organization that is described in IRC 509(a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3), and that is in good standing in this state and executes a written contract with that organization as required in subsection (b) hereof.

(b) If a veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization authorized to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo pursuant to subsection (a) hereof is raising money for another organization that is described in IRC 509(a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c), and that is in good standing in this state, the veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization shall execute a written contract with the organization that is described in IRC 509(a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c), and that is in good standing in this state in order to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo. That contract shall include a statement of the percentage of the net proceeds that the veteran's, fraternal, or sporting organization will be distributing to the organization that is described in IRC 509(a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3), and that is in good standing in this state.

- (c) (1) If a veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization authorized to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo pursuant to subsection (b) hereof has been issued a liquor permit under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4303, that permit may be subject to suspension, revocation, or cancellation if the veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization violates a provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915.

- (2) No veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization that enters into a written contract pursuant to subsection (b) hereof shall violate any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915, or permit, aid, or abet any other person in violating any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915.

(d) A veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization shall give all required proceeds earned from the conduct of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo to the organization with which the veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization has entered into a written contract.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of illegal instant bingo or electronic instant bingo conduct. Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegal instant bingo or electronic instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of this section, illegal instant bingo or electronic instant bingo conduct is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.  
(ORC 2915.13)

#### 517.15 SKILL-BASED AMUSEMENT MACHINES.

- (a) (1) No person shall give to another person any item described in Section 517.01(ff)(1), (2), (3), or (4) in exchange for a noncash prize, toy, or novelty received as a reward for playing or operating a skill-based amusement machine or for a free or reduced-prize game won on a skill-based amusement machine.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (a)(1) of this section is guilty of skill-based amusement machine prohibited conduct. Except as provided herein, a violation of subsection (a)(1) is a misdemeanor of the first degree for each redemption of a prize that is involved in the violation. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (a)(1), a violation of subsection (a)(1) is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.  
(ORC 2915.06)

(b) Any regulation of skill-based amusement machines shall be governed by this chapter and Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915 and not by Ohio R.C. Chapter 1345.  
(ORC 2915.061)

#### 517.16 ELECTRONIC INSTANT BINGO; PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

- (a) No charitable organization shall conduct electronic instant bingo unless all of the following are true:
- (1) The organization is a veteran's organization described in Ohio R.C. 2915.01(J), or is a fraternal organization described in Ohio R.C. 2915.01(L), and the organization qualified as a veteran's organization or fraternal organization, as applicable, on or before June 30, 2021.
- (2) The organization is a veteran's organization described in IRC 501(c)(4) or is, and has received from the Internal Revenue Service a determination letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a), and is described in IRC 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19).

- (3) The organization has not conducted a raffle in violation of Ohio R.C. 2915.092(B) using an electronic raffle machine, as described in Ohio Veterans and Fraternal Charitable Coalition v. DeWine, Case No. 13-CV-13610 (C.P. Franklin Co. February 23, 2018), at any time on or after January 1, 2022.

(b) No charitable organization that conducts electronic instant bingo shall do any of the following:

- (1) Possess an electronic instant bingo system that was not obtained in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915 or with any rule adopted under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915;
- (2) Conduct electronic instant bingo on any day, at any time, or on any premises not specified on the organization's type II or type III license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08;
- (3) Hold more than one valid license to conduct electronic instant bingo at any one time;
- (4) Conduct electronic instant bingo on more than one premises or on any premises other than the charitable organization's principal place of business;
- (5) Operate more than ten electronic bingo systems at the premises on which the charitable organization conducts electronic instant bingo under its license;
- (6) Fail to display both of the following conspicuously at the premises on which the charitable organization conducts electronic instant bingo:
  - A. The charitable organization's bingo license;
  - B. The serial number of each deal of electronic instant bingo tickets being sold.
- (7) Permit any person the charitable organization knows, or should have known, to be under eighteen (18) years of age to play electronic instant bingo;
- (8) Sell or provide to any person an electronic instant bingo ticket for a price different from the price displayed on the game flare for that deal, except that the charitable organization may give a participant who wins an electronic instant bingo game an electronic instant bingo ticket as a prize in place of a cash prize;
- (9) Fail, once an electronic instant bingo deal is begun, to continue to sell tickets in that deal until all prizes have been awarded;
- (10) Permit any person whom the organization knows, or should have known, has been convicted of a felony or gambling offense in any jurisdiction to be a bingo game operator in the conduct of electronic instant bingo;
- (11) Permit a bingo game operator to play electronic instant bingo;
- (12)
  - A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)(12)B. hereof, pay compensation to a bingo game operator for conducting electronic instant bingo.
  - B. Subsection (b)(12)A. hereof does not prohibit an employee of a veteran's organization or fraternal organization from redeeming electronic instant bingo tickets or vouchers for the organization's members or invited guests, so long as no portion of the employee's compensation is paid from any bingo receipts.

(13) Pay consulting fees to any person in relation to electronic instant bingo.

(c) No person shall sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide an electronic instant bingo system to any person for use in this municipality unless the electronic instant bingo system has been approved under Ohio R.C. 2915.15.

(d) Whoever knowingly violates subsection (a), (b) or (c) hereof or a rule adopted under Ohio R.C. 2915.14(D) is guilty of illegal electronic instant bingo conduct. Illegal electronic instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the first degree, except that if the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (a) or (b) hereof, or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance or state law, or of a rule adopted under Ohio R.C. 2915.14(D), illegal instant bingo conduct is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law. (ORC 2915.14)

517.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

**CHAPTER 521**  
Health, Safety and Sanitation

521.00	Deposit, storage, maintenance or collection of used building materials, motor vehicles in an inoperative condition, automobile parts, junk, rubbish or offensive materials.	521.05	Notice to fill lots, remove putrid substances.
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Flagpole installation in sidewalk - see Ohio R.C. 723.012  
 Excavation liability - see Ohio R.C. 723.49 et seq.  
 Removal of noxious weeds or litter - see Ohio R.C. 731.51 et seq.  
 Nuisances - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 3767  
 Tampering with safety devices - see GEN. OFF. 541.04

- 521.00 **DEPOSIT, STORAGE, MAINTENANCE OR COLLECTION OF USED BUILDING MATERIALS, MOTOR VEHICLES IN AN INOPERATIVE CONDITION, AUTOMOBILE PARTS, JUNK, RUBBISH OR OFFENSIVE MATERIALS.**
- (a) In the interpretation and enforcement of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
- (1) “Used building materials” means any materials including wood, steel, stone, plaster, brick, cement blocks, crating, aluminum products, all kinds of shingles or any composition thereof, which have been used previously for erection or construction of a building by any person.
  - (2) “Motor vehicle in an inoperative condition or unfit for further use” means any style or type of motor driven vehicle used for the conveyance of persons or property which is unable to move under its own power due to defective or missing parts, or is in a dangerous condition or is in a condition generally as to be unusable for further use as a conveyance and which has remained in such condition for a period of not less than thirty consecutive days. Automobile parts are parts or portion of any motor driven vehicle as detached from the vehicle as a whole. The storage of any motor vehicle which shall not have attached to it a current and valid license plate shall be held prima facie in violation of this section.

- (3) “Junk” means any worn out, cast off, or discarded article or material which is ready for destruction or has been collected or stored for salvage or conversion to some other use. Any article or material which unaltered or unchanged and without further reconditioning can be used for its original purpose as readily as when new shall not be considered junk.
- (4) “Rubbish” means and includes wire, chips, sawings, bottles, broken glass, crockery, cast or wooden ware, boxes, rags, clothing, dead weeds, stumps, tree trunks, brush, pipe, paper, circulars, handbills, shoes, boots, ashes, scrap metal, scrap aluminum, tin cans, rope, rubber tires or any waste material other than garbage or offal.
- (5) “Offensive materials” includes dead or decaying vegetable matters, whether formerly growing on the lot or premises or placed thereon, manure or fertilizer, which has remained on the premises for more than ten days, ashes, straw, or other annoying materials.
- (6) “Household items” means any items that under normal circumstances are to be kept/stored indoors, By reason of such items being kept/stored outdoors, the items are deemed discarded household items. Discarded household items are not to be kept/stored in such a manner as to be exposed to the outdoor elements nor are they permitted to be stored or kept on a porch, carport or any other matter in view of the general public. Excluded items would be items or furniture that are sold specifically for outdoor use.
- (7) “Trash” means worthless or discarded material or objects co-mingled with refuse or rubbish.

(b) It shall be unlawful and declared to be a nuisance per se, to deposit, store, maintain or collect used building materials, motor vehicles in an inoperative condition, or unfit for further use, automobile part, junk, rubbish, discarded household items or offensive materials within the corporate limits of the City, except as hereinafter provided.

(c) Whenever any of the materials or articles herein defined and set forth are deposited, stored, maintained or collected on any premises for a period of more than thirty days, it shall constitute a violation of this section and shall subject the owner, lessee, or tenant in charge thereof, to the penalties herein set forth.

(d) Whenever any of the materials herein defined, excepting manure, dead or decaying vegetable matter, or offal are placed, stored, or allowed to remain on any premises within the corporate limits of the City, and the same are placed or stored in a building or secure structure.

(e) Whenever a violation of this section is noted by the Service Director or his agent, such agent shall issue a written order directing the owner, agent, lessee or tenant in charge of said premises, that a violation of this section exists and such violations must be corrected within ten days after date of issuance of the written order.

(f) Upon the expiration of the ten days set forth in subsection (e) hereof, and the failure to correct the violation noted on such written order, the owner, agent, lessee or tenant in charge of the premises shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(g) It shall be unlawful and declared to be a nuisance per se, to deposit, store or collect trash in any location within the corporate limits of the City without maintaining the trash within reasonable tight and substantial containers that are easy to handle. Such containers can be plastic bags of adequate capacity and thickness, tied at the top and provided in sufficient number to hold all other refuse that accumulates between collections.

- (1) Whenever a violation of this section is noted by or reported to an officer of the Police Department, such officer shall issue an order to the owner, agent, lessee or tenant in charge of said premises, that a violation of this section exists and such violation must be corrected within twenty-four hours after issuance of the order.
- (2) Upon expiration of the twenty-four hours after issuance of the order and the failure to correct the violation noted on such order, the owner, agent, lessee or tenant in charge of said premises shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Each twenty-four hour period shall constitute a separate offense.
- (3) If the owner, agent, lessee or tenant in charge of said premises does not comply within five days to the order, the Service Director or his agent may cause said trash to be removed to bring the said property in compliance. If said trash is an emergency to safety, or presents a health hazard, the Service Director or his agent shall act immediately to cause the trash to be removed. The Service Director or his agent shall cause the cost thereof to be assessed against the land found in violation.  
(Ord. 3-2017. Passed 3-13-17.)

#### 521.01 ABANDONED REFRIGERATORS AND AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.

(a) No person shall abandon, discard, or knowingly permit to remain on premises under his control, in a place accessible to children, any abandoned or discarded icebox, refrigerator or other airtight or semiairtight container which has a capacity of one and one-half cubic feet or more and an opening of fifty square inches or more and which has a door or lid equipped with hinge, latch or other fastening device capable of securing such door or lid, without rendering such equipment harmless to human life by removing such hinges, latches or other hardware which may cause a person to be confined therein. This section shall not apply to an icebox, refrigerator or other airtight or semiairtight container located in that part of a building occupied by a dealer, warehouseman or repairman. (ORC 3767.29)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

#### 521.02 VENTING OF HEATERS AND BURNERS.

(a) A brazier, salamander, space heater, room heater, furnace, water heater or other burner or heater using wood, coal, coke, fuel oil, kerosene, gasoline, natural gas, liquid petroleum gas or similar fuel, and tending to give off carbon monoxide or other harmful gas:



- (1) When used in living quarters, or in any enclosed building or space in which persons are usually present, shall be used with a flue or vent so designed, installed and maintained as to vent the products of combustion outdoors; except in storage, factory or industrial buildings which are provided with sufficient ventilation to avoid the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning;
- (2) When used as a portable or temporary burner or heater at a construction site, or in a warehouse, shed or structure in which persons are temporarily present, shall be vented as provided in subsection (a) hereof, or used with sufficient ventilation to avoid the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning.

(b) This section does not apply to domestic ranges, laundry stoves, gas logs installed in a fireplace with an adequate flue, or hot plates, unless the same are used as space or room heaters.

(c) No person shall negligently use, or, being the owner, person in charge, or occupant of premises, negligently permit the use of a burner or heater in violation of the standards for venting and ventilation provided in this section.

(d) Subsection (a) hereof does not apply to any kerosene-fired space or room heater that is equipped with an automatic extinguishing tip-over device, or to any natural gas-fired or liquid petroleum gas-fired space or room heater that is equipped with an oxygen depletion safety shutoff system, and that has its fuel piped from a source outside of the building in which it is located, that are approved by an authoritative source recognized by the State Fire Marshal in the State Fire Code adopted by him under Ohio R.C. 3737.82.

(e) The State Fire Marshal may make rules to ensure the safe use of unvented kerosene, natural gas or liquid petroleum gas heaters exempted from subsection (a) hereof when used in assembly buildings, business buildings, high hazard buildings, institutional buildings, mercantile buildings and type R-1 and R-2 residential buildings, as these groups of buildings are defined in rules adopted by the Board of Building Standards under Ohio R.C. 3781.10. No person shall negligently use, or, being the owner, person in charge or occupant of premises, negligently permit the use of a heater in violation of any rules adopted under this subsection.

(f) The State Fire Marshal may make rules prescribing standards for written instructions containing ventilation requirements and warning of any potential fire hazards that may occur in using a kerosene, natural gas, or liquid petroleum gas heater. No person shall sell or offer for sale any kerosene, natural gas or liquid petroleum gas heater unless the manufacturer provides with the heater written instructions that comply with any rules adopted under this subsection.

(g) No product labeled as a fuel additive for kerosene heaters and having a flash point below one hundred degrees fahrenheit or thirty-seven and eight-tenths degrees centigrade shall be sold, offered for sale or used in any kerosene space heater.

(h) No device that prohibits any safety feature on a kerosene, natural gas or liquid petroleum gas space heater from operating shall be sold, offered for sale or used in connection with any kerosene, natural gas or liquid petroleum gas space heater.

(i) No person shall sell or offer for sale any kerosene-fired, natural gas or liquid petroleum gas-fired heater that is not exempt from subsection (a) hereof unless it is marked conspicuously by the manufacturer on the container with the phrase "Not Approved For Home Use."

(j) No person shall use a cabinet-type, liquid petroleum gas-fired heater having a fuel source within the heater, inside any building, except as permitted by the State Fire Marshal in the State Fire Code adopted by him under Ohio R.C. 3737.82. (ORC 3701.82)

(k) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 3701.99(C))

#### 521.03 BARRICADES AND WARNING LIGHTS; ABANDONED EXCAVATIONS.

(a) No person shall abandon or knowingly permit to remain on public or private property, any excavation, well, cesspool, or structure which is in the process of construction, reconstruction, repair or alteration unless the same is adequately protected by suitable barricades and guarded by warning devices or lights at night so that the condition will not reasonably prove dangerous to life or limb.

(b) No person shall destroy, remove, damage or extinguish any barricade or warning light that is placed for the protection of the public so as to prevent injury to life or limb.

(c) No person who is aware that he has removed or damaged any barrier, light or other warning device, or who has extinguished any light, shall fail to stop and immediately replace such barrier or other warning device, or relight the light, if extinguished, or in lieu thereof immediately notify the Police Department that such barrier, light or other warning device has been damaged, removed or extinguished.

(d) Any owner or agent in control of a premises upon which a basement, cellar, well or cistern has been abandoned due to demolition, failure to build or any other reason shall cause the same to be filled to the ground surface with rock, gravel, earth or other suitable material.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**521.04 SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTIONS; DAMAGE OR INJURY.**

- (a) No person shall place or knowingly drop upon any part of a sidewalk, playground or other public place any tacks, bottles, wire, glass, nails or other articles which may damage property of another or injure any person or animal traveling along or upon such sidewalk or playground.
- (b) No person shall walk on, or allow any animal upon, or injure or deface in any way, any soft or newly laid sidewalk pavement.
- (c) No person shall place, deposit or maintain any merchandise, goods, material or equipment upon any sidewalk so as to obstruct pedestrian traffic thereon except for such reasonable time as may be actually necessary for the delivery or pickup of such articles. In no such case shall the obstruction remain on such sidewalk for more than one hour.
- (d) No person shall unload upon, or transport any heavy merchandise, goods, material or equipment over or across any sidewalk or curb without first placing some sufficient protection over the pavement to protect against damage or injury. The affected area shall be rendered safe and free from danger.
- (e) No person shall allow any cellar or trap door, coal chute or elevator or lift opening in any sidewalk to remain open without providing suitable safeguards to protect and warn pedestrian traffic of the dangerous condition.
- (f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**521.05 NOTICE TO FILL LOTS, REMOVE PUTRID SUBSTANCES.**

- (a) No person shall fail to comply with the following requirements within the lawful time after service or publication of the notice or resolution is made as required by law:  
To fill or drain any lot or land or remove all putrid substances therefrom, or remove all obstructions from culverts, covered drains or natural watercourses as provided in Ohio R.C. 715.47.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**521.06 DUTY TO KEEP SIDEWALK IN REPAIR AND CLEAN.**

- (a) No owner of any lot or land abutting upon any street shall refuse, fail or neglect to repair or keep in repair and free from nuisance and obstruction, the sidewalk in front of such lot or land after due notice of a resolution of Council ordering the repair of such sidewalk, the removal of such obstruction or the abatement of such nuisance.  
If the owner or person having charge of such land fails to comply with the notice, Council shall cause the sidewalks to be repaired, the obstruction removed or the nuisance abated. All expenses and labor costs incurred shall, when approved by Council, be paid out of Municipal funds not otherwise appropriated. Council shall make a written return to the County Auditor of its action, with a statement of the charges for the service, the amount paid for labor, the fees of the officers serving notices and a proper description of the premises. Such amounts shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and be a lien upon such lands from and after the date of entry and be collected as other taxes and returned to the Municipality with the General Fund.

(b) It shall be the duty of the owner of each and every parcel of real estate in the Municipality abutting upon any sidewalk to keep the sidewalk abutting his premises free and clear of snow and ice, and to remove all snow and ice accumulated thereon within a reasonable time, which will ordinarily not exceed twelve hours after the abatement of any storm during which the snow and ice may have accumulated.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

#### 521.07 FENCES.

(a) No person shall erect or maintain any fence charged with electrical current.

(b) No person shall erect or maintain a barbed wire fence which abuts or is adjacent to any public street or sidewalk. This subsection (b) does not prevent the placement and use of not more than three strands of barbed wire on top of a fence other than a barbed wire fence, provided such strands are not less than seventy-two inches from the ground.

Barbed wire partition fences may be erected and maintained as provided in Ohio R.C. 971.03.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

#### 521.08 LITTERING AND DEPOSIT OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH, JUNK, ETC.

(a) No person, regardless of intent, shall deposit litter or cause litter to be deposited on any public property, on private property not owned by the person, or in or on waters of the State, or Municipality, unless one of the following applies:

- (1) The person is directed to do so by a public official as part of a litter collection drive;
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (b) hereof, the person deposits the litter in a litter receptacle in a manner that prevents its being carried away by the elements;
- (3) The person is issued a permit or license covering the litter pursuant to Ohio R. C. Chapter 3734 or 6111.

(b) No person, without privilege to do so, shall knowingly deposit litter, or cause it to be deposited, in a litter receptacle located on any public property or on any private property not owned by the person, unless one of the following applies:

- (1) The litter was generated or located on the property on which the litter receptacle is located.
- (2) The person is directed to do so by a public official as part of a litter collection drive.
- (3) The person is directed to do so by a person whom the person reasonably believes to have the privilege to use the litter receptacle.
- (4) The litter consists of any of the following:
  - A. The contents of a litter bag or container of a type and size customarily carried and used in a motor vehicle;
  - B. The contents of an ash tray of a type customarily installed or carried and used in a motor vehicle;
  - C. Beverage containers and food sacks, wrappings and containers of a type and in an amount that reasonably may be expected to be generated during routine commuting or business or recreational travel by a motor vehicle;

- D. Beverage containers, food sacks, wrappings, containers and other materials of a type and in an amount that reasonably may be expected to be generated during a routine day by a person and deposited in a litter receptacle by a casual passerby.
- (c) (1) As used in subsection (b)(1) hereof, "public property" includes any private property open to the public for the conduct of business, the provision of a service, or upon the payment of a fee but does not include any private property to which the public otherwise does not have a right of access.
- (2) As used in subsection (b)(4) hereof, "casual passerby" means a person who does not have depositing litter in a litter receptacle as the person's primary reason for traveling to or by the property on which the litter receptacle is located.
- (d) As used in this section:
- (1) "Auxiliary container" means a bag, can, cup, food or beverage service item, container, keg, bottle, or other packaging to which all of the following apply:
- A. It is designed to be either single use or reusable.
- B. It is made of cloth, paper, plastic, foamed or expanded plastic, cardboard, corrugated material, aluminum, metal, glass, postconsumer recycled material, or similar materials or substances, including coated, laminated, or multilayered substrates.
- C. It is designed for consuming, transporting, or protecting merchandise, food, or beverages from or at a food service operation, retail food establishment, grocery, or any other type of retail, manufacturing, or distribution establishment.
- (2) "Deposit" means to throw, drop, discard, or place.
- (3) "Litter" includes garbage, trash, waste, rubbish, ashes, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, automobile parts, furniture, glass, auxiliary containers, or anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature.
- (4) "Litter receptacle" means a dumpster, trash can, trash bin, garbage can, or similar container in which litter is deposited for removal. (ORC 3767.32)
- (e) No person shall cause or allow litter to be collected or remain in any place to the damage or prejudice of others or of the public, or unlawfully obstruct, impede, divert, corrupt or render unwholesome or impure, any natural watercourse.
- (f) Whoever violates any provision of subsections (a) to (d) hereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. The sentencing court may, in addition to or in lieu of the penalty provided in this subsection require a person who violates subsections (a) to (d) hereof to remove litter from any public or private property, or in or on any waters. (ORC 3767.99(C))
- (g) Whoever violates subsection (e) hereof is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (h) Grass Clippings and Foliage.
- (1) No grass clippings or foliage shall be deposited onto public sidewalks or public streets. Grass clippings or foliage are to be removed from the public street and/or public sidewalk immediately following mowing or trimming.

- (2) Grass clippings or foliage shall not be dumped or washed into municipal storm drains or into the municipal storm system.
- (3) The property owner shall be responsible for insuring all tenants, vendors, or third parties comply with this ordinance.
- (4) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (Ord. 24-2018. Passed 2-25-19.)

#### 521.09 NOXIOUS OR OFFENSIVE ODORS.

(a) No person shall erect, continue, use or maintain a dwelling, building, structure or place for a residence or for the exercise of a trade, employment or business, or for the keeping or feeding of an animal which, by occasioning noxious exhalations or noisome or offensive smells, becomes injurious to the health, comfort or property of individuals or of the public. (ORC 3767.13)

(b) No person shall carry, or cause to be carried, in any vehicle of any type whatsoever, upon the public streets, highways and alleys of the City, any substances or material which by its nature or condition gives off noxious or offensive odors, fumes, smoke or gases.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

#### 521.10 MAINTENANCE OF FOUNDATIONS, WALLS, DOORS, WINDOWS, ETC.

(a) The owner of any structure within the corporate limits of the City shall cause every foundation, exterior wall, basement hatchway, windows, doors and roofs to be in good repair and rodent-proof. On all vacant structures, all windows and doors must be closed and locked. There shall be no openings of any kind that would allow the entry of persons or animals into the structure.

(b) Rodent-proof means a form of construction which will prevent the ingress or egress of rats or other rodents to or from a given space or building. It consists of the closing and keeping closed of every opening in foundations, basements, cellars, exterior walls, roofs, basement hatchways or by any other possible means of entry, by the use of materials impervious to rodent gnawing and other methods approved by the Director of Environmental Health of the City Health Department.

(c) The structure must be in compliance with this section within five days of the receipt of the notice of violation. The Director of Environmental Health for the City Health Department and the Service Director for the City of New Philadelphia shall be responsible for the enforcement of this section.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. 6-97. Passed 3-24-97.)

#### 521.11 WATER CONSERVATION.

(a) The Director of Public Service is hereby authorized and directed to implement water conservation measures by ordering the restricted use or absolute curtailment of the use of water for certain non-essential purposes in the manner hereinafter set out.

- (b) Upon a determination by the Director of Public Service of the existence of the following conditions, the Director of Public Service shall take the following actions:
- (1) Level 1 Water Alert: When moderate but declining supplies of water are available and/or mild strains are placed on the distribution capabilities of the City water supply system, the Director of Public Service shall, through appropriate means, call upon the general population to employ prudent restraint in water usage, and to conserve water voluntarily by whatever methods available.
  - (2) Level 2 Water Alert: When limited supplies of water are available and/or moderate strains are placed on the distribution capabilities of the City water supply system, the Director of Public Service shall, through appropriate means, institute mandatory water conservation measures, including the following:
    - A. The watering or irrigation of lawns, shrubbery, trees, grass, plants, gardens or any other vegetation may occur at an even numbered street address on an even numbered day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
    - B. The watering or irrigation of lawns, shrubbery, trees, grass, plants, gardens or any other vegetation may occur at an odd-numbered street address on an odd numbered day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
    - C. Prohibit the residential/individual washing of mobile equipment.
  - (3) Level 3 Water Alert: When water plant production is 2.9 million gallons/day (MGD) or greater for ten consecutive days as shown on the Drinking Water Operation Report, mandatory water conservation measures including the following will automatically go into effect:
    - A. The watering or irrigation of lawns, shrubbery, trees, grass, plants, gardens or any other vegetation may occur at an even numbered street address on an even numbered day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
    - B. The watering or irrigation of lawns, shrubbery, trees, grass, plants, gardens or any other vegetation may occur at an odd numbered street address on an odd numbered day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
    - C. Prohibit the residential/individual washing of mobile equipment. The above mandatory measures will remain in effect until the water plant production goes below 2.9 million gallons/day (MGD) as shown on the Drinking Water Operation Report for ten consecutive days. This criteria may not be overridden, however, the Director of Public Service may go to any higher level Water Alert to bring production below 2.9 million gallons/day.
  - (4) Level 4 Water Alert: When very limited supplies of water are available and/or severe strains are placed on the distribution capabilities of the City water supply system, the Director of Public Service shall, through appropriate means, prohibit less essential usages of water, including, but not limited to the following:
    - A. The watering or irrigation of lawns, grass, shrubbery, trees, plants or any other vegetation except:
      1. Gardens, which may continue watering on the odd/even address/date system described in the Level 2 Water Alert;
      2. Greenhouse or nursery stocks;
      3. Watering by commercial nurseries of freshly planted vegetation.
    - B. The washing of residential/individual mobile equipment, except:

1. Commercial enterprises for washing motor vehicles for the public, whereby persons pay a charge or fee for each vehicle washed, shall not be restricted in operation, provided such facilities of the enterprises have a water recycling system approved by the Service Director. Each such facility or washing location shall post a conspicuous sign so identifying the use of a recycling process. Where there is not installed or in operation a recycling process, each such facility or location shall operate or be open to the public during hours so determined by the Director of Public Services.
    - C. The washing of streets, driveways, parking lots, sidewalks, exterior of homes, apartments and office buildings or other outdoor surfaces by residential, commercial or institutional customers.
    - D. The operation of any ornamental fountains or other structure making a similar use of water.
    - E. The use of water from fire hydrants for any purpose other than fire suppression or public emergency.
    - F. The filling of swimming pools or the refilling of swimming pools which were drained after the effective date of the order. Normal requirements to maintain operating levels within swimming pools will be permitted. Such normal requirements being that usually attributed to replacement of water lost because of evaporation or overflow resulting in, from or caused by use.
  - (5) Level 5 Water Alert: When critically limited supplies of water are available and/or critical strains are placed on the distribution capabilities of the City water supply system, the Director of Public Service may institute mandatory reductions on each customer, including but not limited to the following: Rate penalties for exceeding specified water allotments provided, however, any plan proposed under this Water Alert Level must be submitted to and approved by Council.
  - (6) Level 6 Water Alert: When crucial supplies of water are available and/or extremely critical strains are placed on the distribution capabilities of the City water supply system, the Director of Public Service shall restrict the use of water to purposes which are absolutely essential to life, health and safety.
- (c) Penalties for violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be:
- (1) A first violation shall result in a written warning and a copy of this section delivered to the offender.
  - (2) A second violation shall result in a fine of twenty-five dollars.
  - (3) A third and any additional violations shall result in a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- Each act or each day's continuation of a violation shall be considered a separate offense.
- (d) The Director of Public Service shall notify Council and the general public as to the date and what level of water alert is needed and to any changes to a different level. The Director of Public Service shall also notify Council and the public when a resource shortage is over and when an emergency situation no longer exists.  
(Ord. 69-88. Passed 11-28-88.)



**521.12 OIL AND GAS WELLS.**

(a) No well shall be drilled nearer than 100 feet from any inhabited private dwelling house; nearer than 100 feet from any public building which may be used as a place of resort, assembly, education, entertainment, lodging, trade, manufacture, repair, storage, traffic or occupancy by the public nearer than 50 feet from the traveled part of any public street, road, or highway; nearer than 50 feet from a railroad track; nor nearer than 100 feet from any other well.

(b) No building shall be constructed nearer than 75 feet from any existing oil or gas well within the City.

(c) All wells within the City shall be enclosed with a six foot high wooden fence with a locked doorway. (Ord. 16-97. Passed 5-12-97.)

**521.13 SPREADING CONTAGION.**

(a) No person, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the person has a dangerous, contagious disease, shall knowingly fail to take reasonable measures to prevent exposing self to other persons, except when seeking medical aid.

(b) No person, having charge or care of a person whom the person having charge or care knows or has reasonable cause to believe has a dangerous, contagious disease, shall recklessly fail to take reasonable measures to protect others from exposure to the contagion, and to inform health authorities of the existence of the contagion.

(c) No person, having charge of a public conveyance or place of public accommodation, amusement, resort or trade, and knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that persons using such conveyance or place have been or are being exposed to a dangerous, contagious disease, shall negligently fail to take reasonable measures to protect the public from exposure to the contagion, and to inform health authorities of the existence of the contagion.  
(ORC 3701.81)

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.  
(ORC 3701.99(C))

**521.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

**CHAPTER 525**  
**Law Enforcement and Public Office**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Law enforcement officer defined - see GEN. OFF. 501.01(k)  
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**525.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Public official" means any elected or appointed officer, or employee, or agent of the State or any political subdivision thereof, whether in a temporary or permanent capacity, and includes, but is not limited to, legislators, judges and law enforcement officers. "Public official" does not include an employee, officer, or governor-appointed member of the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation formed under Ohio R.C. 187.01.
- (b) "Public servant" means any of the following:
  - (1) Any public official;
  - (2) Any person performing ad hoc a governmental function, including, but not limited to, a juror, member of a temporary commission, master, arbitrator, advisor or consultant;

- (3) A person who is a candidate for public office, whether or not the person is elected or appointed to the office for which the person is a candidate. A person is a candidate for purposes of this subsection if the person has been nominated according to law for election or appointment to public office, or if the person has filed a petition or petitions as required by law to have the person's name placed on the ballot in a primary, general or special election, or if the person campaigns as a write-in candidate in any primary, general or special election. "Public servant" does not include an employee, officer, or governor-appointed member of the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation formed under Ohio R.C. 187.01.
- (c) "Party official" means any person who holds an elective or appointive post in a political party in the United States or this State, by virtue of which the person directs, conducts or participates in directing or conducting party affairs at any level of responsibility.
- (d) "Official proceeding" means any proceeding before a legislative, judicial, administrative or other governmental agency or official authorized to take evidence under oath, and includes any proceeding before a referee, hearing examiner, commissioner, notary or other person taking testimony or a deposition in connection with an official proceeding.
- (e) "Detention" means arrest, confinement in any vehicle subsequent to an arrest, confinement in any public or private facility for custody of persons charged with or convicted of a crime in this State or another state or under the laws of the United States or alleged or found to be a delinquent child or unruly child in this State or another state or under the laws of the United States; hospitalization, institutionalization or confinement in any public or private facility that is ordered pursuant to or under the authority of Ohio R.C. 2945.37, 2945.371, 2945.38, 2945.39 or 2945.40, 2945.401 or 2945.402; confinement in any vehicle for transportation to or from any facility of any of those natures; detention for extradition or deportation, except as provided in this subsection, supervision by any employee of any facility of any of those natures; that is incidental to hospitalization, institutionalization or confinement in the facility but that occurs outside the facility; supervision by an employee of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction of a person on any type of release from a State correctional institution; or confinement in any vehicle, airplane, or place while being returned from outside of this State into this State by a private person or entity pursuant to a contract entered into under Ohio R.C. 311.29(E) or Ohio R.C. 5149.03(B). For a person confined in a county jail who participates in a county jail industry program pursuant to Ohio R.C. 5147.30, "detention" includes time spent at an assigned work site and going to and from the work site.

- (f) "Detention facility" means any public or private place used for the confinement of a person charged with or convicted of any crime in this State or another state or under the laws of the United States or alleged or found to be a delinquent child or unruly child in this State or another state or under the laws of the United States.
- (g) "Valuable thing or valuable benefit" includes, but is not limited to, a contribution. This inclusion does not indicate or imply that a contribution was not included in those terms before September 17, 1986.
- (h) "Campaign committee," "contribution," "political action committee," "legislative campaign fund," "political party" and "political contributing entity" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 3517.01.
- (i) "Provider agreement" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 5164.01. (ORC 2921.01)

#### 525.02 FALSIFICATION.

- (a) No person shall knowingly make a false statement, or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false statement previously made, when any of the following applies:
  - (1) The statement is made in any official proceeding.
  - (2) The statement is made with purpose to incriminate another.
  - (3) The statement is made with purpose to mislead a public official in performing the public official's official function.
  - (4) The statement is made with purpose to secure the payment of unemployment compensation; Ohio works first; prevention, retention and contingency benefits and services; disability financial assistance; retirement benefits or health care coverage from a state retirement system; economic development assistance as defined in Ohio R.C. 9.66; or other benefits administered by a governmental agency or paid out of a public treasury.
  - (5) The statement is made with purpose to secure the issuance by a governmental agency of a license, permit, authorization, certificate, registration, release or provider agreement.
  - (6) The statement is sworn or affirmed before a notary public or another person empowered to administer oaths.
  - (7) The statement is in writing on or in connection with a report or return that is required or authorized by law.
  - (8) The statement is in writing, and is made with purpose to induce another to extend credit to or employ the offender, or to confer any degree, diploma, certificate of attainment, award of excellence or honor on the offender, or to extend to or bestow upon the offender any other valuable benefit or distinction, when the person to whom the statement is directed relies upon it to that person's detriment.
  - (9) The statement is made with purpose to commit or facilitate the commission of a theft offense.
  - (10) The statement is knowingly made to a probate court in connection with any action, proceeding or other matter within its jurisdiction, either orally or in a written document, including, but not limited to, an application, petition, complaint or other pleading, or an inventory, account or report.

- (11) The statement is made on an account, form, record, stamp, label or other writing that is required by law.
- (12) The statement is made in a document or instrument of writing that purports to be a judgment, lien, or claim of indebtedness and is filed or recorded with the Secretary of State, a county recorder, or the clerk of a court of record.
- (13) The statement is required under Ohio R.C. 5743.71 in connection with the person's purchase of cigarettes or tobacco products in a delivery sale.

(b) It is no defense to a charge under subsection (a)(6) hereof that the oath or affirmation was administered or taken in an irregular manner.

(c) If contradictory statements relating to the same fact are made by the offender within the period of the statute of limitations for falsification, it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove which statement was false, but only that one or the other was false.

- (d)
  - (1) Whoever violates any provision of subsection (a)(1) to (8) or (10) to (13) hereof is guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree.
  - (2) Whoever violates subsection (a)(9) hereof is guilty of falsification in a theft offense, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the value of the property or services stolen is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, falsification in a theft offense is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(e) A person who violates this section is liable in a civil action to any person harmed by the violation for injury, death, or loss to person or property incurred as a result of the commission of the offense and for reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and other expenses incurred as a result of prosecuting the civil action commenced under this section. A civil action under this section is not the exclusive remedy of a person who incurs injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of a violation of this section.  
(ORC 2921.13)

#### 525.03 IMPERSONATION OF PEACE OFFICER.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Peace officer" means a sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, member of the organized police department of a municipal corporation or township constable who is employed by a political subdivision of this State; a member of a police force employed by a metropolitan housing authority under Ohio R.C. 3735.31(D); a member of a police force employed by a regional transit authority under Ohio R.C. 306.35(Y), a State university law enforcement officer appointed under Ohio R.C. 3345.04; a veterans' home police officer appointed under Ohio R.C. 5907.02; a special police officer employed by a port authority under Ohio R.C. 4582.04 or 4582.28; an officer, agent, or employee of the State or any of its agencies, instrumentalities or political subdivisions, upon whom, by statute, a duty to conserve the peace or to enforce all or certain laws is imposed and the authority to arrest violators is conferred, within limits of that statutory duty and authority; or a State highway patrol trooper whose primary duties are to preserve the peace, to protect life and property and to enforce the laws, ordinances or rules of the State or any of its political subdivisions.

- (2) "Private police officer" means any security guard, special police officer, private detective or other person who is privately employed in a police capacity.
- (3) "Federal law enforcement officer" means an employee of the United States who serves in a position the duties of which are primarily the investigation, apprehension or detention of individuals suspected or convicted of offenses under the criminal laws of the United States.
- (4) "Investigator of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2903.11.
- (5) "Impersonate" means to act the part of, assume the identity of, wear the uniform or any part of the uniform of or display the identification of a particular person or of a member of a class of persons with purpose to make another person believe that the actor is that particular person or is a member of that class of persons.

(b) No person shall impersonate a peace officer, private police officer, federal law enforcement officer or investigator of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

(c) No person, by impersonating a peace officer, private police officer, federal law enforcement officer, or investigator of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, shall arrest or detain any person, search any person or search the property of any person.

(d) No person, with purpose to commit or facilitate the commission of an offense, shall impersonate a peace officer, private police officer, federal law enforcement officer, an officer, agent or employee of the State or the Municipality or investigator of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

(e) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under subsection (b) hereof that the impersonation of the peace officer was for a lawful purpose.

(f) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Whoever violates subsections (c) or (d) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the purpose of a violation of subsection (d) hereof is to commit or facilitate the commission of a felony, such violation is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2921.51)

#### 525.04 COMPOUNDING A CRIME.

(a) No person shall knowingly demand, accept or agree to accept anything of value in consideration of abandoning or agreeing to abandon a pending criminal prosecution.

(b) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section when both of the following apply:

- (1) The pending prosecution involved is for violation of Sections 545.05, 545.07, 545.09 or 545.10(b)(2), or Ohio R.C. 2913.02, 2913.11, 2913.21(B)(2) or 2913.47, of which the actor under this section was the victim.
- (2) The thing of value demanded, accepted or agreed to be accepted, in consideration of abandoning or agreeing to abandon the prosecution, did not exceed an amount that the actor reasonably believed due him as restitution for the loss caused him by the offense.

(c) When a prosecuting witness abandons or agrees to abandon a prosecution under subsection (b) hereof, the abandonment or agreement in no way binds the State or Municipality to abandoning the prosecution.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of compounding a crime, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2921.21)

#### 525.05 FAILURE TO REPORT A CRIME, INJURY OR KNOWLEDGE OF DEATH.

- (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (a)(2) hereof, no person, knowing that a felony has been or is being committed, shall knowingly fail to report such information to law enforcement authorities.
- (2) No person, knowing that a violation of division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2913.04 has been, or is being committed or that the person has received information derived from such a violation, shall knowingly fail to report the violation to law enforcement authorities.

(b) Except for conditions that are within the scope of subsection (e) of this section, no person giving aid to a sick or injured person shall negligently fail to report to law enforcement authorities any gunshot or stab wound treated or observed by the person, or any serious physical harm to persons that the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe resulted from an offense of violence.

(c) No person who discovers the body or acquires the first knowledge of the death of a person shall fail to report the death immediately to a physician or advanced practice registered nurse whom the person knows to be treating the deceased for a condition from which death at such time would not be unexpected, or to a law enforcement officer, an ambulance service, an emergency squad, or the coroner in a political subdivision in which the body is discovered, the death is believed to have occurred, or knowledge concerning the death is obtained. For purposes of this subsection (c), "advanced practice registered nurse" does not include a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

(d) No person shall fail to provide upon request of the person to whom a report required by subsection (c) of this section was made, or to any law enforcement officer who has reasonable cause to assert the authority to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death, any facts within the person's knowledge that may have a bearing on the investigation of the death.

- (e) (1) As used in this subsection, "burn injury" means any of the following:
- A. Second or third degree burns;
  - B. Any burns to the upper respiratory tract or laryngeal edema due to the inhalation of superheated air;
  - C. Any burn injury or wound that may result in death;
  - D. Any physical harm to persons caused by or as the result of the use of fireworks, novelties and trick noisemakers, and wire sparklers, as each is defined by Ohio R.C. 3743.01.
- (2) No physician, nurse, physician assistant, or limited practitioner who, outside a hospital, sanitarium, or other medical facility, attends or treats a person who has sustained a burn injury that is inflicted by an explosion or other incendiary device, or that shows evidence of having been inflicted in a violent, malicious, or criminal manner, shall fail to report the burn injury immediately to the local arson, or fire and explosion investigation, bureau, if there is a bureau of this type in the jurisdiction in which the person is attended or treated, or otherwise to local law enforcement authorities.

- (3) No manager, superintendent or other person in charge of a hospital, sanitarium or other medical facility in which a person is attended or treated for any burn injury that is inflicted by an explosion or other incendiary device, or that shows evidence of having been inflicted in a violent, malicious, or criminal manner, shall fail to report the burn injury immediately to the local arson, or fire and explosion investigation, bureau, if there is a bureau of this type in the jurisdiction in which the person is attended or treated, or otherwise to local law enforcement authorities.
  - (4) No person who is required to report any burn injury under subsection (e)(2) or (3) of this section shall fail to file, within three working days after attending or treating the victim, a written report of the burn injury with the office of the State Fire Marshal. The report shall comply with the uniform standard developed by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3737.22(A)(15).
  - (5) Anyone participating in the making of reports under subsection (e) of this section or anyone participating in a judicial proceeding resulting from the reports is immune from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed as a result of such actions. Notwithstanding Ohio R.C. 4731.22, the physician-patient relationship or advanced practice registered nurse-patient relationship is not a ground for excluding evidence regarding a person's burn injury or the cause of the burn injury in any judicial proceeding resulting from a report submitted under subsection (e) of this section.
- (f)
- (1) Any doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, hospital intern or resident, nurse, psychologist, social worker, independent social worker, social work assistant, licensed professional clinical counselor, licensed professional counselor, independent marriage and family therapist or marriage and family therapist who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a patient or client has been the victim of domestic violence, as defined in Ohio R.C. 3113.31, shall note that knowledge or belief and the basis for it in the patient's or client's records.
  - (2) Notwithstanding Ohio R.C. 4731.22, the physician-patient privilege or advanced practice registered nurse-patient privilege shall not be a ground for excluding any information regarding the report containing the knowledge or belief noted under subsection (f)(1) of this section, and the information may be admitted as evidence in accordance with the Rules of Evidence.
- (g) Subsections (a) and (d) of this section do not require disclosure of information, when any of the following applies:
- (1) The information is privileged by reason of the relationship between attorney and client; physician and patient; advanced practice registered nurse and patient; licensed psychologist or licensed school psychologist and client; licensed professional clinical counselor, licensed professional counselor, independent social worker, social worker, independent marriage and family therapist, or marriage and family therapist and client; member of the clergy, rabbi, minister, or priest and any person communicating information confidentially to the member of the clergy, rabbi, minister, or priest for a religious counseling purpose of a professional character; husband and wife; or a communications assistant and those who are a party to a telecommunications relay service call.



- (2) The information would tend to incriminate a member of the actor's immediate family.
- (3) Disclosure of the information would amount to revealing a news source, privileged under Ohio R.C. 2739.04 or 2739.12.
- (4) Disclosure of the information would amount to disclosure by a member of the ordained clergy of an organized religious body of a confidential communication made to that member of the clergy in that member's capacity as a member of the clergy by a person seeking the aid or counsel of that member of the clergy.
- (5) Disclosure would amount to revealing information acquired by the actor in the course of the actor's duties in connection with a bona fide program of treatment or services for persons with drug dependencies or persons in danger of drug dependence, which program is maintained or conducted by a hospital, clinic, person, agency, or community addiction services provider whose alcohol and drug addiction services are certified pursuant to Ohio R.C. 5119.36.
- (6) Disclosure would amount to revealing information acquired by the actor in the course of the actor's duties in connection with a bona fide program for providing counseling services to victims of crimes that are violations of Ohio R.C. 2907.02 or 2907.05 or to victims of felonious sexual penetration in violation of former Ohio R.C. 2907.12. As used in this subsection, "counseling services" include services provided in an informal setting by a person who, by education or experience, is competent to provide those services.

(h) No disclosure of information pursuant to this section gives rise to any liability or recrimination for a breach of privilege or confidence.

(i) Whoever violates subsection (a) or (b) of this section is guilty of failure to report a crime. Violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Violation of subsection (a)(2) or (b) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(j) Whoever violates subsection (c) or (d) of this section is guilty of failure to report knowledge of a death, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(k) (1) Whoever negligently violates subsection (e) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(2) Whoever knowingly violates subsection (e) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(l) As used in this section, "nurse" includes an advanced practice registered nurse, registered nurse, and licensed practical nurse. (ORC 2921.22)

#### 525.06 FAILURE TO AID A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

(a) No person shall negligently fail or refuse to aid a law enforcement officer, when called upon for assistance in preventing or halting the commission of an offense, or in apprehending or detaining an offender, when such aid can be given without a substantial risk of physical harm to the person giving it.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of failure to aid a law enforcement officer, a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 2921.23)

**525.07 OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS.**

(a) No person, without privilege to do so and with purpose to prevent, obstruct or delay the performance by a public official of any authorized act within the public official's official capacity, shall do any act that hampers or impedes a public official in the performance of the public official's lawful duties.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of obstructing official business. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (b), obstructing official business is a misdemeanor of the second degree. If a violation of this section creates a risk of physical harm to any person, obstructing official business is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2921.31)

**525.08 OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE.**

(a) No person, with purpose to hinder the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of another for a misdemeanor, or to assist another to benefit from the commission of a misdemeanor, and no person, with purpose to hinder the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, adjudication as a delinquent child, or disposition of a child for an act that if committed by an adult would be a misdemeanor or to assist a child to benefit from the commission of an act that if committed by an adult would be a misdemeanor, shall do any of the following:

- (1) Harbor or conceal the other person or child;
- (2) Provide the other person or child with money, transportation, a weapon, a disguise, or other means of avoiding discovery or apprehension;
- (3) Warn the other person or child of impending discovery or apprehension;
- (4) Destroy or conceal physical evidence of the misdemeanor, or act, or induce any person to withhold testimony or information or to elude legal process summoning the person to testify or supply evidence;
- (5) Communicate false information to any person.
- (6) Prevent or obstruct any person, by means of force, intimidation, or deception, from performing any act to aid in the discovery, apprehension, or prosecution of the other person or child.

(b) A person may be prosecuted for, and may be convicted of or adjudicated a delinquent child for committing, a violation of subsection (a) hereof, regardless of whether the person or child aided ultimately is apprehended for, is charged with, is convicted of, pleads guilty to, or is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the crime or act the person or child aided committed. The crime or act the person or child aided committed shall be used under subsection (c) hereof in determining the penalty for the violation of subsection (a) hereof, regardless of whether the person or child aided ultimately is apprehended for, is charged with, is convicted of, pleads guilty to, or is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the crime or act the person or child aided committed.

- (c) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of obstructing justice.
- (2) If the crime committed by the person aided is a misdemeanor or if the act committed by the child aided would be a misdemeanor if committed by an adult, obstructing justice is a misdemeanor of the same degree as the misdemeanor committed by the person aided or a misdemeanor of the same degree that the act committed by the child aided would be if committed by an adult.

- (d) As used in this section:
- (1) "Adult" and "child" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2151.011.
  - (2) "Delinquent child" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2152.02.
- (ORC 2921.32)

**525.09 RESISTING ARREST.**

(a) No person, recklessly or by force, shall resist or interfere with a lawful arrest of the person or another.

(b) No person, recklessly or by force, shall resist or interfere with a lawful arrest of the person or another person and, during the course of or as a result of the resistance or interference, cause physical harm to a law enforcement officer.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of resisting arrest. A violation of subsection (a) hereof is a misdemeanor of the second degree. A violation of subsection (b) hereof is a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2921.33)

**525.10 HAVING AN UNLAWFUL INTEREST IN A PUBLIC CONTRACT.**

(a) No public official shall knowingly do any of the following:

- (1) During the public official's term of office or within one year thereafter, occupy any position of profit in the prosecution of a public contract authorized by the public official or by a legislative body, commission or board of which the public official was a member at the time of authorization unless the contract was let by competitive bidding, to the lowest and best bidder;
- (2) Have an interest in the profits or benefits of a public contract entered into by or for the use of the Municipality or governmental agency or instrumentality with which the public official is connected;
- (3) Have an interest in the profits or benefits of a public contract that is not let by competitive bidding if required by law, and that involves more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

(b) In the absence of bribery or a purpose to defraud, a public official, member of a public official's family or any of a public official's business associates shall not be considered as having an interest in a public contract if all of the following apply:

- (1) The interest of that person is limited to owning or controlling shares of the corporation, or being a creditor of the corporation or other organization that is the contractor on the public contract involved, or that is the issuer of the security in which public funds are invested;
- (2) The shares owned or controlled by that person do not exceed five percent (5%) of the outstanding shares of the corporation, and the amount due that person as creditor does not exceed five percent (5%) of the total indebtedness of the corporation or other organization;
- (3) That person, prior to the time the public contract is entered into, files with the Municipality or governmental agency or instrumentality involved, an affidavit giving that person's exact status in connection with the corporation or other organization.

(c) This section does not apply to a public contract in which a public official, member of a public official's family, or one of a public official's business associates, has an interest, when all of the following apply:

- (1) The subject of the public contract is necessary supplies or services for the Municipality or governmental agency or instrumentality involved;
- (2) The supplies or services are unobtainable elsewhere for the same or lower cost, or are being furnished to the Municipality or governmental agency or instrumentality as part of a continuing course of dealing established prior to the public official's becoming associated with the Municipality or governmental agency or instrumentality involved;

- (3) The treatment accorded the Municipality or governmental agency or instrumentality is either preferential to or the same as that accorded other customers or clients in similar transactions;
- (4) The entire transaction is conducted at arm's length, with full knowledge by the Municipality or governmental agency or instrumentality involved, of the interest of the public official, member of the public official's family or business associate, and the public official takes no part in the deliberations or decisions of the Municipality or governmental agency or instrumentality with respect to the public contract.

(d) Subsection (a)(4) does not prohibit participation by a public employee in any housing program funded by public moneys if the public employee otherwise qualifies for the program and does not use the authority or influence of the public employee's office or employment to secure benefits from the program and if the moneys are to be used on the primary residence of the public employee. Such participation does not constitute an unlawful interest in a public contract in violation of this section.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of having an unlawful interest in a public contract. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(f) It is not a violation of this section for a prosecuting attorney to appoint assistants and employees in accordance with Ohio R.C. 309.06 and 2921.421, or for a chief legal officer of a municipal corporation or an official designated as prosecutor in a municipal corporation to appoint assistants and employees in accordance with Ohio R.C. 733.621 and 2921.421.

(g) Any public contract in which a public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest in violation of this section is void and unenforceable. Any contract securing the investment of public funds in which a public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest, is an underwriter, or receives any brokerage, origination, or servicing fees and that was entered into in violation of this section is void and unenforceable.

(h) As used in this section:

- (1) "Public contract" means any of the following:
  - A. The purchase or acquisition, or a contract for the purchase or acquisition of property or services by or for the use of the State, any of its political subdivisions, or any agency or instrumentality of either, including the employment of an individual by the State, any of its political subdivisions, or any agency or instrumentality of either.
  - B. A contract for the design, construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of any public property.
- (2) "Chief legal officer" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 733.621. (ORC 2921.42)

#### 525.11 SOLICITING OR RECEIVING IMPROPER COMPENSATION.

(a) No public servant shall knowingly solicit or accept and no person shall knowingly promise or give to a public servant either of the following:

- (1) Any compensation, other than is allowed by Ohio R.C. 102.03(G), (H), and (I) or other provisions of law, to perform the public servant's official duties, to perform any other act or service in the public servant's public capacity, for the general performance of the duties of the public servant's

public office or public employment, or as a supplement to the public servant's public compensation;

- (2) Additional or greater fees or costs than are allowed by law to perform the public servant's official duties.

(b) No public servant for the public servant's own personal or business use and no person for the person's own personal or business use or for the personal or business use of a public servant or party official, shall solicit or accept anything of value in consideration of either of the following:

- (1) Appointing or securing, maintaining or renewing the appointment of any person to any public office, employment or agency;
- (2) Preferring, or maintaining the status of, any public employee with respect to compensation, duties, placement, location, promotion or other material aspects of employment.

(c) No person for the benefit of a political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or political action committee shall coerce any contribution in consideration of either of the following:

- (1) Appointing or securing, maintaining or renewing the appointment of any person to any public office, employment or agency;
- (2) Preferring, or maintaining the status of, any public employee with respect to compensation, duties, placement, location, promotion or other material aspects of employment.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of soliciting improper compensation, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(e) A public servant who is convicted of a violation of this section is disqualified from holding any public office, employment or position of trust in this Municipality for a period of seven years from the date of conviction.

(f) Subsections (a), (b) and (c) hereof do not prohibit a person from making voluntary contributions to a political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or political action committee or prohibit a political party, campaign committee, legislative campaign fund, or political action committee from accepting voluntary contributions. (ORC 2921.43)

#### 525.12 DERELICTION OF DUTY.

(a) No law enforcement officer shall negligently do any of the following:

- (1) Fail to serve a lawful warrant without delay;
- (2) Fail to prevent or halt the commission of an offense or to apprehend an offender, when it is in the law enforcement officer's power to do so alone or with available assistance.

(b) No law enforcement, ministerial or judicial officer shall negligently fail to perform a lawful duty in a criminal case or proceeding.

(c) No officer, having charge of a detention facility, shall negligently do any of the following:

- (1) Allow the detention facility to become littered or unsanitary;
- (2) Fail to provide persons confined in the detention facility with adequate food, clothing, bedding, shelter and medical attention;

- (3) Fail to control an unruly prisoner, or to prevent intimidation of or physical harm to a prisoner by another;
- (4) Allow a prisoner to escape;
- (5) Fail to observe any lawful and reasonable regulation for the management of the detention facility.

(d) No public official of the Municipality shall recklessly create a deficiency, incur a liability or expend a greater sum than is appropriated by the legislative authority of the Municipality for the use in any one year of the department, agency or institution with which the public official is connected.

(e) No public servant shall recklessly fail to perform a duty expressly imposed by law with respect to the public servant's office, or recklessly do any act expressly forbidden by law with respect to the public servant's office.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of dereliction of duty, a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(g) As used in this section, "public servant" includes an officer or employee of a contractor as defined in Ohio R.C. 9.08.

#### 525.13 INTERFERING WITH CIVIL RIGHTS.

(a) No public servant, under color of the public servant's office, employment, or authority, shall knowingly deprive, or conspire or attempt to deprive any person of a constitutional or statutory right.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of interfering with civil rights, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2921.45)

#### 525.14 UNAUTHORIZED DISPLAY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EMBLEMS ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) No person who is not entitled to do so shall knowingly display on a motor vehicle the emblem of a law enforcement agency or an organization of law enforcement officers.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of the unlawful display of the emblem of a law enforcement agency or an organization of law enforcement officers, a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 2913.441)

#### 525.15 ASSAULTING POLICE DOG OR HORSE OR SERVICE DOG.

(a) No person shall knowingly cause, or attempt to cause, physical harm to a police dog or horse in either of the following circumstances:

- (1) The police dog or horse is assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of the officer's official duties at the time the physical harm is caused or attempted.
- (2) The police dog or horse is not assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of the officer's official duties at the time the physical harm is caused or attempted, but the offender has actual knowledge that the dog or horse is a police dog or horse.

- (b) No person shall recklessly do any of the following:
- (1) Taunt, torment, or strike a police dog or horse;
  - (2) Throw an object or substance at a police dog or horse;
  - (3) Interfere with or obstruct a police dog or horse, or interfere with or obstruct a law enforcement officer who is being assisted by a police dog or horse, in a manner that does any of the following:
    - A. Inhibits or restricts the law enforcement officer's control of the police dog or horse;
    - B. Deprives the law enforcement officer of control of the police dog or horse;
    - C. Releases the police dog or horse from its area of control;
    - D. Enters the area of control of the police dog or horse without the consent of the law enforcement officer, including placing food or any other object or substance into that area;
    - E. Inhibits or restricts the ability of the police dog or horse to assist a law enforcement officer.
  - (4) Engage in any conduct that is likely to cause serious physical injury or death to a police dog or horse.
  - (5) If the person is the owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog, fail to reasonably restrain the dog from taunting, tormenting, chasing, approaching in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, or attempting to bite or otherwise endanger a police dog or horse that at the time of the conduct, the police dog or horse is assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of the officer's duties or that the person knows is a police dog or horse.
- (c) No person shall knowingly cause, or attempt to cause, physical harm to an assistance dog in either of the following circumstances:
- (1) The dog, at the time the physical harm is caused or attempted, is assisting or serving a person who is blind, deaf or hearing impaired or a person with a mobility impairment.
  - (2) The dog, at the time the physical harm is caused or attempted, is not assisting or serving a person who is blind, deaf or hearing impaired or a person with a mobility impairment, but the offender has actual knowledge that the dog is an assistance dog.
- (d) No person shall recklessly do any of the following:
- (1) Taunt, torment, or strike an assistance dog;
  - (2) Throw an object or substance at an assistance dog;
  - (3) Interfere with or obstruct an assistance dog, or interfere with or obstruct a person who is blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or a person with a mobility impairment who is being assisted or served by an assistance dog, in a manner that does any of the following:

- A. Inhibits or restricts the assisted or served person's control of the dog;
  - B. Deprives the assisted or served person of control of the dog;
  - C. Releases the dog from its area of control;
  - D. Enters the area of control of the dog without the consent of the assisted or served person, including placing food or any other object or substance into that area;
  - E. Inhibits or restricts the ability of the dog to assist the assisted or served person.
- (4) Engage in any conduct that is likely to cause serious physical injury or death to an assistance dog;
- (5) If the person is the owner, keeper or harbinger of a dog, fail to reasonably restrain the dog from taunting, tormenting, chasing, approaching in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, or attempting to bite or otherwise endanger an assistance dog that at the time of the conduct is assisting or serving a person who is blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or a person with a mobility impairment or that the person knows is an assistance dog.
- (e) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of assaulting a police dog or horse. If the violation results in physical harm to the police dog or horse, assaulting a police dog or horse is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the violation does not result in death, serious physical harm, or physical harm to the police dog or horse, assaulting a police dog or horse is a misdemeanor of the second degree. If the violation results in death or serious physical harm to the police dog or horse, such violation is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof is guilty of harassing a police dog or horse. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, harassing a police dog or horse is a misdemeanor of the second degree. If the violation results in the death of the police dog or horse or if the violation results in serious physical harm to the police dog or horse but does not result in its death, harassing a police dog or horse is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. If the violation results in physical harm to the police dog or horse but does not result in its death or in serious physical harm to it, harassing a police dog or horse is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (3) Whoever violates subsection (c) hereof is guilty of assaulting an assistance dog. If the violation results in physical harm to the dog other than death or serious physical harm, assaulting an assistance dog is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the violation does not result in death, serious physical harm, or physical harm to the dog, assaulting an assistance dog is a misdemeanor of the second degree. If the violation results in death or serious physical harm to the dog, such violation is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.



- (4) Whoever violates subsection (d) of this section is guilty of harassing an assistance dog. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, harassing an assistance dog is a misdemeanor of the second degree. If the violation results in the death of or serious physical harm to the assistance dog but does not result in its death, harassing an assistance dog is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. If the violation results in physical harm to the assistance dog but does not result in its death or in serious physical harm to it, harassing an assistance dog is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (5) In addition to any other sanction or penalty imposed for the offense under this section, whoever violates subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this section is responsible for the payment of all of the following:
- A. Any veterinary bill or bill for medication incurred as a result of the violation by the Police Department regarding a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section or by the person who is blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or the person with a mobility impairment assisted or served by the assistance dog regarding a violation of subsection (c) or (d) of this section;
  - B. The cost of any damaged equipment that results from the violation;
  - C. If the violation did not result in the death of the police dog or horse or the assistance dog that was the subject of the violation and if, as a result of that dog or horse being the subject of the violation, the dog or horse needs further training or retraining to be able to continue in the capacity of a police dog or horse or an assistance dog, the cost of any further training or retraining of that dog or horse by a law enforcement officer or by the person who is blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or the person with a mobility impairment assisted or served by the assistance dog;
  - D. If the violation resulted in the death of the assistance dog that was the subject of the violation or resulted in serious physical harm to the police dog or horse or the assistance dog or horse that was the subject of the violation to the extent that the dog or horse needs to be replaced on either a temporary or a permanent basis, the cost of replacing that dog or horse and of any further training of a new police dog or horse or a new assistance dog by a law enforcement officer or by the person who is blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or the person with a mobility impairment assisted or served by the assistance dog, which replacement or training is required because of the death of or the serious physical harm to the dog or horse that was the subject of the violation.

(f) This section does not apply to a licensed veterinarian whose conduct is in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 4741.

(g) This section only applies to an offender who knows or should know at the time of the violation that the police dog or horse or assistance dog that is the subject of a violation under this section is a police dog or horse or assistance dog.

- (h) As used in this section:
- (1) "Assistance dog", "blind", and "person with a mobility impairment" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 955.011.
  - (2) "Physical harm" means any injury, illness, or other physiological impairment, regardless of its gravity or duration.
  - (3) "Police dog or horse" means a dog or horse that has been trained, and may be used, to assist law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.
  - (4) "Serious physical harm" means any of the following:
    - A. Any physical harm that carries a substantial risk of death;
    - B. Any physical harm that causes permanent maiming or that involves some temporary, substantial maiming;
    - C. Any physical harm that causes acute pain of a duration that results in substantial suffering.(ORC 2921.321)

#### 525.16 FALSE ALLEGATION OF PEACE OFFICER MISCONDUCT.

(a) As used in this section, "peace officer" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2935.01.

(b) No person shall knowingly file a complaint against a peace officer that alleges that the peace officer engaged in misconduct in the performance of the officer's duties if the person knows that the allegation is false.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of making a false allegation of peace officer misconduct, a misdemeanor of the first degree.  
(ORC 2921.15)

#### 525.17 REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION IN PUBLIC PLACE.

(a) No person who is in a public place shall refuse to disclose the person's name, address, or date of birth, when requested by a law enforcement officer who reasonably suspects either of the following:

- (1) The person is committing, has committed, or is about to commit a criminal offense.
- (2) The person witnessed any of the following:
  - A. An offense of violence that would constitute a felony under the laws of this State;
  - B. A felony offense that causes or results in, or creates a substantial risk of, serious physical harm to another person or to property;
  - C. Any attempt or conspiracy to commit, or complicity in committing, any offense identified in subsection (a)(2)A. or B. of this section;

D. Any conduct reasonably indicating that any offense identified in subsection (a)(2)A. or B. of this section or any attempt, conspiracy, or complicity described in subsection (a)(2)C. of this section has been, is being, or is about to be committed.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of failure to disclose one's personal information, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(c) Nothing in this section requires a person to answer any questions beyond that person's name, address, or date of birth. Nothing in this section authorizes a law enforcement officer to arrest a person for not providing any information beyond that person's name, address, or date of birth or for refusing to describe the offense observed.

(d) It is not a violation of this section to refuse to answer a question that would reveal a person's age or date of birth if age is an element of the crime that the person is suspected of committing. (ORC 2921.29)

**525.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

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529.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- (a) "Alcohol". Ethyl alcohol, whether rectified or diluted with water or not, whatever its origin may be, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol. The term does not include denatured alcohol and wood alcohol.
- (b) "At Retail". For use or consumption by the purchaser and not for resale.
- (c) "Beer".
  - (1) Includes all beverages brewed or fermented wholly or in part from malt products and containing one-half of one percent (0.5%) or more of alcohol by volume.
  - (2) Beer, regardless of the percent of alcohol by volume, is not intoxicating liquor for purposes of this code, the Ohio Revised Code, or any rules adopted under it.
- (d) "Cider". All liquids that are fit to use for beverage purposes that contain one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume, but not more than six percent (6%) of alcohol by weight that are made through the normal alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe apples, including, without limitation, flavored, sparkling, or carbonated cider and cider made from pure condensed apple must.
- (e) "Club". A corporation or association of individuals organized in good faith for social, recreational, benevolent, charitable, fraternal, political, patriotic, or athletic purposes, which is the owner, lessor, or occupant of a permanent building or part of a permanent building operated solely for such purposes, membership in which entails the prepayment of regular dues, and includes the place so operated.

- (f) “Community Facility”. Means either of the following:
- (1) Any convention, sports or entertainment facility or complex, or any combination of these, that is used by or accessible to the general public and that is owned or operated in whole or in part by the state, a state agency, or a political subdivision of the state or that is leased from, or located on property owned by or leased from, the state, a state agency, a political subdivision of the state, or a convention facilities authority created pursuant to Ohio R.C. 351.02;
  - (2) An area designated as a community entertainment district pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4301.80.
- (g) “Controlled Access Alcohol and Beverage Cabinet”. A closed container, either refrigerated, in whole or in part, or nonrefrigerated, access to the interior of which is restricted by means of a device that requires the use of a key, magnetic card, or similar device and from which beer, intoxicating liquor, other beverages or food may be sold.
- (h) “Hotel”. The same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3731.01, subject to the exceptions mentioned in Ohio R.C. 3731.03.
- (i) “Intoxicating Liquor” and “Liquor”. All liquids and compounds, other than beer, containing one half of one percent (0.5%) or more of alcohol by volume which are fit to use for beverage purposes, from whatever source and by whatever process produced, by whatever name called, and whether they are medicated, proprietary, or patented. The terms include cider and alcohol, and all solids and confections which contain one-half of one percent (0.5%) or more of alcohol by volume.
- (j) “Low-Alcohol Beverage”. Any brewed or fermented malt product or any product made from the fermented juices of grapes, fruits, or other agricultural products that contains either no alcohol or less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume. The beverages described in this definition do not include a soft drink such as root beer, birch beer, or ginger beer.
- (k) “Manufacture”. All processes by which beer or intoxicating liquor is produced, whether by distillation, rectifying, fortifying, blending, fermentation, brewing, or in any other manner.
- (l) “Manufacturer”. Any person engaged in the business of manufacturing beer or intoxicating liquor.
- (m) “Mixed Beverages”. Include bottled and prepared cordials, cocktails, highballs, and solids and confections that are obtained by mixing any type of whiskey, neutral spirits, brandy, gin or other distilled spirits with, or over, carbonated or plain water, pure juices from flowers and plants, and other flavoring materials. The completed product shall contain not less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume and not more than twenty-one percent (21%) of alcohol by volume. The phrase includes the contents of a pod.
- (n) “Nightclub”. A place habitually operated for profit, where food is served for consumption on the premises, and one or more forms of amusement are provided or permitted for a consideration that may be in the form of a cover charge or may be included in the price of the food and beverages, or both, purchased by patrons.
- (o) “Person”. Includes firms and corporations.
- (p) “Pharmacy”. An establishment as defined in Ohio R.C. 4729.01, that is under the management or control of a licensed pharmacist in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4729.27.

- (q) “POD”. Means a sealed capsule made from plastic, glass, aluminum, or a combination thereof to which all of the following apply:
- (1) The capsule contains intoxicating liquor of more than twenty-one percent (21%) of alcohol by volume.
  - (2) The capsule also contains a concentrated flavoring mixture.
  - (3) The contents of the capsule are not readily accessible or intended for consumption unless certain manufacturer’s processing instructions are followed.
  - (4) The instructions include releasing the contents of the capsule through a machine specifically designed to process the contents.
  - (5) After being properly processed according to the manufacturer’s instructions, the final product produced from the capsule contains not less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume and not more than twenty-one percent (21%) of alcohol by volume.
- (r) “Restaurant”. A place located in a permanent building provided with space and accommodations wherein, in consideration of the payment of money, hot meals are habitually prepared, sold, and served at noon and evening, as the principal business of the place. The term does not include pharmacies, confectionery stores, lunch stands, nightclubs, and filling stations.
- (s) “Sale” and “Sell”. The exchange, barter, gift, offer for sale, sale, distribution, and delivery of any kind, and the transfer of title or possession of beer and intoxicating liquor either by constructive or actual delivery by any means or devices whatever, including the sale of beer or intoxicating liquor by means of a controlled access alcohol and beverage cabinet pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4301.21. Such terms do not include the mere solicitation of orders for beer or intoxicating liquor from the holders of permits issued by the Division of Liquor Control authorizing the sale of the beer or intoxicating liquor, but no solicitor shall solicit any orders until the solicitor has been registered with the Division pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4303.25.
- (t) “Sales Area or Territory”. An exclusive geographic area or territory that is assigned to a particular A or B permit holder and that either has one or more political subdivisions as its boundaries or consists of an area of land with readily identifiable geographic boundaries. The term does not include, however, any particular retail location in an exclusive geographic area or territory that had been assigned to another A or B permit holder before April 9, 2001.
- (u) “Sealed Container”. Any container having a capacity of not more than 128 fluid ounces, the opening of which is closed to prevent the entrance of air.
- (v) “Spirituous Liquor”. All intoxicating liquors containing more than twenty-one percent (21%) of alcohol by volume. The phrase does not include the contents of a pod.
- (w) “Vehicle”. All means of transportation by land, by water, or by air, and everything made use of in any way for such transportation.
- (x) “Wholesale Distributor” and “Distributor”. A person engaged in the business of selling to retail dealers for purposes of resale.
- (y) “Wine”. All liquids fit to use for beverage purposes containing not less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume and not more than twenty-one percent (21%) of alcohol by volume, that is made from the fermented juices of grapes, fruits, or other agricultural products. The term includes cider, except as used in Ohio R.C. 4301.13, 4301.421, 4301.422, 4301.432, and 4301.44, and, for purposes of determining the rate of the tax that applies, Ohio R.C. 4301.43(B), the term does not include cider.  
(ORC 4301.01, 4301.244)

529.02 SALES TO AND USE BY UNDERAGE PERSONS; SECURING PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 4301, no person shall sell beer or intoxicating liquor to an underage person, or shall buy beer or intoxicating liquor for an underage person, or shall furnish it to, an underage person, unless given by a physician in the regular line of his practice or given for established religious purposes, or unless the underage person is supervised by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person or legal guardian.

In proceedings before the Liquor Control Commission, no permit holder, or no employee or agent of a permit holder, charged with a violation of this subsection shall be charged, for the same offense, with a violation of Ohio R.C. 4301.22(A)(1).

(b) No person who is the owner or occupant of any public or private place shall knowingly allow any underage person to remain in or on the place while possessing or consuming beer or intoxicating liquor, unless the intoxicating liquor or beer is given to the person possessing or consuming it by that person's parent, spouse who is not an underage person or legal guardian and the parent, spouse who is not an underage person or legal guardian is present at the time of the person's possession or consumption of the beer or intoxicating liquor.

An owner of a public or private place is not liable for acts or omissions in violation of this subsection that are committed by a lessee of that place, unless the owner authorizes or acquiesces in the lessee's acts or omissions.

(c) No person shall engage or use accommodations at a hotel, inn, cabin, campground or restaurant when he knows or has reason to know either of the following:

- (1) That beer or intoxicating liquor will be consumed by an underage person on the premises of the accommodations that the person engages or uses, unless the person engaging or using the accommodations is the spouse of the underage person and is not an underage person, or is the parent or legal guardian of all of the underage persons, who consume beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises and that person is on the premises at all times when beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by an underage person;
- (2) That a drug of abuse will be consumed on the premises of the accommodations by any person, except a person who obtained the drug of abuse pursuant to a prescription issued by a practitioner and has the drug of abuse in the original container in which it was dispensed to the person.

- (d) (1) No person is required to permit the engagement of accommodations at any hotel, inn, cabin or campground by an underage person or for an underage person, if the person engaging the accommodations knows or has reason to know that the underage person is intoxicated, or that the underage person possesses any beer or intoxicating liquor and is not supervised by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person or legal guardian who is or will be present at all times when the beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by the underage person.
- (2) No underage person shall knowingly engage or attempt to engage accommodations at any hotel, inn, cabin or campground by presenting identification that falsely indicates that the underage person is twenty-one years of age or older for the purpose of violating this section.
- (e) No underage person shall knowingly order, pay for, share the cost of, attempt to purchase, possess, or consume any beer or intoxicating liquor, in any public or private place. No underage person shall knowingly be under the influence of any beer or intoxicating liquor in any public place. The prohibitions set forth in this subsection (e) hereof against an underage person knowingly possessing, consuming, or being under the influence of any beer or intoxicating liquor shall not apply if the underage person is supervised by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian, or the beer or intoxicating liquor is given by a physician in the regular line of the physician's practice or given for established religious purposes.
- (f) No parent, spouse who is not an underage person or legal guardian of a minor shall knowingly permit the minor to violate this section or Section 529.021(a) to (c).
- (g) The operator of any hotel, inn, cabin or campground shall make the provisions of this section available in writing to any person engaging or using accommodations at the hotel, inn, cabin or campground.
- (h) As used in this section:
- (1) "Drug of abuse" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.011.
  - (2) "Hotel" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3731.01.
  - (3) "Licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs" and "prescription" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4729.01.
  - (4) "Minor" means a person under the age of eighteen years.
  - (5) "Underage person" means a person under the age of twenty-one years. (ORC 4301.69)
- (i) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. In addition, whoever violates subsection (a) hereof shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). (ORC 4301.99)

#### 529.021 PURCHASE BY MINOR; MISREPRESENTATION.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 4301, no person under the age of twenty-one years shall purchase beer or intoxicating liquor. (ORC 4301.63)



(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 4301, no person shall knowingly furnish any false information as to the name, age or other identification of any person under twenty-one years of age for the purpose of obtaining or with the intent to obtain, beer or intoxicating liquor for a person under twenty-one years of age, by purchase, or as a gift.

(ORC 4301.633)

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 4301, no person under the age of twenty-one years shall knowingly show or give false information concerning the person's name, age or other identification for the purpose of purchasing or otherwise obtaining beer or intoxicating liquor in any place where beer or intoxicating liquor is sold under a permit issued by the Division of Liquor Control or sold by the Division of Liquor Control.

(ORC 4301.634)

- (d) (1) Whoever violates any provision of this section for which no other penalty is provided is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The court imposing a fine for a violation of subsection (a) hereof may order that the fine be paid by the performance of public work at a reasonable hourly rate established by the court. The court shall designate the time within which the public work shall be completed.
- (3) A. Whoever violates subsection (c) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If, in committing a first violation of that subsection, the offender presented to the permit holder or the permit holder's employee or agent a false, fictitious or altered identification card, a false or fictitious driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's license issued by any state that has been altered, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six months.
- B. On a second violation in which, for the second time, the offender presented to the permit holder or the permit holder's employee or agent a false, fictitious or altered identification card, a false or fictitious driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's license issued by any state that has been altered, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six months. The court also may impose a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in Ohio R.C. 4510.02(A)(7).

- C. On a third or subsequent violation in which, for the third or subsequent time, the offender presented to the permit holder or the permit holder's employee or agent a false, fictitious or altered identification card, a false or fictitious driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's license issued by any state that has been altered, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six months. Except as provided in this subsection, the court also may impose a class six suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in Ohio R.C. 4510.02(A)(6), and the court may order that the suspension or denial remain in effect until the offender attains the age of twenty-one years. The court, in lieu of suspending the offenders temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license or driver's license, instead may order the offender to perform a determinate number of hours of community service, with the court determining the actual number of hours and the nature of the community service the offender shall perform. (ORC 4301.99)

#### 529.03 SALES TO INTOXICATED PERSONS.

(a) No permit holder and no agent or employee of a permit holder shall sell or furnish beer or intoxicating liquor to an intoxicated person. (ORC 4301.22)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. (ORC 4301.99)

#### 529.04 LIQUOR CONSUMPTION IN MOTOR VEHICLE.

(a) No person shall consume any beer or intoxicating liquor in a motor vehicle. This section does not apply to persons described in Section 529.07(d). (ORC 4301.64)

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(c) If an offender who violates this section was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the offense, the court, in addition to any other penalties it imposes upon the offender, shall suspend the offender's temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or driver's license for a period of not less than six months and not more than one year. In lieu of suspending the offender's temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license or driver's license, the court may instead require the offender to perform community service for a number of hours to be determined by the court. If the offender is fifteen years and six months of age or older and has not been issued a temporary instruction permit or probationary driver's license, the offender shall not be eligible to be issued such a license or permit for a period of six months. If the offender has not attained the age of fifteen years and six months, the offender shall not be eligible to be issued a temporary instruction permit until the offender attains the age of sixteen years. (ORC 4301.99)

**529.05 PERMIT REQUIRED.**

(a) No person personally or by the person's clerk, agent or employee shall manufacture, manufacture for sale, offer, keep or possess for sale, furnish or sell, or solicit the purchase or sale of any beer or intoxicating liquor in this Municipality, or transport, import or cause to be transported or imported any beer, intoxicating liquor or alcohol on or into this Municipality for delivery, use or sale, unless the person has fully complied with Ohio R.C. Chapters 4301 and 4303 or is the holder of a permit issued by the Division of Liquor Control and in force at the time. (ORC 4303.25)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**529.06 LOW-ALCOHOL BEVERAGES: SALE TO AND PURCHASE BY UNDERAGE PERSONS PROHIBITED.**

(a) As used in this section, "underage person" means a person under eighteen years of age.

(b) No underage person shall purchase any low-alcohol beverage.

(c) No underage person shall order, pay for, share the cost of, or attempt to purchase any low-alcohol beverage.

(d) No person shall knowingly furnish any false information as to the name, age, or other identification of any underage person for the purpose of obtaining or with the intent to obtain any low-alcohol beverage for an underage person, by purchase or as a gift.

(e) No underage person shall knowingly show or give false information concerning his name, age, or other identification for the purpose of purchasing or otherwise obtaining any low-alcohol beverage in any place in this Municipality.

(f) No person shall sell or furnish any low-alcohol beverage to, or buy any low-alcohol beverage for, an underage person, unless given by a physician in the regular line of his practice or given for established religious purposes, or unless the underage person is accompanied by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian.

(g) No person who is the owner or occupant of any public or private place shall knowingly allow any underage person to remain in or on the place while possessing or consuming any low-alcohol beverage, unless the low-alcohol beverage is given to the person possessing or consuming it by that person's parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian, and the parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian is present when the person possesses or consumes the low-alcohol beverage.

An owner of a public or private place is not liable for acts or omissions in violation of this division that are committed by a lessee of that place, unless the owner authorizes or acquiesces in the lessee's acts or omissions.

(h) No underage person shall knowingly possess or consume any low-alcohol beverage in any public or private place, unless he is accompanied by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian, or unless the low-alcohol beverage is given by a physician in the regular line of his practice or given for established religious purposes.

(i) No parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian of an underage person shall knowingly permit the underage person to violate this section. (ORC 4301.631)

(j) Whoever violates any provision of this section for which no other penalty is provided is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(k) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The court imposing a fine for a violation of subsection (b) hereof may order that the fine be paid by the performance of public work at a reasonable hourly rate established by the court. The court shall designate the time within which the public work shall be completed. (ORC 4301.99)

#### 529.07 OPEN CONTAINER AND PUBLIC CONSUMPTION PROHIBITED.

- (a) As used in this section:
- (1) "Chauffeured limousine" means a vehicle registered under Ohio R.C. 4503.24.
  - (2) "Street," "highway" and "motor vehicle" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4511.01.
- (b) No person shall have in the person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor in any of the following circumstances:
- (1) In a State liquor store;
  - (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) or (i) hereof, on the premises of the holder of any permit issued by the Division of Liquor Control;
  - (3) In any other public place;
  - (4) Except as provided in subsection (d) or (e) hereof, while operating or being a passenger in or on a motor vehicle on any street, highway or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking;
  - (5) Except as provided in subsection (d) or (e) hereof, while being in or on a stationary motor vehicle on any street, highway or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.
- (c) (1) A person may have in the person's possession an opened container of any of the following:
- A. Beer or intoxicating liquor that has been lawfully purchased for consumption on the premises where bought from the holder of an A-1-A, A-2, A-2(f), A-3a, D-1, D-2, D-3, D-3a, D-4, D-4a, D-5, D-5a, D-5b, D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o, D-7, D-8, D-9, E, F, F-2, F-5, F-7, F-8 or F-9 permit;
  - B. Beer, wine, or mixed beverages served for consumption on the premises by the holder of an F-3 permit, wine served as a tasting sample by an A-2, A-2f, S-1, or S-2 permit holder for consumption on the premises of a farmers market for which an F-10 permit has been issued, or wine served for consumption on the premises by the holder of an F-4 or F-6 permit;
  - C. Beer or intoxicating liquor consumed on the premises of a convention facility as provided in Ohio R.C. 4303.201;
  - D. Beer or intoxicating liquor to be consumed during tastings and samplings approved by rule of the Liquor Control Commission.
  - E. Spirituous liquor to be consumed for purposes of a tasting sample, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4301.171.
  - F. Beer or intoxicating liquor to be consumed in an outdoor area described in Ohio R.C. 4303.188(B)(1).

- (2) A person may have in the person's possession on an F liquor permit premises an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from the holder of the F permit if the premises for which the F permit is issued is a music festival and the holder of the F permit grants permission for that possession on the premises during the period for which the F permit is issued. As used in this section, "music festival" means a series of outdoor live musical performances, extending for a period of at least three consecutive days and located on an area of land of at least forty acres.
- (3) A. A person may have in the person's possession on a D-2 liquor permit premises an opened or unopened container of wine that was not purchased from the holder of the D-2 permit if the premises for which the D-2 permit is issued is an outdoor performing arts center, the person is attending an orchestral performance, and the holder of the D-2 permit grants permission for the possession and consumption of wine in certain predesignated areas of the premises during the period for which the D-2 permit is issued.
- B. As used in subsection (c)(3)A. of this section:
1. "Orchestral performance" means a concert comprised of a group of not fewer than forty musicians playing various musical instruments.
  2. "Outdoor performing arts center" means an outdoor performing arts center that is located on not less than one hundred fifty acres of land and that is open for performances from the first day of April to the last day of October of each year.
- (4) A person may have in the person's possession an opened or unopened container of beer or intoxicating liquor at an outdoor location at which the person is attending an orchestral performance as defined in subsection (c)(3)B.1. hereof if the person with supervision and control over the performance grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor in certain predesignated areas of that outdoor location.
- (5) A person may have in the person's possession on an F-9 liquor permit premises an opened or unopened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from the holder of the F-9 permit if the F-9 permit holder grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor in certain predesignated areas of the premises during the period for which the F-9 permit is issued.
- (6) A. A person may have in the person's possession on the property of an outdoor motorsports facility an opened or unopened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from the owner of the facility if both of the following apply:
1. The person is attending a racing event at the facility; and

2. The owner of the facility grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor on the property of the facility;
- B. As used in subsection (c)(6)A. of this section:
1. “Racing event” means a motor vehicle racing event sanctioned by one or more motor racing sanctioning organizations.
  2. “Outdoor motorsports facility” means an outdoor racetrack to which all of the following apply:
    - a. It is two and four-tenths miles or more in length.
    - b. It is located on two hundred acres or more of land.
    - c. The primary business of the owner of the facility is the hosting and promoting of racing events.
    - d. The holder of a D-1, D-2 or D-3 permit is located on the property of the facility.
- (7) A. A person may have in the person’s possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor at an outdoor location within an outdoor refreshment area created under Ohio R.C. 4301.82, if the opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor was purchased from an A-1, A-1-A, A-1c, A-2, A-2f, D class or F class permit holder to which both of the following apply:
1. The permit holder’s premises is located within the outdoor refreshment area.
  2. The permit held by the permit holder has an outdoor refreshment area designation.
- B. Subsection (c)(7) of this section does not authorize a person to do either of the following:
1. Enter the premises of an establishment within an outdoor refreshment area while possessing an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor acquired elsewhere;
  2. Possess an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor while being in or on a motor vehicle within an outdoor refreshment area, unless the possession is otherwise authorized under subsection (d) or (e) of this section.
- C. As used in subsection (c)(7) of this section, “D class permit holder” does not include a D-6 or D-8 permit holder.
- (8) A. A person may have in the person’s possession on the property of a market, within a defined F-8 permit premises, an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was purchased from a D permit premises that is located immediately adjacent to the market if both of the following apply:
1. The market grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer and intoxicating liquor within the defined F-8 permit premises;
  2. The market is hosting an event pursuant to an F-8 permit and the market has notified the Division of Liquor Control about the event in accordance with division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 4303.208.
- B. As used in subsection (c)(8) of this section, market means a market, for which an F-8 permit is held, that has been in operation since 1860.

(d) This section does not apply to a person who pays all or a portion of the fee imposed for the use of a chauffeured limousine pursuant to a prearranged contract, or the guest of such a person, when all of the following apply:

- (1) The person or guest is a passenger in the limousine;
- (2) The person or guest is located in the limousine, but is not occupying a seat in the front compartment of the limousine where the operator of the limousine is located;
- (3) The limousine is located on any street, highway, or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.

(e) An opened bottle of wine that was purchased from the holder of a permit that authorizes the sale of wine for consumption on the premises where sold is not an opened container for the purposes of this section if both of the following apply:

- (1) The opened bottle of wine is securely resealed by the permit holder or an employee of the permit holder before the bottle is removed from the premises. The bottle shall be secured in such a manner that it is visibly apparent if the bottle has been subsequently opened or tampered with.
- (2) The opened bottle of wine that is resealed in accordance with subsection (e)(1) of this section is stored in the trunk of a motor vehicle or, if the motor vehicle does not have a trunk, behind the last upright seat or in an area not normally occupied by the driver or passengers and not easily accessible by the driver.

- (f) (1) Except if an ordinance or resolution is enacted or adopted under subsection (f)(2) of this section, this section does not apply to a person who, pursuant to a prearranged contract, is a passenger riding on a commercial quadricycle when all of the following apply:
- A. The person is not occupying a seat in the front of the commercial quadricycle where the operator is steering or braking.
  - B. The commercial quadricycle is being operated on a street, highway or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.
  - C. The person has in their possession on the commercial quadricycle an opened container of beer or wine.
  - D. The person has in their possession on the commercial quadricycle not more than either thirty-six ounces of beer or eighteen ounces of wine.
- (2) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township may enact an ordinance or adopt a resolution, as applicable, that prohibits a passenger riding on a commercial quadricycle from possessing an opened container of beer or wine.
- (3) As used in this section, “commercial quadricycle” means a vehicle that has fully-operative pedals for propulsion entirely by human power and that meets all of the following requirements:
- A. It has four wheels and is operated in a manner similar to a bicycle.
  - B. It has at least five seats for passengers.
  - C. It is designed to be powered by the pedaling of the operator and the passengers.
  - D. It is used for commercial purposes.
  - E. It is operated by the vehicle owner or an employee of the owner.

(g) This section does not apply to a person that has in the person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises of a market if the beer or intoxicating liquor has been purchased from a D liquor permit holder that is located in the market.

As used in subsection (g) of this section, "market" means an establishment that:

- (1) Leases space in the market to individual vendors, not less than fifty percent of which are retail food establishments or food service operations licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3717;
- (2) Has an indoor sales floor area of not less than twenty-two thousand square feet;
- (3) Hosts a farmer's market on each Saturday from April through December.  
(ORC 4301.62)

- (h) (1) As used in this section, "alcoholic beverage" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4303.185.
- (2) An alcoholic beverage in a closed container being transported under Ohio R.C. 4303.185 to its final destination is not an opened container for the purposes of this section if the closed container is securely sealed in such a manner that it is visibly apparent if the closed container has been subsequently opened or tampered with after sealing.  
(ORC 4301.62)

(i) This section does not apply to a person that has in the person's possession an opened container of homemade beer or wine that is served in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4301.201(E). (ORC 4301.62)

(j) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4301.99(A))

#### 529.08 HOURS OF SALE OR CONSUMPTION.

(a) This rule shall apply to the retail sale of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor.

(b) No beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor shall be sold or delivered by an A-1, A-1c, A-2, B-1, B-2, B-4, B-5, C-1, C-2, C-2X, D-1, D-2, D-2X, D-3 when issued without a D-3A, D-3X, D-4, D-5H, D-5K, D-8, F, F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, F-6, F-7, F-8, F-9, G or I permit holder:

- (1) From Monday to Saturday between the hours of one a.m. and five thirty a.m.
- (2) On Sunday between the hours of one a.m. and Sunday midnight, unless statutorily authorized otherwise.
- (3) Consumption of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor is also prohibited during the above hours upon the premises of the above permit holders who are authorized by their permit to sell beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor for on-premises consumption.

(c) No beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquid shall be sold or delivered by an A-1A, D-3 when issued with a D-3A, D-4A, D-5, D-5A, D-5B, D-5C, D-5D, D-5E, D-5F, D-5G, D-5I, D-5J, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o, or D-7 permit holder:

- (1) From Monday to Saturday between the hours of two thirty a.m. and five thirty a.m.
- (2) On Sunday between the hours of two thirty a.m. and Sunday midnight, unless statutorily authorized otherwise.



(3) Consumption of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor is also prohibited during the above hours upon the premises of the above permit holders who are authorized by their permit to sell beer, wine, mixed beverages or spirituous liquor for on-premises consumption.

(d) Permit holders authorized to sell beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor at retail who are not specifically identified in subsection (b) or (c) above shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (b), unless statutorily authorized otherwise.

(e) The hours on Sunday during which sales, delivery, or consumption of alcoholic beverages may take place are established by statute, but in no event shall they begin prior to five thirty a.m. (OAC 4301:1-1-49)

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

529.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

CHAPTER 531  
Noise Control

531.01 Definitions.

531.99 Penalty.

531.02 Specific prohibitions.

CROSS REFERENCES

Disturbing the peace - see GEN. OFF. 509.03

531.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, the following terms are defined as set forth below:

- (a) "Construction" means any site preparation, assembly, erection, substantial repair, alteration or similar action, for or on public or private rights of way, structures, utilities or similar property.
- (b) "Demolition" means any dismantling or intentional destruction or removal of structures, utilities, public or private right-of-way surfaces or similar property.
- (c) "Gross vehicle weight rating" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the recommended maximum loaded weight of a single motor vehicle. In cases where trailers and tractors are separable, the gross combination weight rating (GCWR), which is the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of the combination vehicle, shall be used.
- (d) "Emergency" means any occurrence or set of circumstances involving actual or imminent physical trauma or property damage or loss which demands immediate action.
- (e) "Emergency work" means any work performed for the purpose of preventing or alleviating the physical trauma or property damage threatened or caused by an emergency.
- (f) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle defined as a motor vehicle in the Traffic Code.
- (g) "Motorcycle" means every vehicle defined as a motorcycle in the Traffic Code.
- (h) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means every vehicle defined as such in the Traffic Code.
- (i) "Noise" means any sound which annoys or disturbs humans or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans or which unreasonably interferes with the peace and serenity of residents.
- (j) "Noise disturbance" means any sound which:
  - (1) Endangers or injures the safety or health of humans or animals;
  - (2) Disturbs a reasonable person or normal sensitivity; or
  - (3) Endangers or injures personal or real property.

- (k) "Person" means any individual, association, partnership or corporation and includes any officer, employee, department, agency or instrumentality of a state or any political subdivision of a state.
- (l) "Place of public entertainment" means any commercial facility open to the general public for purposes of entertainment.
- (m) "Powered model vehicle" means any self-propelled, airborne, water-borne or land-borne plane, vessel or vehicle which is not designed to carry persons including but not limited to any model airplane, boat car or rocket.
- (n) "Public right of way" means any street, avenue, boulevard, highway, sidewalk, alley or similar place which is owned or controlled by a governmental entity.
- (o) "Real property boundary" means any imaginary line along the ground surface at its vertical extension which separates the real property owned by one person from that owned by another person.
- (p) "Receiving property" means any property which is affected by sound originating of or from another location.  
(Ord. 25-2010. Passed 12-13-10.)

#### 531.02 SPECIFIC PROHIBITIONS.

The following acts and the causing or permitting thereof are declared to be a violation of this chapter:

- (a) Construction. Operating or permitting the operation of any tools or equipment in construction, drilling building or demolition work between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. weekdays or on Sundays or on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day except for emergency work, public service utilities or by special permission approved by the Chief of Police. Minor construction such as room additions, sheds, fences, decks, etc., shall be permitted on Sundays or holidays but only within the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- (b) Domestic Power Tools. Operating or permitting the operation of mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawnmower or other similar device used outdoors, other than powered snow removal equipment, outdoors between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or on Saturday or Sunday before the hour of 9:00 a.m. Operators of golf courses and recreational facilities may operate lawn mowers outdoors between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- (c) Emergency Signaling Devices.
  - (1) The intentional sounding or permitting the sounding outdoors of any fire, burglar or civil defense alarm, siren, whistle or similar stationary emergency purposes or for testing as provided in this section. Testing of a stationary emergency signaling device shall occur at the same time of day each time such a test is performed, but not after 11:00 p.m. or before 7:00 a.m. In no case shall such a test exceed ten minutes.
  - (2) Sounding or permitting the sounding of any exterior burglar or fire alarm or any motor vehicle burglar alarm unless such alarm is automatically terminated within two minutes of activation, or within a reasonable time after notification of activation.
  - (3) The repeated or continual sounding of any horn or other auditory signaling device on or in any motor vehicle on any public right of way or public space except as a warning of danger.

- (d) Explosives, Firearms and Similar Devices. The using or firing of explosives, firearms or similar devices which create an impulsive sound so as to cause a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or on a public space or right of way, except Licensed City Fireworks.
- (e) Loading and Unloading. Loading, unloading, opening, closing or other handling of boxes, crates, containers, building materials, garbage cans or similar objects between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.
- (f) Loudspeakers, Public Address Systems.
- (1) Using, operating or permitting the operation of any loudspeaker, Public address system, mobile sound vehicle or similar device amplifying sound there from on a public right of way or public space for any commercial purpose except as otherwise provided in any section of the Codified Ordinances.
  - (2) Using, operating or permitting for any noncommercial purpose any loudspeaker, public address system, mobile sound vehicle or similar device between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. such as the sound there from creates a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.
- (g) Powered Model Vehicle or Go-carts. Operating or permitting the operation of powered model vehicles, go-carts, snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles or all-purpose model vehicles, so as to create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary or in a public space between hours of 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- (h) Radios, Television Sets, Musical Instruments and Similar Devices. Operating, playing or permitting the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument or similar device which produces or reproduces or amplifies sound:
- (1) Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and before 7:00 a.m. and after 11:00 p.m. on Sundays in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary or
  - (2) In such a manner as to create a continuing noise disturbance from such device when operated in or on a motor vehicle on a public right of way or public space during restricted times of 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
  - (3) While operating a motor vehicle playing or allowing to be played any radio, music player or audio system at a volume which is plainly audible to persons other than the occupants of said vehicle or if the sound is audible to any person outside the limits of the roadway upon which the vehicle is operating or located; or, if the vehicle is not operating or located upon a roadway, either the sound is audible to any person not on the property upon which the vehicle is located or operating, or the sound is audible to any person more than fifty (50) feet from the vehicle.
- (i) Vehicle or Motorboat Repairs and Testing. Repairing, rebuilding, modifying or testing any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor bicycle or moped or motor boat in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

- (j) Motor Vehicles. Operating or permitting the operation of any motor vehicle with the gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 7,000 pounds or any auxiliary equipment attached to such vehicle is stationary for reasons other than traffic congestion between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. This section shall not apply to public utilities vehicles, Municipal service vehicles or busses operated as common carriers.  
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531.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
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CHAPTER 533  
Obscenity and Sex Offenses

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533.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Sexual conduct" means vaginal intercourse between a male and female; anal intercourse, fellatio and cunnilingus between persons regardless of sex; and, without privilege to do so, the insertion, however slight, of any part of the body or any instrument, apparatus or other object into the vaginal or anal opening of another. Penetration, however slight, is sufficient to complete vaginal or anal intercourse.
- (b) "Sexual contact" means any touching of an erogenous zone of another, including without limitation the thigh, genitals, buttock, pubic region, or, if such person is a female, a breast, for the purpose of sexually arousing or gratifying either person.
- (c) "Sexual activity" means sexual conduct or sexual contact, or both.

- (d) "Prostitute" means a male or female who promiscuously engages in sexual activity for hire, regardless of whether the hire is paid to the prostitute or to another.
- (e) "Harmful to juveniles" means that quality of any material or performance describing or representing nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sado-masochistic abuse in any form to which all of the following apply:
  - (1) The material or performance, when considered as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest of juveniles in sex.
  - (2) The material or performance is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for juveniles.
  - (3) The material or performance, when considered as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political and scientific value for juveniles.
- (f) When considered as a whole, and judged with reference to ordinary adults, or, if it is designed for sexual deviates or other specially susceptible group, judged with reference to such group, any material or performance is "obscene" if any of the following apply:
  - (1) Its dominant appeal is to prurient interest;
  - (2) Its dominant tendency is to arouse lust by displaying or depicting sexual activity, masturbation, sexual excitement or nudity in a way which tends to represent human beings as mere objects of sexual appetite;
  - (3) Its dominant tendency is to arouse lust by displaying or depicting bestiality or extreme or bizarre violence, cruelty or brutality;
  - (4) Its dominant tendency is to appeal to scatological interest by displaying or depicting human bodily functions of elimination in a way which inspires disgust or revulsion in persons with ordinary sensibilities, without serving any genuine scientific, educational, sociological, moral or artistic purpose;
  - (5) It contains a series of displays or descriptions of sexual activity, masturbation, sexual excitement, nudity, bestiality, extreme or bizarre violence, cruelty or brutality, or human bodily functions of elimination, the cumulative effect of which is a dominant tendency to appeal to prurient or scatological interest, when the appeal to such interest is primarily for its own sake or for commercial exploitation, rather than primarily for a genuine scientific, educational, sociological, moral or artistic purpose.
- (g) "Sexual excitement" means the condition of human male or female genitals when in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal.
- (h) "Nudity" means the showing, representation or depiction of human male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than a full, opaque covering, or of a female breast with less than a full, opaque covering of any portion thereof below the top of the nipple, or of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.
- (i) "Juvenile" means an unmarried person under the age of eighteen.

- (j) "Material" means any book, magazine, newspaper, pamphlet, poster, print, picture, figure, image, description, motion picture film, phonographic record, or tape, or other tangible thing capable of arousing interest through sight, sound, or touch and includes an image or text appearing on a computer monitor, television screen, liquid crystal display, or similar display device or an image or text recorded on a computer hard disk, computer floppy disk, compact disk, magnetic tape or similar data storage device.
- (k) "Performance" means any motion picture, preview, trailer, play, show, skit, dance or other exhibition performed before an audience.
- (l) "Spouse" means a person married to an offender at the time of an alleged offense, except that such person shall not be considered the spouse when any of the following apply:
  - (1) When the parties have entered into a written separation agreement authorized by Ohio R.C. 3103.06;
  - (2) During the pendency of an action between the parties for annulment, divorce, dissolution of marriage or legal separation;
  - (3) In the case of an action for legal separation, after the effective date of the judgment for legal separation.
- (m) "Minor" means a person under the age of eighteen years.
- (n) "Mental health client or patient" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2305.51.
- (o) "Mental health professional" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2305.115.
- (p) "Sado-masochistic abuse" means flagellation or torture by or upon a person or the condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained.
- (q) "Place where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy" means a place where a reasonable person would believe that the person could fully disrobe in private.
- (r) "Private area" means the genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or female breast below the top of the areola, where nude or covered by an under-garment. (ORC 2907.01)

#### 533.02 PRESUMPTION OF KNOWLEDGE; ACTUAL NOTICE AND DEFENSE.

(a) An owner or manager, or agent or employee of an owner or manager, of a bookstore, newsstand, theater, or other commercial establishment engaged in selling materials or exhibiting performances, who, in the course of business does any of the acts prohibited by Section 533.11, is presumed to have knowledge of the character of the material or performance involved, if the owner, manager, or agent or employee of the owner or manager has actual notice of the nature of such material or performance, whether or not the owner, manager, or agent or employee of the owner or manager has precise knowledge of its contents.

(b) Without limitation on the manner in which such notice may be given, actual notice of the character of material or a performance may be given in writing by the chief legal officer of the jurisdiction in which the person to whom the notice is directed does business. Such notice, regardless of the manner in which it is given, shall identify the sender, identify the material or performance involved, state whether it is obscene or harmful to juveniles and bear the date of such notice.

(c) Section 533.11 does not apply to a motion picture operator or projectionist acting within the scope of employment as an employee of the owner or manager of a theater or other place for the showing of motion pictures to the general public, and having no managerial responsibility or financial interest in the operator's or projectionist's place of employment, other than wages.



- (d) (1) Sections 533.11, 533.12(a) and 533.13 do not apply to a person solely because the person provided access or connection to or from an electronic method of remotely transferring information not under that person's control, including having provided capabilities that are incidental to providing access or connection to or from the electronic method of remotely transferring the information, and that do not include the creation of the content of the material that is the subject of the access or connection.
- (2) Subsection (d)(1) of this section does not apply to a person who conspires with an entity actively involved in the creation or knowing distribution of material in violation of Section 533.11, 533.12 or 533.13, or who knowingly advertises the availability of material of that nature.
- (3) Subsection (d)(1) of this section does not apply to a person who provides access or connection to an electronic method of remotely transferring information that is engaged in the violation of Section 533.11, 533.12 or 533.13, and that contains content that person has selected and introduced into the electronic method of remotely transferring information or content over which that person exercises editorial control.

(e) An employer is not guilty of a violation of Section 533.11, 533.12, or 533.13 based on the actions of an employee or agent of the employer unless the employee's or agent's conduct is within the scope of employee's or agent's employment or agency, and the employer does either of the following:

- (1) With knowledge of the employee's or agent's conduct, the employer authorizes or ratifies the conduct.
- (2) The employer recklessly disregards the employee's or agent's conduct.

(f) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under Section 533.11 or 533.13 as the section applies to an image transmitted through the internet or another electronic method of remotely transmitting information that the person charged with violating the section has taken, in good faith, reasonable, effective, and appropriate actions under the circumstances to restrict or prevent access by juveniles to material that is harmful to juveniles, including any method that is feasible under available technology.

(g) If any provision of this section, or the application of any provision of this section to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this section or related sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions are severable.  
(ORC 2907.35)

### 533.03 UNLAWFUL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR.

(a) No person, who is eighteen years of age or older, shall engage in sexual conduct with another, who is not the spouse of the offender, when the offender knows the other person is thirteen years of age or older but less than sixteen years of age, or the offender is reckless in that regard.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender is four years older or more than the other person, or if the offender has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of Ohio R.C. 2907.02, 2907.03 or 2907.04, or former Ohio R.C. 2907.12, unlawful sexual conduct with a minor is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.  
(ORC 2907.04)

#### 533.04 SEXUAL IMPOSITION.

(a) No person shall have sexual contact with another, not the spouse of the offender; cause another, not the spouse of the offender, to have sexual contact with the offender; or cause two or more persons to have sexual contact when any of the following applies:

- (1) The offender knows that the sexual contact is offensive to the other person, or one of the other persons, or is reckless in that regard.
- (2) The offender knows that the other person's or one of the other person's ability to appraise the nature of or control the offender's or touching person's conduct is substantially impaired.
- (3) The offender knows that the other person or one of the other persons submits because of being unaware of the sexual contact.
- (4) The other person or one of the other persons is thirteen years of age or older but less than sixteen years of age, whether or not the offender knows the age of such person, and the offender is at least eighteen years of age and four or more years older than such other person.
- (5) The offender is a mental health professional, the other person or one of the other persons is a mental health client or patient of the offender, and the offender induces the other person who is the client or patient to submit by falsely representing to the other person who is the client or patient that the sexual contact is necessary for mental health treatment purposes.

(b) No person shall be convicted of a violation of this section solely upon the victim's testimony unsupported by other evidence.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of sexual imposition, a misdemeanor of the third degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of Ohio R.C. 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06 or former Section 2907.12, or a substantially similar municipal ordinance, a violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of Ohio R.C. 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04 or 2907.05, 2907.06 or former Section 2907.12 or of any combination of those sections, a violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree and, notwithstanding the range of jail terms prescribed in Ohio R.C. 2929.24, the court may impose on the offender a definite jail term of not more than one year. (ORC 2907.06)

#### 533.05 IMPORTUNING.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 533.05 has been deleted from the Codified Ordinances. Section 533.05 was identical to Ohio R.C. 2907.07(B) which the Ohio Supreme Court held to be unconstitutional in *State v. Thompson*, 95 Ohio St. 3rd 264 (2002).)

#### 533.06 VOYEURISM.

(a) No person, for the purpose of sexually arousing or gratifying the person's self, shall commit trespass or otherwise surreptitiously invade the privacy of another, to spy or eavesdrop upon another.

(b) No person shall knowingly commit trespass or otherwise secretly or surreptitiously videotape, film, photograph, broadcast, stream, or otherwise record another person, in a place where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy, for the purpose of viewing the private areas of that person.

(c) No person shall secretly or surreptitiously videotape, film, photograph, or otherwise record another person above, under or through the clothing being worn by that other person for the purpose of viewing the body of, or the undergarments worn by, that other person.

- (d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of voyeurism.
- (1) A violation of subsection (a) hereof is a misdemeanor of the third degree.
  - (2) A violation of subsection (b) hereof is a misdemeanor of the second degree.
  - (3) A violation of subsection (c) hereof is a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2907.08)

#### 533.07 PUBLIC INDECENCY.

(a) No person shall recklessly do any of the following, under circumstances in which the person's conduct is likely to be viewed by and affront others, who are in the person's physical proximity and who are not members of the person's household:

- (1) Expose the person's private parts;
- (2) Engage in sexual conduct or masturbation;
- (3) Engage in conduct that to an ordinary observer would appear to be sexual conduct or masturbation.

(b) No person shall knowingly do any of the following, under circumstances in which the person's conduct is likely to be viewed by and affront another person who is in the person's physical proximity, who is a minor, and who is not the spouse of the offender:

- (1) Engage in masturbation;
- (2) Engage in sexual conduct;
- (3) Engage in conduct that to an ordinary observer would appear to be sexual conduct or masturbation;
- (4) Expose the person's private parts with the purpose of personal sexual arousal or gratification or to lure the minor into sexual activity.

- (c) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of public indecency and shall be punished as provided in subsections (c)(2), (3), (4) and (5) of this section.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(2) of this section, a violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of this section, a violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section is a misdemeanor of the third degree or, if any person who was likely to view and be affronted by the offender's conduct was a minor, a misdemeanor of the second degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two violations of this section, a violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree or, if any person who was likely to view and be affronted by the offender's conduct was a minor, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of this section, a violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree or, if any person who was likely to view and be affronted by the offender's conduct was a minor, a felony which shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law.

- (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(3) of this section, a violation of subsection (a)(2) or (3) of this section is a misdemeanor of the third degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of this section, a violation of subsection (a)(2) or (3) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree or, if any person who was likely to view and be affronted by the offender's conduct was a minor, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of this section, a violation of subsection (a)(2) or (3) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree or, if any person who was likely to view and be affronted by the offender's conduct was a minor, a felony which shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law.
  - (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(4) of this section, a violation of subsection (b)(1), (2) or (3) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of this section, a violation of subsection (b)(1), (2) or (3) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of this section, a violation of subsection (b)(1), (2) or (3) of this section is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law.
  - (5) A violation of subsection (b)(4) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree unless the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any violation of this section in which case the violation is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law.
- (d)
- (1) If either of the following applies, the court may determine at the time of sentencing whether to classify the offender as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender for a violation of subsection (b)(4) of this section:
    - A. The offender is less than ten years older than the other person.
    - B. The offender is ten or more years older than the other person and the offender has not previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any violation of this section.
  - (2) If the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsection (b)(4) of this section, is ten or more years older than the other person, and previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any violation of this section, the court shall issue an order at the time of sentencing that classifies the offender as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender subject to registration under Ohio R.C. 2950.04, 2950.041, 2950.05 and 2950.06.  
(ORC 2907.09)

**533.08 PROCURING; ENGAGEMENT IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY FOR HIRE.**

- (a) Procuring. No person, knowingly and for gain, shall do either of the following:
- (1)
    - A. Entice or solicit another to patronize a prostitute or brothel;
    - B. Procure a prostitute for another to patronize, or take or direct another at his or her request to any place for the purpose of patronizing a prostitute.
  - (2) No person, having authority or responsibility over the use of premises, shall knowingly permit such premises to be used for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity for hire.

- (3) Whoever violates subsection (a)(1)A. or B. of this section is guilty of procuring. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (c), procuring is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the prostitute who is procured, patronized or otherwise involved in a violation of subsection (a)(1)B. of this section is under eighteen years of age at the time of the violation, regardless of whether the offender who violates subsection (a)(1)B. of this section knows the prostitute's age, or if a prostitute who engages in sexual activity for hire in premises used in violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section is under eighteen years of age at the time of the violation, regardless of whether the offender who violates subsection (a)(2) of this section knows the prostitute's age, procuring is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law.
- (b) Engagement in Sexual Activity for Hire.
- (1) As used in this subsection (b) of this section:
- A. "Person with a developmental disability" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2905.32.
- B. "Sexual activity for hire" means an implicit or explicit agreement to provide sexual activity in exchange for anything of value paid to the person engaging in such sexual activity, to any person trafficking that person, or to any person associated with either such person.
- (2) No person shall recklessly induce, entice, or procure another to engage in sexual activity for hire in exchange for the person giving anything of value to the other person.
- (3) No person shall recklessly induce, entice, or procure another to engage in sexual activity for hire in exchange for the person giving anything of value to the other person if the other person is a person with a developmental disability and the offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person is a person with a developmental disability.
- (4) Whoever violates subsection (b)(2) of this section is guilty of engaging in prostitution, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Whoever violates subsection (b)(3) of this section is guilty of engaging in prostitution with a person with a developmental disability, a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law. In sentencing an offender under this subsection for a violation of subsection (b)(2) of this section, the court shall require the offender to attend an education or treatment program aimed at preventing persons from inducing, enticing, or procuring another to engage in sexual activity for hire in exchange for the person giving anything of value to the other person. Notwithstanding the fine specified in Ohio R.C. 2929.28(A)(2)(a) for a misdemeanor of the first degree, in sentencing an offender under this subsection for a violation of subsection (b)(2) of this section, the court may impose upon the offender a fine of not more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). (ORC 2907.231)

### 533.09 SOLICITING.

- (a) No person shall knowingly solicit another to engage in sexual activity for hire in exchange for the person receiving anything of value from the other person.
- (b) No person, with knowledge that the person has tested positive as a carrier of a virus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, shall engage in conduct in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) As used in subsection (a) of this section, “Sexual Activity for Hire” means an implicit or explicit agreement to provide sexual activity in exchange for anything of value paid to the person engaging in such sexual activity, to any person trafficking that person, or to any person associated with either such person.

- (d) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of soliciting. Soliciting is a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of engaging in solicitation after a positive HIV test, a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law. (ORC 2907.24)

#### 533.091 LOITERING TO ENGAGE IN SOLICITATION.

(a) No person, with purpose to solicit another to engage in sexual activity for hire and while in or near a public place, shall do any of the following:

- (1) Beckon to, stop or attempt to stop another;
- (2) Engage or attempt to engage another in conversation;
- (3) Stop or attempt to stop the operator of a vehicle or approach a stationary vehicle;
- (4) If the offender is the operator of or a passenger in a vehicle, stop, attempt to stop, beckon to, attempt to beckon to, or entice another to approach or enter the vehicle of which the offender is the operator or in which the offender is the passenger;
- (5) Interfere with the free passage of another.

(b) No person, with knowledge that the person has tested positive as a carrier of a virus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, shall engage in conduct in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) As used in subsection (a) of this section:

- (1) “Public Place”. Means any of the following:
  - A. A street, road, highway, thoroughfare, bikeway, walkway, sidewalk, bridge, alley, alleyway, plaza, park, driveway, parking lot or transportation facility.
  - B. A doorway or entrance way to a building that fronts on a place described in subsection (c)(1)A. of this definition.
  - C. A place not described in subsection (c)(1)A. or B. of this definition that is open to the public.
- (2) “Vehicle”. Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4501.01.

- (d) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of loitering to engage in solicitation, a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of loitering to engage in solicitation after a positive HIV test, a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law. (ORC 2907.24, 2907.241)

#### 533.10 PROSTITUTION.

(a) No person shall engage in sexual activity for hire.

(b) No person, with knowledge that the person has tested positive as a carrier of a virus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, shall engage in sexual activity for hire.

- (c) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of prostitution, a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of engaging in prostitution after a positive HIV test, a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.  
(ORC 2907.25)

#### 533.11 DISSEMINATING MATTER HARMFUL TO JUVENILES.

(a) No person, with knowledge of its character or content, shall recklessly do any of the following:

- (1) Directly sell, deliver, furnish, disseminate, provide, exhibit, rent or present to a juvenile, a group of juveniles, a law enforcement officer posing as a juvenile, or a group of law enforcement officers posing as juveniles any material or performance that is obscene or harmful to juveniles;
- (2) Directly offer or agree to sell, deliver, furnish, disseminate, provide, exhibit, rent or present to a juvenile, a group of juveniles, a law enforcement officer posing as a juvenile, or a group of law enforcement officers posing as juveniles any material or performance that is obscene or harmful to juveniles;
- (3) While in the physical proximity of the juvenile or law enforcement officer posing as a juvenile, allow any juvenile or law enforcement officer posing as a juvenile to review or peruse any material or view any live performance that is harmful to juveniles.

(b) The following are affirmative defenses to a charge under this section, that involves material or a performance that is harmful to juveniles but not obscene:

- (1) The defendant is the parent, guardian or spouse of the juvenile involved.
- (2) The juvenile involved, at the time of the conduct in question, was accompanied by the juvenile's parent or guardian who, with knowledge of its character, consented to the material or performance being furnished or presented to the juvenile.
- (3) The juvenile exhibited to the defendant or the defendant's agent or employee a draft card, driver's license, birth certificate, marriage license, or other official or apparently official document purporting to show that the juvenile was eighteen years of age or over or married, and the person to whom that document was exhibited did not otherwise have reasonable cause to believe that the juvenile was under the age of eighteen and unmarried.

- (c) (1) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section, involving material or a performance that is obscene or harmful to juveniles, that the material or performance was furnished or presented for a bona fide medical, scientific, educational, governmental, judicial or other proper purpose, by a physician, psychologist, sociologist, scientist, teacher, librarian, clergyman, prosecutor, judge or other proper person.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (b)(3) hereof, mistake of age is not a defense to a charge under this section.

- (d) (1) A person directly sells, delivers, furnishes, disseminates, provides, exhibits, rents, or presents or directly offers or agrees to sell, deliver, furnish, disseminate, provide, exhibit, rent, or present material or a performance to a juvenile, a group of juveniles, a law enforcement officer posing as a juvenile, or a group of law enforcement officers posing as juveniles in violation of this section by means of an electronic method of remotely transmitting information if the person knows or has reason to believe that the person receiving the information is a juvenile or the group of persons receiving the information are juveniles.
- (2) A person remotely transmitting information by means of a method of mass distribution does not directly sell, deliver, furnish, disseminate, provide, exhibit, rent, or present or directly offer or agree to sell, deliver, furnish, disseminate, provide, exhibit, rent, or present the material or performance in question to a juvenile, a group of juveniles, a law enforcement officer posing as a juvenile, or a group of law enforcement officers posing as juveniles in violation of this section if either of the following applies:
- A. The person has inadequate information to know or have reason to believe that a particular recipient of the information or offer is a juvenile.
- B. The method of mass distribution does not provide the person the ability to prevent a particular recipient from receiving the information.

(e) If any provision of this section, or the application of any provision of this section to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this section or related sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions are severable.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of disseminating matter harmful to juveniles. If the material or performance involved is harmful to juveniles, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the material or performance involved is obscene, a violation of this section is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2907.31)

#### 533.12 DECEPTION TO OBTAIN MATTER HARMFUL TO JUVENILES.

(a) No person, for the purpose of enabling a juvenile to obtain any material or gain admission to any performance which is harmful to juveniles shall do either of the following:

- (1) Falsely represent that he is the parent, guardian or spouse of such juvenile;
- (2) Furnish such juvenile with any identification or document purporting to show that such juvenile is eighteen years of age or over or married.

(b) No juvenile, for the purpose of obtaining any material or gaining admission to any performance which is harmful to juveniles, shall do either of the following:

- (1) Falsely represent that he is eighteen years of age or over or married;
- (2) Exhibit any identification or document purporting to show that he is eighteen years of age or over or married.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of deception to obtain matter harmful to juveniles, a misdemeanor of the second degree. A juvenile who violates subsection (b) hereof shall be adjudged an unruly child, with such disposition of the case as may be appropriate under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2151. (ORC 2907.33)



**533.13 DISPLAYING MATTER HARMFUL TO JUVENILES.**

(a) No person who has custody, control or supervision of a commercial establishment, with knowledge of the character or content of the material involved, shall display at the establishment any material that is harmful to juveniles and that is open to view by juveniles as part of the invited general public.

(b) It is not a violation of subsection (a) hereof if the material in question is displayed by placing it behind "blinder racks" or similar devices that cover at least the lower two-thirds of the material, if the material in question is wrapped or placed behind the counter, or if the material in question otherwise is covered or located so that the portion that is harmful to juveniles is not open to the view of juveniles.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of displaying matter harmful to juveniles, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Each day during which the offender is in violation of this section constitutes a separate offense.  
(ORC 2907.311)

**533.14 UNLAWFUL ADVERTISING OF MASSAGE.**

(a) No person, by means of a statement, solicitation, or offer in a print or electronic publication, sign, placard, storefront display, or other medium, shall advertise massage, relaxation massage, any other massage technique or method, or any related service, with the suggestion or promise of sexual activity.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of unlawful advertising of massage, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(c) Nothing in this section prevents the legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township from enacting any regulation of the advertising of massage further than and in addition to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section.  
(ORC 2927.17)

**533.15 DISSEMINATION OF PRIVATE SEXUAL IMAGES.**

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Disseminate" means to post, distribute, or publish on a computer device, computer network, web site, or other electronic device or medium of communication.
- (2) "Image" means a photograph, film, videotape, digital recording or other depiction or portrayal of a person.
- (3) "Interactive computer service" has the meaning defined in the "Telecommunications Act of 1996", 47 U.S.C. 230, as amended.
- (4) "Internet provider" means a provider of internet service, including all of the following:
  - A. Broadband service, however defined or classified by the federal communications commission;
  - B. Information service or telecommunication service, both as defined in the "Telecommunications Act of 1996" 47 U.S.C. 153, as amended.
  - C. Internet protocol-enabled services, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4927.01.
- (5) "Mobile service" and "telecommunications carrier" have the meanings defined in 47 U.S.C. 153, as amended.
- (6) "Cable service provider" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 1332.01.

- (7) “Direct-to-home satellite service” has the meaning defined in 47 U.S.C. 303, as amended.
- (8) “Video service provider” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 1332.21.
- (9) “Sexual act” means any of the following:
  - A. Sexual activity;
  - B. Masturbation;
  - C. An act involving a bodily substance that is performed for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification;
  - D. Sado-masochistic abuse.

(b) No person shall knowingly disseminate an image of another person if all of the following apply:

- (1) The person in the image is eighteen years of age or older;
- (2) The person in the image can be identified from the image itself or from information displayed in connection with the image and the offender supplied the identifying information.
- (3) The person in the image is in a state of nudity or is engaged in a sexual act;
- (4) The image is disseminated without consent from the person in the image;
- (5) The image is disseminated with intent to harm the person in the image.

(c) This section does not prohibit the dissemination of an image if any of the following apply:

- (1) The image is disseminated for the purpose of a criminal investigation that is otherwise lawful.
- (2) The image is disseminated for the purpose of, or in connection with, the reporting of unlawful conduct.
- (3) The image is part of a news report or commentary or an artistic or expressive work, such as a performance, work of art, literary work, theatrical work, musical work, motion picture, film, or audiovisual work.
- (4) The image is disseminated by a law enforcement officer, or a corrections officer or guard in a detention facility, acting within the scope of the person’s official duties.
- (5) The image is disseminated for another lawful public purpose;
- (6) The person in the image is knowingly and willingly in a state of nudity or engaged in a sexual act and is knowingly and willingly in a location in which the person does not have a reasonable expectation of privacy.
- (7) The image is disseminated for the purpose of medical treatment or examination.

(d) The following entities are not liable for a violation of this section solely as a result of an image or other information provided by another person:

- (1) A provider of interactive computer service;
- (2) A mobile service;
- (3) A telecommunications carrier;
- (4) An internet provider;
- (5) A cable service provider;
- (6) A direct-to-home satellite service;
- (7) A video service provider.

(e) Any conduct that is a violation of this section and any other section of the General Offenses Code, or the Revised Code may be prosecuted under this section, the other section, or both sections.

- (f) (1) A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f)(1)B., C., or D. of this section, whoever violates this section is guilty of nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images, a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- B. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section, nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images is a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- C. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of this section, nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- D. If the offender is under eighteen years of age and the person in the image is not more than five years older than the offender, the offender shall not be prosecuted under this section.
- (2) In addition to any other penalty or disposition authorized or required by law, the court may order any person who is convicted of a violation of this section or who is adjudicated delinquent by reason of a violation of this section to criminally forfeit all of the following property to the state under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2981.
- A. Any profits or proceeds and any property the person has acquired or maintained in violation of this section that the sentencing court determines to have been acquired or maintained as a result of the violation;
- B. Any interest in, securities of, claim against, or property or contractual right of any kind affording a source of influence over any enterprise that the person has established, operated, controlled or conducted in violation of this section that the sentencing court determines to have been acquired or maintained as a result of the violation.

(g) A victim of a violation of this section may commence a civil cause of action against the offender, as described in Ohio R.C. 2307.66.  
(ORC 2917.211)

**533.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

**CHAPTER 537**  
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

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Physical harm to persons defined - see GEN. OFF.  
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**537.01 NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE.**

(a) No person shall negligently cause the death of another or the unlawful termination of another's pregnancy by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance as defined in Section 549.01.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of negligent homicide, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2903.05)

**537.02 VEHICULAR HOMICIDE AND MANSLAUGHTER.**

(a) No person, while operating or participating in the operation of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, snowmobile, locomotive, watercraft, or aircraft, shall cause the death of another or the unlawful termination of another's pregnancy in any of the following ways:

(1) A. Negligently;

- B. As the proximate result of committing, while operating or participating in the operation of a motor vehicle or motorcycle in a construction zone, a speeding offense, provided that this subsection applies only if the person whose death is caused or whose pregnancy is unlawfully terminated is in the construction zone at the time of the offender's commission of the speeding offense in the construction zone and does not apply as described in subsection (d) of this section.
- (2) As the proximate result of committing a violation of any provision of any section contained in Title XLV of the Ohio Revised Code that is a minor misdemeanor or of a municipal ordinance that, regardless of the penalty set by ordinance for the violation, is substantially equivalent to any provision of any section contained in Title XLV of the Ohio Revised Code that is a minor misdemeanor.
- (b) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a)(1) of this section is guilty of vehicular homicide. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, vehicular homicide is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Vehicular homicide is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law if, at the time of the offense, the offender was driving under a suspension or cancellation imposed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4510 or any other provision of the Ohio Revised Code or was operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle, did not have a valid driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege, and was not eligible for renewal of the offender's driver's license or commercial driver's license without examination under Ohio R.C. 4507.10 or if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section or any traffic-related homicide, manslaughter or assault offense. The court shall impose a mandatory jail term on the offender when required by Ohio R.C. 2903.06(E).
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (a)(2) of this section is guilty of vehicular manslaughter. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, vehicular manslaughter is a misdemeanor of the second degree. Vehicular manslaughter is a misdemeanor of the first degree if, at the time of the offense, the offender was driving under a suspension or cancellation imposed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4510 or any other provision of the Ohio Revised Code or was operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle, did not have a valid driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege, and was not eligible for renewal of the offender's driver's license or commercial driver's license without examination under Ohio R.C. 4507.10 or if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section or any traffic-related homicide, manslaughter, or assault offense.

(c) The court shall impose a mandatory jail term of at least fifteen days on an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsection (a)(1)B. of this section and may impose upon the offender a longer jail term as authorized pursuant to Section 501.99. The court shall impose a mandatory prison term on an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsection (a)(1)A. hereof if either of the following applies:

- (1) The offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section or Ohio R.C. 2903.06 or 2903.08.
- (2) At the time of the offense, the offender was driving under suspension or cancellation under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4510 or any other provision of the Ohio Revised Code or was operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle, did not have a valid driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege, and was not eligible for renewal of the offender's driver's license or commercial driver's license without examination under Ohio R.C. 4507.10.

(d) Subsection (a)(1)B. does not apply in a particular construction zone unless signs of the type described in Ohio R.C. 2903.081 are erected in that construction zone in accordance with the guidelines and design specifications established by the Director of Transportation under Ohio R.C. 5501.27. The failure to erect signs of the type described in Ohio R.C. 2903.081 in a particular construction zone in accordance with those guidelines and design specifications does not limit or affect the application of subsections (a)(1)A. or (a)(2) of this section in that construction zone or the prosecution of any person who violates any of those subsections in that construction zone.

(e) As used in this section:

- (1) "Mandatory prison term" and "mandatory jail term" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.
- (2) "Traffic-related homicide, manslaughter or assault offense" means a violation of Ohio R.C. 2903.04 in circumstances in which division (D) of that section applies, a violation of Ohio R.C. 2903.06 or 2903.08, or a violation of Ohio R.C. 2903.06, 2903.07 or 2903.08 as they existed prior to March 23, 2000.
- (3) "Construction zone" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 5501.27.
- (4) "Speeding offense" means a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.21 or a municipal ordinance pertaining to speed.

(f) For the purposes of this section, when a penalty or suspension is enhanced because of a prior or current violation of a specified law or a prior or current specified offense, the reference to the violation of the specified law or the specified offense includes any violation of any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, former law of this State, or current or former law of another state or the United States. (ORC 2903.06)

(g) The court imposing a sentence upon an offender for any violation of this section also shall impose a suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (B) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02 that is equivalent in length to the suspension required for a violation of Ohio R.C. 2903.06 or division (A) or (B) of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 under similar circumstances. (ORC 4510.07)

**537.021 VEHICULAR ASSAULT IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE.**

(a) No person, while operating or participating in the operation of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, snowmobile, locomotive, watercraft, or aircraft, shall cause serious physical harm to another person or another's unborn as the proximate result of committing, while operating or participating in the operation of a motor vehicle or motorcycle in a construction zone, a speeding offense. This subsection applies only if the person to whom the serious physical harm is caused or to whose unborn the serious physical harm is caused is in the construction zone at the time of the offender's commission of the speeding offense in the construction zone and does not apply as described in subsection (d) hereof.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of vehicular assault. Except as provided in this subsection, vehicular assault is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Vehicular assault is a felony if, at the time of the offense, the offender was driving under a suspension imposed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4510, or any other provision of the Ohio Revised Code or if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section or any traffic-related homicide, manslaughter, or assault offense, and shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law.

In addition to any other sanctions imposed, the court shall impose upon the offender a class four suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(4) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02.

(c) The court shall impose a mandatory jail term of at least seven days on an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this section and may impose upon the offender a longer jail term as authorized pursuant to Section 501.99.

(d) This section does not apply in a particular construction zone unless signs of the type described in Ohio R.C. 2903.081 are erected in that construction zone in accordance with the guidelines and design specifications established by the Director of Transportation under Ohio R.C. 5501.27.

(e) As used in this section:

- (1) "Mandatory jail term" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.
- (2) "Traffic-related homicide, manslaughter or assault offense" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2903.06.
- (3) "Construction zone" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 5501.27.
- (4) "Speeding offense" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2903.06.

(f) For the purposes of this section, when a penalty or suspension is enhanced because of a prior or current violation of a specified law or a prior or current specified offense, the reference to the violation of the specified law or the specified offense includes any violation of any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, former law of this State, or current or former law of another state or the United States. (ORC 2903.08)

#### 537.03 ASSAULT.

(a) No person shall knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to another or to another's unborn.

(b) No person shall recklessly cause serious physical harm to another or to another's unborn.

- (c) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of assault, a misdemeanor of the first degree, and the court shall sentence the offender as provided in subsection (c) hereof. If the assault was committed under the circumstances provided in subsection (c)(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) or (9) hereof, assault is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the offense is committed by a caretaker against a functionally impaired person under the caretaker's care, the assault is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
- (3) If the offense occurs in or on the grounds of a State correctional institution or an institution of the Department of Youth Services, the victim of the offense is an employee of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction or the Department of Youth Services, and the offense is committed by a person incarcerated in the State correctional institution or by a person institutionalized in the Department of Youth Services Institution pursuant to a commitment to the Department of Youth Services.
- (4) If the offense is committed in any of the following circumstances:
- A. The offense occurs in or on the grounds of a local correctional facility, the victim of the offense is an employee of the local correctional facility or a probation department or is on the premises of the facility for business purposes or as a visitor, and the offense is committed by a person who is under custody in the facility subsequent to the person's arrest for any crime or delinquent act, subsequent to the person's being charged with or convicted of any crime, or subsequent to the person's being alleged to be or adjudicated a delinquent child.
- B. The offense occurs off the grounds of a State correctional institution and off the grounds of an institution of the Department of Youth Services, the victim of the offense is an employee of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Department of Youth Services, or a probation department, the offense occurs during the employee's official work hours and while the



- employee is engaged in official work responsibilities, and the offense is committed by a person incarcerated in a State correctional institution or institutionalized in the Department of Youth Services who temporarily is outside of the institution for any purpose, by a parolee, by an offender under transitional control, under a community control sanction, or on an escorted visit, by a person under post-release control, or by an offender under any other type of supervision by a government agency.
- C. The offense occurs off the grounds of a local correctional facility, the victim of the offense is an employee of the local correctional facility or a probation department, the offense occurs during the employee's official work hours and while the employee is engaged in official work responsibilities, and the offense is committed by a person who is under custody in the facility subsequent to the person's arrest for any crime or delinquent act, subsequent to the person being charged with or convicted of any crime, or subsequent to the person being alleged to be or adjudicated a delinquent child and who temporarily is outside of the facility for any purpose or by a parolee, by an offender under transitional control, under a community control sanction, or on an escorted visit, by a person under post-release control, or by an offender under any other type of supervision by a government agency.
- D. The victim of the offense is a school teacher or administrator or a school bus operator, and the offense occurs in a school, on school premises, in a school building, on a school bus or while the victim is outside of school premises or a school bus and is engaged in duties or official responsibilities associated with the victim's employment or position as a school teacher or administrator or a school bus operator, including, but not limited to, driving, accompanying, or chaperoning students at or on class or field trips, athletic events, or other school extracurricular activities or functions outside of school premises.
- (5) If the victim of the offense is a peace officer or an investigator of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, a firefighter, or a person performing emergency medical service, while in the performance of their official duties.
- (6) If the victim of the offense is a peace officer or an investigator of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and if the victim suffered serious physical harm as a result of the commission of the offense.
- (7) If the victim of the offense is an officer or employee of a public children services agency or a private child placing agency and the offense relates to the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties.
- (8) If the victim of the offense is a health care professional of a hospital, a health care worker of a hospital, or a security officer of a hospital whom the offender knows or has reasonable cause to know is a health care professional of a hospital; a health care worker of a hospital, or a

security officer of a hospital, if the victim is engaged in the performance of the victim's duties, and if the hospital offers de-escalation or crisis intervention training for such professionals, workers or officers, assault is one of the following:

- A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(8)B. of this section, assault committed in the specified circumstances is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Notwithstanding the fine specified in division (A)(2)(b) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28 for a misdemeanor of the first degree, in sentencing the offender under this subsection and if the court decides to impose a fine, the court may impose upon the offender a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
  - B. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more assault or homicide offenses committed against hospital personnel, assault committed in the specified circumstances is a felony.
- (9) If the victim of the offense is a judge, magistrate, prosecutor or court official or employee whom the offender knows or has reasonable cause to know is a judge, magistrate, prosecutor or court official or employee, and if the victim is engaged in the performance of the victim's duties, assault is one of the following:
- A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(9)B. of this section, assault committed in the specified circumstances is a misdemeanor of the first degree. In sentencing the offender under this subsection, if the court decides to impose a fine, notwithstanding the fine specified in division (A)(2)(b) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28 for a misdemeanor of the first degree, the court may impose upon the offender a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
  - B. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more assault or homicide offenses committed against justice system personnel, assault committed in the specified circumstances is a felony.
- (10) If an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to assault when it is a misdemeanor also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification as described in Ohio R.C. 2941.1423 that was included in the indictment, count in the indictment or information charging the offense, the court shall sentence the offender to a mandatory jail term as provided in division (G) of Ohio R.C. 2929.24.
- (11) A prosecution for a violation of subsections (a) or (b) of this section does not preclude a prosecution for a violation of any other section of the Ohio Revised Code. One or more acts, a series of acts, or a course of behavior that can be prosecuted under subsections (a) or (b) of this section or any other section of the Ohio Revised Code may be prosecuted under subsections (a) or (b) of this section, the other sections of the Ohio Revised Code, or both sections. However, if an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsections (a) or (b) of this section and also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of Ohio R.C. 2903.22, or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, based on the same conduct involving the same victim that was the basis of the violation of subsections (a) or (b) of this section, the offenses are allied offenses of similar import under Ohio R.C. 2941.25.

- (d) As used in this section:
- (1) “Peace officer” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2935.01.
  - (2) “Firefighter” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3937.41.
  - (3) “Emergency medical service” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4765.01.
  - (4) “Local correctional facility” means a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse. A minimum security jail established under Ohio R.C. 341.23 or 753.21, or another county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal facility used for the custody of persons arrested for any crime or delinquent act, persons charged with or convicted of any crime, or persons alleged to be or adjudicated a delinquent child.
  - (5) “Employee of a local correctional facility” means a person who is an employee of the political subdivision or of one or more of the affiliated political subdivisions that operates the local correctional facility and who operates or assists in the operation of the facility.
  - (6) “School teacher or administrator” means either of the following:
    - A. A person who is employed in the public schools of the State under a contract described in Ohio R.C. 3311.77 or 3319.08 in a position in which the person is required to have a certificate issued pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3319.22 to 3319.311.
    - B. A person who is employed by a nonpublic school for which the Director of Education and Workforce prescribes minimum standards under Ohio R.C. 3301.07 and who is certified in accordance with Ohio R.C. 3301.071.
  - (7) “Community control sanction” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.
  - (8) “Escorted visit” means an escorted visit granted under Ohio R.C. 2967.27.
  - (9) “Post-release control” and “transitional control” have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2967.01.
  - (10) “Investigator of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2903.11.
  - (11) “Health care professional” and “health care worker” have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2305.234.
  - (12) “Assault or homicide offense committed against hospital personnel” means a violation of this section or Ohio R.C. 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13 or 2903.14 committed in circumstances in which all of the following apply:
    - A. The victim of the offense was a health care professional of a hospital, a health care worker of a hospital or a security officer of a hospital.
    - B. The offender knew or had reasonable cause to know that the victim was a health care professional of a hospital, a health care worker of a hospital, or a security officer of a hospital;
    - C. The victim was engaged in the performance of the victim’s duties.
    - D. The hospital offered de-escalation or crisis intervention training for such professionals, workers or officers.

- (13) “De-escalation or crisis intervention training” means de-escalation or crisis intervention training for health care professionals of a hospital, health care workers of a hospital, and security officers of a hospital to facilitate interaction with patients, members of a patient’s family, and visitors, including those with mental impairments.
- (14) “Assault or homicide offense committed against justice system personnel” means a violation of this section or of Ohio R.C. 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13 or 2903.14 committed in circumstances in which the victim of the offense was a judge, magistrate, prosecutor, or court official or employee whom the offender knew or had reasonable cause to know was a judge, magistrate, prosecutor, or court official or employee, and the victim was engaged in the performance of the victim’s duties.
- (15) “Court official or employee” means any official or employee of a court created under the constitution or statutes of this State or of a United States court located in this State.
- (16) “Judge” means a judge of a court created under the constitution or statutes of this State or of a United States court located in this State.
- (17) “Magistrate” means an individual who is appointed by a court of record of this State and who has the powers and may perform the functions specified in Civil Rule 53, Criminal Rule 19, or Juvenile Rule 40, or an individual who is appointed by a United States court located in this State who has similar powers and functions.
- (18) “Prosecutor” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2935.01.
- (19) A. “Hospital” means, subject to subsection (d)(19)B. of this section, an institution classified as a hospital under Ohio R.C. 3701.01 in which are provided to patients diagnostic, medical, surgical, obstetrical, psychiatric, or rehabilitation care or a hospital operated by a health maintenance organization.
- B. “Hospital” does not include any of the following:
1. A facility licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3721, a health care facility operated by the Department of Mental Health or the Department of Developmental Disabilities, a health maintenance organization that does not operate a hospital, or the office of any private, licensed health care professional, whether organized for individual or group practice;
  2. An institution for the sick that is operated exclusively for patients who use spiritual means for healing and for whom the acceptance of medical care is inconsistent with their religious beliefs, accredited by a national accrediting organization, exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 of the “Internal Revenue Code of 1986”, 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended, and providing twenty-four-hour nursing care pursuant to the exemption in division (E) of Ohio R.C. 4723.32 from the licensing requirements of Ohio R.C. Chapter 4723.
- (20) “Health maintenance organization” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3727.01.
- (21) “Emergency service responder” means any law enforcement officer, first responder, emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-paramedic, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter.

- (22) “Family or household member” means any of the following:
- A. Any of the following who is residing or has resided with a person who is employed as an emergency service responder:
    - 1. A spouse, a person living as a spouse, or a former spouse of a person who is employed as an emergency service responder;
    - 2. A parent, a foster parent, or a child of a person who is employed as an emergency service responder, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to a person who is employed as an emergency service responder;
    - 3. A parent or a child of a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of a person who is employed as an emergency service responder, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of a person who is employed as an emergency service responder.
  - B. The natural parent of any child of whom a person who is employed as an emergency service responder is the other natural parent or is the putative other natural parent.
- (23) “First responder”, “emergency medical technician-basic”, “emergency medical technician-intermediate” and “emergency medical technician-paramedic” have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4765.01.
- (24) “Volunteer firefighter” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 146.01.
- (25) “Person living as a spouse” means a person who is living or has lived with a person who is employed as an emergency service responder in a common law marital relationship, who otherwise is cohabiting with a person who is employed as an emergency service responder, or who otherwise has cohabited with a person who is employed as an emergency service responder within five years prior to the date of the alleged commission of the act in question.
- (26) “Co-worker” means a person who is employed by the organization or entity that is served by a person who is employed as an emergency service responder. (ORC 2903.13)

#### 537.04 NEGLIGENT ASSAULT.

- (a) No person shall negligently, by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance as defined in Section 549.01 cause physical harm to another or to another’s unborn.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of negligent assault, a misdemeanor of the third degree. (ORC 2903.14)

#### 537.05 AGGRAVATED MENACING.

- (a) No person shall knowingly cause another to believe that the offender will cause serious physical harm to the person or property of the other person, the other person’s unborn, or a member of the other person’s immediate family. In addition to any other basis for the other person’s belief that the offender will cause serious physical harm to the person or property of the other person, the other person’s unborn, or a member of the other person’s immediate family, the other person’s belief may be based on words or conduct of the offender that are directed at or identify a corporation, association or other organization that employs the other person or to which the other person belongs.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of aggravated menacing. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (b), aggravated menacing is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the victim of the offense is an officer or employee of a public children services agency or a private child placing agency and the offense relates to the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties, or, if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense of violence, the victim of that prior offense was an officer or employee of a public children services agency or private child placing agency, and that prior offense related to the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties, aggravated menacing is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(c) As used in this section, "organization" includes an entity that is a governmental employer. (ORC 2903.21)

#### 537.051 MENACING BY STALKING.

- (a) (1) No person by engaging in a pattern of conduct shall knowingly cause another person to believe that the offender will cause physical harm to the other person or a family or household member of the other person or cause mental distress to the other person or a family or household member of the other person. In addition to any other basis for the other person's belief that the offender will cause physical harm to the other person or the other person's family or household member or mental distress to the other person or the other person's family or household member, the other person's belief or mental distress may be based on words or conduct of the offender that are directed at or identify a corporation, association or other organization that employs the other person or to which the other person belongs.
- (2) No person, through the use of any form of written communication or any electronic method of remotely transferring information, including, but not limited to, any computer, computer network, computer program, computer system or telecommunication device shall post a message or use any intentionally written or verbal graphic gesture with purpose to do either of the following:
- A. Violate subsection (a)(1) of this section;
  - B. Urge or incite another to commit a violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section.
- (3) No person, with sexual motivation, shall violate subsection (a)(1) or (2) of this section.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of menacing by stalking.
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b)(2) and (3) of this section, menacing by stalking is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
  - (2) Menacing by stalking is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law if any of the following applies:
    - A. The offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section or a violation of Section 541.051.
    - B. In committing the offense under subsection (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, the offender made a threat of physical harm to or against the victim, or as a result of an offense committed under subsection (a)(2) or (3) of this section, a third person induced by the offender's posted message made a threat of physical harm to or against the victim.

- C. In committing the offense under subsection (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, the offender trespassed on the land or premises where the victim lives, is employed, or attends school, or as a result of an offense committed under subsection (a)(2) or (3) of this section, a third person induced by the offender's posted message trespassed on the land or premises where the victim lives, is employed, or attends school.
  - D. The victim of the offense is a minor.
  - E. The offender has a history of violence toward the victim or any other person or a history of other violent acts toward the victim or any other person.
  - F. While committing the offense under subsection (a)(1) of this section or a violation of subsection (a)(3) of this section is based on conduct in violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section, the offender had a deadly weapon on or about the offender's person or under the offender's control. Subsection (b)(2)F. of this section does not apply in determining the penalty for a violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section or a violation of subsection (a)(3) of this section based on conduct in violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section.
  - G. At the time of the commission of the offense, the offender was the subject of a protection order issued under Ohio R.C. 2903.213 or 2903.214, regardless of whether the person to be protected under the order is the victim of the offense or another person.
  - H. In committing the offense under subsection (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, the offender caused serious physical harm to the premises at which the victim resides, to the real property on which that premises is located, or to any personal property located on that premises, or as a result of an offense committed under subsection (a)(2) of this section, or an offense committed under subsection (a)(3) of this section based on a violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section, a third person induced by the offender's posted message caused serious physical harm to that premises, that real property, or any personal property on that premises.
  - I. Prior to committing the offense, the offender had been determined to represent a substantial risk of physical harm to others as manifested by evidence of then-recent homicidal or other violent behavior, evidence of then-recent threats that placed another in reasonable fear of violent behavior and serious physical harm, or other evidence of then-present dangerousness.
- (3) If the victim of the offense is an officer or employee of a public children services agency or a private child placing agency and the offense relates to the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties, or, if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense of violence, the victim of that prior offense was an officer or employee of a public children services agency or private child placing agency, and that prior offense related to the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance of official responsibilities, or duties, menacing by stalking is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(c) Ohio R.C. 2919.271 applies in relation to a defendant charged with a violation of this section.

(d) As used in this section:

- (1) “Pattern of conduct” means two or more actions or incidents closely related in time, whether or not there has been a prior conviction based on any of those actions or incidents, or two or more actions or incidents closely related in time, whether or not there has been a prior conviction based on any of those actions or incidents, directed at one or more persons employed by or belonging to the same corporation, association, or other organization. Actions or incidents that prevent, obstruct, or delay the performance by a public official, firefighter, rescuer, emergency medical services person, or emergency facility person of any authorized act within the public official’s, firefighter’s, rescuer’s, emergency medical services person’s, or emergency facility person’s official capacity, or the posting of messages, use of intentionally written or verbal graphic gestures, or receipt of information or data through the use of any form of written communication or an electronic method of remotely transferring information, including, but not limited to, a computer, computer network, computer program, computer system, or telecommunications device, may constitute a “pattern of conduct”.
- (2) “Mental distress” means any of the following:
  - A. Any mental illness or condition that involves some temporary substantial incapacity;
  - B. Any mental illness or condition that would normally require psychiatric treatment, psychological treatment, or other mental health services, whether or not any person requested or received psychiatric treatment, psychological treatment, or other mental health services.
- (3) “Emergency medical services person” is the singular of “emergency medical services personnel” as defined in Ohio R.C. 2133.21.
- (4) “Emergency facility person” is the singular of “emergency facility personnel” as defined in Ohio R.C. 2909.04.
- (5) “Public official” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2921.01.
- (6) “Computer”, “computer network”, “computer program”, “computer system” and “telecommunications device” have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2913.01.
- (7) “Post a message” means transferring, sending, posting, publishing, disseminating or otherwise communicating, or attempting to transfer, send, post, publish, disseminate or otherwise communication, any message or information, whether truthful or untruthful, about an individual, and whether done under one’s own name, under the name of another, or while impersonating another.
- (8) “Third person” means, in relation to conduct as described in subsection (a)(2) of this section, an individual who is neither the offender nor the victim of the conduct.
- (9) “Sexual motivation” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2971.01.
- (10) “Organization” includes an entity that is a governmental employer.



- (11) “Family or household member” means any of the following:
- A. Any of the following who is residing or has resided with the person against whom the act prohibited in subsection (a)(1) of this section is committed:
    - 1. A spouse, a person living as a spouse, or a former spouse of the person;
    - 2. A parent, a foster parent, or a child of the person, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to the person;
    - 3. A parent or a child of a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of the person, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of the person.
  - B. The natural parent of any child of whom the person against whom the act prohibited in subsection (a)(1) of this section is committed is the other natural parent or is the putative other natural parent.
- (12) “Person living as a spouse” means a person who is living or has lived with the person against whom the act prohibited in subsection (a)(1) of this section is committed in a common law marital relationship, who otherwise is cohabiting with that person, or who otherwise has cohabited with the person within five years prior to the date of the alleged commission of the act in question.

(e) The Municipality does not need to prove in a prosecution under this section that a person requested or received psychiatric treatment, psychological treatment, or other mental health services in order to show that the person was caused mental distress as described in subsection (d)(2)B. of this section.

- (f) (1) This section does not apply to a person solely because the person provided access or connection to or from an electronic method of remotely transferring information not under that person’s control, including having provided capabilities that are incidental to providing access or connection to or from the electronic method of remotely transferring the information, and that do not include the creation of the content of the material that is the subject of the access or connection. In addition, any person providing access or connection to or from an electronic method of remotely transferring information not under that person’s control shall not be liable for any action voluntarily taken in good faith to block the receipt or transmission through its service of any information that it believes is, or will be sent, in violation of this section.
- (2) Subsection (f)(1) of this section does not create an affirmative duty for any person providing access or connection to or from an electronic method of remotely transferring information not under that person’s control to block the receipt or transmission through its service of any information that it believes is, or will be sent, in violation of this section except as otherwise provided by law.

- (3) Subsection (f)(1) of this section does not apply to a person who conspires with a person actively involved in the creation or knowing distribution of material in violation of this section or who knowingly advertises the availability of material of that nature. (ORC 2903.211)

#### 537.06 MENACING.

- (a) (1) No person shall knowingly cause another to believe that the offender will cause physical harm to the person or property of the other person, the other person's unborn, or a member of the other person's immediate family. In addition to any other basis for the other person's belief that the offender will cause physical harm to the person or property of the other person, the other person's unborn, or a member of the other person's immediate family, the other person's belief may be based on words or conduct of the offender that are directed at or identify a corporation, association or other organization that employs the other person or to which the other person belongs.
- (2) No person shall knowingly place or attempt to place another in reasonable fear of physical harm or death by displaying a deadly weapon, regardless of whether the deadly weapon displayed is operable or inoperable, if either of the following applies:
- A. The other person is an emergency service responder, the person knows or reasonably should know that the other person is an emergency service responder, and it is the person's specific purpose to engage in the specified conduct against an emergency service responder.
- B. The other person is a family or household member or co-worker of an emergency service responder, the person knows or reasonably should know that the other person is a family or household member or co-worker of an emergency service responder, and it is the person's specific purpose to engage in the specified conduct against a family or household member or co-worker of an emergency service responder.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of menacing. Except as otherwise provided in this division, menacing is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the victim of the offense is an officer or employee of a public children services agency or a private child placing agency and the offense relates to the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties or if the victim of the offense is an emergency service responder in the performance of the responder's official duties, menacing is one of the following:

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a)(2)B. of this section, a misdemeanor of the first degree;
- (2) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense of violence, the victim of that prior offense was an officer or employee of a public children services agency or private child placing agency or an emergency service responder, and that prior offense related to the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties or to the responder's performance of the responder's official duties, a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.

(c) A prosecution for a violation of subsection (a) of this section does not preclude a prosecution of a violation of any other section of the Ohio Revised Code. One or more acts, a series of acts, or a course of behavior that can be prosecuted under subsection (a) of this section or any other section of the Ohio Revised Code may be prosecuted under subsection (a) of this section, the other section of the Ohio Revised Code, or both sections. However, if an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsection (a) of this section and also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of Ohio R.C. 2903.13, or any substantially similar municipal ordinance, based on the same conduct involving the same victim that was the basis of the violation of subsection (a) of this section, the offenses are allied offenses of similar import under Ohio R.C. 2941.25.

(d) As used in this section:

- (1) “Co-worker” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2903.13.
- (2) “Emergency service responder” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2903.13.
- (3) “Family or household member” have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2903.13.
- (4) “Organization” includes an entity that is a governmental employer. (ORC 2903.22)

#### 537.07 ENDANGERING CHILDREN.

(a) No person, who is the parent, guardian, custodian, person having custody or control, or person in loco parentis of a child under eighteen years of age or a child with a mental or physical disability under twenty-one years of age, shall create a substantial risk to the health or safety of the child, by violating a duty of care, protection or support. It is not a violation of a duty of care, protection or support under this subsection when the parent, guardian, custodian or person having custody or control of a child treats the physical or mental illness or disability of the child by spiritual means through prayer alone, in accordance with the tenets of a recognized religious body.

(b) No person shall abuse a child under eighteen years of age or a child with a mental or physical disability under twenty-one years of age.

- (c) (1) No person shall operate a vehicle in violation of Section 333.01(a) of the Traffic Code when one or more children under eighteen years of age are in the vehicle. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person may be convicted at the same trial or proceeding of a violation of subsection (c) hereof and a violation of Section 333.01(a) of the

- Traffic Code that constitutes the basis of the charge of the violation of subsection (c) hereof. For purposes of Ohio R.C. 4511.191 to 4511.197 and all related provisions of law, a person arrested for a violation of subsection (c) hereof shall be considered to be under arrest for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them or for operating a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol, a controlled substance, or a metabolite of a controlled substance in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine.
- (2) As used in subsection (c) hereof:
    - A. "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
    - B. "Vehicle" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4511.01.
  - (d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of endangering children.
    - (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) or (b) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the violation results in serious physical harm to the child involved, or if the offender previously has been convicted of an offense under this section, Ohio R.C. 2919.22 or of any offense involving neglect, abandonment, contributing to the delinquency of or physical abuse of a child, endangering children is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
    - (2) Whoever violates subsection (c) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Endangering children is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law if either of the following applies:
      - A. The violation results in serious physical harm to the child involved or the offender previously has been convicted of an offense under Ohio R.C. 2919.22 or any offense involving neglect, abandonment, contributing to the delinquency of, or physical abuse of a child.
      - B. The violation results in serious physical harm to the child involved and the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 2919.22(C) or subsection (c) hereof, Ohio R.C. 2903.06, or 2903.08, Section 2903.07 as it existed prior to March 23, 2000, or Ohio R.C. 2903.04 in a case in which the offender was subject to the sanctions described in division (D) of that section.
    - (3) In addition to any term of imprisonment, fine, or other sentence, penalty, or sanction it imposes upon the offender pursuant to subsection (d)(2) hereof, or pursuant to any other provision of law, the court also may impose upon the offender any of the sanctions provided under Ohio R.C. 2919.22(E)(5)(d).
  - (e)
    - (1) If a person violates subsection (c) hereof and if, at the time of the violation, there were two or more children under eighteen years of age in the motor vehicle involved in the violation, the offender may be convicted of a violation of subsection (c) hereof for each of the children, but the court may sentence the offender for only one of the violations.

- (2) A. If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsection (c) hereof but the person is not also convicted of and does not also plead guilty to a separate charge charging the violation of Section 333.01(a) of the Traffic Code that was the basis of the charge of the violation of subsection (c) hereof, both of the following apply:
1. For purposes of the provisions of the Traffic Code penalty that set forth the penalties and sanctions for a violation of Section 333.01(a) of the Traffic Code, the conviction of or plea of guilty to the violation of subsection (c) hereof shall not constitute a violation of Section 333.01(a) of the Traffic Code.
  2. For purposes of any provision of law that refers to a conviction of or plea of guilty to a violation of Section 333.01(a) of the Traffic Code and that is not described in subsection (e)(2)A.1. hereof, the conviction of or plea of guilty to the violation of subsection (c) hereof shall constitute a conviction of or plea of guilty to a violation of Section 333.01(a) of the Traffic Code.
- B. If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsection (c) hereof and the person also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a separate charge charging the violation of Section 333.01(a) of the Traffic Code that was the basis of the charge of the violation of subsection (c) hereof, the conviction of or plea of guilty to the violation of subsection (c) hereof shall not constitute, for purposes of any provision of law that refers to a conviction of or plea of guilty to a violation of Section 333.01(a) of the Traffic Code, a conviction of or plea of guilty to a violation of Section 333.01(a) of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 2919.22)

#### 537.08 UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT.

(a) No person, without privilege to do so, shall knowingly restrain another of the other person's liberty.

(b) No person, without privilege to do so and with a sexual motivation, shall knowingly restrain another of the other person's liberty.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of unlawful restraint, a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(d) As used in this section, "sexual motivation" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2971.01. (ORC 2905.03)

#### 537.09 COERCION.

(a) No person, with purpose to coerce another into taking or refraining from action concerning which the other person has a legal freedom of choice, shall do any of the following:

- (1) Threaten to commit any offense;
- (2) Utter or threaten any calumny against any person;
- (3) Expose or threaten to expose any matter tending to subject any person to hatred, contempt or ridicule, to damage any person's personal or business repute, or to impair any person's credit;

- (4) Institute or threaten criminal proceedings against any person;
- (5) Take or withhold, or threaten to take or withhold official action, or cause or threaten to cause official action to be taken or withheld.

(b) Subsections (a)(4) and (5) hereof shall not be construed to prohibit a prosecutor or court from doing any of the following in good faith and in the interest of justice:

- (1) Offering or agreeing to grant, or granting immunity from prosecution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2945.44;
- (2) In return for a plea of guilty to one or more offenses charged or to one or more other or lesser offenses, or in return for the testimony of the accused in a case to which the accused is not a party, offering or agreeing to dismiss, or dismissing one or more charges pending against an accused, or offering or agreeing to impose, or imposing a certain sentence or modification of sentence;
- (3) Imposing community control sanction on certain conditions, including without limitation requiring the offender to make restitution or redress to the victim of the offense.

(c) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under subsection (a)(3), (4) or (5) hereof that the actor's conduct was a reasonable response to the circumstances that occasioned it, and that the actor's purpose was limited to any of the following:

- (1) Compelling another to refrain from misconduct or to desist from further misconduct;
- (2) Preventing or redressing a wrong or injustice;
- (3) Preventing another from taking action for which the actor reasonably believed the other person to be disqualified;
- (4) Compelling another to take action that the actor reasonably believed the other person to be under a duty to take.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of coercion, a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(e) As used in this section:

- (1) "Threat" includes a direct threat and a threat by innuendo.
- (2) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01. (ORC 2905.12)

#### 537.10 TELECOMMUNICATION HARASSMENT.

(a) No person shall knowingly make or cause to be made a telecommunication, or knowingly permit telecommunication to be made from a telecommunications device under the person's control, to another, if the caller does any of the following:

- (1) Makes the telecommunication with purpose to harass, intimidate, or abuse, any person at the premises to which the telecommunication is made, whether or not actual communication takes place between the caller and a recipient;
- (2) Describes, suggests, requests, or proposes that the caller, the recipient of the telecommunication, or any other person engage in sexual activity, and the recipient or another person at the premises to which the telecommunication is made has requested, in a previous telecommunication or in the immediate telecommunication, that the caller not make a telecommunication to the recipient or to the premises to which the telecommunication is made;

- (3) During the telecommunication, violates Ohio R.C. 2903.21;
  - (4) Knowingly states to the recipient of the telecommunication that the caller intends to cause damage to or destroy public or private property, and the recipient, any member of the recipient's family, or any other person who resides at the premises to which the telecommunication is made owns, leases, resides, or works in, will at the time of the destruction or damaging be near or in, has the responsibility of protecting, or insures the property that will be destroyed or damaged;
  - (5) Knowingly makes the telecommunication to the recipient of the telecommunication, to another person at the premises to which the telecommunication is made, or to those premises, and the recipient or another person at those premises previously has told the caller not to make a telecommunication to those premises or to any person at those premises.
  - (6) Knowingly makes any comment, request, suggestion, or proposal to the recipient of the telecommunication that is threatening, intimidating, menacing, coercive, or obscene with the intent to abuse, threaten or harass the recipient;
  - (7) Without a lawful business purpose, knowingly interrupts the telecommunication service of any person;
  - (8) Without a lawful business purpose, knowingly transmits to any person, regardless of whether the telecommunication is heard in its entirety, any file, document or other communication that prevents that person from using the person's telephone service or electronic communication device;
  - (9) Knowingly makes any false statement concerning the death, injury, illness, disfigurement, reputation, indecent conduct, or criminal conduct of the recipient of the telecommunication or family or household member of the recipient with purpose to abuse, threaten, intimidate, or harass the recipient;
  - (10) Knowingly incites another person through a telecommunication or other means to harass or participate in the harassment of a person;
  - (11) Knowingly alarms the recipient by making a telecommunication without a lawful purpose at an hour or hours known to be inconvenient to the recipient and in an offensive or repetitive manner.
- (b)
- (1) No person shall make or cause to be made a telecommunication, or permit a telecommunication to be made from a telecommunications device under the person's control, with purpose to abuse, threaten, or harass another person.
  - (2) No person shall knowingly post a text or audio statement or an image on an internet web site or web page for the purpose of abusing, threatening, or harassing another person.
- (c)
- (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of telecommunication harassment.
  - (2) A violation of subsections (a)(1), (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), or (11) or (b) hereof is a misdemeanor of the first degree on a first offense. Each subsequent offense is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
  - (3) Whoever violates subsection (a)(4) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree for a first offense. For each subsequent offense or if a violation of subsection (a)(4) hereof results in economic harm of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, a violation of subsection (a)(4) hereof is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(d) No cause of action may be asserted in any court of this State against any provider of a telecommunications service, interactive computer service as defined in Section 230 of Title 47 of the United States Code, or information service, or against any officer, employee, or agent of a telecommunication service, interactive computer service as defined in Section 230 of Title 47 of the United States Code, or information service, for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises out of the provider's, officer's, employee's, or agent's provision of information, facilities, or assistance in accordance with the terms of a court order that is issued in relation to the investigation or prosecution of an alleged violation of this section. A provider of a telecommunications service, interactive computer service as defined in Section 230 of Title 47 of the United States Code, or information service, or an officer, employee, or agent of a telecommunications service, interactive computer service as defined in Section 230 of Title 47 of the United States Code, of information service, is immune from any civil or criminal liability for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises out of the provider's, officer's, employee's, or agent's provision of information, facilities, or assistance in accordance with the terms of a court order that is issued in relation to the investigation or prosecution of an alleged violation of this section.

- (e) (1) This section does not apply to a person solely because the person provided access or connection to or from an electronic method of remotely transferring information not under that person's control, including having provided capabilities that are incidental to providing access or connection to or from the electronic method of remotely transferring the information, and that do not include the creation of the content of the material that is the subject of the access or connection. In addition, any person providing access or connection to or from an electric method of remotely transferring information not under that person's control shall not be liable for any action voluntarily taken in good faith to block the receipt or transmission through its service of any information that the person believes is, or will be sent, in violation of this section.
- (2) Subsection (e)(1) of this section does not create an affirmative duty for any person providing access or connection to or from an electronic method of remotely transferring information not under that person's control to block the receipt or transmission through its service of any information that it believes is, or will be sent, in violation of this section except as otherwise provided by law.
- (3) Subsection (e)(1) of this section does not apply to a person who conspires with a person actively involved in the creation or knowing distribution of material in violation of this section or who knowingly advertises the availability of material of that nature.
- (4) A provider or user of an interactive computer service, as defined in Section 230 of Title 47 of the United States Code, shall neither be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider, as defined in Section 230 of Title 47 of the United States Code, nor held civilly or criminally liable for the creation or development of information provided by another information content provider, as defined in Section 230 of Title 47 of the United States Code. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to protect a person from liability to the extent that the person developed or created any content in violation of this section.



(f) Subsections (a)(5) to (11) and (b)(2) of this section do not apply to a person who, while employed or contracted by a newspaper, magazine, press association, news agency, news wire service, cable channel or cable operator, or radio or television station, is gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, editing or disseminating information for the general public, within the scope of the person's employment in that capacity or the person's contractual authority in that capacity.

(g) As used in this section:

- (1) "Economic harm" means all direct, incidental, and consequential pecuniary harm suffered by a victim as a result of criminal conduct. "Economic harm" includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:
  - A. All wages, salaries, or other compensation lost as a result of the criminal conduct;
  - B. The cost of all wages, salaries or other compensation paid to employees for time those employees are prevented from working as a result of the criminal conduct;
  - C. The overhead costs incurred for the time that a business is shut down as a result of the criminal conduct;
  - D. The loss of value to tangible or intangible property that was damaged as a result of the criminal conduct.
- (2) "Caller" means the person described in subsection (a) hereof who makes or causes to be made a telecommunication or who permits a telecommunication to be made from a telecommunications device under that person's control.
- (3) "Telecommunication" and "telecommunications device" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2913.01.
- (4) "Sexual activity" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2907.01.
- (5) "Family or household member" means any of the following:
  - A. Any of the following who is residing or has resided with the recipient of the telecommunication against whom the act prohibited in subsection (a)(9) of this section is committed:
    1. A spouse, a person living as a spouse, or a former spouse of the recipient;
    2. A parent, a foster parent, or a child of the recipient, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to the recipient;
    3. A parent or a child of a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of the recipient, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of the recipient.
  - B. The natural parent of any child of whom the recipient of the telecommunication against whom the act prohibited in subsection (a)(9) of this section is committed is the other natural parent or is the putative other natural parent.
- (6) "Person living as a spouse" means a person who is living or has lived with the recipient of the telecommunication against whom the act prohibited in subsection (a)(9) of this section is committed in a common law marital relationship, who otherwise is cohabiting with the recipient, or who otherwise has cohabited with the recipient within five years prior to the date of the alleged commission of the act in question.
- (7) "Cable operator" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 1332.21.

(h) Nothing in this section prohibits a person from making a telecommunication call to a debtor that is in compliance with the “Fair Debt Collection Practices Act”, 91 Stat. 874 (1977), 15 U.S.C. 1692, as amended, or the “Telephone Consumer Protection Act”, 105 Stat. 2395 (1991), 47 U.S.C. 227, as amended. (ORC 2917.21)

#### 537.11 THREATENING OR HARASSING TELEPHONE CALLS.

(EDITOR’S NOTE: Former Ohio R.C. 4931.31 from which Section 537.11 was derived was repealed by Senate Bill 162, effective September 13, 2010. See now Section 537.10 “Telecommunication Harassment”.)

#### 537.12 MISUSE OF 9-1-1 SYSTEM.

(a) “9-1-1 system” means a system through which individuals can request emergency service using the access number 9-1-1. (ORC 128.01(A))

(b) No person shall knowingly use the telephone number of the 9-1-1 system established under Ohio R.C. Chapter 128 to report an emergency if he knows that no emergency exists.

(c) No person shall knowingly use a 9-1-1 system for a purpose other than obtaining emergency service.

(d) No person shall disclose or use any information concerning telephone numbers, addresses, or names obtained from the data base that serves the public safety answering point of a 9-1-1 system established under Ohio R.C. Chapter 128, except for any of the following purposes or under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) For the purpose of the 9-1-1 system;
- (2) For the purpose of responding to an emergency call to an emergency service provider;
- (3) In the circumstance of the inadvertent disclosure of such information due solely to technology of the wireline telephone network portion of the 9-1-1 system not allowing access to the data base to be restricted to 9-1-1 specific answering lines at a public safety answering point;
- (4) In the circumstance of access to a data base being given by a telephone company that is a wireline service provider to a public utility or municipal utility in handling customer calls in times of public emergency or service outages. The charge, terms, and conditions for the disclosure or use of such information for the purpose of such access to a data base shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the steering committee.
- (5) In the circumstance of access to a data base given by a telephone company that is a wireline service provider to a state and local government in warning of a public emergency, as determined by the steering committee. The charge, terms, and conditions for the disclosure or use of that information for the purpose of access to a data base is subject to the jurisdiction of the steering committee.  
(ORC 128.32)

- (e)
  - (1) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
  - (2) Whoever violates subsection (c) or (d) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on a first offense. For each subsequent offense such person is guilty of a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 128.99)

537.13 ADULTERATING OF OR FURNISHING ADULTERATED FOOD OR CONFECTION.

(a) No person shall do either of the following, knowingly or having reasonable cause to believe that any person may suffer physical harm or be seriously inconvenienced or annoyed thereby:

- (1) Place a pin, needle, razor blade, glass, laxative, drug of abuse, or other harmful or hazardous object or substance in any food or confection;
- (2) Furnish to any person any food or confection which has been adulterated in violation of subsection (a)(1) hereof. (ORC 3716.11)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 3716.99(C))

537.14 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

(a) No person shall knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to a family or household member.

(b) No person shall recklessly cause serious physical harm to a family or household member.

(c) No person, by threat of force, shall knowingly cause a family or household member to believe that the offender will cause imminent physical harm to the family or household member.

- (d)
- (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of domestic violence.
  - (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d)(3) to (5) of this section, a violation of subsection (c) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, and a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
  - (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d)(4) of this section, if the offender previously has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of domestic violence, a violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States that is substantially similar to domestic violence, a violation of Ohio R.C. 2903.14, 2909.06, 2909.07, 2911.12, 2911.211, or 2919.22 if the victim of the violation was a family or household member at the time of the violation, a violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States that is substantially similar to any of those sections if the victim of the violation was a family or household member at the time of the commission of the violation, or any offense of violence if the victim of the offense was a family or household member at the time of the commission of the offense, a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law, and a violation of subsection (c) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree.
  - (4) If the offender previously has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of two or more offenses of domestic violence or two or more violations or offenses of the type described in subsection (d)(3) of this section involving a person who was a family or household member at the time of the violations or offenses, a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law, and a violation of subsection (c) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

- (5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d)(3) or (4) of this section, if the offender knew that the victim of the violation was pregnant at the time of the violation, a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law, and a violation of subsection (c) of this section is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no court or unit of local government shall charge any fee, cost, deposit, or money in connection with the filing of charges against a person alleging that the person violated this section or in connection with the prosecution of any charges so filed.

(f) As used in this section:

(1) "Family or household member" means any of the following:

A. Any of the following who is residing or has resided with the offender:

1. A spouse, a person living as a spouse or a former spouse of the offender;
2. A parent, a foster parent or a child of the offender, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to the offender;
3. A parent, or a child of a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of the offender; or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to a spouse, person living as a spouse or former spouse of the offender.

B. The natural parent of any child of whom the offender is the other natural parent or is the putative other natural parent.

(2) "Person living as a spouse" means a person who is living or has lived with the offender in a common law marital relationship, who otherwise is cohabiting with the offender, or who otherwise has cohabited with the offender within five years prior to the date of the alleged commission of the act in question. (ORC 2919.25)

(g) The same relief available under the Ohio Revised Code for filing a complaint for violation of Ohio R.C. 2919.25 shall be available for filing a complaint for violation of this section.

#### 537.15 TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDER.

(a) No person shall recklessly violate the terms of any of the following:

- (1) A protection order issued or consent agreement approved pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2919.26 or 3113.31;
- (2) A protection order issued pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2151.34, 2903.213 or 2903.214;
- (3) A protection order issued by a court of another state.

(b) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of violating a protection order.  
(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)(3) of this section, violating a protection order is a misdemeanor of the first degree.  
(3) Violating a protection order is a felony and shall be prosecuted under State law if the offender previously has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for any of the following:

- A. A violation of a protection order issued or consent agreement approved pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2151.34, 2903.213, 2903.214, 2919.26, or 3113.31;
  - B. Two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, or 2911.211 or any combination of those offenses that involved the same person who is the subject of the protection order or consent agreement;
  - C. One or more violations of this section.
- (4) If the offender violates a protection order or consent agreement while committing a felony offense, violating a protection order is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law.
  - (5) If the protection order violated by the offender was an order issued pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2151.34 or 2903.214 that required electronic monitoring of the offender pursuant to that section, the court may require in addition to any other sentence imposed upon the offender that the offender be electronically monitored for a period not exceeding five years by a law enforcement agency designated by the court. If the court requires under this subsection that the offender be electronically monitored, unless the court determines that the offender is indigent, the court shall order that the offender pay the costs of the installation of the electronic monitoring device and the cost of monitoring the electronic monitoring device.

(c) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under subsection (a)(3) of this section that the protection order issued by a court of another state does not comply with the requirements specified in 18 U.S.C. 2265(b) for a protection order that must be accorded full faith and credit by a court of this State or that it is not entitled to full faith and credit under 18 U.S.C. 2265(c).

(d) In a prosecution for a violation of this section, it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove that the protection order or consent agreement was served on the defendant if the prosecution proves that the defendant was shown the protection order or consent agreement or a copy of either or a judge, magistrate, or law enforcement officer informed the defendant that a protection order or consent agreement had been issued, and proves that the defendant recklessly violated the terms of the order or agreement.

(e) As used in this section, “protection order issued by a court of another state” means an injunction or another order issued by a criminal court of another state for the purpose of preventing violent or threatening acts or harassment against, contact or communication with, or physical proximity to another person, including a temporary order, and means an injunction or order of that nature issued by a civil court of another state, including a temporary order and a final order issued in an independent action or as a pendente lite order in a proceeding for other relief, if the court issued it in response to a complaint, petition or motion filed by or on behalf of a person seeking protection. “Protection order issued by a court of another state” does not include an order for support or for custody of a child. (ORC 2919.27)

537.16 ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION OF CIGARETTES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR ALTERNATE NICOTINE PRODUCTS; TRANSACTION SCANS.

(a) Illegal Distribution of Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, or Alternative Nicotine Products.

(1) As used in this section:

- A. “Age verification.” A service provided by an independent third party (other than a manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes) that compares information available from a commercially available database, or aggregate of databases, that regularly are used by government and businesses for the purpose of age and identity verification to personal information provided during an internet sale or other remote method of sale to establish that the purchaser is twenty-one years of age or older.
- B. “Alternative nicotine product.”
1. Subject to subsection (a)(1)B.2. of this section, an electronic smoking device, vapor product, or any other product or device that consists of or contains nicotine that can be ingested into the body by any means, including, but not limited to, chewing, smoking, absorbing, dissolving, or inhaling.
  2. The phrase does not include any of the following:
    - a. Any cigarette or other tobacco product;
    - b. Any product that is a “drug” as that term is defined in 21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1);
    - c. Any product that is a “device” as that term is defined in 21 U.S.C. 321(h);
    - d. Any product that is a “combination product” as described in 21 U.S.C. 353(g).
- C. “Cigarette.” Includes clove cigarettes and hand-rolled cigarettes.
- D. “Distribute.” Means to furnish, give, or provide cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes to the ultimate consumer of the cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes.
- E. “Electronic smoking device.” Means any device that can be used to deliver aerosolized or vaporized nicotine or any other substance to the person inhaling from the device including an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic hookah, vaping pen, or electronic pipe. The phrase includes any component, part, or accessory of such a device, whether or not sold separately, and includes any substance intended to be aerosolized or vaporized during the use of the device. The phrase does not include any product that is a drug, device, or combination product, as those terms are defined or described in 21 U.S.C. 321 and 353(g).
- F. “Proof of age.” Means a driver’s license, a commercial driver’s license, a military identification card, a passport, or an identification card issued under Ohio R.C. 4507.50 to 4507.52 that shows that a person is twenty-one years of age or older.

- G. “Tobacco product.” Means any product that is made or derived from tobacco or that contains any form of nicotine, if it is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, an electronic smoking device, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus. The phrase also means any component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product, such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, blunt or hemp wraps, and liquids used in electronic smoking devices, whether or not they contain nicotine. The phrase does not include any product that is a drug, device, or combination product, as those terms are defined or described in 21 U.S.C. 321 and 353(g).
- H. “Vapor product.” Means a product, other than a cigarette or other tobacco product as defined in Ohio R.C. Chapter 5743, that contains or is made or derived from nicotine and that is intended and marketed for human consumption, including by smoking, inhaling, snorting, or sniffing. The phrase includes any component, part, or additive that is intended for use in an electronic smoking device, a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit and is used to deliver the product. The phrase does not include any product that is a drug, device, or combination product, as those terms are defined or described in 21 U.S.C. 321 and 353(g). The phrase includes any product containing nicotine, regardless of concentration.
- I. “Vending machine.” Has the same meaning as “coin machine” in Ohio R.C. 2913.01.
- (2) No manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes, no agent, employee, or representative of a manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes, and no other person shall do any of the following:
- A. Give, sell, or otherwise distribute cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes:
1. To any person under twenty-one years of age; or
  2. Without first verifying proof of age.
- B. Give away, sell, or distribute cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes in any place that does not have posted in a conspicuous place a legibly printed sign in letters at least one-half inch high stating that giving, selling, or otherwise distributing cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes to a person under twenty-one years of age is prohibited by law;
- C. Knowingly furnish any false information regarding the name, age, or other identification of any person under twenty-one years of age with purpose to obtain cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes for that person;
- D. Manufacture, sell, or distribute in this state any pack or other container of cigarettes containing fewer than twenty cigarettes or any package of roll-your-own tobacco containing less than six-tenths of one ounce of tobacco;

- E. Sell cigarettes or alternative nicotine products in a smaller quantity than that placed in the pack or other container by the manufacturer;
  - F. Give, sell, or otherwise distribute alternative nicotine products, papers used to roll cigarettes, or tobacco products other than cigarettes over the internet or through another remote method without age verification.
  - G. Allow an employee under eighteen years of age to sell any tobacco product;
  - H. Give away or otherwise distribute free samples of cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or coupons redeemable for cigarettes, other tobacco products or alternative tobacco products.
- (3) No person shall sell or offer to sell cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products by or from a vending machine, except in the following locations:
- A. An area within a factory, business, office, or other place not open to the general public;
  - B. An area to which persons under twenty-one years of age are not generally permitted access;
  - C. Any other place not identified in subsection (a)(3)A. or B. of this section, upon all of the following conditions:
    - 1. The vending machine is located within the immediate vicinity, plain view, and control of the person who owns or operates the place, or an employee of that person, so that all cigarettes, other tobacco product, and alternative nicotine product purchases from the vending machine will be readily observed by the person who owns or operates the place or an employee of that person. For the purpose of this section, a vending machine located in any unmonitored area, including an unmonitored coatroom, restroom, hallway, or outer waiting area, shall not be considered located within the immediate vicinity, plain view, and control of the person who owns or operates the place, or an employee of that person.
    - 2. The vending machine is inaccessible to the public when the place is closed.
    - 3. A clearly visible notice is posted in the area where the vending machine is located that states the following in letters that are legibly printed and at least one-half inch high: "It is illegal for any person under the age of twenty-one to purchase tobacco or alternative nicotine products."
- (4) The following are affirmative defenses to a charge under subsection (a)(2)A. of this section:
- A. The person under twenty-one years of age was accompanied by a parent, spouse who is twenty-one years of age or older, or legal guardian of the person under twenty-one years of age.
  - B. The person who gave, sold, or distributed cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes to a person under twenty-one years of age under subsection (a)(2)A. of this section is a parent, spouse who is twenty-one years of age or older, or legal guardian of the person under twenty-one years of age.



- (5) A. It is not a violation of subsection (a)(2)A. or B. of this section for a person to give or otherwise distribute to a person under twenty-one years of age cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes while the person under twenty-one years of age is participating in a research protocol if all of the following apply:
1. The parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the person under twenty-one years of age has consented in writing to the person under twenty-one years of age participating in the research protocol.
  2. An institutional human subjects protection review board, or an equivalent entity, has approved the research protocol.
  3. The person under twenty-one years of age is participating in the research protocol at the facility or location specified in the research protocol.
- B. It is not a violation of subsection (a)(2)A. or B. of this section for an employer to permit an employee eighteen, nineteen or twenty years of age to sell a tobacco product.
- (6) A. No delivery service shall accept from, transport or deliver to, or allow pick-up by, a person under twenty-one years of age with respect to any of the following:
1. Alternative nicotine products;
  2. Papers used to roll cigarettes;
  3. Tobacco products other than cigarettes.
- B. A delivery service shall require proof of age as a condition of accepting, transporting, delivering, or allowing pickup of the items described in subsections (a)(6)A1. to 3. of this section.
- (7) Whoever violates subsections (a)(2)A., B., D., E., F., G., H., (3) or (6) of this section is guilty of illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products. Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- (8) Whoever violates subsection (a)(2)C. of this section is guilty of permitting a person under twenty-one years of age to use cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products. Except as otherwise provided in this division, permitting a person under twenty-one years of age to use cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (a)(2)C. of this section or a substantially equivalent state law or municipal ordinance, permitting a person under twenty-one years of age to use cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- (9) Any cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes that are given, sold, or otherwise distributed to a person under twenty-one years of age in violation of this section and that are used, possessed, purchased, or received by a person under twenty-one years of age in violation of Ohio R.C. 2151.87 are subject to seizure and forfeiture as contraband under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2981. (ORC 2927.02)

(b) Transaction Scan.

- (1) For the purpose of this subsection (b) and subsection (c) of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.
- A. “Card holder.” Any person who presents a driver’s or commercial driver’s license or an identification card to a seller, or an agent or employee of a seller, to purchase or receive cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products from a seller, agent or employee.
  - B. “Identification card.” An identification card issued under Ohio R.C. 4507.50 to 4507.52.
  - C. “Seller.” A seller of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products and includes any person whose gift of or other distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is subject to the prohibitions of subsection (a) of this section.
  - D. “Transaction scan.” The process by which a seller or an agent or employee of a seller checks, by means of a transaction scan device, the validity of a driver’s or commercial driver’s license or an identification card that is presented as a condition for purchasing or receiving cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products.
  - E. “Transaction scan device.” Any commercial device or combination of devices used at a point of sale that is capable of deciphering in an electronically readable format the information encoded on the magnetic strip or bar code of a driver’s or commercial driver’s license or an identification card.
- (2)
- A. A seller or an agent or employee of a seller may perform a transaction scan by means of a transaction scan device to check the validity of a driver’s or commercial driver’s license or identification card presented by a card holder as a condition for selling, giving away or otherwise distributing to the card holder cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products.
  - B. If the information deciphered by the transaction scan performed under subsection (b)(2)A. of this section fails to match the information printed on the driver’s or commercial driver’s license or identification card presented by the card holder, or if the transaction scan indicates that the information so printed is false or fraudulent, neither the seller nor any agent or employee of the seller shall sell, give away or otherwise distribute any cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products to the card holder.
  - C. Subsection (b)(2)A. of this section does not preclude a seller or an agent or employee of a seller from using a transaction scan device to check the validity of a document other than a driver’s or commercial driver’s license or identification card, if the document includes a bar code or magnetic strip that may be scanned by the device, as a condition for selling, giving away or otherwise distributing cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products to the person presenting the document.

- (3) Rules adopted by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles under Ohio R.C. 4301.61(C) apply to the use of transaction scan devices for purposes of this subsection (b) and subsection (c) of this section.
  - (4)
    - A. No seller or agent or employee of a seller shall electronically or mechanically record or maintain any information derived from a transaction scan, except for the following:
      1. The name and date of birth of the person listed on the driver's or commercial driver's license or identification card presented by the card holder;
      2. The expiration date and identification number of the driver's or commercial driver's license or identification card presented by the card holder.
    - B. No seller or agent or employee of a seller shall use the information that is derived from a transaction scan or that is permitted to be recorded and maintained under subsection (b)(4)A. of this section, except for purposes of subsection (c) of this section.
    - C. No seller or agent or employee of a seller shall use a transaction scan device for a purpose other than the purpose specified in subsection (c)(2)A. of this section.
    - D. No seller or agent or employee of a seller shall sell or otherwise disseminate the information derived from a transaction scan to any third party, including but not limited to selling or otherwise disseminating that information for any marketing, advertising or promotional activities, but a seller or agent or employee of a seller may release that information pursuant to a court order or as specifically authorized by subsection (c) of this section or another section of these Codified Ordinances or the Ohio Revised Code.
  - (5) Nothing in this subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section relieves a seller or an agent or employee of a seller of any responsibility to comply with any other applicable local, state or federal laws or rules governing the sale, giving away or other distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products.
  - (6) Whoever violates subsection (b)(2)B. or (b)(4) of this section is guilty of engaging in an illegal tobacco product or alternative nicotine product transaction scan, and the court may impose upon the offender a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation. The Clerk of the Court shall pay each collected civil penalty to the County Treasurer for deposit into the County Treasury.  
(ORC 2927.021)
- (c) Affirmative Defenses.
- (1) A seller or an agent or employee of a seller may not be found guilty of a charge of a violation of subsection (a) of this section in which the age of the purchaser or other recipient of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is an element of the alleged violation, if the seller, agent or employee raises and proves as an affirmative defense that all of the following occurred:
    - A. A card holder attempting to purchase or receive cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products presented a driver's or commercial driver's license or an identification card.
    - B. A transaction scan of the driver's or commercial driver's license or identification card that the card holder presented indicated that the license or card was valid.

- C. The cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products were sold, given away or otherwise distributed to the card holder in reasonable reliance upon the identification presented and the completed transaction scan.
- (2) In determining whether a seller or an agent or employee of a seller has proven the affirmative defense provided by subsection (c)(1) of this section, the trier of fact in the action for the alleged violation of subsection (a) of this section shall consider any written policy that the seller has adopted and implemented and that is intended to prevent violations of subsection (a) of this section. For purposes of subsection (c)(1)C. of this section, the trier of fact shall consider that reasonable reliance upon the identification presented and the completed transaction scan may require a seller or an agent or employee of a seller to exercise reasonable diligence to determine, and that the use of a transaction scan device does not excuse a seller or an agent or employee of a seller from exercising reasonable diligence to determine, the following:
- A. Whether a person to whom the seller or agent or employee of a seller sells, gives away or otherwise distributes cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products is twenty-one years of age or older;
- B. Whether the description and picture appearing on the driver's or commercial driver's license or identification card presented by a card holder is that of the card holder.
- (3) In any criminal action in which the affirmative defense provided by subsection (c)(1) of this section is raised, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a Deputy Registrar who issued an identification card under Ohio R.C. 4507.50 to 4507.52 shall be permitted to submit certified copies of the records of that issuance in lieu of the testimony of the personnel of or contractors with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in the action.  
(ORC 2927.022)
- (d) Shipment of Tobacco Products.
- (1) As used in this subsection (d):
- A. "Authorized recipient of tobacco products" means:
1. In the case of cigarettes, a person who is:
    - a. Licensed as a cigarette wholesale dealer under Ohio R.C. 5743.15;
    - b. Licensed as a retail dealer as long as the person purchases cigarettes with the appropriate tax stamp affixed;
    - c. An export warehouse proprietor as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 5702;
    - d. An operator of a customs bonded warehouse under 19 U.S.C. Section 1311 or 19 U.S.C. Section 1555;
    - e. An officer, employee, or agent of the federal government or of this state acting in the person's official capacity;
    - f. A department, agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of the federal government or of this state;

- g. A person having a consent for consumer shipment issued by the Ohio Tax Commissioner under Ohio R.C. 5743.71.
- 2. In the case of electronic smoking devices or vapor products, a person who is:
  - a. Licensed as a distributor of tobacco or vapor products under Ohio R.C. 5743.61;
  - b. A retail dealer of vapor products, as defined in Ohio R.C. 5741.01(C)(3), that is not licensed as a vapor distributor, as long as the tax levied by Ohio R.C. 5743.51, 5743.62, or 5743.63, as applicable, has been paid;
  - c. An operator of a customs bonded warehouse under 19 U.S.C. Section 1311 or 19 U.S.C. Section 1555;
  - d. An officer, employee, or agent of the federal government or of this state acting in the person's official capacity;
  - e. A department, agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of the federal government or of this state.
- B. "Motor Carrier," Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4923.01.
- (2) The purpose of this section is to prevent the sale of cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, and vapor products to minors and to ensure compliance with the Master Settlement Agreement, as defined in Ohio R.C. 1346.01.
- (3) A. No person shall cause to be shipped any cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, and vapor products to any person in this municipality other than an authorized recipient of tobacco products.
- B. No motor carrier, or other person shall knowingly transport cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, and vapor products to any person in this municipality that the carrier or other person reasonably believes is not an authorized recipient of tobacco products. If cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, and vapor products are transported to a home or residence, it shall be presumed that the motor carrier, or other person knew that the person to whom the cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, and vapor products were delivered was not an authorized recipient of tobacco products.
- (4) No person engaged in the business of selling cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, and vapor products who ships or causes to be shipped cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, and vapor products to any person in this municipality in any container or wrapping other than the original container or wrapping shall fail to plainly and visibly mark the exterior of the container or wrapping in which the cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, and vapor products are shipped with the words "cigarettes", "electronic smoking devices", or "vapor products", as applicable.
- (5) A court shall impose a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation of subsection (d)(3)A., (d)(3)B. or (d)(4) of this section. (ORC 2927.023)

(e) Furnishing False Information to Obtain Tobacco Products.

- (1) No person who is eighteen years of age or older but younger than twenty-one years of age shall knowingly furnish false information concerning that person's name, age, or other identification for the purpose of obtaining tobacco products.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (e)(1) of this section is guilty of furnishing false information to obtain tobacco products. Except as otherwise provided in this division, furnishing false information to obtain tobacco products is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (e)(1) of this section or a substantially equivalent state law or municipal ordinance, furnishing false information to obtain tobacco products is a misdemeanor of the third degree.  
(ORC 2927.024)

537.17 RESERVED.

(Editor's note: This section was formerly 537.17 Criminal Child Enticement, based on Ohio R.C. 2905.05, Criminal Child Enticement. The Ohio Supreme Court held that Ohio R.C. 2905.05(A) was unconstitutionally overbroad in violation of the First Amendment. See *State v. Romage*, 138 Ohio St. 3d. 390 (2014).)

537.18 CONTRIBUTING TO UNRULINESS OR DELINQUENCY OF A CHILD.

- (a) As used in this section:
  - (1) "Delinquent child" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2152.02.
  - (2) "Unruly child" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2151.022.
- (b) No person, including a parent, guardian or other custodian of a child, shall do any of the following:
  - (1) Aid, abet, induce, cause, encourage, or contribute to a child or a ward of the juvenile court becoming an unruly child or a delinquent child;
  - (2) Act in a way tending to cause a child or a ward of the juvenile court to become an unruly child or a delinquent child;
  - (3) Act in a way that contributes to an adjudication of the child as a delinquent child based on the child's violation of a court order adjudicating the child an unruly child for being an habitual truant;
  - (4) If the person is the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who has the duties under Ohio R.C. Chapters 2152 and 2950 to register, register a new residence address, and periodically verify a residence address and, if applicable, to send a notice of intent to reside, and if the child is not emancipated, as defined in Ohio R.C. 2919.121, fail to ensure that the child complies with those duties under Ohio R.C. Chapters 2152 and 2950.
- (c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of contributing to the unruliness or delinquency of a child, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Each day of violation of this section is a separate offense. (ORC 2919.24)

**537.19 HAZING PROHIBITED.**

- (a) As used in this section:
- (1) "Hazing" means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization or any act to continue or reinstate membership in or affiliation with any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person, including coercing another to consume alcohol or a drug of abuse, as defined in Ohio R.C. 3719.011.
  - (2) "Organization" includes a national or international organization with which a fraternity or sorority is affiliated.
- (b)
- (1) No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another.
  - (2) No administrator, employee, faculty member, teacher, consultant, alumnus, or volunteer of any organization, including any primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or any other educational institution, public or private, shall recklessly permit the hazing of any person associated with the organization.
- (c)
- (1) No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another when the hazing includes coerced consumption of alcohol or drugs of abuse resulting in serious physical harm to the other person.
  - (2) No administrator, employee, faculty member, teacher, consultant, alumnus, or volunteer of any organization, including any primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or other educational institution, public or private, shall recklessly permit the hazing of any person associated with the organization when the hazing includes coerced consumption of alcohol or drugs of abuse resulting in serious physical harm to that person.
- (d) Whoever violates subsections (b) or (c) of this section is guilty of hazing. A violation of subsections (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree. A violation of subsections (c)(1) or (c)(2) of this section is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law. (ORC 2903.31)
- (e) Reckless failure to immediately report knowledge of hazing.
- (1) No administrator, employee, faculty member, teacher, consultant, alumnus, or volunteer of any organization, including any primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or any other public or private educational institution, who is acting in an official and professional capacity shall recklessly fail to immediately report the knowledge of hazing to a law enforcement agency in the county in which the victim of hazing resides or in which the hazing is occurring or has occurred.
  - (2) A violation of subsection (e)(1) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, except that the violation is a misdemeanor of the first degree if the hazing causes serious physical harm. (ORC 2903.311(B), (C))

**537.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

CHAPTER 541  
Property Offenses

<p>541.01 Determining property value in arson.</p> <p>541.02 Arson.</p> <p>541.03 Criminal damaging or endangering.</p> <p>541.04 Criminal mischief.</p> <p>541.05 Criminal trespass.</p>	<p>541.051 Aggravated trespass.</p> <p>541.06 Destruction of shrubs, trees or crops.</p> <p>541.07 Desecration.</p> <p>541.08 Billposting.</p> <p>541.09 Ethnic intimidation.</p> <p>541.10 Vehicular vandalism.</p> <p>541.99 Penalty.</p>
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CROSS REFERENCES

See sectional histories for similar State law  
Parents' liability for destructive acts of their children - see Ohio R.C. 3109.09  
Physical harm to property defined - see GEN. OFF. 501.01(d), (f)  
Reimbursement for investigation or prosecution costs - see GEN. OFF. 501.99(a)  
Damage to sidewalks - see GEN. OFF. 521.04  
Vehicle trespass - see GEN. OFF. 545.06

541.01 DETERMINING PROPERTY VALUE IN ARSON.

- (a) The following criteria shall be used in determining the value of property or amount of physical harm involved in a violation of Section 541.02.
- (1) If the property is an heirloom, memento, collector's item, antique, museum piece, manuscript, document, record or other thing that is either irreplaceable or is replaceable only on the expenditure of substantial time, effort or money, the value of the property or the amount of physical harm involved is the amount that would compensate the owner for its loss.
  - (2) If the property is not covered under subsection (a)(1) hereof, and the physical harm is such that the property can be restored substantially to its former condition, the amount of physical harm involved is the reasonable cost of restoring the property.
  - (3) If the property is not covered under subsection (a)(1) hereof, and the physical harm is such that the property cannot be restored substantially to its former condition, the value of the property, in the case of personal property, is the cost of replacing the property with new property of like kind and quality, and in the case of real property or real property fixtures, is the difference in the fair market value of the property immediately before and immediately after the offense.
- (b) As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in Section 545.02(c)(3).
- (c) Prima-facie evidence of the value of property, as provided in Section 545.02(d) may be used to establish the value of property pursuant to this section. (ORC 2909.11)



## 541.02 ARSON.

(a) No person, by means of fire or explosion, shall knowingly cause or create a substantial risk of physical harm to any property of another without the other person's consent.

- (b) (1) No person, by means of fire or explosion, shall knowingly cause or create a substantial risk of physical harm to any structure of another that is not an occupied structure;
- (2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under subsection (b)(1) of this section that the defendant acted with the consent of the other person.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of arson, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the value of the property or the amount of physical harm involved is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, arson is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2909.03)

## 541.03 CRIMINAL DAMAGING OR ENDANGERING.

(a) No person shall cause, or create a substantial risk of physical harm to any property of another without the other person's consent:

- (1) Knowingly, by any means;
- (2) Recklessly, by means of fire, explosion, flood, poison gas, poison, radioactive material, caustic or corrosive material, or other inherently dangerous agency or substance.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of criminal damaging or endangering, a misdemeanor if the property involved is not an aircraft, an aircraft engine, propeller, appliance, spare part or any other equipment or implement used or intended to be used in the operation of an aircraft and if the violation does not create a risk of physical harm to any person, and if the property involved is not an occupied aircraft. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree. If violation of this section creates a risk of physical harm to any person, criminal damaging or endangering is a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2909.06)

## 541.04 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

(a) No person shall:

- (1) Without privilege to do so, knowingly move, deface, damage, destroy or otherwise improperly tamper with either of the following:
- A. The property of another;
- B. One's own residential real property with the purpose to decrease the value of or enjoyment of the residential real property, if both of the following apply:
1. The residential real property is subject to a mortgage.
2. The person has been served with a summons and complaint in a pending residential mortgage loan foreclosure action relating to that real property. As used in this subsection, "pending" includes the time between judgment entry and confirmation of sale.
- (2) With purpose to interfere with the use or enjoyment of property of another employ a tear gas device, stink bomb, smoke generator or other device releasing a substance that is harmful or offensive to persons exposed, or that tends to cause public alarm;
- (3) Without privilege to do so, knowingly move, deface, damage, destroy or otherwise improperly tamper with a bench mark, triangulation station, boundary marker or other survey station, monument or marker.

- (4) Without privilege to do so, knowingly move, deface, damage, destroy or otherwise improperly tamper with any safety device, the property of another or the property of the offender when required or placed for the safety of others, so as to destroy or diminish its effectiveness or availability for its intended purpose;
  - (5) With purpose to interfere with the use or enjoyment of the property of another, set a fire on the land of another or place personal property that has been set on fire on the land of another, which fire or personal property is outside and apart from any building, other structure or personal property that is on that land.
  - (6) Without privilege to do so, and with intent to impair the functioning of any computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, or computer program, all as defined in Ohio R.C. 2909.01, knowingly do any of the following:
    - A. In any manner or by any means, including, but not limited to, computer hacking, alter, damage, destroy, or modify a computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, or computer program or data contained in a computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, or computer program;
    - B. Introduce a computer contaminant into a computer, computer system, computer network, computer software or computer program.
  - (7) Without privilege to do so, knowingly destroy or improperly tamper with a critical infrastructure facility.
- (b) As used in this section:
- (1) “Critical Infrastructure Facility”. Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2911.21.
  - (2) “Improperly Tamper”. Means to change the physical location or the physical condition of the property.
  - (3) “Safety Device”. Means any fire extinguisher, fire hose, or fire axe, or any fire escape, emergency exit, or emergency escape equipment, or any life line, life-saving ring, life preserver, or life boat or raft, or any alarm, light, flare, signal, sign, or notice intended to warn of danger or emergency, or intended for other safety purposes, or any guard railing or safety barricade, or any traffic sign or signal, or any railroad grade crossing sign, signal, or gate, or any first aid or survival equipment, or any other device, apparatus, or equipment intended for protecting or preserving the safety of persons or property.
- (c)
- (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of criminal mischief, and shall be punished as provided in subsection (c)(2), (c)(3), or (c)(4) of this section.
  - (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, criminal mischief committed in violation of subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), or (a)(5) of this section is a misdemeanor of the third degree. Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the violation of subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), or (a)(5) of this section creates a risk of physical harm to any person, criminal mischief committed in violation of subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), or (a)(5) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the property involved in the

- violation of subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), or (a)(5) of this section is an aircraft, an aircraft engine, propeller, appliance, spare part, fuel, lubricant, hydraulic fluid, any other equipment, implement, or material used or intended to be used in the operation of an aircraft, or any cargo carried or intended to be carried in an aircraft and if the violation creates any risk of physical harm to any person, or if the aircraft in question is an occupied aircraft, criminal mischief committed in violation of subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), or (a)(5) of this section is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.
- (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, criminal mischief committed in violation of subsection (a)(6) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the value of the computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, computer program, or data involved in the violation of subsection (a)(6) of this section or the loss to the victim resulting from the violation is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, or if the computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, computer program, or data involved in the violation of subsection (a)(6) is used or intended to be used in the operation of an aircraft and the violation creates any risk of physical harm to any person, or if the aircraft in question is an occupied aircraft, criminal mischief committed in violation of subsection (a)(6) of this section is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.
- (4) Criminal mischief committed in violation of subsection (a)(7) of this section is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law. (ORC 2909.07)

#### 541.05 CRIMINAL TRESPASS.

- (a) No person, without privilege to do so, shall do any of the following:
- (1) Knowingly enter or remain on the land or premises of another;
  - (2) Knowingly enter or remain on the land or premises of another, the use of which is lawfully restricted to certain persons, purposes, modes or hours, when the offender knows the offender is in violation of any such restriction or is reckless in that regard;
  - (3) Recklessly enter or remain on the land or premises of another, as to which notice against unauthorized access or presence is given by actual communication to the offender, or in a manner prescribed by law, or by posting in a manner reasonably calculated to come to the attention of potential intruders, or by fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed to restrict access;
  - (4) Being on the land or premises of another, negligently fail or refuse to leave upon being notified by signage posted in a conspicuous place or otherwise being notified to do so by the owner or occupant, or the agent or servant of either.
  - (5) Knowingly enter or remain on a critical infrastructure facility.
- (b) It is no defense to a charge under this section that the land or premises involved was owned, controlled or in custody of a public agency.
- (c) It is no defense to a charge under this section that the offender was authorized to enter or remain on the land or premises involved when such authorization was secured by deception.

- (d) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of criminal trespass. Criminal trespass in violation of subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), or (a)(4) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Criminal trespass in violation of subsection (a)(5) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (2) Notwithstanding Section 501.99, if the person, in committing the violation of this section, used a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, the court shall impose a fine of two times the usual amount imposed for the violation.
- (3) If an offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of this section or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, or state law, and the offender, in committing each violation, used a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, the court, in addition to or independent of all other penalties imposed for the violation, may impound the certificate of registration of that snowmobile or off-highway motorcycle or the certificate of registration and license plate of that all-purpose vehicle for not less than sixty days. In such a case, Ohio R.C. 4519.47 applies.
- (e) As used in subsections (a) through (e) of this section:
- (1) “All-Purpose Vehicle, Off-Highway Motorcycle” and “Snowmobile”. Have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4519.01.
- (2) “Critical Infrastructure Facility”. Means:
- A. One of the following, if completely enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier that is obviously designed to exclude intruders, or if clearly marked with signs that are reasonably likely to come to the attention of potential intruders and that indicate entry is forbidden without site authorization:
1. A petroleum or alumina refinery;
  2. An electric generating facility, substation, switching station, electrical control center, or electric transmission and distribution lines and associated equipment;
  3. A chemical, polymer, or rubber manufacturing facility;
  4. A water intake structure, water treatment facility, waste water facility, drainage facility, water management facility, or any similar water or sewage treatment system and its water and sewage piping;
  5. A natural gas company facility or interstate natural gas pipeline, including a pipeline interconnection, a natural gas compressor station and associated facilities, city gate or town border station, metering station, above-ground piping, regulator station, valve site, delivery station, fabricated assembly, or any other part of a natural gas storage facility involved in the gathering, storage, transmission, or distribution of gas;
  6. A telecommunications central switching office or remote switching facility or an equivalent network facility that serves a similar purpose;
  7. Wireline or wireless telecommunications infrastructure, including telecommunications towers and telephone poles and lines, including fiber optic lines;

8. A port, trucking terminal, or other freight transportation facility;
  9. A gas processing plant, including a plant used in the processing, treatment, or fractionation of natural gas or natural gas liquids;
  10. A transmission facility used by a federally licensed radio or television station;
  11. A steel-making facility that uses an electric arc furnace to make steel;
  12. A facility identified and regulated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program under 6 C.F.R. part 27;
  13. A dam that is regulated by the state or federal government;
  14. A crude oil or refined products storage and distribution facility, including valve sites, pipeline interconnections, pump station, metering station, below- or above-ground pipeline, or piping and truck loading or off-loading facility;
  15. A video service network and broadband infrastructure, including associated buildings and facilities, video service headends, towers, utility poles, and utility lines such as fiber optic lines. As used in this division, "video service network" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 1332.21.
  16. Any above-ground portion of an oil, gas, hazardous liquid or chemical pipeline, tank, or other storage facility;
  17. Any above-ground portion of a well, well pad, or production operation;
  18. A laydown area or construction site for pipe and other equipment intended for use on an interstate or intrastate natural gas or crude oil pipeline;
  19. Any mining operation, including any processing equipment, batching operation, or support facility for that mining operation.
- B. With respect to a video service network or broadband or wireless telecommunications infrastructure, the above-ground portion of a facility installed in a public right-of-way on a utility pole or in a conduit;
- C. Any railroad property;
- D. An electronic asset of any of the following:
1. An electric light company that is a public utility under Ohio R.C. 4905.02;
  2. An electric cooperative, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4928.01;
  3. A municipal electric utility, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4928.01;
  4. A natural gas company that is a public utility under Ohio R.C. 4905.02;
  5. A telephone company that is a public utility under Ohio R.C. 4905.02;
  6. A video service provider, including a cable operator, as those terms are defined in Ohio R.C. 1332.21.

- (3) “Electronic Asset”. Includes, but is not limited to, the hardware, software, and data of a programmable electronic device; all communications, operations, and customer data networks; and the contents of those data networks.
- (4) “Land” or “Premises”. Includes any land, building, structure, or place belonging to, controlled by, or in custody of another, and any separate enclosure or room, or portion thereof.
- (5) “Production Operation, Well, and Well Pad”. Have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 1509.01.  
(ORC 2911.21)

#### 541.051 AGGRAVATED TRESPASS.

- (a)
  - (1) No person shall enter or remain on the land or premises of another with purpose to commit on that land or those premises a misdemeanor, the elements of which involve causing physical harm to another person or causing another person to believe that the offender will cause physical harm to that person.
  - (2) No person shall enter or remain on a critical infrastructure facility with purpose to destroy or tamper with the facility.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of aggravated trespass. Aggravated trespass in violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Aggravated trespass in violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.

(c) As used in this section, “Critical infrastructure facility” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2911.21. (ORC 2911.211)

#### 541.06 DESTRUCTION OF SHRUBS, TREES OR CROPS.

(a) No person, without privilege to do so, shall recklessly cut down, destroy, girdle or otherwise injure a vine, bush, shrub, sapling, tree or crop standing or growing on the land of another or upon public land.

(b) In addition to any penalty provided, whoever violates this section is liable in treble damages for the injury caused. (ORC 901.51)

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (ORC 901.99(A))

#### 541.07 DESECRATION.

(a) No person, without privilege to do so, shall purposely deface, damage, pollute or otherwise physically mistreat any of the following:

- (1) The flag of the United States or of this State;
- (2) Any public monument;
- (3) Any historical or commemorative marker, or any structure, Indian mound or earthwork, cemetery, thing or site of great historical or archeological interest;
- (4) A work of art or museum piece;
- (5) Any other object of reverence or sacred devotion.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of desecration, a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(c) As used in this section, “cemetery” means any place of burial and includes burial sites that contain American Indian burial objects placed with or containing American Indian human remains. (ORC 2927.11)

#### 541.08 BILLPOSTING.

(a) Private Property. No person shall stick or post any advertisement, poster, sign or handbill or placard of any description upon any building, vehicle, or upon any tree, post, fence, billboard or any other structure or thing whatever, the private property of another without permission of the occupant or owner of the same, nor paint, mark, write, print or impress, or in any manner attach any notice or advertisement or the name of any commodity or thing or trade mark, symbol or figure of any kind upon anything whatever the property of another without first obtaining permission of the owner of such thing on which he desires to place such notice, advertisement, name, mark or figure.

(b) Public Property. No person shall stick, post or attach any advertisement, poster, sign, handbill or placard of any kind or description upon any telegraph, telephone, railway or electric light pole within the corporate limits or upon any public building, vehicle, voting booth, flagging, curb, tree lawn, walk, step, stone or sidewalk, or write, print or impress or in any manner attach any notice or advertisement of any kind upon any public building, voting booth, flagging, tree lawn, step, stone or sidewalk, the property of the Municipality or within the street lines of the Municipality or over which the Municipality or Council has the care, custody or control, except such as may be required by the laws of the State, or upon written permission of the Mayor.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

#### 541.09 ETHNIC INTIMIDATION.

(a) No person shall violate Ohio R.C. 2903.21, 2903.22, 2909.06, 2909.07 or 2917.21(A)(3) to (5) or Sections 537.05, 537.06, 537.10(a)(3) to (5), 541.03 or 541.04 of the General Offenses Code by reason of the race, color, religion or national origin of another person or group of persons.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of ethnic intimidation. Ethnic intimidation is an offense of the next higher degree than the offense the commission of which is a necessary element of ethnic intimidation.  
(ORC 2927.12)

#### 541.10 VEHICULAR VANDALISM.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) “Highway” means any highway as defined in Section 301.42 of the Traffic Code or any lane, road, street, alley, bridge, or overpass.
- (2) “Alley”, “street”, and “vehicle” have the same meanings as in Chapter 301 of the Traffic Code.
- (3) “Vessel” and “waters in this State” have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 1546.01.

(b) No person shall knowingly, and by any means, drop or throw any object at, onto, or in the path of any of the following:

- (1) Any vehicle on a highway;
- (2) Any boat or vessel on any of the waters in this State that are located in the Municipality.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of vehicular vandalism. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, vehicular vandalism is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the violation of this section creates a substantial risk of physical harm to any person, serious physical harm to property, physical harm to any person or serious physical harm to any person, vehicular vandalism is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(ORC 2909.09)

541.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)





**CHAPTER 543**  
Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles

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Junk yards - see BUS. REG. Ch. 735  
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 TRAF. 303.09  
 Garbage and rubbish collection - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 971  
 Storing or keeping unlicensed motor vehicle in a residence district -  
 see P. & Z. 1161.05(b)

**543.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.
- (b) "Property" means discarded articles of all kinds which reasonably appear to be discarded or of no intrinsic value.
- (c) "Junk" means any worn out, castoff or discarded article or material which is ready for destruction or has been collected or stored for salvage or conversion to some other use. Any article or material which, unaltered or unchanged and without further reconditioning, can be used for its original purpose as readily as when new, shall not be considered junk.  
(Ord. 3256. Passed 6-23-69.)
- (d) "Junk car" means any used vehicle propelled or intended to be propelled by power other than human power, and which is in an inoperable or partially dismantled condition, or not currently licensed. Portions of junk cars, such as hoods, fenders, radiators, rims, motors, etc., not being used for the repair of a motor vehicle, shall be considered as junk.  
(Ord. 71-96. Passed 12-23-96.)
- (e) In an "inoperative condition" means a vehicle incapable of being propelled under its own power.
- (f) In a "partially dismantled condition" means a vehicle having some part missing which is ordinarily an essential component.  
(Ord. 3256. Passed 6-23-69.)

**543.02 ABANDONMENT OF VEHICLES.**

No person shall abandon any vehicle and no person shall leave any vehicle at any place for such time and under such circumstances as to cause such vehicle reasonably to appear to have been abandoned. (Ord. 3256. Passed 6-23-69.)

**543.03 STORAGE DECLARED A NUISANCE.**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 543.04, the deposit, storage, maintenance or collection of junk or junk cars outside of a building is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and offensive to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of this Municipality. (Ord. 3256. Passed 6-23-69.)

**543.04 STORAGE PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION; NOTICE.**

No person in charge or control of any premises, whether as owner, tenant, lessee, occupant or otherwise shall allow any junk or junk car to remain upon such premises longer than ten days after receipt of written notice to remove the junk or junk car from the premises. The written notice shall be issued and delivered by the Chief of the Police Department or by any member of the Department duly designated by him.

The written notice shall be served upon the person in charge or control of the premises either personally or at the usual place of residence or by registered or certified mail addressed to the person's last known place of residence.

The provisions of this section, however, shall not apply to the deposit, storage, maintenance or collection of junk or junk cars in an enclosed building or in a container in a regularly established junk yard. (Ord. 3256. Passed 6-23-69.)

**543.05 IMPOUNDING.**

The Chief of Police or any member of the Police Department designated by him is hereby authorized to remove or cause to be removed any junk car remaining at any place in violation of any provision of this chapter. Such junk cars shall be impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Ohio R.C. 737.32 and 737.33. (Ord. 3256. Passed 6-23-69.)

**543.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on each subsequent offense, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

**CHAPTER 545**  
Theft and Fraud

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Property defined - see GEN. OFF. 501.01(j)  
 Cheating - see GEN. OFF. 517.05  
 Falsification - see GEN. OFF. 525.02  
 Impersonating a public servant - see GEN. OFF. 525.03

**545.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires that a term be given a different meaning:

- (a) "Deception" means knowingly deceiving another or causing another to be deceived, by any false or misleading representation, by withholding information, by preventing another from acquiring information, or by any other conduct, act or omission that creates, confirms or perpetuates a false impression in another, including a false impression as to law, value, state of mind, or other objective or subjective fact.

- (b) "Defraud" means to knowingly obtain, by deception, some benefit for oneself or another, or to knowingly cause, by deception, some detriment to another.
- (c) "Deprive" means to do any of the following:
  - (1) Withhold property of another permanently, or for such period that appropriates a substantial portion of its value or use, or with purpose to restore it only upon payment of a reward or other consideration;
  - (2) Dispose of property so as to make it unlikely that the owner will recover it;
  - (3) Accept, use or appropriate money, property or services, with purpose not to give proper consideration in return for the money, property or services, and without reasonable justification or excuse for not giving proper consideration.
- (d) "Owner" means, unless the context requires a different meaning, any person, other than the actor, who is the owner of, who has possession or control of, or who has any license or interest in property or services, even though the ownership, possession, control, license or interest is unlawful.
- (e) "Services" include labor, personal services, professional services, rental services, public utility services, including wireless service as defined in Ohio R.C. 5507.01(F)(1), common carrier services, and food, drink, transportation, entertainment and cable television services.
- (f) "Writing" means any computer software, document, letter, memorandum, note, paper, plate, data, film or other thing having in or upon it any written, typewritten or printed matter, and any token, stamp, seal, credit card, badge, trademark, label or other symbol of value, right, privilege, license or identification.
- (g) "Forge" means to fabricate or create, in whole or in part and by any means any spurious writing, or to make, execute, alter, complete, reproduce or otherwise purport to authenticate any writing, when the writing in fact is not authenticated by that conduct.
- (h) "Utter" means to issue, publish, transfer, use, put or send into circulation, deliver or display.
- (i) "Coin machine" means any mechanical or electronic device designed to do both of the following:
  - (1) Receive a coin, bill, or token made for that purpose;
  - (2) In return for the insertion or deposit of a coin, bill or token, automatically dispense property, provide a service or grant a license.
- (j) "Slug" means an object that, by virtue of its size, shape, composition or other quality, is capable of being inserted or deposited in a coin machine as an improper substitute for a genuine coin, bill or token made for that purpose.
- (k) "Theft offense" means any of the following:
  - (1) A violation of Ohio R.C. 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2911.31, 2911.32, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.041, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.33, 2913.34, 2913.40, 2913.42 to 2913.45, 2913.47, 2913.48, 2913.51, 2915.05, 2915.06 or 2921.41.
  - (2) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States substantially equivalent to any section listed in subsection (k)(1) hereof or a violation of Ohio R.C. 2913.41, 2913.81 or 2915.06 as it existed prior to July 1, 1996;
  - (3) An offense under an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States involving robbery, burglary, breaking and entering, theft, embezzlement, wrongful conversion, forgery, counterfeiting, deceit or fraud;

- (4) A conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in committing any offense under subsection (k)(1), (2) or (3) hereof.
- (l) "Computer services" includes, but is not limited to, the use of a computer system, computer network, computer program, data that is prepared for computer use or data that is contained within a computer system or computer network.
- (m) "Computer" means an electronic device that performs logical, arithmetic and memory functions by the manipulation of electronic or magnetic impulses. "Computer" includes, but is not limited to, all input, output, processing, storage, computer program or communication facilities that are connected or related, in a computer system or network to an electronic device of that nature.
- (n) "Computer system" means a computer and related devices, whether connected or unconnected, including, but not limited to, data input, output and storage devices, data communications links, and computer programs and data that make the system capable of performing specified special purpose data processing tasks.
- (o) "Computer network" means a set of related and remotely connected computers and communication facilities that includes more than one computer system that has the capability to transmit among the connected computers and communication facilities through the use of computer facilities.
- (p) "Computer program" means an ordered set of data representing coded instructions or statements that when executed by a computer cause the computer to process data.
- (q) "Computer software" means computer programs, procedures and other documentation associated with the operation of a computer system.
- (r) "Data" means a representation of information, knowledge, facts, concepts or instructions that are being or have been prepared in a formalized manner and that are intended for use in a computer, computer system or computer network. For purposes of Section 545.07, "data" has the additional meaning set forth in subsection (a) of that section.
- (s) "Cable television service" means any services provided by or through the facilities of any cable television system or other similar closed circuit coaxial cable communications system, or any microwave or similar transmission service used in connection with any cable television system or other similar closed circuit coaxial cable communications system.
- (t) "Gain access" means to approach, instruct, communicate with, store data in, retrieve data from or otherwise make use of any resources of a computer, computer system or computer network.
- (u) "Credit card" includes, but is not limited to, a card, code, device or other means of access to a customer's account for the purpose of obtaining money, property, labor or services on credit, or for initiating an electronic fund transfer at a point-of-sale terminal, an automated teller machine or a cash dispensing machine.
- (v) "Electronic fund transfer" has the same meaning as in 92 Stat. 3728, 15 U.S.C.A. 1693a, as amended.
- (w) "Rented property" means personal property in which the right of possession and use of the property is for a short and possibly indeterminate term in return for consideration; the rentee generally controls the duration of possession of the property, within any applicable minimum or maximum term; and the amount of consideration generally is determined by the duration of possession of the property.

- (x) “Telecommunication” means the origination, emission, dissemination, transmission, or reception of data, images, signals, sounds, or other intelligence or equivalence of intelligence or any nature over any communications system by any method, including, but not limited to, a fiber optic, electronic, magnetic, optical, digital, or analog method.
- (y) “Telecommunications device” means any instrument, equipment, machine, or other device that facilitates telecommunication, including, but not limited to, a computer, computer network, computer chip, computer circuit, scanner, telephone, cellular telephone, pager, personal communications device, transponder, receiver, radio, modem, or device that enables the use of a modem.
- (z) “Telecommunications service” means the providing, allowing, facilitating, or generating of any form of telecommunication through the use of a telecommunications device over a telecommunications system.
- (aa) “Counterfeit telecommunications device” means a telecommunications device that, alone or with another telecommunications device, has been altered, constructed, manufactured, or programmed to acquire, intercept, receive, or otherwise facilitate the use of a telecommunications service or information service without the authority or consent of the provider of the telecommunications service or information service. “Counterfeit telecommunications device” includes, but is not limited to, a clone telephone, clone microchip, tumbler telephone, or tumbler microchip; a wireless scanning device capable of acquiring, intercepting, receiving, or otherwise facilitating the use of telecommunications service or information service without immediate detection; or a device, equipment, hardware, or software designed for, or capable of, altering or changing the electronic serial number in a wireless telephone.
- (bb) (1) “Information service” means, subject to subsection (bb)(2) hereof, the offering of a capability for generating, acquiring, storing, transforming, processing, retrieving, utilizing, or making available information via telecommunications, including, but not limited to, electronic publishing.  
(2) “Information service” does not include any use of a capability of a type described in subsection (bb)(1) hereof for the management, control, or operation of a telecommunications system or the management of a telecommunications service.
- (cc) “Elderly person” means a person who is sixty-five years of age or older.
- (dd) “Disabled adult” means a person who is eighteen years of age or older and has some impairment of body or mind that makes the person unfit to work at any substantially remunerative employment that the person otherwise would be able to perform and that will, with reasonable probability, continue for a period of at least twelve months without any present indication of recovery from the impairment, or who is eighteen years of age or older and has been certified as permanently and totally disabled by an agency of this State or the United States that has the function of so classifying persons.
- (ee) “Firearm” and “dangerous ordnance” have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 2923.11.
- (ff) “Motor vehicle” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4501.01.
- (gg) “Dangerous drug” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4729.01.
- (hh) “Drug abuse offense” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2925.01.
- (ii) “Police dog or horse” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2921.321.

- (jj) “Anhydrous ammonia” is a compound formed by the combination of two gaseous elements, nitrogen and hydrogen, in the manner described in this subsection. Anhydrous ammonia is one part nitrogen to three parts hydrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>). Anhydrous ammonia by weight is fourteen parts nitrogen to three parts hydrogen, which is approximately eighty-two per cent nitrogen to eighteen per cent hydrogen.
- (kk) “Assistance dog” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 955.011.
- (ll) “Active duty service member” means any member of the armed forces of the United States performing active duty under Title 10 of the United States Code. (ORC 2913.01)

#### 545.02 DETERMINING PROPERTY VALUE IN THEFT OFFENSE.

(a) If more than one item of property or service is involved in a theft offense, the value of the property or services involved for the purpose of determining the value is the aggregate value of all property or services involved in the offense.

- (b) (1) When a series of offenses under Section 545.05, or a series of violations of, attempts to commit a violation of, conspiracies to violate, or complicity in violations of Section 545.05, 545.06, or 545.08, 545.10(b)(1) or (2), or Section 545.15 or 545.20 involving a victim who is an elderly person or disabled adult, is committed by the offender in the offender’s same employment, capacity, or relationship to another, all of those offenses shall be tried as a single offense. When a series of offenses under Section 545.05, or a series of violations of, attempts to commit a violation of, conspiracies to violate, or complicity in violations of Sections 545.05 or 545.15 involving a victim who is an active duty service member or spouse of an active duty service member is committed by the offender in the offender’s same employment, capacity or relationship to another, all of those offenses shall be tried as a single offense. The value of the property or services involved in the series of offenses for the purpose of determining the value is the aggregate value of all property and services involved in all offenses in the series.
- (2) If an offender commits a series of offenses under Section 545.05 that involves a common course of conduct to defraud multiple victims, all of the offenses may be tried as a single offense. If an offender is being tried for the commission of a series of violations of, attempts to commit a violation of, conspiracies to violate, or complicity in violations of Section 545.05, 545.06 or 545.08, Section 545.10(b)(1) or (2), or Section 545.15 or 545.20, whether committed against one victim or more than one victim, involving a victim who is an elderly person or disabled adult, pursuant to a scheme or course of conduct, all of those offenses may be tried as a single offense. If the offender is being tried for the commission of a series of violations of, attempts to commit a violation of, conspiracies to violate, or complicity in violations of Section 545.05 or 545.15, whether committed against one victim or more than one victim, involving a victim who is an active duty service member or spouse of an active duty service member pursuant to a scheme or course of conduct, all of those offenses may be tried as a single offense. If the offenses are tried as a single offense, the value of the property or services involved for the purpose of determining the value is the aggregate value of all property and services involved in all of the offenses in the course of conduct.



- (3) In prosecuting a single offense under subsection (b)(1) or (2), it is not necessary to separately allege and prove each offense in the series. Rather, it is sufficient to allege and prove that the offender, within a given span of time, committed one or more theft offenses in the offender's same employment, capacity, or relationship to another as described in subsection (b)(1) of this section or that involve a common course of conduct to defraud multiple victims or a scheme or course of conduct as described in subsection (b)(2) of this section. While it is not necessary to separately allege and prove each offense in the series in order to prosecute a single offense under subsection (b)(1) or (2) hereof, it remains necessary in prosecuting them as a single offense to prove the aggregate value of the property or services in order to meet the requisite statutory offense level sought by the prosecution.

(c) The following criteria shall be used in determining the value of property or services involved in a theft offense:

- (1) The value of an heirloom, memento, collector's item, antique, museum piece, manuscript, document, record or other thing that has intrinsic worth to its owner and that is either irreplaceable or is replaceable only on the expenditure of substantial time, effort or money, is the amount that would compensate the owner for its loss.
- (2) The value of personal effects and household goods, and of materials, supplies, equipment and fixtures used in the profession, business, trade, occupation or avocation of its owner, which property is not covered under subsection (c)(1) hereof, and which retains substantial utility for its purpose regardless of its age or condition, is the cost of replacing the property with new property of like kind and quality.
- (3) The value of any real or personal property that is not covered under subsections (c)(1) or (2) hereof, and the value of services, is the fair market value of the property or services. As used in this section, "fair market value" is the money consideration that a buyer would give and a seller would accept for property or services, assuming that the buyer is willing to buy and the seller is willing to sell, that both are fully informed as to all facts material to the transaction, and that neither is under any compulsion to act.

(d) Without limitation on the evidence that may be used to establish the value of property or services involved in a theft offense:

- (1) When the property involved is personal property held for sale at wholesale or retail, the price at which the property was held for sale is prima-facie evidence of its value.
- (2) When the property involved is a security or commodity traded on an exchange, the closing price or, if there is no closing price, the asked price, given in the latest market quotation prior to the offense, is prima-facie evidence of the value of the security or commodity.
- (3) When the property involved is livestock, poultry or raw agricultural products for which a local market price is available, the latest local market price prior to the offense is prima-facie evidence of the value of the livestock, poultry or products.
- (4) When the property involved is a negotiable instrument, the face value is prima-facie evidence of the value of the instrument.

- (5) When the property involved is a warehouse receipt, bill of lading, pawn ticket, claim check or other instrument entitling the holder or bearer to receive property, the face value or, if there is no face value, the value of the property covered by the instrument less any payment necessary to receive the property, is prima-facie evidence of the value of the instrument.
- (6) When the property involved is a ticket of admission, ticket for transportation, coupon, token or other instrument entitling the holder or bearer to receive property or services, the face value or, if there is no face value, the value of the property or services that may be received by the instrument, is prima-facie evidence of the value of the instrument.
- (7) When the services involved are gas, electricity, water, telephone, transportation, shipping or other services for which the rate is established by law, the duly established rate is prima-facie evidence of the value of the services.
- (8) When the services involved are services for which the rate is not established by law, and the offender has been notified prior to the offense of the rate for the services, either in writing or orally, or by posting in a manner reasonably calculated to come to the attention of potential offenders, the rate contained in the notice is prima-facie evidence of the value of the services. (ORC 2913.61)

#### 545.03 PROPERTY EXCEPTIONS AS FELONY OFFENSE.

Regardless of the value of the property involved, and regardless of whether the offender has previously been convicted of a theft offense, the provisions of Section 545.05 or 545.18 do not apply if the property involved is any of the following:

- (a) A credit card;
- (b) A printed form for a check or other negotiable instrument, that on its face identifies the drawer or maker for whose use it is designed or identifies the account on which it is to be drawn, and that has not been executed by the drawer or maker or on which the amount is blank;
- (c) A motor vehicle identification license plate as prescribed by Ohio R.C. 4503.22, a temporary motor vehicle license registration as prescribed by Ohio R.C. 4503.182, or any comparable temporary motor vehicle license registration as prescribed by the applicable law of another state or the United States;
- (d) A blank form for a certificate of title or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate to a motor vehicle, as prescribed by Ohio R.C. 4505.07;
- (e) A blank form for any license listed in Ohio R.C. 4507.01(A).  
(ORC 2913.71)

#### 545.04 DETENTION OF SHOPLIFTERS; RIGHTS OF MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES.

(a) A merchant, or his employee or agent, who has probable cause to believe that items offered for sale by a mercantile establishment have been unlawfully taken by a person, may, for the purposes set forth in subsection (c) hereof, detain the person in a reasonable manner for a reasonable length of time within the mercantile establishment or its immediate vicinity.

(b) Any officer, employee or agent of a library, museum or archival institution may, for the purposes set forth in subsection (c) hereof or for the purpose of conducting a reasonable investigation of a belief that the person has acted in a manner described in subsections (b)(1) and (2) hereof, detain a person in a reasonable manner for a reasonable length of time within, or in the immediate vicinity of the library, museum or archival institution, if the officer, employee or agent has probable cause to believe that the person has either:

- (1) Without privilege to do so, knowingly moved, defaced, damaged, destroyed or otherwise improperly tampered with property owned by or in the custody of the library, museum or archival institution; or
- (2) With purpose to deprive the library, museum or archival institution of property owned by it or in its custody, knowingly obtained or exerted control over the property without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent, beyond the scope of the express or implied consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent, by deception, or by threat.

(c) An officer, agent or employee of a library, museum or archival institution pursuant to subsection (b) hereof or a merchant or his employee or agent pursuant to subsection (a) hereof may detain another person for any of the following purposes:

- (1) To recover the property that is the subject of the unlawful taking, criminal mischief or theft;
- (2) To cause an arrest to be made by a peace officer;
- (3) To obtain a warrant of arrest.
- (4) To offer the person, if the person is suspected of the unlawful taking, criminal mischief, or theft and notwithstanding any other provision of this General Offenses or the Ohio Revised Code, an opportunity to complete a pretrial diversion program and to inform the person of the other legal remedies available to the library, museum, archival institution or merchant.

(d) The officer, agent or employee of the library, museum or archival institution, or the merchant or his employee or agent acting under subsection (a) or (b) hereof shall not search the person, search or seize any property belonging to the person detained without the person's consent, or use undue restraint upon the person detained.

(e) Any peace officer may arrest without a warrant any person that he has probable cause to believe has committed any act described in subsection (b)(1) or (2) hereof or that he has probable cause to believe has committed an unlawful taking in a mercantile establishment. An arrest under this subsection shall be made within a reasonable time after the commission of the act or unlawful taking.

(f) As used in this section:

- (1) "Archival institution" means any public or private building, structure or shelter in which are stored historical documents, devices, records, manuscripts or items of public interest, which historical materials are stored to preserve the materials or the information in the materials, to disseminate the information contained in the materials, or to make the materials available for public inspection or for inspection by certain persons who have a particular interest in, use for or knowledge concerning the materials.
- (2) "Museum" means any public or private nonprofit institution that is permanently organized for primarily educational or aesthetic purposes, owns or borrows objects or items of public interest, and cares for and exhibits to the public the objects or items.
- (3) "Pretrial diversion program" means a rehabilitative, educational program designed to reduce recidivism and promote personal responsibility that is at least four hours in length and that has been approved by any court in this State. (ORC 2935.041)

## 545.05 MISDEMEANOR THEFT.

(a) No person, with purpose to deprive the owner of property or services, shall knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services in any of the following ways:

- (1) Without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent;
- (2) Beyond the scope of the express or implied consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent;
- (3) By deception;
- (4) By threat;
- (5) By intimidation.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of misdemeanor theft, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If any of the following criteria are met, then a violation of this section is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law:

- (1) The value of the property or services stolen is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more; or
- (2) If the property stolen is any of the property listed in Ohio R.C. 2913.71;
- (3) The victim of the offense is an elderly person, disabled adult, active duty service member, or spouse of an active duty service member, or
- (4) The property stolen is a firearm or dangerous ordnance, or
- (5) The property stolen is a motor vehicle, or
- (6) The property stolen is any dangerous drug, or
- (7) The property stolen is a police dog or horse or an assistance dog and the offender knows or should know that the property stolen is a police dog or horse or an assistance dog, or
- (8) The property stolen is anhydrous ammonia, or
- (9) The property stolen is a special purpose article as defined in Ohio R.C. 4737.04 or a bulk merchandise container as defined in Ohio R.C. 4737.012.

(c) In addition to the penalties described in subsection (b) of this section, if the offender committed the violation by causing a motor vehicle to leave the premises of an establishment at which gasoline is offered for retail sale without the offender making full payment for gasoline that was dispensed into the fuel tank of the motor vehicle or into another container, the court may do one of the following:

- (1) Unless subsection (c)(2) of this section applies, suspend for not more than six months the offender's driver's license, probationary driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or nonresident operating privilege;
- (2) If the offender's driver's license, probationary driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or nonresident operating privilege has previously been suspended pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of this section, impose a class seven suspension of the offender's license, permit, or privilege from the range specified in Ohio R.C. 4510.02(A)(7), provided that the suspension shall be for at least six months.
- (3) The court, in lieu of suspending the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license, probationary driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or nonresident operating privilege pursuant to subsections (c)(1) or (2) of this section, instead may require the offender to perform community service for a number of hours determined by the court.

(d) In addition to the penalties described in subsection (b) hereof, if the offender committed the violation by stealing rented property or rental services, the court may order that the offender make restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.18 or 2929.28. Restitution may include, but is not limited to, the cost of repairing or replacing the stolen property, or the cost of repairing the stolen property and any loss of revenue resulting from deprivation of the property due to theft of rental services that is less than or equal to the actual value of the property at the time it was rented. Evidence of intent to commit theft of rented property or rental services shall be determined pursuant to the provisions of Ohio R.C. 2913.72.

(e) The sentencing court that suspends an offender's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege under subsection (c) of this section may grant the offender limited driving privileges during the period of the suspension in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 4510. (ORC 2913.02)

#### 545.06 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE; VEHICLE TRESPASS.

(a) No person shall knowingly use or operate an aircraft, motor vehicle, motorcycle, motorboat or other motor-propelled vehicle without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent.

(b) This section does not apply to property removed from the State or if possession is kept for more than forty-eight hours.

(c) The following are affirmative defenses to a charge under this section:

- (1) At the time of the alleged offense, the actor, though mistaken, reasonably believed that the actor was authorized to use or operate the property.
- (2) At the time of the alleged offense, the actor reasonably believed that the owner or person empowered to give consent would authorize the actor to use or operate the property.

(d) No person shall knowingly enter into or upon a motor vehicle, motorcycle or other motor-propelled vehicle without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent.

(e) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of unauthorized use of a vehicle, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the victim of the offense is an elderly person or disabled adult and if the victim incurs a loss as a result of the violation, a violation of subsection (a) hereof is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2913.03)

(f) Whoever violates subsection (d) hereof is guilty of vehicle trespass, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

#### 545.07 INSURANCE FRAUD.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Data" has the same meaning as in Section 545.01 and additionally includes any other representation of information, knowledge, facts, concepts or instructions that are being or have been prepared in a formalized manner.
- (2) "Deceptive" means that a statement, in whole or in part, would cause another to be deceived because it contains a misleading representation, withholds information, prevents the acquisition of information or by any other conduct, act or omission creates, confirms or perpetuates a false impression, including, but not limited to, a false impression as to law, value, state of mind or other objective or subjective fact.

- (3) "Insurer" means any person that is authorized to engage in the business of insurance in this State under Title XXXIX of the Ohio Revised Code; The Ohio Fair Plan Underwriting Association created under Ohio R.C. 3929.43; any health insuring corporation; and any legal entity that is self-insured and provides benefits to its employees or members.
- (4) "Policy" means a policy, certificate, contract or plan that is issued by an insurer.
- (5) "Statement" includes, but is not limited to, any notice, letter or memorandum; proof of loss; bill of lading; receipt for payment; invoice, account or other financial statement; estimate of property damage; bill for services; diagnosis or prognosis; prescription; hospital, medical or dental chart or other record; X-Ray, photograph, videotape or movie film; test result; other evidence of loss, injury or expense; computer-generated document; and data in any form.

(b) No person, with purpose to defraud or knowing that the person is facilitating a fraud, shall do either of the following:

- (1) Present to, or cause to be presented to, an insurer any written or oral statement that is part of, or in support of, an application for insurance, a claim for payment pursuant to a policy or a claim for any other benefit pursuant to a policy, knowing that the statement, or any part of the statement, is false or deceptive;
- (2) Assist, aid, abet, solicit, procure or conspire with another to prepare or make any written or oral statement that is intended to be presented to an insurer as part of, or in support of, an application for insurance, a claim for payment pursuant to a policy, or a claim for any other benefit pursuant to a policy, knowing that the statement, or any part of the statement, is false or deceptive.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of insurance fraud a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the amount of the claim that is false or deceptive is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, insurance fraud is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(d) This section shall not be construed to abrogate, waive or modify Ohio R.C. 2317.02(A). (ORC 2913.47)

#### 545.08 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PROPERTY.

(a) No person shall knowingly use or operate the property of another without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent.

(b) The affirmative defenses contained in Section 545.06(c) are affirmative defenses to a charge under this section.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of unauthorized use of property. Except as provided in subsection (d) hereof, unauthorized use of property is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(d) If unauthorized use of property is committed for the purpose of devising or executing a scheme to defraud or to obtain property or services, unauthorized use of property is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Unauthorized use of property is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law if:

- (1) Unauthorized use of property is committed for the purpose of devising or executing a scheme to defraud or to obtain property or services, and if the value of the property is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more; or
- (2) If the victim of the offense is an elderly person or disabled adult.  
(ORC 2913.04)

#### 545.09 PASSING BAD CHECKS.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Check" includes any form of debit from a demand deposit account, including, but not limited to any of the following:
  - A. A check, bill of exchange, draft, order of withdrawal, or similar negotiable or nonnegotiable instrument;
  - B. An electronic check, electronic transaction, debit card transaction, check card transaction, substitute check, web check, or any form of automated clearing house transaction.
- (2) "Issue a check" means causing any form of debit from a demand deposit account.

(b) No person, with purpose to defraud, shall issue or transfer or cause to be issued or transferred a check or other negotiable instrument, knowing that it will be dishonored or knowing that a person has ordered or will order stop payment on the check or other negotiable instrument.

(c) For purposes of this section, a person who issues or transfers a check or other negotiable instrument is presumed to know that it will be dishonored, if either of the following occurs:

- (1) The drawer had no account with the drawee at the time of issue or the stated date, whichever is later.
- (2) The check or other negotiable instrument was properly refused payment for insufficient funds upon presentment within thirty days after issue or the stated date, whichever is later, and the liability of the drawer, indorser or any party who may be liable thereon is not discharged by payment or satisfaction within ten days after receiving notice of dishonor.

(d) In determining the value of the payment for purposes of subsection (e) of this section, the court may aggregate all checks and other negotiable instruments that the offender issued or transferred or caused to be issued or transferred in violation of subsection (a) of this section within a period of one hundred eighty consecutive days.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of passing bad checks. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, passing bad checks is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the check or checks or other negotiable instrument or instruments are issued or transferred to a single vendor or single other person for the payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more or if the check or checks or other negotiable instrument or instruments are issued or transferred to multiple vendors or persons for the payment of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or more, passing bad checks is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.  
(ORC 2913.11)

**545.10 MISUSE OF CREDIT CARDS.**

- (a) No person shall do any of the following:
- (1) Practice deception for the purpose of procuring the issuance of a credit card, when a credit card is issued in actual reliance thereon;
  - (2) Knowingly buy or sell a credit card from or to a person other than the issuer.
  - (3) As an officer, employee, or appointee of a political subdivision or as a public servant as defined under Section 525.01, knowingly misuse a credit card account held by a political subdivision.
- (b) No person, with purpose to defraud, shall do any of the following:
- (1) Obtain control over a credit card as security for a debt;
  - (2) Obtain property or services by the use of a credit card, in one or more transactions, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the card has expired or been revoked, or was obtained, is retained or is being used in violation of law;
  - (3) Furnish property or services upon presentation of a credit card, knowing that the card is being used in violation of law;
  - (4) Represent or cause to be represented to the issuer of a credit card that property or services have been furnished, knowing that the representation is false.

(c) No person, with purpose to violate this section, shall receive, possess, control or dispose of a credit card.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of misuse of credit cards, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Misuse of credit cards is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law if:

- (1) The cumulative retail value of the property and services involved in one or more violations of subsection (b)(2), (3) or (4) hereof, which violations involve one or more credit card accounts and occur within a period of ninety consecutive days commencing on the date of the first violation, is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more; or
- (2) The victim of the offense is an elderly person or disabled adult and the offense involves a violation of subsection (b)(1) or (2) hereof.  
(ORC 2913.21)

**545.11 MAKING OR USING SLUGS.**

- (a) No person shall do any of the following:
- (1) Insert or deposit a slug in a coin machine, with purpose to defraud;
  - (2) Make, possess or dispose of a slug, with purpose of enabling another to defraud by inserting or depositing it in a coin machine.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of making or using slugs, a misdemeanor of the second degree. (ORC 2913.33)



**545.12 TAMPERING WITH COIN MACHINES.**

(a) No person, with purpose to commit theft or to defraud, shall knowingly enter, force an entrance into, tamper with or insert any part of an instrument into any coin machine.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of tampering with coin machines, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender has previously been convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 2911.32 or of any theft offense, tampering with coin machines is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2911.32)

**545.13 CRIMINAL SIMULATION.**

(a) No person, with purpose to defraud, or knowing that the person is facilitating a fraud, shall do any of the following:

- (1) Make or alter any object so that it appears to have value because of antiquity, rarity, curiosity, source, or authorship, which it does not in fact possess;
- (2) Practice deception in making, retouching, editing, or reproducing any photograph, movie film, video tape, phonograph record, or recording tape;
- (3) Falsely or fraudulently make, simulate, forge, alter, or counterfeit any wrapper, label, stamp, cork, or cap prescribed by the Liquor Control Commission under Ohio R.C. Chapters 4301 and 4303, falsely or fraudulently cause to be made, simulated, forged, altered, or counterfeited any wrapper, label, stamp, cork, or cap prescribed by the Liquor Control Commission under Ohio R.C. Chapters 4301 and 4303, or use more than once any wrapper, label, stamp, cork, or cap prescribed by the Liquor Control Commission under Ohio R.C. Chapters 4301 and 4303.
- (4) Utter, or possess with purpose to utter, any object that the person knows to have been simulated as provided in subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) of this section.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of criminal simulation, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the loss to the victim is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, criminal simulation is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2913.32)

**545.14 TAMPERING WITH RECORDS.**

(a) No person, knowing the person has no privilege to do so, and with purpose to defraud or knowing that the person is facilitating a fraud, shall do any of the following:

- (1) Falsify, destroy, remove, conceal, alter, deface or mutilate any writing, computer software, data, or record;
- (2) Utter any writing or record, knowing it to have been tampered with as provided in subsection (a)(1) hereof.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of tampering with records, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the violation involves data or computer software the value of which or loss to the victim is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, or if the writing or record is a will unrevoked at the time of the offense, tampering with records is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2913.42)

**545.15 SECURING WRITINGS BY DECEPTION.**

(a) No person, by deception, shall cause another to execute any writing that disposes of or encumbers property, or by which a pecuniary obligation is incurred.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of securing writings by deception, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Securing writings by deception is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law if:

- (1) The value of the property or obligation involved is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more; or
- (2) The victim of the offense is an elderly person, disabled adult, active duty service member or spouse of an active duty service member. (ORC 2913.43)

#### 545.16 PERSONATING AN OFFICER.

(a) No person, with purpose to defraud or knowing that he is facilitating a fraud, or with purpose to induce another to purchase property or services, shall personate a law enforcement officer, or an inspector, investigator or agent of any governmental agency.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of personating an officer, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2913.44)

#### 545.17 DEFRAUDING CREDITORS.

(a) No person, with purpose to defraud one or more of the person's creditors, shall do any of the following:

- (1) Remove, conceal, destroy, encumber, convey or otherwise deal with any of the person's property.
- (2) Misrepresent or refuse to disclose to a fiduciary appointed to administer or manage the person's affairs or estate, the existence, amount or location of any of the person's property, or any other information regarding such property that the person is legally required to furnish to the fiduciary.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of defrauding creditors, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the value of the property involved is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, defrauding creditors is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2913.45)

#### 545.18 RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.

(a) No person shall receive, retain or dispose of property of another, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the property has been obtained through commission of a theft offense.

(b) It is not a defense to a charge of receiving stolen property in violation of this section that the property was obtained by means other than through the commission of a theft offense if the property was explicitly represented to the accused person as being obtained through the commission of a theft offense.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of receiving stolen property, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Receiving stolen property is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law if:

- (1) The value of the property involved is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more; or
- (2) The property involved is:
  - A. Listed in Section 545.03; or
  - B. A motor vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4501.01; or
  - C. A dangerous drug as defined in Ohio R.C. 4729.01.
  - D. A special purchase article as defined in Ohio R.C. 4737.04 or a bulk merchandise container as defined in Ohio R.C. 4737.012.(ORC 2913.51)

**545.19 POSSESSION OF CRIMINAL TOOLS.**

- (a) No person shall possess or have under the person's control any substance, device, instrument, or article, with purpose to use it criminally.
- (b) Each of the following constitutes prima-facie evidence of criminal purpose:
- (1) Possession or control of any dangerous ordnance, or the materials or parts for making dangerous ordnance, in the absence of circumstances indicating the dangerous ordnance, materials, or parts are intended for legitimate use;
  - (2) Possession or control of any substance, device, instrument, or article designed or specially adapted for criminal use;
  - (3) Possession or control of any substance, device, instrument, or article commonly used for criminal purposes, under circumstances indicating the item is intended for criminal use.
- (c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of possessing criminal tools, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the circumstances indicate that the substance, device, instrument, or article involved in the offense was intended for use in the commission of a felony, possessing criminal tools is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.  
(ORC 2923.24)

**545.20 FORGERY OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS.**

- (a) No person shall knowingly do either of the following:
- (1) Forge an identification card;
  - (2) Sell or otherwise distribute a card that purports to be an identification card, knowing it to have been forged.
  - (3) As used in this section, "identification card" means a card that includes personal information or characteristics of an individual, a purpose of which is to establish the identity of the bearer described on the card, whether the words "identity," "identification," "identification card" or other similar words appear on the card.
- (b) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of forging identification cards or selling or distributing forged identification cards. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, forging or selling or distributing forged identification cards is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of this section or Ohio R.C. 2913.31 (B), forging identification cards or selling or distributing forged identification cards is a misdemeanor of the first degree and, in addition, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).  
(ORC 2913.31)

**545.21 IDENTITY FRAUD.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 545.21 has been deleted from the Codified Ordinances. Ohio R.C. 2913.49, from which Section 545.21 was derived, has been reclassified from a misdemeanor to a felony offense.)

**545.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

**CHAPTER 549**  
Weapons and Explosives

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 License or permit to possess dangerous ordnance - see Ohio R.C. 2923.18  
 Hunting prohibited - see GEN. OFF. 505.11  
 Reporting gunshot and stab wounds - see GEN. OFF. 525.05(b)  
 Property destruction by tear gas device, etc. - see GEN. OFF. 541.04

**549.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Deadly weapon" means any instrument, device or thing capable of inflicting death, and designed or specially adapted for use as a weapon, or possessed, carried or used as a weapon.
- (b) (1) "Firearm" means any deadly weapon capable of expelling or propelling one or more projectiles by the action of an explosive or combustible propellant. "Firearm" includes an unloaded firearm, and any firearm that is inoperable but that can readily be rendered operable.
- (2) When determining whether a firearm is capable of expelling or propelling one or more projectiles by the action of an explosive or combustible propellant, the trier of fact may rely upon circumstantial evidence, including, but not limited to, the representations and actions of the individual exercising control over the firearm.
- (c) "Handgun" means any of the following:
  - (1) Any firearm that has a short stock and is designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand;
  - (2) Any combination of parts from which a firearm of a type described in subsection (c)(1) of this section can be assembled.

- (d) "Semi-automatic firearm" means any firearm designed or specially adapted to fire a single cartridge and automatically chamber a succeeding cartridge ready to fire, with a single function of the trigger.
- (e) "Automatic firearm" means any firearm designed or specially adapted to fire a succession of cartridges with a single function of the trigger.
- (f) "Sawed-off firearm" means a shotgun with a barrel less than eighteen inches long, or a rifle with a barrel less than sixteen inches long, or a shotgun or rifle less than twenty-six inches long overall. "Sawed-off firearm" does not include any firearm with an overall length of at least twenty-six inches that is approved for sale by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives under the "Gun Control Act of 1968", 82 Stat. 1213, 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3), but that is found by the Bureau not to be regulated under the "National Firearms Act", 68A Stat. 725 (1934), 26 U.S.C. 5845(a).
- (g) "Zip-gun" means any of the following:
  - (1) Any firearm of crude and extemporized manufacture;
  - (2) Any device, including without limitation a starter's pistol, that is not designed as a firearm, but that is specially adapted for use as a firearm;
  - (3) Any industrial tool, signalling device or safety device, that is not designed as a firearm, but that as designed is capable of use as such, when possessed, carried or used as a firearm.
- (h) "Explosive device" means any device designed or specially adapted to cause physical harm to persons or property by means of an explosion, and consisting of an explosive substance or agency and a means to detonate it. "Explosive device" includes without limitation any bomb, any explosive demolition device, any blasting cap or detonator containing an explosive charge, and any pressure vessel that has been knowingly tampered with or arranged so as to explode.
- (i) "Incendiary device" means any firebomb, and any device designed or specially adapted to cause physical harm to persons or property by means of fire, and consisting of an incendiary substance or agency and a means to ignite it.
- (j) "Ballistic knife" means a knife with a detachable blade that is propelled by a spring-operated mechanism.
- (k) "Dangerous ordnance" means any of the following, except as provided in subsection (l) hereof:
  - (1) Any automatic or sawed-off firearm, zip-gun or ballistic knife;
  - (2) Any explosive device or incendiary device;
  - (3) Nitroglycerin, nitrocellulose, nitrostarch, PETN, cyclonite, TNT, picric acid and other high explosives; amatol, tritonal, tetrytol, pentolite, pectretol, cyclotol and other high explosive compositions; plastic explosives; dynamite, blasting gelatin, gelatin dynamite, sensitized ammonium nitrate, liquid-oxygen blasting explosives, blasting powder and other blasting agents; and any other explosive substance having sufficient brisance or power to be particularly suitable for use as a military explosive, or for use in mining, quarrying, excavating or demolitions;
  - (4) Any firearm, rocket launcher, mortar, artillery piece, grenade, mine, bomb, torpedo or similar weapon, designed and manufactured for military purposes, and the ammunition for that weapon;
  - (5) Any firearm muffler or suppressor;
  - (6) Any combination of parts that is intended by the owner for use in converting any firearm or other device into a dangerous ordnance.

- (l) "Dangerous ordnance" does not include any of the following:
- (1) Any firearm, including a military weapon and the ammunition for that weapon, and regardless of its actual age, that employs a percussion cap or other obsolete ignition system, or that is designed and safe for use only with black powder;
  - (2) Any pistol, rifle or shotgun, designed or suitable for sporting purposes, including a military weapon as issued or as modified, and the ammunition for that weapon unless the firearm is an automatic or sawed-off firearm;
  - (3) Any cannon or other artillery piece that, regardless of its actual age, is of a type in accepted use prior to 1887, has no mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic or other system for absorbing recoil and returning the tube into battery without displacing the carriage, and is designed and safe for use only with black powder;
  - (4) Black powder, priming quills and percussion caps possessed and lawfully used to fire a cannon of a type defined in subsection (l)(3) hereof during displays, celebrations, organized matches or shoots, and target practice, and smokeless and black powder, primers and percussion caps possessed and lawfully used as a propellant or ignition device in small-arms or small-arms ammunition;
  - (5) Dangerous ordnance that is inoperable or inert and cannot readily be rendered operable or activated, and that is kept as a trophy, souvenir, curio or museum piece.
  - (6) Any device that is expressly excepted from the definition of a destructive device pursuant to the "Gun Control Act of 1968," 82 Stat. 1213, 18 U.S.C.921(a)(4), as amended, and regulations issued under that Act.
  - (7) Any firearm with an overall length of at least twenty-six inches that is approved for sale by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives under the "Gun Control Act of 1968", 82 Stat. 1213, 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3), but that is found by the Bureau not to be regulated under the "National Firearms Act", 68A Stat. 725 (1934), 26 U.S.C. 5845(a).
- (m) "Explosive" means any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion. "Explosive" includes all materials that have been classified as division 1.1, division 1.2, division 1.3, or division 1.4 explosives by the United States Department of Transportation in its regulations and includes, but is not limited to, dynamite, black powder, pellet powders, initiating explosives, blasting caps, electric blasting caps, safety fuses, fuse igniters, squibs, cordeau detonant fuses, instantaneous fuses, and igniter cords and igniters. "Explosive" does not include "fireworks", as defined in Ohio R.C. 3743.01, or any substance or material otherwise meeting the definition of explosive set forth in this section that is manufactured, sold, possessed, transported, stored or used in any activity described in Ohio R.C. 3743.80, provided the activity is conducted in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Ohio R.C. 3743.80, and the rules of the Fire Marshal adopted pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3737.82.
- (n) (1) "Concealed handgun license" or "license to carry a concealed handgun" means, subject to subsection (n)(2) of this section, a license or temporary emergency license to carry a concealed handgun issued under Ohio R.C. 2923.125 or 2923.1213 or a license to carry a concealed handgun issued by another state with which the Attorney General has entered into a reciprocity agreement under Ohio R.C. 109.69.

- (2) A reference in any provision of the Ohio Revised Code to a concealed handgun license issued under Ohio R.C. 2923.125 or a license to carry a concealed handgun issued under Ohio R.C. 2923.125 means only a license of the type that is specified in that section. A reference in any provision of the Ohio Revised Code to a concealed handgun license issued under Ohio R.C. 2923.1213, a license to carry a concealed handgun issued under Ohio R.C. 2923.1213, or a license to carry a concealed handgun on a temporary emergency basis means only a license of the type that is specified in Ohio R.C. 2923.1213. A reference in any provision of the Ohio Revised Code to a concealed handgun license issued by another state or a license to carry a concealed handgun issued by another state means only a license issued by another state with which the Attorney General has entered into a reciprocity agreement under Ohio R.C. 109.69.
- (o) “Valid concealed handgun license” or “valid license to carry a concealed handgun” means a concealed handgun license that is currently valid, that is not under a suspension under division (A)(1) of Ohio R.C. 2923.128, under Ohio R.C. 2923.1213, or under a suspension provision of the state other than this State in which the license was issued, and that has not been revoked under division (B)(1) of Ohio R.C. 2923.128, under Ohio R.C. 2923.1213 or under a revocation provision of the state other than this State in which the license was issued.
- (p) “Misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year” does not include any of the following:
- (1) Any federal or state offense pertaining to antitrust violations, unfair trade practices, restraints of trade or other similar offenses relating to the regulation of business practices;
  - (2) Any misdemeanor offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of two years or less.
- (q) “Alien registration number” means the number issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Agency that is located on the alien’s permanent resident card and may also be commonly referred to as the “USCIS number” or the “alien number”.
- (r) “Active duty” has the same meaning as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101. (ORC 2923.11)

#### 549.02 CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS.

- (a) No person shall knowingly carry or have, concealed on the person’s person or concealed ready at hand, any of the following:
- (1) A deadly weapon other than a handgun;
  - (2) A handgun other than a dangerous ordnance;
  - (3) A dangerous ordnance.
- (b) No person who has been issued a concealed handgun license, shall do any of the following:
- (1) If the person is stopped for a law enforcement purpose and is carrying a concealed handgun, before or at the time a law enforcement officer asks if the person is carrying a concealed handgun, knowingly fail to disclose that the person then is carrying a concealed handgun, provided that it is not a violation of this section if the person fails to disclose that fact to an officer during the stop and the person already has notified another officer of that fact during the same stop;

- (2) If the person is stopped for a law enforcement purpose and is carrying a concealed handgun, knowingly fail to keep the person's hands in plain sight at any time after any law enforcement officer begins approaching the person while stopped and before the law enforcement officer leaves, unless the failure is pursuant to and in accordance with directions given by a law enforcement officer;
  - (3) If the person is stopped for a law enforcement purpose and is carrying a concealed handgun, knowingly disregard or fail to comply with any lawful order of any law enforcement officer given while the person is stopped, including, but not limited to, a specific order to the person to keep the person's hands in plain sight.
- (c) (1) This section does not apply to any of the following:
- A. An officer, agent or employee or this or any other state or the United States, or to a law enforcement officer, who is authorized to carry concealed weapons or dangerous ordnance, or is authorized to carry handguns and is acting within the scope of the officer's, agent's or employee's duties;
  - B. Any person who is employed in this State, who is authorized to carry concealed weapons or dangerous ordnance or is authorized to carry handguns, and who is subject to and in compliance with the requirements of Ohio R.C. 109.801 unless the appointing authority of the person has expressly specified that the exemption provided in subsection (c)(1)B. hereof does not apply to the person.
  - C. A person's transportation or storage of a firearm, other than a firearm described in divisions (G) to (M) of Ohio R.C. 2923.11 in a motor vehicle for any lawful purpose if the firearm is not on the actor's person;
  - D. A person's storage or possession of a firearm, other than a firearm described in divisions (G) to (M) of Ohio R.C. 2923.11 in the actor's own home for any lawful purpose.
- (2) Subsection (a)(2) of this section does not apply to any person who has been issued a concealed handgun license that is valid at the time of the alleged carrying or possession of a handgun or who, at the time of the alleged carrying or possession of a handgun, is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and is carrying a valid military identification card and documentation of successful completion of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training requirements described in Ohio R.C. 2923.125(G)(1), unless the person knowingly is in a place described in Ohio R.C. 2923.126(B).
- (d) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under subsection (a)(1) of this section of carrying or having control of a weapon other than a handgun and other than a dangerous ordnance, that the actor was not otherwise prohibited by law from having the weapon, and that any of the following applies:
- (1) The weapon was carried or kept ready at hand by the actor for defensive purposes, while the actor was engaged in or was going to or from the actor's lawful business or occupation, which business or occupation was of a character or was necessarily carried on in a manner or at a time or place as to render the actor particularly susceptible to criminal attack, such as would justify a prudent person in going armed.



- (2) The weapon was carried or kept ready at hand by the actor for defensive purposes, while the actor was engaged in a lawful activity and had reasonable cause to fear a criminal attack upon the actor, a member of the actor's family, or the actor's home, such as would justify a prudent person in going armed.
  - (3) The weapon was carried or kept ready at hand by the actor for any lawful purpose and while in the actor's own home.
- (e)
- (1) No person who is charged with a violation of this section shall be required to obtain a concealed handgun license as a condition for the dismissal of the charge.
  - (2) If a person is convicted of, was convicted of, pleads guilty to, or has pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (b)(1) of this section as it existed prior to June 13, 2022, the person may file an application under Ohio R.C. 2953.35 requesting the expungement of the record of conviction.
- (f)
- (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of carrying concealed weapons. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or subsections (f)(2), (5) and (6) of this section, carrying concealed weapons in violation of subsection (a) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or subsections (f)(2), (5) and (6) of this section, if the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of this section or of any offense of violence, if the weapon involved is a firearm that is either loaded or for which the offender has ammunition ready at hand, or if the weapon involved is dangerous ordnance, carrying concealed weapons in violation of subsection (a) of this section is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (f)(2), (5) and (6) of this section, if the weapon involved is a firearm and the violation of this section is committed at premises for which a D permit has been issued under Chapter 4303, of the Revised Code or if the offense is committed aboard an aircraft, or with purpose to carry a concealed weapon aboard an aircraft, regardless of the weapon involved, carrying concealed weapons in violation of subsection (a) of this section is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
  - (2) A person shall not be arrested for a violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section solely because the person does not promptly produce a valid concealed handgun license. If a person is arrested for a violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section and is convicted of or pleads guilty to the violation, the offender shall be punished as follows:
    - A. The offender shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor if both of the following apply:
      - 1. Within ten days after the arrest, the offender presents a concealed handgun license, which license was valid at the time of the arrest to the law enforcement agency that employs the arresting officer.
      - 2. At the time of the arrest, the offender was not knowingly in a place described in division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2923.126.

- B. The offender shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00) if all of the following apply:
1. The offender previously had been issued a concealed handgun license and that license expired within the two years immediately preceding the arrest.
  2. Within forty-five days after the arrest, the offender presents any type of concealed handgun license to the law enforcement agency that employed the arresting officer, and the offender waives in writing the offender's right to a speedy trial on the charge of the violation that is provided in Ohio R.C. 2945.71.
  3. At the time of the commission of the offense, the offender was not knowingly in a place described in division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2923.126.
- C. If subsections (f)(2)A. and B. and (f)(5) of this section do not apply, the offender shall be punished under subsection (f)(1) or (6) of this section.
- (3) Carrying concealed weapons in violation of subsection (b)(1) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- (4) Carrying concealed weapons in violation of subsection (b)(2) or (b)(3) hereof is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender has previously been convicted or pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (b)(2) or (b)(3) hereof or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, carrying concealed weapons is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate state law. In addition to any other penalty or sanction imposed for a violation of subsection (b)(2) or (b)(3) hereof, the offender's concealed handgun license shall be suspended pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2923.128(A)(2).
- (5) If a person being arrested for a violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and is carrying a valid military identification card and documentation of successful completion of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training requirements described in division (G)(1) of Ohio R.C. 2923.125, and if at the time of the violation the person was not knowingly in a place described in division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2923.126, the officer shall not arrest the person for a violation of that division. If the person is not able to promptly produce a valid military identification card and documentation of successful completion of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training requirements described in division (G)(1) of Ohio R.C. 2923.125 and if the person is not in a place described in division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2923.126, the officer shall issue a citation and the offender shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The citation shall be automatically dismissed and the civil penalty shall not be assessed if both of the following apply:
- A. Within ten days after the issuance of the citation, the offender presents a valid military identification card and documentation of successful completion of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training requirements described in division (G)(1) of Ohio R.C. 2923.125, which were both valid at the time of the issuance of the citation to the law enforcement agency that employs the citing officer.

- B. At the time of the citation, the offender was not knowingly in a place described in division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2923.126.
- (6) If a person being arrested for a violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section is knowingly in a place described in division (B)(5) of Ohio R.C. 2923.126, and is not authorized to carry a handgun or have a handgun concealed on the person's person or concealed ready at hand under that division, the penalty shall be as follows:
- A. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the person produces a valid concealed handgun license within ten days after the arrest and has not previously been convicted or pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section, the person is guilty of a minor misdemeanor;
- B. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the person has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree;
- C. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the person has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two violations of subsection (a)(2) of this section, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree;
- D. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the person has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of subsection (a)(2) of this section, or convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense of violence, if the weapon involved is a firearm that is either loaded or for which the offender has ammunition ready at hand, or if the weapon involved is a dangerous ordnance, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(g) If a law enforcement officer stops a person to question the person regarding a possible violation of this section, for a traffic stop, or for any other law enforcement purpose, if the person surrenders a firearm to the officer, either voluntarily or pursuant to a request or demand of the officer, and if the officer does not charge the person with a violation of this section or arrest the person for any offense, the person is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the firearm, and the firearm is not contraband, the officer shall return the firearm to the person at the termination of the stop. If a court orders a law enforcement officer to return a firearm to a person pursuant to the requirement set forth in this subsection, division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2923.163 applies.

(h) For purposes of this section, "deadly weapon" or "weapon" does not include any knife, razor, or cutting instrument if the instrument was not used as a weapon. (ORC 2923.12)

#### 549.03 USING WEAPONS WHILE INTOXICATED.

(a) No person, while under the influence of alcohol or any drug of abuse, shall carry or use any firearm or dangerous ordnance.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of using weapons while intoxicated, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2923.15)

#### 549.04 IMPROPERLY HANDLING FIREARMS IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

(a) No person shall knowingly transport or have a firearm in a motor vehicle, unless the person may lawfully possess that firearm under applicable law of this state or the United States, the firearm is unloaded, and the firearm is carried in one of the following ways:

- (1) In a closed package, box or case;
- (2) In a compartment which can be reached only by leaving the vehicle;
- (3) In plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made for the purpose;
- (4) If the firearm is at least twenty-four inches in overall length as measured from the muzzle to the part of the stock furthest from the muzzle and if the barrel is at least eighteen inches in length, either in plain sight with the action open or the weapon stripped, or, if the firearm is of a type on which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be stripped, in plain sight.

(b) No person who has been issued a concealed handgun license, or who is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and is carrying a valid military identification card and documentation of successful completion of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training requirements described in division (G)(1) of Ohio R.C. 2923.125, who is the driver or an occupant of a motor vehicle that is stopped as a result of a traffic stop or a stop for another law enforcement purpose or is the driver or an occupant of a commercial motor vehicle that is stopped by an employee of the motor carrier enforcement unit for the purposes defined in Ohio R.C. 5503.34, and who is transporting or has a loaded handgun in the motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle in any manner, shall do any of the following:

- (1) Before or at the time a law enforcement officer asks if the person is carrying a concealed handgun, knowingly fail to disclose that the person then possesses or has a loaded handgun in the motor vehicle, provided that it is not a violation of this division if the person fails to disclose that fact to an officer during the stop and the person already has notified another officer of that fact during the same stop;
- (2) Before or at the time an employee of the motor carrier enforcement unit asks if the person is carrying a concealed handgun, knowingly fail to disclose that the person then possesses or has a loaded handgun in the commercial motor vehicle, provided that it is not a violation of this division if the person fails to disclose that fact to an employee of the unit during the stop and the person already has notified another employee of the unit of that fact during the same stop;
- (3) Knowingly fail to remain in the motor vehicle while stopped, or knowingly fail to keep the person's hands in plain sight at any time after any law enforcement officer begins approaching the person while stopped and before the law enforcement officer leaves, unless the failure is pursuant to and in accordance with directions given by a law enforcement officer.
- (4) Knowingly disregard or fail to comply with any lawful order of any law enforcement officer given while the motor vehicle is stopped, including, but not limited to, a specific order to the person to keep the person's hands in plain sight.

- (c) (1) This section does not apply to any of the following:
- A. An officer, agent or employee of this or any other state or the United States, or a law enforcement officer, when authorized to carry or have loaded or accessible firearms in motor vehicles and acting within the scope of the officer's, agent's or employee's duties;
  - B. Any person who is employed in this State, who is authorized to carry or have loaded or accessible firearms in motor vehicles, and who is subject to and in compliance with the requirements of Ohio R.C. 109.801, unless the appointing authority of the person has expressly specified that the exemption provided in subsection (c)(1)B. does not apply to the person.
- (2) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to a person who transports or possesses a handgun in a motor vehicle if, at the time of that transportation or possession, both of the following apply:
- A. The person transporting or possessing the handgun has been issued a concealed handgun license that is valid at the time in question or the person is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and is carrying a valid military identification card and documentation of successful completion of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training requirements described in Ohio R.C. 2923.125(G)(1).
  - B. The person transporting or possessing the handgun is not knowingly in a place described in division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2923.126.
- (3) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to a person if all of the following apply:
- A. The person possesses a valid all-purpose vehicle permit issued under Ohio R.C. 1533.103 by the Chief of the Division of Wildlife.
  - B. The person is on or in an all-purpose vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 1531.01 on private or publicly owned lands or on or in a motor vehicle during the open hunting season for a wild quadruped or game bird.
  - C. The person is on or in an all-purpose vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 1531.01 or a motor vehicle that is parked on a road that is owned or administered by the Division of Wildlife.
- (d) (1) The affirmative defenses authorized in Section 549.02(d)(1) and (2) are affirmative defenses to a charge under subsection (a) that involves a firearm other than a handgun.
- (2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under subsection (a) of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle that the actor transported or had the firearm in the motor vehicle for any lawful purpose and while the motor vehicle was on the actor's own property, provided that the affirmative defense is not available unless the person, immediately prior to arriving at the actor's own property, did not transport or possess the firearm in a motor vehicle in a manner prohibited by subsection (a) while the motor vehicle was being operated on a street, highway, or other public or private property used by the public for vehicular traffic.

- (e) (1) No person who is charged with a violation of subsection (a) shall be required to obtain a concealed handgun license as a condition for the dismissal of the charge.
- (2) If a person is convicted of, was convicted of, pleads guilty to, or has pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (b) of this section as it existed prior to September 30, 2011, and the conduct that was the basis of the violation no longer would be a violation of subsection (b) of this section on or after September 30, 2011, or if a person is convicted of, was convicted of, pleads guilty to, or has pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (a) of this section as the subsection existed prior to June 13, 2022, the person may file an application under Ohio R.C. 2953.35 requesting the expungement of the record of conviction.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle. Violation of subsection (a) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. A violation of subsection (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree. A violation of subsection (b)(3) or (4) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree or, if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (b)(3) or (4) of this section, a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. In addition to any other penalty or sanction imposed for a misdemeanor violation of subsection (b)(3) or (4) of this section, the offender's concealed handgun license shall be suspended pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2923.128(A)(2).

(g) If a law enforcement officer stops a motor vehicle for a traffic stop or any other purpose, if any person in the motor vehicle surrenders a firearm to the officer, either voluntarily or pursuant to a request or demand of the officer, and if the officer does not charge the person with a violation of this section or arrest the person for any offense, the person is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the firearm, and the firearm is not contraband, the officer shall return the firearm to the person at the termination of the stop. If a court orders a law enforcement officer to return a firearm to a person pursuant to the requirement set forth in this subsection, division (B) of Ohio R.C. 2923.163 applies.

- (h) As used in this section:
  - (1) "Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4506.25(A).
  - (2) "Motor carrier enforcement unit" means the motor carrier enforcement unit in the Department of Public Safety, Division of State Highway Patrol, that is created by Ohio R.C. 5503.34.
  - (3) "Motor vehicle", "street" and "highway" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4511.01.
  - (4) A. "Unloaded" means:
    - 1. With respect to a firearm other than a firearm described in subsection (h)(4)B. of this section, that no ammunition is in the firearm in question, no magazine or speed loader containing ammunition is inserted into the firearm in question and one of the following applies:
      - a. There is no ammunition in a magazine or speed loader that is in the vehicle in question and that may be used with the firearm in question.
      - b. Any magazine or speed loader that contains ammunition and that may be used with the firearm in question is stored in a compartment within the

- vehicle in question that cannot be accessed without leaving the vehicle or is stored in a container that provides complete and separate enclosure.
2. For the purposes of subsection (h)(4)A.1.b. of this section, a “container that provides complete and separate enclosure” includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:
    - a. A package, box or case with multiple compartments, as long as the loaded magazine or speed loader and the firearm in question either are in separate compartments within the package, box, or case, or, if they are in the same compartment, the magazine or speed loader is contained within a separate enclosure in that compartment that does not contain the firearm and that closes using a snap, button, buckle, zipper, hook and loop closing mechanism, or other fastener that must be opened to access the contents or the firearm is contained within a separate enclosure of that nature in that compartment that does not contain the magazine or speed loader;
    - b. A pocket or other enclosure on the person of the person in question that closes using a snap, button, buckle, zipper, hook and loop closing mechanism, or other fastener that must be opened to access the contents.
  3. For the purposes of subsection (h)(4)A. of this section, ammunition held in stripper-clips or in en-bloc clips is not considered ammunition that is loaded into a magazine or speed loader.
- B. “Unloaded” means, with respect to a firearm employing a percussion cap, flintlock, or other obsolete ignition system, when the weapon is uncapped or when the priming charge is removed from the pan.

(i) Subsection (h)(4) of this section does not affect the authority of a person who has been issued a concealed handgun license that is valid at the time in question to have one or more magazines or speed loaders containing ammunition anywhere in a vehicle, without being transported as described in those divisions, so long as no ammunition is in a firearm, other than a handgun, in the vehicle other than as permitted under any other provision of this chapter. A person who has been issued a concealed handgun license that is valid at the time in question may have one or more magazines or speed loaders containing ammunition anywhere in a vehicle without further restriction, as long as no ammunition is in a firearm, other than a handgun, in the vehicle other than as permitted under any provision of this chapter.  
(ORC 2923.16)

#### 549.05 FAILURE TO SECURE DANGEROUS ORDNANCE.

- (a) No person, in acquiring, possessing, carrying or using any dangerous ordnance shall negligently fail to take proper precautions:
- (1) To secure the dangerous ordnance against theft, or against its acquisition or use by any unauthorized or incompetent person;
  - (2) To insure the safety of persons and property.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of failure to secure dangerous ordnance, a misdemeanor of the second degree. (ORC 2923.19)

#### 549.06 UNLAWFUL TRANSACTIONS IN WEAPONS.

(a) No person shall do any of the following:

- (1) When transferring any dangerous ordnance to another, negligently fail to require the transferee to exhibit such identification, license or permit showing the transferee to be authorized to acquire dangerous ordnance pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2923.17, or negligently fail to take a complete record of the transaction and forthwith forward a copy of such record to the sheriff of the county or safety director or police chief of the municipality where the transaction takes place;
- (2) Knowingly fail to report to law enforcement authorities forthwith the loss or theft of any firearm or dangerous ordnance in the person's possession or under the person's control.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of unlawful transactions in weapons. A violation of subsection (a)(1) hereof is a misdemeanor of the second degree. A violation of subsection (a)(2) hereof is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (ORC 2923.20)

#### 549.07 UNDERAGE PURCHASE OF FIREARM.

(a) No person under eighteen years of age shall purchase or attempt to purchase a firearm.

(b) No person under twenty-one years of age shall purchase or attempt to purchase a handgun, provided that this subsection does not apply to the purchase or attempted purchase of a handgun by a person eighteen years of age or older and under twenty-one years of age if either of the following apply:

- (1) The person is a law enforcement officer who is properly appointed or employed as a law enforcement officer and has received firearms training approved by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council or equivalent firearms training.
- (2) The person is an active or reserve member of the armed services of the United States or the Ohio national guard, or was honorably discharged from military service in the active or reserve armed services of the United States or the Ohio national guard, and the person has received firearms training from the armed services or the national guard or equivalent firearms training.

(c) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of underage purchase of a firearm, a delinquent act that would be a felony of the fourth degree if it could be committed by an adult. Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof is guilty of underage purchase of a handgun, a misdemeanor of the second degree. (ORC 2923.211)

#### 549.08 SALE OF EXPLOSIVES TO MINORS.

(a) No person shall sell, give away or otherwise dispose of or deliver to any person under twenty-one years of age any explosives, as defined in Ohio R.C. 3743.01(A), whether such person is acting for himself or for any other person. (ORC 3743.02)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.



**549.09 DISCHARGING FIREARMS.**

(a) No person shall discharge any air gun, rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol or other firearm within the corporate limits of the Municipality.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

**549.10 SLINGSHOT; BOW AND ARROW.**

(a) No person shall maliciously or recklessly throw, shoot, cast or sling by hand, or by means of a slingshot or otherwise, any stone, pellet or other missile.

(b) No person shall throw, shoot, or cast by bow or any other means, any arrow, arrowhead, or other missile within the limits of the Municipality.

(1) As used in this section, "bow" includes, but is not limited to, compound bows, recurve bows, longbows, crossbows, and cable-backed bows, as well as any other bowed device designed to shoot arrows, or similar projectiles, whether for archery or hunting.

(c) Subsection (b) does not apply to any of the following:

- (1) Any person who shoots or discharges any arrow or arrowhead from any bow at a licensed target range that is permitted by law;
- (2) Any person who uses, shoots, or discharges an arrow from a bow when necessary to destroy, kill, distract, scare, immobilize any predatory or dangerous animal that poses an immediate threat of great bodily injury or death to any person or persons, including the shooter; and
- (3) Persons participating in a school, club, or public sponsored recreational archery program during sanctioned practice or competition.
- (4) The discharge of any arrow or arrowhead from any bow where the discharge is otherwise authorized by law.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (Ord. 12-2021. Passed 6-28-21.)

**549.11 POSSESSING REPLICIA FIREARM IN SCHOOL.**

(a) No person shall knowingly possess an object in a school safety zone if both of the following apply:

- (1) The object is indistinguishable from a firearm, whether or not the object is capable of being fired.
- (2) The person indicates that the person possesses the object and that it is a firearm, or the person knowingly displays or brandishes the object and indicates that it is a firearm.

(b) (1) This section does not apply to any of the following:

- A. An officer, agent, or employee of this or any other state or the United States who is authorized to carry deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance and is acting within the scope of the officer's, agent's, or employee's duties;
- B. A law enforcement officer who is authorized to carry deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance;
- C. A security officer employed by a board of education or governing body of a school during the time that the security officer is on duty pursuant to that contract of employment;

- D. 1. Any person not described in subsections (b)(1)A. to (b)(1)C. of this section who has written authorization from the board of education or governing body of a school to convey deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone or to possess a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone and who conveys or possesses the deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in accordance with that authorization, provided both of the following apply:
- a. Either the person has successfully completed the curriculum, instruction, and training established under Ohio R.C. 5502.703, or the person has received a certificate of having satisfactorily completed an approved basic peace officer training program or is a law enforcement officer;
  - b. The board or governing body has notified the public, by whatever means the affected school regularly communicates with the public, that the board or governing body has authorized one or more persons to go armed within a school operated by the board or governing authority;
2. A district board or school governing body that authorizes a person under subsection (b)(1)D. of this section shall require that person to submit to an annual criminal records check conducted in the same manner as Ohio R.C. 3319.39 or Ohio R.C. 3319.391.
- E. Any person who is employed in this state, who is authorized to carry deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance, and who is subject to and in compliance with the requirements of Ohio R.C. 109.801, unless the appointing authority of the person has expressly specified that the exemption provided in subsection (b)(1)E. of this section does not apply to the person.
- (2) This section does not apply to premises upon which home schooling is conducted. This section also does not apply to a school administrator, teacher or employee who possesses an object that is indistinguishable from a firearm for legitimate school purposes during the course of employment, a student who uses an object that is indistinguishable from a firearm under the direction of a school administrator, teacher or employee, or any other person who, with the express prior approval of a school administrator, possesses an object that is indistinguishable from a firearm for a legitimate purpose, including the use of the object in a ceremonial activity, a play, re-enactment or other dramatic presentation, school safety training, or a ROTC activity or another similar use of the object.
- (3) This section does not apply to a person who conveys or attempts to convey a handgun into, or possesses a handgun in, a school safety zone if, at the time of that conveyance, attempted conveyance, or possession of the handgun, all of the following apply:
- A. The person does not enter into a school building or onto school premises and is not at a school activity.

- B. The person has been issued a concealed handgun license that is valid at the time of the conveyance, attempted conveyance, or possession or the person is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and is carrying a valid military identification card and documentation of successful completion of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training requirements described in Ohio R.C. 2923.125(G)(1).
  - C. The person is in the school safety zone in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 922(q)(2)(B).
  - D. The person is not knowingly in a place described in Ohio R.C. 2923.126(B)(1) or (B)(3) to (8).
- (4) This section does not apply to a person who conveys or attempts to convey a handgun into, or possesses a handgun in, a school safety zone if at the time of that conveyance, attempted conveyance, or possession of the handgun all of the following apply:
- A. The person has been issued a concealed handgun license that is valid at the time of the conveyance, attempted conveyance or possession or the person is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and is carrying a valid military identification card and documentation of successful completion of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training requirements described in Ohio R.C. 2923.125(G)(1).
  - B. The person leaves the handgun in a motor vehicle.
  - C. The handgun does not leave the motor vehicle.
  - D. If the person exits the motor vehicle, the person locks the motor vehicle.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of illegal possession of an object indistinguishable from a firearm in a school safety zone. Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegal possession of an object indistinguishable from a firearm in a school safety zone is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of this section, illegal possession of an object indistinguishable from a firearm in a school safety zone is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.

- (d) (1) In addition to any other penalty imposed upon a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this section, and subject to subsection (d)(2) of this section, if the offender has not attained nineteen years of age, regardless of whether the offender is attending or is enrolled in a school operated by a board of education or for which the Director of Education and Workforce prescribes minimum standards under Ohio R.C. 3301.07, the court shall impose upon the offender a class four suspension of the offender's probationary driver's license, restricted license, driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or probationary commercial driver's license that then is in effect from the range specified in Ohio R.C. 4510.02(A)(4) and shall deny the offender the issuance of any permit or license of that type during the period of the suspension. If the offender is not a resident of this State, the court shall impose a class four suspension of the nonresident operating privilege of the offender from the range specified in Ohio R.C. 4510.02(A)(4).

- (2) If the offender shows good cause why the court should not suspend one of the types of licenses, permits or privileges specified in subsection (d)(1) of this section or deny the issuance of one of the temporary instruction permits specified in subsection (d)(1) of this section, the court in its discretion may choose not to impose the suspension, revocation or denial required in subsection (d)(1) of this section, but the court, in its discretion, instead may require the offender to perform community service for a number of hours determined by the court.

(e) As used in this section, "object that is indistinguishable from a firearm" means an object made, constructed or altered so that, to a reasonable person without specialized training in firearms, the object appears to be a firearm.  
(ORC 2923.122(C) - (G))

**549.12 POSSESSION, CONTROL OR CONVEYANCE OF DEADLY WEAPONS OR DANGEROUS ORDNANCES INTO OR WITHIN ALL CITY OWNED BUILDINGS.**

(a) The City of New Philadelphia hereby prohibits possession, control or conveyance of deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into or within all City-owned or occupied buildings.

(b) The Safety Director and/or Service Director is hereby authorized to prepare and post conspicuous notices clearly setting forth the above prohibition.  
(Ord. 31-2009. Passed 12-14-09.)

**549.13 DEFACING IDENTIFICATION MARKS OF A FIREARM; POSSESSING A DEFACED FIREARM.**

- (a) No person shall do either of the following:
- (1) Change, alter, remove, or obliterate the name of the manufacturer, model, manufacturer's serial number, or other mark or identification on a firearm.
  - (2) Possess a firearm knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the name of the manufacturer, model, manufacturer's serial number, or other mark of identification on the firearm has been changed, altered, removed, or obliterated.
- (b)
- (1) Whoever violates subsection (a)(1) of this section is guilty of defacing identification marks of a firearm. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, defacing identification marks of a firearm is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (a)(1) of this section, defacing identification marks of a firearm is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
  - (2) Whoever violates subsection (a)(2) of this section is guilty of possessing a defaced firearm. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, possessing a defaced firearm is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of subsection (a)(2) of this section, possessing a defaced firearm is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.  
(ORC 2923.201)

549.14 CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSES; POSSESSION OF REVOKED OR SUSPENDED LICENSE; ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS; POSTING SIGNS PROHIBITING POSSESSION.

- (a) Possession of a Revoked or Suspended Concealed Handgun License.
- (1) No person, except in the performance of official duties, shall possess a concealed handgun license that was issued and that has been revoked or suspended.
  - (2) Whoever violates this subsection (a) is guilty of possessing a revoked or suspended concealed handgun license, a misdemeanor of the third degree.  
(ORC 2923.1211(B), (C))
- (b) Additional Restrictions. Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2923.126:
- (1) A concealed handgun license that is issued under Ohio R.C. 2923.125 shall expire five years after the date of issuance. A licensee who has been issued a license under that section shall be granted a grace period of thirty days after the licensee's license expires during which the licensee's license remains valid. Except as provided in subsection (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this section, a licensee who has been issued a concealed handgun license under Ohio R.C. 2923.125 or 2923.1213 may carry a concealed handgun anywhere in this state if the license is valid when the licensee is in actual possession of a concealed handgun. The licensee shall give notice of any change in the licensee's residence address to the sheriff who issued the license within forty-five days after that change.
  - (2) A valid concealed handgun license does not authorize the licensee to carry a concealed handgun in any manner prohibited under Ohio R.C. 2923.12(B) or in any manner prohibited under Ohio R.C. 2923.16. A valid license does not authorize the licensee to carry a concealed handgun into any of the following places:
    - A. A police station, sheriff's office, or state highway patrol station, premises controlled by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation; a state correctional institution, jail, workhouse, or other detention facility; any area of an airport passenger terminal that is beyond a passenger or property screening checkpoint or to which access is restricted through security measures by the airport authority or a public agency; or an institution that is maintained, operated, managed, and governed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 5119.14(A) or Ohio R.C. 5123.03(A)(1);
    - B. A school safety zone if the licensee's carrying the concealed handgun is in violation of Ohio R.C. 2923.122;
    - C. A courthouse or another building or structure in which a courtroom is located if the licensee's carrying the concealed handgun is in violation of Ohio R.C. 2923.123;
    - D. Any premises or open air arena for which a D permit has been issued under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4303 if the licensee's carrying the concealed handgun is in violation of Ohio R.C. 2923.121;

- E. Any premises owned or leased by any public or private college, university, or other institution of higher education, unless the handgun is in a locked motor vehicle or the licensee is in the immediate process of placing the handgun in a locked motor vehicle or unless the licensee is carrying the concealed handgun pursuant to a written policy, rule, or other authorization that is adopted by the institution's board of trustees or other governing body and that authorizes specific individuals or classes of individuals to carry a concealed handgun on the premises;
  - F. Any church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship, unless the church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship posts or permits otherwise;
  - G. Any building that is a government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state and that is not a building that is used primarily as a shelter, restroom, parking facility for motor vehicles, or rest facility and is not a courthouse or other building or structure in which a courtroom is located that is subject to subsection (b)(2)C. of this section, unless the governing body with authority over the building has enacted a statute, ordinance, or policy that permits a licensee to carry a concealed handgun into the building;
  - H. A place in which federal law prohibits the carrying of handguns.
- (3) A. Nothing in this subsection (b) shall negate or restrict a rule, policy, or practice of a private employer that is not a private college, university, or other institution of higher education concerning or prohibiting the presence of firearms on the private employer's premises or property, including motor vehicles owned by the private employer. Nothing in this subsection (b) shall require a private employer of that nature to adopt a rule, policy, or practice concerning or prohibiting the presence of firearms on the private employer's premises or property, including motor vehicles owned by the private employer.
- B. 1. A private employer shall be immune from liability in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly was caused by or related to a licensee bringing a handgun onto the premises or property of the private employer, including motor vehicles owned by the private employer, unless the private employer acted with malicious purpose. A private employer is immune from liability in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly was caused by or related to the private employer's decision to permit a licensee to bring, or prohibit a licensee from bringing, a handgun onto the premises or property of the private employer.
  - 2. A political subdivision shall be immune from liability in a civil action, to the extent and in the manner provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 2744, for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly was caused by or related to a licensee bringing a handgun onto any premises or property owned, leased, or otherwise under the control of the political subdivision. As used in this division, "political subdivision" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2744.01.

3. An institution of higher education shall be immune from liability in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly was caused by or related to a licensee bringing a handgun onto the premises of the institution, including motor vehicles owned by the institution, unless the institution acted with malicious purpose. An institution of higher education is immune from liability in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly was caused by or related to the institution's decision to permit a licensee or class of licensees to bring a handgun onto the premises of the institution.
- C. 1. a. Except as provided in subsection (b)(3)C.2. of this section and Ohio R.C. 2923.1214, the owner or person in control of private land or premises, and a private person or entity leasing land or premises owned by the state, the United States, or a political subdivision of the state or the United States, may post a sign in a conspicuous location on that land or on those premises prohibiting persons from carrying firearms or concealed firearms on or onto that land or those premises. Except as otherwise provided in this division, a person who knowingly violates a posted prohibition of that nature is guilty of criminal trespass in violation of Ohio R.C. 2911.21(A)(4) and is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If a person knowingly violates a posted prohibition of that nature and the posted land or premises primarily was a parking lot or other parking facility, the person is not guilty of criminal trespass under Ohio R.C. 2911.21 or under any other criminal law of this State or criminal law, ordinance, or resolution of a political subdivision of this State, and instead is subject only to a civil cause of action for trespass based on the violation.
- b. If a person knowingly violates a posted prohibition of the nature described in this subsection and the posted land or premises is a child care center, type A family child care home, or type B family child care home, unless the person is a licensee who resides in a type A family child care home or type B family child care home, the person is guilty of aggravated trespass in violation of Ohio R.C. 2911.211. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the person previously has been convicted of a violation of this subsection or any substantially equivalent state law or municipal ordinance, or of any offense of violence, if the weapon involved is a firearm that is either loaded or for which the offender has ammunition ready at hand, or if the weapon involved is dangerous ordnance, the offender is guilty of a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.

2. A landlord may not prohibit or restrict a tenant who is a licensee and who on or after September 9, 2008 enters into a rental agreement with the landlord for the use of residential premises, and the tenant's guest while the tenant is present, from lawfully carrying or possessing a handgun on those residential premises.
  3. As used in subsection (b)(3)C. of this section:
    - a. "Residential premises" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 5321.01, except "residential premises" does not include a dwelling unit that is owned or operated by a college or university.
    - b. "Landlord", "tenant", and "rental agreement" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 5321.01.
- (4) A person who holds a valid concealed handgun license issued by another state that is recognized by the Attorney General pursuant to a reciprocity agreement entered into pursuant to Ohio R.C. 109.69 or a person who holds a valid concealed handgun license under the circumstances described in Ohio R.C. 109.69(B) has the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a person who was issued a concealed handgun license under Ohio R.C. 2923.125 and is subject to the same restrictions that apply to a person who has been issued a license under that section that is valid at the time in question.
- (5) A. A peace officer has the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this State as a person who was issued a concealed handgun license under Ohio R.C. 2923.125, provided that the officer when carrying a concealed handgun under authority of this section is carrying validating identification. For purposes of reciprocity with other States, a peace officer shall be considered to be a licensee in this State.
- B. An active duty member of the armed forces of the United States who is carrying a valid military identification card and documentation of successful completion of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training requirements described in Ohio R.C. 2923.125(G)(1) has the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a person who was issued a concealed handgun license under Ohio R.C. 2923.125 and is subject to the same restrictions as specified in this subsection (b).
- C. A tactical medical professional who is qualified to carry firearms while on duty under Ohio R.C. 109.771 has the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a person who was issued a concealed handgun license under Ohio R.C. 2923.125.
- (6) A. A qualified retired peace officer who possesses a retired peace officer identification card issued pursuant to subsection (b)(6)B. of this section and a valid firearms requalification certification issued pursuant to subsection (b)(6)C. of this section has the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a person who was issued a concealed handgun license under Ohio R.C. 2923.125 and is subject to the same restrictions that apply to a person who has been issued a license issued under that section that is valid at the time in question. For purposes of reciprocity with other states, a qualified retired peace officer who possesses a retired peace officer identification card issued pursuant to subsection (b)(6)B. of this section and a valid firearms requalification certification issued pursuant to subsection (b)(6)C. of this section shall be considered to be a licensee in this state.



- B. 1. Each public agency of this State or of a political subdivision of this State that is served by one or more peace officers shall issue a retired peace officer identification card to any person who retired from service as a peace officer with that agency, if the issuance is in accordance with the agency's policies and procedures and if the person, with respect to the person's service with that agency, satisfies all of the following:
- a. The person retired in good standing from service as a peace officer with the public agency, and the retirement was not for reasons of mental instability.
  - b. Before retiring from service as a peace officer with that agency, the person was authorized to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law and the person had statutory powers of arrest.
  - c. At the time of the person's retirement as a peace officer with that agency, the person was trained and qualified to carry firearms in the performance of the peace officer's duties.
  - d. Before retiring from service as a peace officer with that agency, the person was regularly employed as a peace officer for an aggregate of 15 years or more, or, in the alternative, the person retired from service as a peace officer with that agency, after completing any applicable probationary period of that service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by the agency.
2. A retired peace officer identification card issued to a person under subsection (b)(6)B.1. of this section shall identify the person by name, contain a photograph of the person, identify the public agency of this state or of the political subdivision of this State from which the person retired as a peace officer and that is issuing the identification card, and specify that the person retired in good standing from service as a peace officer with the issuing public agency and satisfies the criteria set forth in subsections (b)(6)B.1.a. to (b)(6)B.1.d. of this section. In addition to the required content specified in this subsection, a retired peace officer identification card issued to a person under subsection (b)(6)B.1. of this section may include the firearms requalification certification described in subsection (b)(6)C. of this section, and if the identification card includes that certification, the identification card shall serve as the firearms requalification certification for the retired peace officer. If the issuing public agency issues credentials to active law enforcement officers who serve the agency, the agency may comply with subsection (b)(6)B.1. of this

section by issuing the same credentials to persons who retired from service as a peace officer with the agency and who satisfy the criteria set forth in subsection (b)(6)B.1.a. to (b)(6)B.1.d. of this section, provided that the credentials so issued to retired peace officers are stamped with the word "RETIRED".

3. A public agency of this state or of a political subdivision of this State may charge persons who retired from service as a peace officer with the agency a reasonable fee for issuing to the person a retired peace officer identification card pursuant to subsection (b)(6)B.1. of this section.
- C.
1. If a person retired from service as a peace officer with a public agency of this state or of a political subdivision of this state and the person satisfies the criteria set forth in subsections (b)(6)B.1.a. to (b)(6)B.1.d. of this section, the public agency may provide the retired peace officer with the opportunity to attend a firearms requalification program that is approved for purposes of firearms requalification required under Ohio R.C. 109.801. The retired peace officer may be required to pay the cost of the course.
  2. If a retired peace officer who satisfies the criteria set forth in subsections (b)(6)B.1.a. to (b)(6)B.1.d. of this section attends a firearms requalification program that is approved for purposes of firearms requalification required under Ohio R.C. 109.801, the retired peace officer's successful completion of the firearms requalification program requalifies the retired peace officer for purposes of subsection (b)(6) of this section for five years from the date on which the program was successfully completed, and the requalification is valid during that five-year period. If a retired peace officer who satisfies the criteria set forth in subsections (b)(6)B.1.a. to (b)(6)B.1.d. of this section satisfactorily completes such a firearms requalification program, the retired peace officer shall be issued a firearms requalification certification that identifies the retired peace officer by name, identifies the entity that taught the program, specifies that the retired peace officer successfully completed the program, specifies the date on which the course was successfully completed, and specifies that the requalification is valid for five years year from that date of successful completion. The firearms requalification certification for a retired peace officer may be included in the retired peace officer identification card issued to the retired peace officer under subsection (b)(6)B. of this section.
  3. A retired peace officer who attends a firearms requalification program that is approved for purposes of firearms requalification required under Ohio R.C. 109.801 may be required to pay the cost of the program.

- (7) As used in subsection (b)(6) of this section:
- A. "Governing body." Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 154.01.
  - B. "Government facility of this State or a political subdivision of this State" means any of the following:
    - 1. A building or part of a building that is owned or leased by the government of this State or a political subdivision of this State and where employees of the government of this State or the political subdivision regularly are present for the purpose of performing their official duties as employees of the State or political subdivision;
    - 2. The office of a deputy registrar serving pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 4503 that is used to perform deputy registrar functions.
  - C. "Qualified retired peace officer" means a person who satisfies all of the following:
    - 1. The person satisfies the criteria set forth in subsections (b)(6)B.1.a. to (b)(6)B.1.d. of this section.
    - 2. The person is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance.
    - 3. The person is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving firearms.
  - D. "Retired peace officer identification card" means an identification card that is issued pursuant to subsection (b)(6)B. of this section to a person who is a retired peace officer.
  - E. "Tactical medical professional." Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 109.71.
  - F. "Validating identification." Means photographic identification issued by the agency for which an individual serves as a peace officer that identifies the individual as a peace officer of the agency.  
(ORC 2923.126)

(c) Posting of Signs Prohibiting Possession. Each person, board, or entity that owns or controls any place or premises identified in Ohio R.C. 2923.126(B) as a place into which a valid license does not authorize the licensee to carry a concealed handgun, or a designee of such a person, board, or entity, shall post in the following one or more conspicuous locations in the premises a sign that contains a statement in substantially the following form: "Unless otherwise authorized by law, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, no person shall knowingly possess, have under the person's control, convey, or attempt to convey a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance onto these premises."  
(ORC 2923.1212)

549.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

**CHAPTER 553**  
**Railroads**

553.01	Obstructing streets by railroad companies.	553.03	Duties of locomotive engineer.
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
Lighting railroads - see Ohio R.C. 723.33 et seq.  
Power to regulate train speed - see Ohio R.C. 723.48  
Vehicular homicide - see GEN. OFF. 537.02  
Criminal mischief - see GEN. OFF. 541.04

**553.01 OBSTRUCTING STREETS BY RAILROAD COMPANIES.**

- (a) (1) No railroad company shall obstruct or permit or cause to be obstructed a public street, road or highway by permitting a railroad car, locomotive or other obstruction to remain upon or across it for longer than five minutes to the hindrance or inconvenience of travelers or a person passing along or upon such street, road or highway.
- (2) At the end of each five minute period of obstruction of a public street, road or highway, each railroad company shall cause such railroad car, locomotive or other obstruction to be removed for sufficient time, not less than three minutes, to allow the passage of persons and vehicles waiting to cross.
- (3) This section does not apply to obstruction of a public street, road or highway by a continuously moving through train or caused by circumstances wholly beyond the control of the railroad company, but does apply to other obstructions, including without limitation those caused by stopped trains and trains engaged in switching, loading or unloading operations.
- (4) If a railroad car, locomotive, or other obstruction is obstructing a public street, road, or highway in violation of subsection (a)(1) hereof and the violation occurs in the unincorporated area of one or more counties, or in one or more municipal corporations, the officers and employees of each affected county or municipal corporation may charge the railroad company with only one violation of the law arising from the same facts and circumstances and the same act.

(5) Upon the filing of an affidavit or complaint for violation of this subsection (a)(1) hereof, summons shall be issued to the railroad company pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2935.10(B), which summons shall be served on the regular ticket or freight agent of the company in the county where the offense occurred. (ORC 5589.21)

(b) For purposes of this section, "railroad company" includes the officers, employees and agents of such company.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

#### 553.011 OBSTRUCTING STREETS BY ABANDONING THE LOCOMOTIVE.

(a) No railroad company shall obstruct, or permit or cause to be obstructed, a public street, road, or highway, by permitting any part of a train whose crew has abandoned the locomotive to remain across it for longer than five minutes to the hindrance or inconvenience of travelers or a person passing along or upon the street, road, or highway, unless the safety of the train crew requires them to abandon the locomotive.

(b) Upon the filing of an affidavit or complaint for violation of this section, summons shall be issued to the railroad company pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2935.10(B), which summons shall be served on the regular ticket or freight agent of the company in the county where the offense occurred. (ORC 5589.211)

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined five thousand dollars (\$5,000). (ORC 5589.99)

#### 553.02 CLIMBING UPON RAILROAD CARS.

(a) No person shall climb, jump, step or stand upon or cling or attach himself to a locomotive, engine or car upon the track of a railroad, unless in compliance with law or by permission under the rules of the corporation managing such railroad.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4999.02)

#### 553.03 DUTIES OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER.

(a) No person in charge of a locomotive shall fail to bring the locomotive to a full stop at least 200 feet before arriving at a crossing with another track, or proceed through the crossing before signaled to do so or before the way is clear.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If violation of this misdemeanor causes physical harm to any person, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. (ORC 4999.04)

**553.04 RAILROAD VANDALISM.**

(a) No person shall knowingly, and by any means, drop or throw any object at, onto, or in the path of, any railroad rail, railroad track, locomotive, engine, railroad car, or other vehicle of a railroad company while such vehicle is on a railroad track.

(b) No person, without privilege to do so, shall climb upon or into any locomotive, engine, railroad car, or other vehicle of a railroad company when it is on a railroad track.

(c) No person, without privilege to do so, shall disrupt, delay, or prevent the operation of any train or other vehicle of a railroad company while such vehicle is on a railroad track.

(d) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of railroad vandalism. Whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of criminal trespass on a locomotive, engine, railroad car or other railroad vehicle. Whoever violates subsection (c) of this section is guilty of interference with the operation of a train.

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, railroad vandalism; criminal trespass on a locomotive, engine, railroad car, or other railroad vehicle; and interference with the operation of a train each is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the violation of subsection (a), (b) or (c) of this section causes serious physical harm to property, creates a substantial risk of physical harm to any person, causes physical harm to any person, or serious physical harm to any person, the violation is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(e) No person shall knowingly deface, damage, obstruct, remove, or otherwise impair the operation of any railroad grade crossing warning signal or other protective device, including any gate, bell, light, crossbuck, stop sign, yield sign, advance warning sign, or advance pavement marking.

(f) Whoever violates subsection (e) of this section is guilty of railroad grade crossing device vandalism. Except as otherwise provided in this division, railroad grade crossing device vandalism is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the violation of subsection (e) of this section causes serious physical harm to property or creates a substantial risk of physical harm to any person, causes physical harm to any person, or causes serious physical harm to any person, railroad grade crossing device vandalism is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.  
(ORC 2909.10, 2909.101)

**553.05 GRADE CROSSING DEVICE VANDALISM.**

(a) No person shall knowingly deface, damage, obstruct, remove or otherwise impair the operation of any railroad grade crossing warning signal or other protective device, including any gate, bell, light, crossbuck, stop sign, yield sign, advance warning sign, or advance pavement marking.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of railroad grade crossing device vandalism. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, railroad grade crossing device vandalism is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the violation of this section causes serious physical harm to property, creates a substantial risk of physical harm to any person, causes physical harm to any person, or causes serious physical harm to any person, railroad grade crossing device vandalism is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2909.101)

553.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

CHAPTER 555  
False Alarms

555.01	Definitions.	555.04	Excessive false alarms; enforcement of provisions.
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555.01 DEFINITIONS.

The words and phrases defined in the chapter sections hereafter shall have the meanings therein respectively ascribed to them, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated in the context.

- (a) “Alarm Business” shall mean the business by any individual, partnership, corporation, company, firm, or other entity of selling, installing, leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving, or monitoring any alarm system or causing to be sold, installed, leased, maintained, serviced, repaired, altered, replaced, moved or monitored any alarm system in or on any building, structure or facility.
- (b) “Alarm Site” shall mean the specific property or area of the premises upon or within which an alarm system is located or is to be installed.
- (c) “Alarm System” shall mean any device or combination of devices designed for the detection of an unauthorized entity on the premises, of an unlawful act, or of an emergency, which device alerts an entity which notifies a government organization of its commission or occurrence and when activated gives a signal, either visual, audible or both, or transmits or causes to be transmitted a signal. For purposes of this chapter, “alarm system” shall not include:
  - (1) An alarm system or device installed upon premises occupied by the United States Government, the State of Ohio, or any other governmental entity that is specifically exempted from local control by state or federal law.
- (d) “Alarm User” shall mean the person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind in control of premises wherein an alarm system is maintained.
- (e) “Safety Director” shall mean the Safety Director or individual designated by the Safety Director to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter.



- (f) “False Alarm” shall mean the activation of any Alarm System which is not the result of an actual or threatened emergency requiring an immediate Police and/or Fire response. False alarms include negligently or accidentally activated alarms or signals; alarms or signals which are the result of faulty, malfunctioning, or improperly installed or maintained equipment; and signals which are purposely activated to summon police or emergency services in non-emergency situations. Multiple occurrences due to equipment malfunction within a 24-hour period of activity constituting false alarms may be considered one false alarm for the purposes of this chapter.
- (g) “Local Alarm System” shall mean any device or combination of devices designed for the detection of an unauthorized entry on the premises, of an unlawful act, or of an emergency, which when activated gives a signal, either visual, audible, or both only at the alarm site and which does not alert a governmental organization.
- (h) “Person” shall mean any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity. (Ord. 22-2018. Passed 10-24-18.)

#### 555.02 POLICE DIRECT CONNECT ALARM.

Alarm systems which terminate at the New Philadelphia Police Department are exempted under the provisions of this chapter.  
(Ord. 22-2018. Passed 10-24-18.)

#### 555.03 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR MULTIPLE FALSE ALARMS.

(a) Alarm users shall be responsible for multiple false alarms sent by alarm systems on premises under their control. False alarm fees shall be imposed based upon the number of false alarms sent by one Alarm System within a one-year period beginning with the first false alarm.

- (b) (1) On the first, second, and third false alarm calls within a one-year period, no fee will be imposed; however, the Safety Director shall send a written warning notice to the alarm user advising of the number of false alarms recorded for that alarm system to date and the schedule of fees for multiple false alarms.
- (2) For each false alarm after the third false alarm call within a one-year period, a graduated fee shall be imposed as follows:  
\$100 for the fourth offense  
\$150 for the fifth offense  
\$200 for the sixth offense  
\$300 for the seventh offense and all subsequent offenses  
(Ord. 19-2021. Passed 9-27-21.)

(c) No fee shall be imposed until thirty (30) days after written notification that a false alarm has been recorded against the alarm system and has been sent to the alarm user at the address of the Alarm Site. (Ord. 22-2018. Passed 10-24-18.)

#### 555.04 EXCESSIVE FALSE ALARMS; ENFORCEMENT OF PROVISIONS.

(a) Excessive False Alarms. No Alarm User, having been sent each of the written notices for more than three false alarms, as provided in Section 555.03, shall permit a false alarm to occur during the same calendar year. This section shall be construed to impose strict liability for all false alarms occurring after the notices in Section 555.03 have been sent.  
(Ord. 19-2021. Passed 9-27-21.)

(b) Enforcement of Provisions. All remedies shall be cumulative, and the use of one or more remedies by the City shall not bar the use of any other remedy for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter. The amount of any penalty shall be deemed a debt to the City. An action may be commenced by the name of the City in any court of competent jurisdiction for the amount of any delinquency or penalty. All penalties shall be deemed delinquent thirty (30) days after they are due and payable.  
(Ord. 22-2018. Passed 10-24-18.)

(c) Failure to Pay. If payment is not received within those thirty days or if just cause is not shown, the Fire Chief shall send a notice by certified mail to the manager and to the owner, if different, of the real estate of which the commercial establishment is a part, or to the occupant, lessee, agent, or tenant and to the owner, if different, of the real estate of which the residence is a part, indicating that failure to pay the bill within thirty days, or to show just cause why the bill should not be paid, will result in the assessment of a lien upon the real estate in the amount of the bill. If payment is not received within those thirty days or if just cause is not shown, the amount of the bill shall be entered upon the tax duplicate, shall be a lien upon the real estate from the date of the entry, and shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the city treasury to be earmarked for use for Firefighting Services.  
(Ord. 19-2021. Passed 9-27-21.)

#### 555.05 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Safety Director shall establish rules and regulations for the maintenance of information, notification of violations and imposition of fees as he deems necessary for implementation of this chapter. All alarm users and alarm businesses shall be subject to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Safety Director. The rules and regulations and amendments thereto shall be published by the City thirty (30) days prior to their effective date.  
(Ord. 22-2018. Passed 10-24-18.)

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CHAPTER 703  
Garage Sales

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CROSS REFERENCES

- Handbills - see BUS. REG. Ch. 729  
Peddlers, solicitors and canvassers - see BUS. REG. Ch. 753  
Closing out and fire sales - see BUS. REG. Ch. 778
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703.01 DEFINITIONS.

(a) "Garage sale" means and includes all sales entitled "garage sale", "lawn sale", "attic sale", "rummage sale", "flea market sale", "basement sale", "porch sale", "yard sale", or any similar casual sale of tangible personal property which is advertised by any means whereby the public at large is or can be made aware of the sale.

(b) "Person" means and includes individuals, families living at the address at which a sale is to be held, partnerships, associations and corporations.  
(Ord. 42-89. Passed 7-10-89.)

703.02 GARAGE SALE REGULATIONS.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct more than three garage sales during any calendar year.

(b) No single garage sale may continue for more than three consecutive calendar days.

(c) Any single garage sale may be conducted only by the occupant residing at the address at which the sale is to be held or in conjunction with no more than six families not residing at that address.

(d) Any person conducting a garage sale may sell only property accumulated for personal use by the occupants residing at the address at which the sale is to be held or by those persons with whom such sale is to be conducted.

(e) Garage sales may be conducted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. of any day.

(f) No person shall conduct a garage sale without a permit issued by the City and prominently displayed during the sale.  
(Ord. 42-89. Passed 7-10-89.)

#### 703.03 PERMITS, LICENSES AND FEES.

(a) The Mayor, or his representative, may upon written application and payment of a fee, authorize a single garage sale to continue for not more than three consecutive days, and may permit not more than six families, not residing at the address at which the sale is to be held to participate in any single garage sale.

(b) Each application for a permit shall be in writing and filed with the Mayor on forms provided therefor. The information to be filed with the Mayor pursuant to this chapter shall include:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant and other persons, families, groups, associations etc. participating in the sale.
- (2) The location at which the sale is to be conducted.
- (3) The number of days of the sale.
- (4) The date and nature of any past sale.

(c) The fee for such permit shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

(d) Each permit issued under this chapter must be prominently displayed on the premises upon which the garage sale is conducted throughout the entire period of the licensed sale. (Ord. 42-89. Passed 7-10-89.)

#### 703.04 PERSONS AND SALES EXCEPTED.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to or affect the following persons or sales:

- (a) Persons selling goods pursuant to an order or process of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (b) Persons acting in accordance with their powers and duties as public officials.
- (c) Any person selling or advertising for sale an item or items of personal property which are specifically named or described in an advertisement within the classified section of a local newspaper and not otherwise advertised as a garage sale.
- (d) Sales by a religious, charitable or service organization, the proceeds of which are used for religious, charitable or community service purposes.
- (e) Sales conducted by an auctioneer duly licensed under the laws of the State of Ohio. (Ord. 42-89. Passed 7-10-89.)

#### 703.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provisions of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and each day of such violation may be considered a separate offense.  
(Ord. 42-89. Passed 7-10-89.)

CHAPTER 711  
Billiards and Pool

711.01 License and fee.

711.99 Penalty; license revocation.

CROSS REFERENCES

Power to regulate - see Ohio R.C. 715.51, 715.61

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711.01 LICENSE AND FEE.

No person shall engage in or carry on the business of operating and conducting a billiard room or pool room without first securing a license from the Mayor, and paying a license fee as follows:

For the term commencing on the date of the issuance of such license and ending on December 31 of the year in which the license is issued, ten dollars (\$10.00) for each billiard room or pool room. (Ord. 2856. Passed 3-14-60.)

711.99 PENALTY; LICENSE REVOCATION.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. No person found guilty of violating any provision of this chapter shall be granted a license to operate a billiard room or pool room within one year after conviction, and the Mayor shall revoke any license heretofore issued to such person. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

CHAPTER 717  
Bowling Alleys

717.01 License and fee.

717.99 Penalty; license revocation.

CROSS REFERENCE

Power to regulate - see Ohio R. C. 715.51, 715.61

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717.01 LICENSE AND FEE.

(a) No person shall engage in or carry on the business of operating and conducting a bowling alley within the corporate limits without first securing a license from the Mayor and paying a license fee as follows:

(b) For the term commencing on the date of the issuance of such license and ending on December 31 of the year in which such license is issued, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each bowling alley establishment and five dollars (\$5.00) per each alley.  
(Ord. 9-2018. Passed 8-13-18.)

717.99 PENALTY; LICENSE REVOCATION.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. No person found guilty of violating any provision of this chapter shall be granted a license to operate a bowling alley within one year after such conviction, and the Mayor shall revoke any license heretofore issued to such person.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)



**CHAPTER 723**  
**Coin-Operated Devices**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Gambling - see GEN. OFF. Ch. 517  
Use of counterfeit coins or slugs - see GEN. OFF. 545.11  
Tampering with coin machines - see GEN. OFF. 545.12

**723.01 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purposes of this chapter:

- (a) "Mechanical amusement device" means a machine which, upon the insertion of a coin or slug, operates and may be operated for use as a game, contest or amusement of any description or which may be used for any such game, contest or amusement. (Ord. 54-88. Passed 9-26-88.)
- (b) "Juke box" means any music vending machine, contrivance or device which, upon the insertion of a coin, slug, token, plate, disc or key into any slot, crevice or other opening, or by the payment of any price, operates or may be operated for the emission of songs, music or similar amusement. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**723.02 LICENSE REQUIRED.**

No person shall display or exhibit a mechanical amusement device or jukebox within corporate limits without first having obtained a license from the Mayor. A separate license shall be required for each mechanical amusement device or jukebox displayed at any one time. The owner and/or displayer shall be responsible to obtain and display the appropriate license. (Ord. 60-88. Passed 9-26-88.)

**723.03 LICENSE APPLICATION.**

Application for a license to display a mechanical amusement device or juke box must be made to the Mayor upon such forms as shall be prepared by the Mayor. The application must be made by the owner or proprietor of the business or place at which the mechanical amusement device or juke box is to be displayed. The application shall state the name of the owner of the place or business, the address of the place for which the license is applied, the residence address of the owner, the serial number and name of the manufacturer of the mechanical amusement device or juke box, the owner of such mechanical device or juke box, the name and address of the distributor of the mechanical amusement device or juke

box, the nature of the business in conjunction with which the mechanical amusement device or juke box is to be displayed and such other information as may be required by the Mayor.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

#### 723.04 ISSUANCE OF LICENSE; FEE.

Upon approval of the application and upon payment of the annual license fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per machine for mechanical amusement devices and thirty dollars (\$30.00) per machine for juke boxes, a license to display one mechanical amusement device or juke box shall be issued to the applicant. The license fee shall be for the calendar year beginning January 1 or for any unexpired portion of any such calendar year. Such license shall entitle the licensee to display at or upon the premises therein described only the device which is licensed.  
(Ord. 11-2018. Passed 8-13-18.)

#### 723.05 LICENSE REGULATIONS.

A separate license shall be required for each and every mechanical amusement device or juke box which is displayed by any person, at any one time, but any licensee may change from the display of one approved mechanical amusement device or juke box to the display of another approved mechanical amusement device or juke box at any time. A license issued under the provisions of this chapter shall not be transferred from one person to another person; but such license may be transferred by the licensee from the place specified in such license to another place owned by such licensee, should the licensee move his business from the address specified in the license to another location. The licensee shall conspicuously display the license issued under the provisions of this chapter.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

#### 723.06 DISTANCE FROM SCHOOL.

No license shall be issued for the display of a mechanical amusement device at a place which is within 1,000 feet from any premises occupied by any school building unless it is noted on such license that all children of school age shall be prohibited from playing any licensed mechanical amusement device during the hours and terms within which such child should be in school under the regulations of the New Philadelphia school system.  
(Ord. 15-75. Passed 4-14-75.)

#### 723.07 GIVING PRIZES OR AWARDS PROHIBITED. (REPEALED)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 723.07 was repealed by Ordinance 54-88, passed September 26, 1988.)

#### 723.99 PENALTY; LICENSE REVOCATION.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. In addition, the Mayor is authorized to revoke any license held by any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this chapter.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)





CHAPTER 735  
Junk Yards

- 735.01 Fence required. 735.99 Penalty.  
735.02 Fences to be safe; gates.

CROSS REFERENCES

- Power to regulate secondhand dealers - see Ohio R.C. 715.61  
State licensing and required fencing of junk yards - see Ohio  
R.C. 4737.05 et seq.  
Abandoned junk motor vehicle on private or public property -  
see TRAF. 303.09  
Fences - see GEN. OFF. 521.07

**735.01 FENCE REQUIRED.**

All owners, proprietors, lessees, tenants or any persons, partnerships and corporations who have under their direction and control any premises used for the purpose of accumulating or storing any and all waste or scrap materials, including scrap metal, wrecked cars and parts thereof, waste paper and any and all waste materials generally classed as junk, shall fence and enclose such premises by a substantial fence. Such fence, abutting or facing public streets, alleys and thoroughfares, shall be frame or metal construction, at least six feet in height and shall be semisolid with the proportion of open spaces to closed spaces at three inches to four inches. Such premises shall be fenced by frame or metal construction or by woven wire or cyclone fencing around all other parts of such premises not abutting or facing public streets, alleys or thoroughfares. All such material as herein defined shall be kept within the confines of such fence. In the event that one or more yards owned, occupied or controlled by a single proprietor or lessee are separated by public streets, alleys, drives or any public thoroughfares, such premises so abutting, fronting or adjoining public ways shall each be separately and completely enclosed by the six foot fence herein specified.  
(Ord. 2752. Passed 8-26-57.)

**735.02 FENCES TO BE SAFE; GATES.**

Fences required by Section 735.01 must be of a substantial nature so that they will not constitute a hazard to children or persons using the streets of the City. The fences shall have no openings except for necessary gates suitable for business purposes. Gates so provided shall be securely closed and locked when the premises are not open for business.  
(Ord. 2752. Passed 8-26-57.)

**735.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs for each day that the violation occurs or continues.  
(Ord. 2752. Passed 8-26-57.)



**CHAPTER 753**  
Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers

753.01	Definitions.	753.07	Permit may be suspended or revoked.
753.02	Permit required.	753.08	Restrictions.
753.03	Permit fee, term.	753.09	Trespassing in violation of posted signs.
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753.05	Investigation.	753.99	Penalty.
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to regulate - see Ohio R.C. 715.61 et seq.  
 Handbill license - see BUS. REG. Ch. 729  
 Home solicitation sales - see Ohio R.C. 1345.21 et seq.  
 Charitable solicitations - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 1716  
 Trespassing - see GEN. OFF. 541.05  
 Stands prohibited on sidewalks - see Ohio R.C. 2923.22

**753.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter:

- (a) “Solicitor”, “canvasser”, “salesman” or “peddler”, terms which may be used interchangeably, mean any person who solicits funds for any purpose whatsoever, or who sells or offers for sale within the City any goods or chattels of any kind or description by the use of the telephone, by going door-to-door, or from place to place through the streets of the City, taking such goods or chattels with him, or who sells by subscription or by taking orders for future delivery by any means whatsoever. This definition does not apply to: persons selling agricultural articles or products offered for sale by the producer; to local established service, fraternal, or charitable organizations; to minors under the age of eighteen, unless the same are employed by those to whom this definition does apply; or to newspapers of general circulation in the City; to school children; to political candidates or their representatives; or to public utilities operating in the City.
- (b) “Solicitor’s permit” means the person required by Section 753.02. (Ord. 20-2009. Passed 6-22-09.)

### 753.02 PERMIT REQUIRED.

No person, corporation, association or any other group of persons, whether organized for profit, charitable purposes, or any other purpose, shall solicit for funds, sell by means of telephone calls, door-to-door canvassing or solicitation, or from a space or site temporarily rented, leased or used with the owner's expressed permission, without a solicitor's permit from the City. (Ord. 20-2009. Passed 6-22-09.)

### 753.03 PERMIT FEE; TERM.

(a) A solicitor's permit shall be issued by the Mayor upon filing with the Mayor a completed application for a permit at least three working days before, and not more than thirty calendar days prior to, the issuance date of the permit, and by paying at that time the permit fee shown on the following schedule:

<u>Nature of Operation</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Door-to-door	\$30.00
Truck or other street vehicle	\$30.00
Push or pedal cart	\$30.00
Fixed but temporary location	\$30.00

(b) The applicable fee shall be paid for each and every person, vehicle, car, or location being used by the permit applicant to transact business in the City.

(c) The permit shall be issued after compliance by the applicant with the provisions of this chapter, and shall be valid for a period of not more than thirty days.

(d) Permits shall be limited to a single issuance during any calendar year unless an exception is granted by the Mayor.

(e) Permits may not be transferred from the original applicant to any other party.

(f) Refunds on issued permits will not be permitted for any reason.  
(Ord. 20-2009. Passed 6-22-09.)

### 753.04 APPLICATION INFORMATION.

The application for a solicitor's permit must contain the following information and be properly sworn to under oath according to law:

- (a) The specific purpose or purposes of the solicitation, canvassing or selling;
- (b) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons connected in any way whatsoever with the solicitation, canvassing or selling, including all persons, corporations or associations who are to participate in any division of, or proceeds from, the solicitation, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all the solicitors, and/or sponsors;
- (c) The percentage distribution to be made of funds collected, including the intermediate and ultimate use of all funds so collected; fees charged by the solicitors and/or managers of the solicitation, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all solicitors and/or managers collecting the funds;
- (d) A financial statement of each of the sponsors, solicitors, salesmen, employers, managers and/or supervisors of solicitors within the City. The financial statement shall be complete, current and not older than sixty days preceding the date of the filing of the application;



- (e) The permanent address of the manufacturer, distributor, sales agency, and any and all other persons, corporations or associations responsible for the quality of the merchandise sold and responsible for all of the representations made by the salesmen to the public of the products being sold;
- (f) A copy of any and all written contract forms, agreements, or printed material of any kind and nature which are to be used in the soliciting or selling;
- (g) The applicant for a solicitor's permit must show proof of registration with the Income Tax Administrator of the City confirming arrangements for payment of the City Income Tax on all income earned within the City if the permit request is for twelve (12) days or more in duration.
- (h) Charitable, religious and not-for-profit organization applicants, must show IRS approved proof of their tax exempt status if the permit duration is for twelve (12) days or more.  
(Ord. 20-2009. Passed 6-22-09.)

#### 753.05 INVESTIGATION.

The Mayor shall, if necessary to compel compliance with the application requirements for a solicitor's permit, conduct investigations or inquiries for that purpose and shall have the full power to subpoena any witness or other persons connected in any way with the solicitation. Failure of any person so subpoenaed or requested to appear for inquiry by the Mayor shall be sufficient grounds for the refusal of the permit by the Mayor.  
(Ord. 20-2009. Passed 6-22-09.)

#### 753.06 CHANGE IN APPLICATION INFORMATION MUST BE REPORTED.

If, during the period for which a solicitor's or peddler's permit is issued, and while the solicitation is taking place, any fact set forth on the permit application is changed in any material way, such change shall be filed with the Mayor within one day after such change has taken place. Failure to do so on the part of the applicant shall immediately void the permit and no further permit shall be issued under the original application.  
(Ord. 20-2009. Passed 6-22-09.)

#### 753.07 PERMIT MAY BE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.

The Mayor may suspend a solicitor's permit during its effective period upon evidence furnished by any resident of the City called upon by the permit holder, or by any persons included in the permit, as to any misrepresentation or undue pressure being applied to the resident by a salesman or solicitor, and the suspension shall continue until such time as such accusation has been investigated by the Mayor. Upon the completion of the investigation, at his discretion, the Mayor may permanently revoke the permit in order to protect the residents of the City from misrepresentations and/or undue pressure.  
(Ord. 20-2009. Passed 6-22-09.)

**753.08 RESTRICTIONS.**

Every person to whom a permit is issued under the terms of this chapter shall be governed by the following rules and regulations:

- (a) All circulars, samples, or other matter, shall be handed to an occupant of the property or left in a secure place on the premises.
- (b) No person subject to the provisions of this chapter shall canvass, solicit, peddle or otherwise solicit except between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. No solicitor shall canvass, peddle or otherwise sell on legal State or national holidays.
- (c) No solicitor shall enter, nor attempt to enter, the dwelling of any resident within the City without an express invitation of the occupant of that dwelling.
- (d) No person subject to the terms of this chapter shall make any false, fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive statements during the course of that person's activity within the City.
- (e) No person subject to this chapter shall make any solicitation where solicitors are notified by sign that soliciting is prohibited as provided in Section 753.09.
- (f) No person subject to this chapter shall engage in any business other than that which is specified on the permit.  
(Ord. 20-2009. Passed 6-22-09.)

**753.09 TRESPASSING IN VIOLATION OF POSTED SIGNS.**

No person shall engage in any profit or non-profit solicitation, shall knock at the door, nor ring the bell of any home, apartment, apartment building, dwelling or business establishment in the City upon which is displayed at the entrance a notice which reads "No Peddlers or Solicitors Allowed", or which otherwise clearly purports to prohibit solicitors on the premises, unless such solicitor is, or has been, invited upon the premises by the owner, lessee or occupant thereof.

(Ord. 20-2009. Passed 6-22-09.)

**753.10 SELLING FURNITURE, APPLIANCES FROM VEHICLES.**

(a) Every person, firm or corporation, who temporarily rents, leases, uses or has special permission to use a space or site to sell products or merchandise from a vehicle or mobile unit shall pay a monthly license in the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for one location in the City where the property will be sold, and seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) monthly license for each additional place in the City where such property will be sold.

(b) Before the issuance of the license, the Mayor shall require the applicant to make application for the license, setting forth the applicant's full and correct name, street and post office address, and stating the place, or places, in the City where the goods will be offered for sale from a truck or mobile unit.

(c) Any person, firm or corporation who shall sell at retail, or offer to sell at retail, any of the property hereinabove described in subsection (a) hereof without proper license shall be guilty of a criminal offense against the City and upon conviction shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

(d) Regardless of any other provisions of this chapter, the vendors regulated by this section only need obtain the license required by this section. Where there are any conflicts between this section and this chapter, the provisions of this section shall prevail.

(e) Permits shall be limited to a single issuance during any calendar year unless an exception is granted by the Mayor.  
(Ord. 20-2009. Passed 6-22-09.)

753.99 PENALTY.

(a) Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense, and not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the second and subsequent offenses.

(b) If one of multiple individuals listed on a permit violate any provision of this chapter, the fine prescribed by this article shall be increased by the multiple of the number of individuals soliciting under that permit or operating under that common cause.  
(Ord. 20-2009. Passed 6-22-09.)

**CHAPTER 759**  
**Shows and Exhibitions**

759.01	Definitions.	759.05	Utility service charges.
759.02	Permit required.	759.06	Moving of show; route to be specified by Mayor.
759.03	Fees.	759.99	Penalty.
759.04	Distance from dwellings.		

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to regulate - see Ohio R.C. 715.48, 715.63, 3765.02  
State licensing of portable amusement devices - see Ohio R.C. 1711.11(H)  
Obscene or harmful performances - see GEN. OFF. 533.11, 533.12

**759.01 DEFINITIONS.**

Whenever used in this chapter:

- (a) "Circus", in addition to the definition commonly applied thereto, means a traveling show or entertainment which is exhibited under canvas or tents, which usually consists of a menagerie, aerial, acrobatic and animal feats, sideshows and related amusements, and the main attraction of which is normally conducted twice daily.
- (b) "Carnival", in addition to the definition commonly applied thereto, means a group of two or more traveling shows, exhibitions, concessions, attractions or amusements usually operated under one sponsorship and exhibited in, on or about the same area, place or space.
- (c) "Other show" means any single attraction, museum, show, religious revival or exhibition which is operated exclusively and directly for private gain or profit and which is not conducted in a duly licensed theater or hall, or pursuant to another form of license or permit required by the City.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**759.02 PERMIT REQUIRED.**

No person shall open, conduct, operate or exhibit a circus, carnival or other show without first having obtained a permit from the Mayor and having paid the permit fee.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**759.03 FEES.**

Permits required by Section 759.02 shall be issued only upon payment in advance to the Mayor of the appropriate fee in accordance with the following schedule:

For each circus for each twenty-four hour day during which the same is maintained for exhibition: \$100.00

For each carnival for each twenty-four hour day during which the same is maintained for exhibition: \$25.00

For each other show for each twenty-four hour day during which the same is maintained for exhibition: \$15.00

For each parade of any circus, carnival or other show, the route, nature and extent of which shall be designated by the Chief of Police and approved by the Mayor: \$15.00. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**759.04 DISTANCE FROM DWELLINGS.**

No person shall hold, maintain or operate a carnival or other similar exhibition of a public nature, or rent, lease or hire any ground for such purpose, within a radius of 500 feet of any inhabited dwelling in the City. (Ord. 983. Passed 10-15-20.)

**759.05 UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES.**

No permit fee shall be deemed to include any charge of the City for water or other utility service furnished by it to any circus, carnival or other show. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**759.06 MOVING OF SHOW; ROUTE TO BE SPECIFIED BY MAYOR.**

Whoever obtains a permit required by Section 759.02 shall, if he desires to move any part of such show or exhibition, or the property thereof over any portion of a paved street or cement crosswalk, first apply to the Mayor for permission to do so. The Mayor shall designate in writing the route over which the show or exhibition or property thereof shall be taken and specify the methods to be employed by such person to prevent injury to the pavement or crosswalk. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**759.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**CHAPTER 765**  
**Soft Drinks**

765.01	License required.	765.04	Revocation of license.
765.02	Fee.	765.99	Penalty.
765.03	Denial of license.		

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Definitions - see Ohio R. C. 913.22

Soft drink labeling and adulteration - see Ohio R. C. 913.25 et seq.

**765.01 LICENSE REQUIRED.**

No business establishment shall be operated, maintained or conducted where soft drink beverages are sold or offered for sale unless an annual license is first obtained from the Mayor. Such a license shall expire on December 31 of each year.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**765.02 FEE.**

The fee for a soft drink license shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).  
(Ord. 12-2018. Passed 8-13-18.)

**765.03 DENIAL OF LICENSE.**

The Mayor may refuse to issue a soft drink license to any person of bad moral character or who has been convicted of an offense under any ordinance of the City or law of the State. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**765.04 REVOCATION OF LICENSE.**

The Mayor may revoke the soft drink license of any licensee who has violated any provision of this chapter, the ordinances of the City or laws of the State.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**765.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense, and for the second or subsequent offense not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**CHAPTER 767**  
Tattooing/Body Piercing

767.01	Definitions.	767.07	Ear piercing gun standards.
767.02	Board of Health approval.	767.08	Sterilization and disinfection procedures of tattoo and body piercing services.
767.03	Fees.	767.09	Denying, suspending and revoking approvals.
767.04	General safety and sanitation standards.	767.10	Variance provision.
767.05	Additional requirements for tattoo services.	767.99	Penalty.
767.06	Additional requirements for body piercing services.		

**767.01 DEFINITIONS**

- (a) "Antibacterial" means a substance which inhibits and reduces the growth of bacteria.
- (b) "Approval" means written approval from the New Philadelphia City Board of Health indicating that the tattoo and body piercing establishment has been inspected and meets all terms of this chapter.
- (c) "Board of Health" means the Board of Health of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.
- (d) "Body piercing" means the piercing of any part of the body by someone other than a physician licensed under Chapter 4731 of the Ohio Revised Code, who utilizes a needle or other instrument for the purpose of inserting an object into the body for non-medical purposes; body piercing includes ear piercing except when the ear piercing procedure is performed on the ear with an ear piercing gun.
- (e) "Body piercing establishment" means any place whether temporary or permanent, stationary or mobile, wherever situated, where body piercing is performed including any area under the control of the operator.
- (f) "Braiding" means the cutting and lifting of two or more strips of skin left attached at one end, then braided and packed close to the body, creating a scar resembling a braid.

(g) "Branding" means scarification through the application of a heated material (strike, cautery, laser), chemical agent, freezing agent to the skin, creating serious burns which eventually results in scarification.

(h) "Business" means any entity that provides tattoo, body piercing or tattoo and body piercing services for compensation.

(i) "Chemical rubbing" means that various chemicals/dyes are rubbed into traditional cuttings to induce exaggerated scarification.

(j) "Cutting" means a design cut into the skin or other soft tissue using a sharp blade, leaving scarification.

(k) "Custodian" has the same meaning as in Section 2151.011 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(l) "Cut and clamp" means clamping a small piece of skin, then cutting it off. Biopsy punches.

(m) "Disinfection" means a process that kills or destroys nearly all disease-producing microorganisms, with the exception of bacterial spores.

(n) "Ear piercing gun" means a mechanical device that pierces the ear by forcing a disposable, single-use stud or solid needle through the ear.

(o) "Guardian" has the same meaning as in Section 2111.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(p) "Health Commissioner" means the Health Commissioner of the New Philadelphia City Health District or her/his authorized representative.

(q) "Infectious waste" means waste as defined in Section 3734.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(r) "Injection scarification" means the injecting of chemicals under the skin to create blisters forming a permanent scarification.

(s) "Implant" means any object implanted fully under the skin.

(t) "Operator" means any person, firm, company, corporation or association that owns, controls, operates, conducts or manages a tattoo or body piercing establishment.

(u) "Packing" means cutting the skin on an angle and packing wounds with a relatively inert material to create scarification.

(v) "Patron" means a person requesting and receiving body piercing or tattooing services or ear piercing services by an ear piercing gun.



(w) "Premises" means the physical location of a body piercing establishment or tattoo establishment.

(x) "Skinning" is the removal of pieces of skin to create scarification.

(y) "Sterilize" means a process by which all forms of microbial life, including bacteria, viruses, spores and fungi are destroyed.

(z) "Stretching" means the stretching of a piercing, particularly of earlobes and nasal septum.

(aa) "Tattoo" means any method utilizing needles or other instruments by someone other than a physician licensed under Chapter 4731 of the Ohio Revised Code, to permanently place designs, letters, scrolls, figures, symbols or any other marks upon or under the skin of a person with ink or any other substances resulting in an alteration of the appearance of the skin. (Ord. 36-2004. Passed 7-12-04.)

#### 767.02 BOARD OF HEALTH APPROVAL

(a) No person, firm, association or corporation shall construct, install, operate, equip or extensively alter a business offering tattoo or body piercing services until the plans thereof have been submitted to and approved in writing by the New Philadelphia City Health District. When such plans are submitted to the New Philadelphia City Health District, the plans shall be acted upon within 30 days after the date of the receipt.

(b) Persons seeking approval to operate a business offering tattooing, body piercing or tattooing and body piercing services shall supply the New Philadelphia City Board of Health such information as requested on forms the Board shall prescribe and provide. The applicant shall submit all applicable fees and information the Board of Health determines is necessary to process the application. Information requested by the Board of Health as part of the application process shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- (1) If the operator is an individual, his or her name, address, telephone number, business address, business telephone number and occupation. If the operator is an association, corporation, or partnership, the address and phone number of the entity and the name of every person who has an ownership interest of five percent or more in the entity;
- (2) If the operator does not own the place of business, or if he or she owns only part of the place of business, the name of each person who has an ownership interest of five percent or more in the business;
- (3) Statement of attestation that the operator intends to comply with all requirements established by Sections 3730.01 to 3730.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and this chapter.
- (4) Plans and specifications of the place of business to clearly show that applicable provisions of this chapter can be met and shall include the following:

- A. The total area to be used for the business;
  - B. Entrances and exits;
  - C. Number, location and types of plumbing fixtures, including all water supply facilities;
  - D. A lighting plan;
  - E. A floor plan showing the general layout of fixtures and equipment;
  - F. Listing of all equipment to be used;
- (5) Evidence that the operator shall perform the following functions:
- A. The operator shall maintain procedures ensuring that all persons performing body piercing or tattooing services on the business premises have received appropriate training in tattooing or body piercing, as evidenced by:
    - 1. Records of completion of courses or seminars in tattooing or body piercing offered by authorities recognized by the Board of Health as qualified to provide such instruction;
    - 2. Written statements of attestation by individuals offering tattoo or body piercing apprenticeships that the person has received sufficient training of adequate duration to competently perform tattoo or body piercing services; or
    - 3. Other documentation acceptable to the Board of Health.
  - B. The operator shall maintain procedures ensuring that all persons performing tattooing or body piercing services for the business shall have received training, as evidenced by records of completion, courses or seminars provided by licensed physicians, registered nurses, organizations such as the American Red Cross, accredited learning institutions, appropriate government entities, or other authorities recognized by the Board of Health as being qualified to provide training in the following:
    - 1. First Aid;
    - 2. Safety and sanitation requirements for preventing transmission of infectious diseases;
    - 3. Universal precautions against bloodborne pathogens;
    - 4. Appropriate tattoo and piercing aftercare.
  - C. The operator shall maintain written records of equipment utilized by the business, including manufacturer and model numbers.
  - D. The operator shall maintain procedures acceptable to the Board of Health ensuring that persons performing tattooing or body piercing services on the premises of the business shall disinfect and sterilize all non-disposable equipment or parts of equipment used in performing procedures, by utilizing methods meeting disinfection and sterilization requirements in accordance with Section 767.08.
  - E. The operator shall maintain procedures ensuring the performance of weekly biological monitoring tests of the business's heat sterilization devices, to ensure that the devices thoroughly kill microorganisms. In accordance with division (A)(5) of Section 3730.09 of the Ohio Revised Code. These procedures shall include:

1. Maintenance of a log of all tests performed, the date of each test and the name of the person or independent testing entity performing the test; and
  2. Procedures for remedial action on the part of the operator to assure compliance with all sterilization requirements in accordance with Section 767.08 , in the event a test indicates a health sterilization device is not functioning properly.
- F. The operator shall maintain procedures ensuring the general health and safety of all individuals employed by the business.
- G. For each tattoo service performed by the business, the operator shall maintain a written record of dye colors, manufacturer, and any available lot number or other identifier of each pigment used.
- (6) The operator shall identify any previous, current or similar approvals held by the operator for tattooing and piercing services.
- (7) The operator shall provide evidence and documentation of all applicable fee payments, inspections and approvals required by this chapter and shall post current approval in a conspicuous manner on the business premises.

(c) The New Philadelphia, Ohio, City Board of Health shall conduct at least one inspection of a business prior to approving it under Section 3730.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and this chapter. The Board may conduct additional inspections as necessary for the approval process.

(d) If the New Philadelphia City Board of Health determines, following an inspection conducted in accordance with Section 3730.04 of the Ohio Revised Code and this chapter, that a business meets the requirements for approval shall approve the business. Approval remains valid for one year, unless earlier suspended or revoked under Section 3730.05 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 767.09. All permits issued by the New Philadelphia, Ohio, City Board of Health to operate a tattoo or body piercing establishment shall expire on December 31 of each year.

(e) In accordance with Section 3730.04 of the Ohio Revised Code and this chapter, the operator shall give the Board of Health access to the business premises and to all records relevant to an inspection. At least one inspection per year shall be conducted by the New Philadelphia, Ohio City Board of Health.

(f) Approval is not transferable. Any permanent change in address or change in ownership shall require the operator to apply for approval, with payment of all fees established by the Board of Health.

(g) The Board of Health in the jurisdiction in which a tattoo or body piercing business shall operate may approve such business for the purposes of operating on a time-limited basis in conjunction with a specific event. Time-limited piercing and tattooing establishments may be permitted at such events as fairs and other time-limited gatherings of people, if the Board of Health determines that the operator can substantially meet provisions contained in this chapter. For the purpose of this approval, the following shall occur:

- (1) Businesses having current approval from the Board of Health shall apply for time limited approval from the Board of Health in the jurisdiction in which a specific time-limited event shall take place. The applicable Board of Health may accept the business's current approval as evidence of substantial compliance with provisions contained in these rules. While accepting the approval of another Board of Health, the Board of Health in the jurisdiction in which a tattoo or body piercing business time-limited approval shall conduct an inspection of the site in which the operator intends to conduct the time-limited business to ensure that local standards will be met.
- (2) Businesses which do not have current approval from a Board of Health, or Ohio businesses in jurisdictions from which approval is not accepted by the Board of Health in which time-limited approval is being sought, shall apply for time-limited approval from the Board of Health in the jurisdiction in which a specific, time-limited event shall take place. The applicant shall submit all applicable fees and information the Board of Health determines necessary to process the application.
  - A. Information requested shall assure the Board of Health being requested for time-limited approval that the business is capable of meeting the provisions of these rules.
  - B. The approval of a business may be renewed annually by the New Philadelphia, Ohio, City Board of Health upon assurance that all conditions set forth by Sections 3730.01 to 3730.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and this chapter have continued to be met and the payment of fees set by the Board have been received on or before December 31st of each year.  
(Ord. 36-2004. Passed 7-12-04.)

#### 767.03 FEES.

(a) The application and annual renewal fees for tattoo and body piercing businesses shall be established by the New Philadelphia, Ohio, City Board of Health within the following parameters:

- (1) No fee shall exceed the total cost to the Board of Health to process the application, inspect the business, maintain appropriate records pertaining to the establishment, provide to the operator an approval document for display and provide other services deemed necessary by the Board to maintain the public health and safety. The owner, proprietor or manager of the establishment shall keep a copy of this chapter posted in a conspicuous place visible to the patrons in the tattoo and/or body piercing establishment. Such copy shall be supplied by the New Philadelphia City Health District.
- (2) All fees collected by the Board of Health shall be deposited into the health fund of the New Philadelphia City Health District. The fees shall be used solely for the purpose of implementing and enforcing Sections 3730.01 to 3730.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and this chapter.

- (3) Each fee established by the Board of Health pursuant to Section 3709.09 of the Ohio Revised Code shall be specified in accordance with the following categories:
  - A. Tattooing services;
  - B. Body piercing services;
  - C. Combined tattooing and body piercing services;
  - D. Time-limited approval for a specific event.

(b) The Board of Health shall utilize data from the previous year or approval period to determine the factors specified in this rule to calculate the actual cost of administering and enforcing Sections 3730.01 to 3730.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and the rules of this chapter pertaining to tattooing and body piercing. In the absence of such data, the Board of Health shall use reasonable estimates to provide information to determine the following:

- (1) The percentage of time worked in the tattooing and body piercing program by each inspecting staff person employed by the Board of Health shall be calculated by dividing the amount determined in subsection (b)(1)B. hereof by the amount calculated in subsection (b)(1)A. hereof.
  - A. Total hours worked in the tattooing and body piercing program by each inspecting staff person;
  - B. The total hours for which each inspecting staff person was paid in the last year;
- (2) The total annual wages or salary paid to each inspecting staff person;
- (3) The total amount for fringe benefits paid on behalf of each inspecting staff person;
- (4) The total travel costs for each inspecting staff person;
- (5) The support costs for the program as determined by one of the following methods:
  - A. Uses of actual support cost items attributable to the tattooing and body piercing program which may include, but are not limited to, the salary and fringe benefits of the health commissioner, the director of environmental health, the director of nursing, supervisory staff, clerical staff, utilities, rent, supplies, equipment, liability insurance and training;
  - B. Use of an indirect cost rate of a percentage, determined by the Board, of the wages or salaries and fringe benefits of inspecting staff persons attributable to the tattooing and body piercing program. The wages or salaries and fringe benefits of inspecting staff persons attributable to the tattooing and body piercing program shall be determined for each staff person under subsections (b)(3) and (b)(4) hereof by the percentage for that staff person determined under subsection (b)(1) hereof and adding the products;
  - C. Application of a negotiated indirect cost rate and calculation method approved by an agency of the federal government for the local health district to the tattooing and body piercing program.

(c) The costs for the tattooing and body piercing program may also include, but are not limited to, the amounts of any known or anticipated increases in costs or expenses for such items as rent, utilities, equipment and personnel.

(d) The Board of Health in the jurisdiction in which a tattoo or body piercing business seeks time limited approval shall take into consideration the acceptance of another jurisdiction's approval and the number of similar inspections requested within a specific venue when determining an appropriate inspection fee.

(e) The total tattooing and body piercing program costs shall be calculated in the following manner:

- (1) For each inspecting staff person, multiply the amount of total annual wages or salary determined under subsection (b)(2) hereof by the percentage determined pursuant to subsection (b)(1) hereof.
- (2) For each inspecting staff person, multiply the fringe benefits determined under subsection (b)(3) hereof by the percentage determined pursuant under subsection (b)(1) hereof.
- (3) For each inspecting staff person, multiply the total travel costs determined under subsection (b)(4) hereof by the percentage determined pursuant to subsection (b)(1) hereof. As an alternative, the actual travel cost for each inspecting staff person attributable to the tattooing and body piercing program may be used.
- (4) Add the amounts determined under subsection (b)(5) and (c) hereof to the totals calculated in subsection (e)(1), (e)(2) and (e)(3) hereof. This total is the cost for the tattooing and body piercing program.  
(Ord. 36-2004. Passed 7-12-04.)

#### 767.04 GENERAL SAFETY AND SANITATION STANDARDS.

(a) A business offering tattoo or body piercing services shall comply with the following provisions:

- (1) Any person operating tattoo or body piercing services shall not perform any of the following:
  - A. Skin stretching;
  - B. Implants;
  - C. Cutting;
  - D. Branding;
  - E. Injection scarification;
  - F. Braiding;
  - G. Skinning;
  - H. Packing;
  - I. Chemical rubbing;
  - J. Cosmetic tattooing: Unless it is performed only under the orders and direct supervision of a Medical Physician currently licensed to practice medicine in the State of Ohio.
- (2) The premises in which tattooing or body piercing is conducted shall have an area of at least one hundred fifty (150) square feet. The floor space for each individual performing tattoo or body piercing services shall have an area of at least one hundred (100) square feet. These areas shall be separated from each other and from waiting patrons or observers by a panel or door. Complete privacy shall be available upon a patron's request.

- (3) The entire procedure room and equipment shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary condition and in good repair.
- (4) The tattoo or body piercing business shall be equipped with artificial light sources equivalent to at least twenty (20) foot-candles at a distance of thirty (30) inches above the floor throughout the establishment. A minimum of forty (40) foot candles of light shall be provided at the level where the tattooing or body piercing is being performed. Spotlighting may be used to achieve this required degree of illumination.
- (5) The floors, walls and ceilings in a room used for tattooing or body piercing activities shall be an impervious, smooth, washable surface; have a minimum dimension of ten feet by ten feet and shall be maintained in a sanitary manner at all times.
- (6) All tables and other equipment shall be constructed of easily cleanable material, with a smooth, washable finish.
- (7) Restroom facilities shall be made available to the employees and customers of the business and must be located within the establishment. The restroom shall be accessible at all times the business is open for operation. The restroom shall be equipped with a toilet, toilet paper installed in a holder, lavatory supplied with hot and cold running water, liquid or granulated soap and single-use towels. Equipment and supplies used in the course of tattoo or body piercing services or disinfection and sterilization procedures shall not be stored or utilized within the restroom.
- (8) A lavatory or hand washing sink, with hot and cold running water, liquid or granular soap, and single-use towels shall be located in close proximity of each individual performing tattoo or body piercing procedures.
- (9) There shall be no overhead or otherwise exposed sewerage lines so as to create a potential hazard to the sanitary environment of the business.
- (10) Sufficient and appropriate receptacles shall be provided for the disposal of used gloves, dressings, and other trash. Each receptacle shall have a lid and be kept closed at all times while not in use.
- (11) The operator shall not allow live animals to enter areas used for tattoo or body piercing procedures. This requirement does not apply to patrol dogs accompanying security or police officers, guide dogs, or other support animals accompanying handicapped persons.
- (12) At no time shall food or drink be consumed by the operator in rooms used specifically for tattoo or body piercing services.
- (13) Smoking or use of any other tobacco product by the operator or the patron shall not be permitted in rooms used specifically for tattoo or body piercing services.
- (14) All water supplies, waste disposal systems, solid waste disposal, and infectious waste disposal shall meet requirements of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency or the Ohio Department of Health, as appropriate. (Ord. 36-2004. Passed 7-12-04.)

(b) Persons approved to operate a business offering tattoo or body piercing services and persons providing ear piercing services with an ear piercing gun shall comply with the following provisions:

- (1) Persons performing the service shall not perform such services if:
  - A. They are under the influence of any drugs or alcohol;
  - B. They knowingly have a communicable stage an infectious or contagious disease parasitic infestation, exudative lesions or weeping dermatitis.
- (2) In accordance with Section 3730.06 of the Ohio Revised Code, no person shall perform a tattooing procedure or body piercing procedure on an individual who is under eighteen (18) years of age unless consent has been given by the individual's parent, guardian or custodian in accordance with the following:
  - A. A parent, guardian, or custodian of the individual under age eighteen (18) who desires to give consent to a business to perform on the individual under age eighteen (18) a tattooing procedure, body piercing procedure or ear piercing procedure with an ear piercing gun shall appear in person at the business at the time the procedure is performed and sign a document provided by the business that explains the manner in which the procedure will be performed and methods for proper care of the affected body area following the performance procedure.
- (3) Prior to tattooing or body piercing, the operator who will be performing the procedure shall inquire of a patron for conditions which could affect the healing process. The operator shall not perform a tattoo or body piercing procedure on patrons indicating the presence of such a condition without documentation from a licensed physician indicating acceptance of the patient for appropriate care following the procedure. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - A. History of Jaundice;
  - B. History of Lymphadenopathy or Lymphadenitis;
  - C. History of blood donation exclusion (for other than hypertension or immediate illness);
  - D. History of AIDS, positive HIV test;
  - E. History of skin diseases or skin cancer;
  - F. History of allergies with anaphylactic reactions to needles.(Ord. 51-2004. Passed 12-27-04.)

#### 767.05 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TATTOO SERVICES.

In addition to the requirements of Section 767.04(a) and (b), any person operating an approved business offering tattoo services shall comply with the following provisions pertaining to tattoo operations.

- (a) Immediately prior to beginning any tattooing procedure, each individual performing the procedure shall wash their hands in hot water with liquid or granulated soap, or equivalent, if approved by the Board of Health. The individual's fingernails shall be kept clean and short.



- (b) The individual performing the procedure shall wear a clean new pair of disposable gloves, made of latex or similar material, for each new patron. If the gloves develop a break or tear, or if the individual performing the procedure touches another surface during the course of the procedure, the gloves shall be immediately replaced.
- (c) All individuals performing a tattoo procedure who utilize lap cloths shall use a different lap cloth for each person. Lap cloths shall be disposed or laundered after each use.
- (d) The individual performing tattooing shall perform the procedure only on a normal, healthy skin surface. No operator shall remove or attempt to remove tattoo marks.
- (e) When shaving the site of the tattoo is necessary, the individual performing the procedure shall use:
  - (1) Separate disposable razors with single service blades for each patron and discard the razor after such use, or
  - (2) A straight edge razor which shall be disinfected in accordance with the rule 3701-9-08 of the Administrative Code or sanitized in accordance with rule 4709-9-05 of the Administrative Code after use on each patron.
- (f) The individual performing the procedure, before shaving the area of the patron's body to be tattooed, shall thoroughly clean the area with antibacterial soap or its equivalent, as approved by the Board of Health. After shaving the area to be tattooed, the individual performing the procedure shall apply seventy percent isopropyl alcohol on the skin with a clean, disposable gauze square, cotton ball or square, or other clean, disposable material.
- (g) Only sterile petroleum jelly in collapsible metal or plastic tubes or its equivalent, as approved by the Board of Health, shall be used on the area to be tattooed and shall be applied by use of a single use gauze square, individual cotton ball or square, or single use wooden tongue depressors. Under no circumstances are fingers to be used for this purpose.
- (h) No individual performing tattoo services shall use styptic pencils, alum blocks, or other solid styptics to check the flow of blood.
- (i) Individuals performing tattoo services shall use only dyes or inks manufactured by an established manufacturer and used as recommended by the manufacturer. Powdered dyes shall be liquefied as recommended by the manufacturer. Unless approved by the manufacturer, dye color shall not be adulterated by the individual performing the service. Single service or individual containers of dye or ink shall be used for each patron and the individual performing the service shall discard the container and remaining dye or ink. If non-disposable containers are used, the operator shall sterilize them before reuse. The individual performing the procedure shall remove excess dye or ink from the skin with single-use gauze squares or other clean, absorbent, disposable material.  
(Ord. 11-2013. Passed 7-27-13.)

- (j) The individual performing the procedure shall wash the completed tattoo with a single use gauze square or individual cotton ball or square saturated with an antibacterial solution approved by the Board of Health. The tattooed area shall be allowed to dry, after which the individual performing the procedure shall apply to the site antibiotic ointment from a collapsible or plastic tube, or its equivalent, as approved by the Board of Health. The ointment shall be applied by use of a single use gauze square, individual cotton ball or square, or single use wooden tongue depressor. In the case of an antibiotic-sensitive patron, the use of an antibacterial soap on the tattoo site shall be sufficient to meet the purpose of this subsection. The individual performing the procedure shall apply to the site a non-adherent, sterile dressing, or a dressing acceptable to the Board of Health, and secure it with non-allergenic tape. Use of paper napkins and tape for dressing shall not be acceptable.
- (k) The operator shall provide each patron with oral and written care instructions following the tattooing procedure.
- (l) The operator performing the tattoo service shall maintain a record of service, including the patron's name, address, the date of service, and colors used for the tattoo. The operator shall maintain such record for at least two (2) years. In the event of the closing of the business, all tattoo records shall be made available to the Board of Health.
- (m) All obvious injuries or infections directly resulting from the practice of tattooing which are known or become known to the operator shall be reported to the Board of Health by the operator who will immediately advise the patron to seek the services of a physician.
- (n) The operator shall comply with applicable standards described in Chapter 3745-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code while disposing of waste items including, but not limited to, needles, razors and other supplies capable of causing lacerations or puncture wounds, generated through the provision of tattooing services.
- (o) Operators of an approved business performing tattoo services shall ensure that these services shall not be performed outside the business premises, unless the Board of Health has provided approval for a time limited operation in accordance with Section 767.02.
- (p) Solder used for the attachment of needles to the needle bars shall be lead free. (Ord. 36-2004. Passed 7-12-04.)

#### 767.06 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BODY PIERCING SERVICES.

In addition to the requirements in Section 767.04(a) and (b), any person operating an approved business offering body piercing services shall comply with the following provisions pertaining to body piercing services:

- (a) The operator shall ensure that individuals performing body piercing services shall be knowledgeable in appropriate precautions and procedures pertaining to unintentional needle sticks, and shall seek out appropriate medical care in the event of such an accident.
- (b) Immediately prior to beginning any body piercing operation, each individual performing the procedure shall wash their hands in hot water with liquid or granulated soap, or equivalent, if approved by the Board of Health. The operator's fingernails shall be kept clean and short.

- (c) The individual performing the procedure shall wear a clean, new pair of disposable gloves, made of latex or similar material, for each new customer. Should the gloves develop a break or tear, or if the individual performing the procedure touches another surface during the course of the procedure, the gloves shall be immediately replaced.
- (d) Individuals shall perform body piercing services only on normal, healthy skin surface. No procedures shall be done on scar tissue.
- (e) Individuals performing the procedure shall use povidone-iodine to thoroughly clean the area of skin to be pierced; or in the case of an iodine-sensitive patron, an antibacterial soap shall be used with a single use gauze square, or individual cotton ball or square. The area shall then be rinsed with a solution such as benzalkonium chloride. While seventy percent isopropyl alcohol may be used to swab the area to be pierced prior to cleaning, it shall not be used as a cleansing agent. In the case of oral piercings, the operator shall provide a patron with antibacterial mouthwash in a single use cup and shall ensure that the patron utilizes the mouthwash provided. In the case of a lip, labret, or cheek piercing, procedures described in this paragraph for both skin and oral piercings shall be followed.
- (f) No operator performing body piercing services shall use styptic pencils, alum blocks, or other solid styptics to check the flow of blood.
- (g) Operators performing body piercing services shall utilize a single-use, sterile needle for each piercing performed and shall appropriately dispose of the needle after performing each piercing procedure.
- (h) Operators performing body piercing services shall install only sterilized jewelry made of 316 low carbon or low carbon vacuum molded surgical implants grade stainless steel, solid 14 karat or 18 karat white or yellow gold, niobium, titanium, platinum, or high density, low-porosity plastic such as acrylic.
- (i) The operator shall provide each patron with oral and written care instructions following the body piercing procedure.
- (j) The operator performing the body piercing procedure shall maintain a record of service, including the patron's name, address, the date of service, jewelry used including the size, material composition and manufacturer, and placement of piercing. The operator shall maintain such record for at least to (2) years. In the event of the closing of the business, all body piercing records shall be made available to the Board of Health.
- (k) All obvious injuries or infections directly resulting from the practice of body piercing which are known or become known to the operator shall be reported to the Board of Health by the operator who shall immediately advise the patron to seek the services of a physician.
- (l) The operator shall comply with the applicable standards described in Chapter 3745.27 of the Ohio Administrative Code while disposing of waste items including, but not limited to, needles and other supplies capable of causing lacerations or puncture wounds, generated through the provision of body piercing services.
- (m) Operators of an approved business performing body piercing services, other than those utilizing a piercing gun, shall not perform such services outside the business premises, unless the Board of Health has provided approval for a time-limited operation in accordance with Section 767.02(g).  
(Ord. 36-2004. Passed 7-12-04.)

**767.07 EAR PIERCING GUN STANDARDS**

In addition to the requirements in Section 767.04(b), any person operating a business offering ear piercing services with a piercing gun shall comply with the following provisions pertaining to such services:

- (a) Ear piercing guns shall be used for ear piercing.
- (b) Individuals providing ear piercing services with an ear piercing gun shall be adequately trained to properly use, clean, disinfect and store the ear piercing gun, in accordance with this chapter.
- (c) The individual performing the procedure shall wear a clean, new pair of disposable gloves made of latex or similar material for each piercing performed.
- (d) The ear piercing gun shall be cleaned and disinfected between uses on each patron, by utilizing the following methods:
  - (1) If the piercing gun utilizes a reusable needle, the needle shall be removed, cleaned, and sterilized, using procedures described in Section 767.08. The piercing gun shall then be placed in an ultrasonic type device, or scrubbed with an anti-bacterial detergent and brush to remove any foreign matter; or
  - (2) If the piercing gun, or other than that described in subsection (c)(3) hereof, utilizes disposable, single-use, sterilized studs to pierce the ear, after each use of the gun, the piercing gun shall be placed in an ultrasonic-type device, or scrubbed with an anti-bacterial detergent and brush to remove foreign matter; or
  - (3) If the piercing gun is designed so that all parts of the gun that touch the patron's skin are disposable, such parts shall be removed from the gun and disposed of in an appropriate receptacle; and
  - (4) Following initial cleaning procedures appropriate for the type of ear piercing gun used, as described in subsection (d)(1), (d)(2) and (d)(3) hereof, the ear piercing gun shall be thoroughly wiped down with an appropriate disinfectant in accordance with directions for use from the manufacturer of the disinfectant; and
  - (5) In the case of a visible exposure of the gun to blood, the individual performing the service shall immediately:
    - A. Place the gun in a rigid, tightly closed container, before returning the gun to the manufacturer, in accordance with instructions provided by the manufacturer; or
    - B. Sterilize the gun in accordance with Section 767.08; or
    - C. Discard the gun in accordance with Chapter 3745-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- (e) The ear piercing gun shall be stored in a covered container, or cabinet, when not in use.
- (f) Prior to performing an ear piercing procedure with an ear piercing gun, the individual offering the service shall inform all patrons requesting such services of the frequency and method utilized to disinfect and sterilize all equipment used in the ear piercing procedure and the extent to which the methods used destroy disease-producing microorganisms.  
(Ord. 36-2004. Passed 7-12-04.)

767.08 STERILIZATION AND DISINFECTION PROCEDURES OF TATTOO AND BODY PIERCING SERVICES.

(a) The operator shall keep all tubes, needle bars and other sterilized pieces of equipment in the wrappers or sterilizer bags used during sterilization. The operator shall store these wrapped articles in a clean, closed case or storage cabinet while not in use. The operator shall maintain such case or cabinet in a sanitary manner at all times. The operator shall keep all instruments, tubes, needles, and other items used in tattooing or body piercing procedures free of all contamination and shall not remove the wrappers or sterilizer bags until immediately prior to use.

(b) The individual performing the service shall use all tattoo needles or instruments intended to penetrate the skin only once and dispose of them, or thoroughly clean and sterilize them after each use. The individual performing the service shall use instruments not intended to penetrate the skin, but which may become contaminated, only once and dispose of them, or thoroughly clean and sterilize them after each use.

(c) The operator shall place all used, nondisposable instruments in an ultrasonic-type machine to remove excess dye or other matter from the instruments; or the operator shall immerse nondisposable instruments for at least twenty (20) minutes in a disinfectant solution registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a hospital disinfectant before the operator proceeds to scrub the instruments. When this process is completed, the operator shall place the instruments into either a covered container or into a wrapper designed or suitable for steam sterilization. The operator shall daily sanitize the ultrasonic-type unit with a germicidal solution.

(d) The operator shall provide a steam sterilizer (autoclave) for sterilizing all needles and similar instruments before use on any patron. Alternate sterilizing procedures may be used when specifically approved by the Board of Health. Sterilization of instruments will be accomplished in the autoclave by exposure to steam for at least fifteen (15) minutes at a minimum pressure of fifteen (15) pounds per square inch, a temperature of two hundred fifty (250) degrees Fahrenheit or a hundred twenty one (121) degrees Celsius.

(e) The operator shall monitor and document the sterilizing function of all sterilizers as follows:

- (1) The operator shall use autoclave sterilization bags, with a process indicator which changes color upon proper steam sterilization, during the autoclave sterilization process.
- (2) The operator shall monitor each sterilizer load by the use of a sterilization indicator that ensures that minimum conditions exist to achieve sterilization through appropriate levels of:
  - A. Pressure of saturated steam;
  - B. Temperature of exposure;
  - C. Exposure time.
- (3) The operator of the sterilizer shall follow the manufacturer's use instructions for the sterilizer and the sterilization indicator being used. Further, the operator shall maintain the sterilizer in serviceable condition and keep a record of any maintenance performed for at least two (2) years.

- (4) If the sterilization indicator demonstrates that sterilization has been achieved, the operator may place the contents of the packaged unit in inventory.
- (5) If the sterilization indicator demonstrates that sterilization has not been achieved, the operator shall not use the sterilizer further. The operator shall have the sterilizer examined to determine the malfunction and shall have the sterilizer repaired or replaced.
- (6) The operator shall maintain a log for a period of at least two (2) years, of date, time, the name of the person or independent testing entity performing the test and sterilization indicator results for all needles and instruments used. The operator shall also keep this record in each client file for all needles and instruments used on that client.  
(Ord. 36-2004. Passed 7-12-04.)

#### 767.09 DENYING, SUSPENDING AND REVOKING APPROVALS.

(a) The Board of Health or an authorized representative shall have the authority to enter a business offering tattoo or body piercing services at reasonable times to conduct inspections and inspect conditions relating to the enforcement of Sections 3730.02 through 3730.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and this chapter.

(b) The Board of Health may deny, suspend, or revoke approval of a business offering tattoo or body piercing or tattoo and body piercing services if the business made any material misrepresentation to the Board, does not meet or no longer meets, or has a history of noncompliance with, the requirements of Sections 3730.01 to 3730.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and this chapter.

(c) In the case of a proposal to deny, suspend, or revoke approval of a business offering tattoo, body piercing or tattoo and body piercing services, the Board of Health shall provide the business with written notice of the proposed action and the cause for the action. The notice shall describe the procedure for appealing the proposed denial, suspension or revocation.

- (1) The written notice shall be provided by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery. If the notice is returned because of failure of delivery, the Board of Health shall either send the notice by regular mail to the business location listed on the application, or conspicuously post the notice at an entrance of the business. In either case, the notice shall be deemed to have been received on the date it was mailed or posted.
- (2) The notice shall state that the business may obtain a hearing under this rule if a written request for a hearing is mailed or hand delivered to the Board of Health's address specified in the notice within fifteen (15) days after the affected business receives or is deemed to have received the notice.
- (3) Upon receiving a timely hearing request, the Board of Health shall schedule a hearing before the Board.
- (4) The Board of Health shall mail or hand-deliver notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing to the operator no less than ten (10) before scheduled date.

- (5) The business and the Board of Health each shall have one opportunity to reschedule the hearing date upon specific to the other party. Any other postponements of the hearing shall be by agreement of the Board of Health and the business.
- (6) At the hearing, the business shall have the opportunity to present its case orally or in writing and to confront and cross examine adverse witnesses. The business may be represented by counsel, if desired, and may review the case record before the hearing.
- (7) If the Board of Health does not receive a timely request for a hearing, the Board may immediately enter an order as proposed in the notice.

(d) In the case of a suspension of approval for a violation presenting an immediate danger to the public health, the Board of Health shall provide the business with written notice of the action, the cause of the action and the effective date of the action. The written notice shall specify the procedure for appealing the suspension and shall list the address to which a hearing request shall be sent or delivered. The business may appeal the suspension by mailing or hand-delivering a written request for a hearing to the address specified in the notice. If a hearing is requested, it shall be heard not later than two (2) business days after the request is received by the Board of Health. At the hearing, the business shall have the opportunity to present its case orally or in writing and to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses. The business may be represented by counsel, if desired, and may review the case record before the hearing. At the hearing, the Board of Health shall determine whether the immediate danger to the public health continues to exist.

(e) Any determination made or order entered by the Board of Health pursuant to this rule shall be made by a majority vote of the members of the Board present at a meeting at which there is a quorum. If the Board of Health conducts the hearing, the Board may immediately render a decision denying, suspending, or revoking approval, or render a decision removing or continuing an approval suspension. The determination or order may be considered and made at a meeting without publication or advertisement, and may become effective without such publication or advertisement, recording or certifying. An order is not effective until it is recorded in the Board of Health's record of its proceedings.  
(Ord. 36-2004. Passed 7-12-04.)

#### 767.10 VARIANCE PROVISION.

The Board of Health may grant a hearing to a tattoo or body piercing business and authorize, for specific cases, such variance from the requirements of this chapter as will not be contrary to the public interest and when the operator shows that because of practical difficulties or other special conditions, their strict application will cause unusual and unnecessary hardship. However, no variance shall be granted that will defeat the spirit and general intent of this chapter, or otherwise not be in the public interest.  
(Ord. 36-2004. Passed 7-12-04.)

**767.99 PENALTY.**

Any person who fails to comply with any requirement of this chapter or any order issued pursuant thereto shall be subject to the penalties set forth in the Ohio Revised Code and any other administrative and/or legal action which may be deemed appropriate by the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio. Specifically, any person who violates or causes to be violated any of the stipulations and/or requirements set forth in this chapter shall be in violation and is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree on the first offense; on each subsequent offense such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.  
(Ord. 36-2004. Passed 7-12-04.)



**CHAPTER 771**  
**Taxicabs and Common Carriers**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to regulate - see Ohio R.C. 715.22, 715.66  
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 Minimum age of operator - see Ohio R.C. 4507.321  
 Authority of Safety Director, traffic control - see TRAF. Ch. 305  
 Motor vehicle licensing and accidents - see TRAF. Ch. 335  
 Commercial and heavy vehicles - see TRAF. Ch. 339  
 Drivers of commercial cars and tractors - see TRAF. Ch. 341

**771.01 TAXICAB DEFINED.**

As used in this chapter "taxicab" means any motor vehicle except an omnibus, funeral car or public bus used for carrying passengers for hire.  
 (Ord. 1076. Passed 9-29-22.)

**771.02 LICENSE REQUIRED.**

Each person, firm, partnership or corporation now operating or proposing to operate an omnibus, bus, automobile or other motor vehicle for the transportation of persons for hire within the City and over the streets, alleys, lanes or highways therein shall, prior to undertaking the transportation for hire, obtain a license from the Mayor, applying for it upon forms prepared by the Mayor.

The provisions of this chapter include taxicabs, automobiles and buses holding a franchise to operate within the City.  
 (Ord. 3190. Passed 7-8-68.)

**771.03 VEHICLE INSPECTIONS; REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSE.**

(a) At the time that an application for a license under Section 771.02 is made by any person, firm, partnership or corporation, and prior to the issuance of such license by the Mayor, each motor vehicle so operated or proposed to be operated in the transportation of persons for hire under the provisions of this chapter shall be inspected by the Police Department or someone designated by the Department, to determine the operational safety

of the vehicle. If the vehicle is found to be safe and in proper working order, a license may be issued upon such report to the Mayor. If the vehicle is found to be unsafe and not in proper working order, then such defects or unsafe conditions must be corrected before a license can be issued under the terms of this chapter.

(b) Every person, firm, partnership or corporation operating a motor vehicle in the City under a license issued as provided in this chapter, must submit the motor vehicle to police inspection at the times and places to be specified by the Police Chief in January and July of each year. The object of the inspection shall be to determine the operational safety of the vehicle. The inspection shall cover tires, brakes, lights, steering apparatus and direction signals and any condition affecting the operational safety of the vehicle. In the event that the inspecting officer finds a defect or condition affecting public safety, he shall certify his findings to the operator of the vehicle and to the Mayor, and no person shall be carried for hire in the vehicle until the defect or unsafe condition has been corrected to the satisfaction of the officer making the inspection. During the period that the vehicle is defective or unsafe, any license issued under this chapter for the vehicle shall be deemed suspended. Upon finding that the condition complained of has been corrected, the inspecting officer shall so certify such fact to the Mayor and the motor vehicle may then be used to transport persons for hire.

(c) All motor vehicles licensed under this chapter shall be kept in a safe driving condition at all times, and the Police Department shall have the right to inspect such motor vehicles at any time it deems necessary for the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this City.

(d) In the event that a licensee or a person under his control is found to be transporting persons for hire in a vehicle found to be unsafe by police inspection, and after such finding has been made known to the licensee, then the Mayor may revoke or suspend such license for not more than one year.

(e) A written report of the inspection shall become part of the permanent file on each vehicle by serial number and maintained by the Mayor and Police Department. (Ord. 3190. Passed 7-8-68.)

#### 771.04 LICENSE FEE.

The cost of obtaining a license for any of the operations described in Section 771.02 shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per vehicle. The fee shall be applied to each motor vehicle so operated or proposed to be operated in the transportation of persons for hire. (Ord. 14-83. Passed 4-11-83.)

#### 771.05 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE; OTHER DRIVER CONDITIONS.

(a) All operators of motor vehicles for hire shall submit a certificate from a medical doctor, certifying that the operator is not subject to seizures, fits or blackouts, and that he does not have a heart condition or any other ailment or disease that may cause a condition to endanger the passengers, or any other physical or mental condition that would impair the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle. This medical certificate is to be filed with the Mayor and shall be a permanent record, and must be on file prior to the operation of a

vehicle by the driver.

(b) Each applicant desiring to drive a taxicab shall submit two letters from reputable citizens recommending the applicant on the basis of character and sobriety.

(c) The applicant shall offer proof to the Mayor that he has a working knowledge of the traffic laws of the City and the State, and that he is competent to drive a taxicab.

(d) Permission to drive a taxicab shall not be given to any person found to be a habitual traffic law violator, or when such person has been found to be guilty of careless and reckless operation of a motor vehicle resulting in injury to persons or property, or when such person is found to be a habitual drunkard, or when he is found to have been guilty of drunken driving, or when his vehicle fails to satisfy the safety requirements as provided in this chapter, or when his physical or mental condition is found to be unsatisfactory.

(e) No person may drive a taxicab who has been convicted of a crime of violence under the laws of any state or of the United States.

(f) A list of taxicab drivers' names, addresses and phone numbers shall be kept on file in the Mayor's office.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59; Ord. 3190. Passed 7-8-68.)

#### 771.06 LICENSE TERM; FEE PRORATION.

The licensing year of this chapter shall begin on February 1, and each license issued shall be valid until the next February 1, at which time all licenses shall be renewed for one year.

The fee for licenses taken out between February 1 of any year and January 31 of the next year shall be prorated on a calendar monthly basis, the nearest first day of a month to determine the number of months upon which the fee shall be based.  
(Ord. 3190. Passed 7-8-68.)

#### 771.07 REVOCATION OF DRIVER'S PRIVILEGES.

Permission to drive a taxicab may be revoked or suspended at any time upon a finding made by the Mayor that a driver has failed to maintain the standards set forth in this chapter, or has been guilty of acts or conduct which would have disqualified him upon his original application, or when his vehicle fails to satisfy the safety requirements as provided in this chapter. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

#### 771.08 SOLICITING PASSENGERS.

No driver of a taxicab shall solicit any business on the streets or sidewalks and no driver shall race with any other vehicle for the purpose of first reaching a prospective passenger. A driver shall at all times conduct himself in an orderly manner.

No person, firm or corporation or the owner, operator or driver of taxicabs shall solicit business in bus stations or at bus stops in the City.

For the purpose of this section, "solicit" means to entreat, importune, approach with a request, plead or implore a person who has not heretofore contacted the owner, driver or operator of a taxicab for the purpose of obtaining the services of the taxicab for

transportation. (Ord. 2379. Passed 9-6-49; Ord. 3190. Passed 7-8-68.)

**771.09 MARKING OF VEHICLE; INFORMATION TO BE DISPLAYED  
WITHIN VEHICLE.**

All motor vehicles for the transportation of persons for hire and licensed hereunder shall have suitably marked upon each side of the vehicle the name of the person, firm, partnership or corporation operating the vehicle, together with the owner's number for the cab; and in addition the operator of each motor vehicle for hire or transportation of persons for hire shall display in a prominent place within the vehicle a schedule of rates charged, and evidence that a physical examination of the driver and insurance requirements have been complied with, which shall be signed by the Mayor with his seal affixed thereto.  
(Ord. 3190. Passed 7-8-68.)

**771.10 PARKING PLACES.**

The Director of Public Safety shall establish and set aside such parking places on the streets of the City as in his discretion he believes necessary for the use of taxicabs, buses and motor vehicles for hire.  
(Ord. 3190. Passed 7-8-68.)

**771.11 INSURANCE REQUIRED.**

(a) Any person, firm, partnership or corporation prior to transporting persons for hire as hereinbefore described within the City shall, as a further requirement to the obtaining of a license for the transportation, submit to the Mayor for his approval or the approval of the Director of Law, an insurance policy indemnifying the operator and owner against loss or injury from negligent operation of such vehicle in the amount of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) combined single limit policy. A copy of the insurance policy or a certificate of the company or companies issuing the same shall be filed with the Mayor to become a part of the application.

(b) All insurance policies required under this section shall be effective during the entire period for which the license issued is effective.  
(Ord. 58-88. Passed 9-12-88.)

**771.12 ESTABLISHING RATES OF FARE.**

(a) The rates to be charged by the operators of motor vehicles licensed to transport persons for hire shall be established by the licensee company.

(b) The rate schedule shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each cab and also filed with the Mayor, the Police Department and Council.

(c) No change in the rate or fare shall be made until thirty days written notice has been given to the Mayor, the Police Department and Council, and until such proposed change in rate has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, at least once a week for three weeks in a legal notice of at least four column inches.

(d) Upon approval by the Mayor and Council, new rates will become effective.  
(Ord. 3190. Passed 7-8-68.)

771.13 METERS; SPECIAL CONTRACTS.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 771.13 was repealed by Ordinance 14-83, passed April 11, 1983.)

771.99 PENALTY.

(a) Upon conviction of any person, firm or corporation or the driver, owner or operator of a taxicab for a violation of Section 771.02, such person is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense; on the second or subsequent offense, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(b) Whoever violates any other section of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.  
(Ord. 14-83. Passed 4-11-83.)

**CHAPTER 777**  
**Tree Trimming**

777.01 License required; revocation.	777.03 Bond and insurance.
777.02 License fee.	777.99 Penalty.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Shade Tree Commission - see ADM. Ch. 153  
Permit required for tree or shrub planting - see S.U. & P.S. 905.01  
Size of trimmings bundle restricted for collection - see S.U. & P.S.  
971.02(d)

**777.01 LICENSE REQUIRED; REVOCATION.**

No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of cutting, trimming, treating or removing trees within the City until he has first satisfied the Director of Public Service of his knowledge and ability to treat, trim, cut or remove trees without endangering their life or imperiling their growth and that his knowledge and experience indicate that he is capable of removing trees without endangering persons or property.

Any person, firm or corporation who applies to the Director of Public Service and has demonstrated his fitness and ability and is equipped with proper tools and equipment to perform tree work and furnishes references to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Service, shall be issued a license. The license may be revoked for cause by the Director when proper tree trimming practice has been violated or for failure to comply with any provision of this chapter. (Ord. 3333. Passed 11-23-70.)

**777.02 LICENSE FEE.**

The annual license fee for cutting, treating, trimming or removal of trees is fifty dollars (\$50.00). (Ord. 3333. Passed 11-23-70.)

**777.03 BOND AND INSURANCE.**

Before proceeding with any tree work, each licensee shall deposit with the Director of Public Service the following:

- (a) A performance bond in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000);
- (b) A certificate of insurance, showing that the licensee is covered with liability and property damage insurance in the amounts of one hundred thousand/three hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000/300,000) for public liability, and fifty thousand/ one hundred thousand dollars (\$50,000/100,000) for property damage. (Ord. 3333. Passed 11-23-70.)

**777.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**CHAPTER 778**  
**Closing Out and Fire Sales (Repealed)**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Chapter 778 was repealed by Ordinance 6-2024, passed March 18, 2024.)





**CHAPTER 780**  
Private Telecommunications Systems

<p>780.01 License requirement of communication lines within rights-of-way.</p> <p>780.02 Definitions.</p> <p>780.03 Length of permit.</p> <p>780.04 Permit locations.</p> <p>780.05 Use of streets and pole attachments.</p>	<p>780.06 Violations.</p> <p>780.07 Transfer assignments.</p> <p>780.08 Existing private communications system.</p>
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Wireless communication and telecommunication systems - see  
BUS. REG. Ch. 782

**780.01 LICENSE REQUIREMENT OF COMMUNICATION LINES  
WITHIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

(a) No person or firm whether public, private, non profit or not for profit shall construct, operate or continue to operate a Private Communications System which occupies the streets, public ways and public places within the City without having been issued a Telecommunication Permit by the Service Director, or a franchise for telephone, telecommunication service, video distribution system of Cable Television or Cable Communications System by the City.

(b) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be a term and condition of any Telecommunication Permit issued in accordance herewith that as a part of the consideration supporting the issuance of such Telecommunication Permit and the City's permission thereby to occupy and use the streets of the City, that the Permittee shall pay each year to the City compensation and license fees as follows:

- (1) All applicants shall pay a permit request fee of \$300.00.
- (2) For providers of long distance access or long distance service, other than the franchised local exchange carrier, a minimum fee of \$500.00 per year per cable or \$500.00 per year per cable per linear mile or any portion thereof per mile whichever is greater or the maximum allowed by law.

- (3) For private communications systems owned by a non franchised entity, a minimum of \$500.00 per year or \$500.00 per linear mile, whichever is greater, or any part thereof, per year for systems extending over 1 mile. In no case shall the annual fee be less than \$500.00.
- (4) Lines, cables or fiber optics of a Private Communications System placed in a conduit or ductbank owned by another Permittee or franchisee shall require separate Telecommunication Application and Permit, subject to the same requirements as other installations, except the fee for the additional Telecommunications Permit shall be one half the maximum allowed by law or one-half of the otherwise applicable per linear mile fee for the portion of the Pathway so utilized.
- (5) Lines, cables or fiber optics of a Private Communication System which are placed in a conduit or duct-bank owned by an entity not exempt by law or statute from the provisions of this chapter shall require a Telecommunication Permit, unless the Franchise, or other-authorization by which the exempt entity has the right to place the conduit or duct-bank within the City property, prohibits the application of the permit and fee requirements contained in this chapter to the lessee of space within the conduit or duct-bank.
- (6) Any private communication system that serves customers and charges a fee for services provided by the Private Communications System within the City shall pay (in addition to applicable fees in (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) quarterly, five percent (%) of the annual total gross revenues from such customers to be calculated on the basis of all revenues derived from transmissions that bypass the local exchange carrier. Revenues derived from transmissions that enter a private communications system through the LATA shall not be part of the total gross revenues for purposes of calculating compensation and license fees.

The City may, at its option, adjust this permit fee each year to the extent allowed by law or by an amount not exceeding the proportional cumulative increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor for Urban Wage Earners, since the initial establishment of this permit fee, or since the most recent increase in the permit fee for any and all subsequent increases after the first increase, and only after a public hearing and at least twenty (20) days notice to all Permittees, except as hereinafter provided. The City may raise the license fee more than the cumulative increase in the Consumer Price Index in the event there is competent evidence that the fee imposed by the City is below the norm of fees imposed by other cities within the State of Ohio which impose such fees.

(c) The annual compensation and license fee provided for in subsection (b) shall be payable annually on or before October 1 of each calendar year for the portion of the Private Communications Systems within the City right of way on January 1 of that year and a prorated license fee, based upon the calendar quarter in which the application is filed, shall be paid at the time of the application for a Telecommunication Permit for all new portions of the system. Quarterly revenue fees are due January 1, April 1, July 1, September 1.

(d) Fees not paid within ten days after the due date shall bear interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the date due until paid.

(e) The acceptance of any payment required hereunder by the City shall not be construed as an acknowledgment that the amount paid is the correct amount due, nor shall such acceptance of payment be construed as a release of any claim which the City may have for additional sums due and payable.

- (1) All fee payments shall be subject to audit by the City and assessment or refund if the payment is found to be in error.
- (2) In the event that such audit results in an assessment by and an additional payment to the City, such additional payment shall, at the City's option, be subject to interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month retroactive to the date such payment originally should have been paid, which shall be due and payable immediately.

(f) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the liability of the permittee for all applicable Federal, State and local taxes.

(g) Any holder of a Telecommunication Permit must be a member of "Call Candy" Utility Notification Center (1-800-282-8881) or any subsequent alert and warning system to protect and locate their underground.  
(Ord. 1-95. Passed 1-23-95.)

#### 780.02 DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this chapter and any Permit in accordance herewith, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein unless otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, or unless such meaning would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the City Council.

- (a) "Cable Communications System" means a non-broadcast facility consisting of a set of transmission paths with associated signal generation, reception and control equipment, under common ownership and control, which distributes or is designed to distribute to owners, users or subscribers, the signals of one or more television broadcast stations and other subscriber services with an existing franchise issued by the City of New Philadelphia.
- (b) "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission or its legally appointed successor.
- (c) "Local Access Transport Area (LATA)" means that geographic area and communications system in which the City of New Philadelphia is located and in which GTE or any subsequent telephone company is authorized by the Public Service Commission of Ohio to provide local exchange access telecommunications services.
- (d) "Local telephone service" means:
  - (1) The access to a local telephone system, and the privilege of telephonic-quality communication with substantially all persons having telephone or radio telephone stations constituting a part of such local telephone system; or
  - (2) Any facility or service provided in connection with a service described in subsection (d)(1).

The term "local telephone service" does not include any service which is a toll telephone service; private communication service; cellular mobile telephone or telecommunication service; specialized mobile telephone or telecommunication service; specialized mobile radio, or pagers and paging service, including but not limited to "beepers" and any other form of mobile and portable one-way or two-way communication; or telephone typewriter or computer exchange service.

- (e) "Telecommunication Permit" means the privilege granted by the City by which the City authorizes a person to erect, construct, reconstruct, operate, dismantle, test, use, maintain, repair, rebuild and replace a private communications system that occupies the streets, public ways or public places within the City. Any Telecommunication Permit issued in accordance herewith shall be a nonexclusive permit.
- (f) "Permittee" means the person, organization, firm, nonprofit, not for profit, corporation or its legal successor in interest who is issued a Telecommunication Permit or Permits in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for the erection, construction, reconstruction, operation, dismantling, testing, use, maintenance, repairing, rebuilding or replacing of a private communications system in the City.
- (g) "Private Communications System" means any system of communication lines, cables, equipment or facilities, which are used to provide a telephone, video, data, telemetry, intercom or telecommunications service, that in any manner occupies easements, the streets, public ways or public places within the corporate limits of the City, as now or in the future may exist. Private communications system does not include any part of a State or Municipally franchised Local Exchange Telephone Company or part of a cable television system or telephone system franchised by the City or any part of a federal, state, county or local government owned communications system.
- (h) "Street" means any area established for vehicular or public access use of the entire width between the property lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open for public purposes. "Street" includes, but is not limited to, highway, avenue, road, alley, right of way, lane, boulevard, concourse, bridge, tunnel, parks, parkways and waterways.
- (i) "Easements" means any strip of land created by a subdivider for public or private utilities, sanitation, or other specified uses having limitations, the title to which shall remain in the name of the property owner, subject to the right of way use designated in the reservation of the servitude. No private facility may be constructed within the easement without written permit from the City.
- (j) "Toll telephone service" means:
  - (1) A telephonic-quality communication for which there is a toll charge which varies in amount with the distance and elapsed transmission time of each individual communication; or
  - (2) A service which entitles the subscriber or user, upon the payment of a periodic charge which is determined as a flat amount or upon the basis of total elapsed transmission time, to the privilege of an unlimited number of telephonic communications to or from all or a substantial portion of the persons having telephone or radio telephone stations in a specified area which is outside the local telephone system area in which the station provided with this service is located.

- (k) "Total gross revenues" means all cash, credits, or property of any kind or nature reported as revenue items to licensee's audited income statements arising from or attributable to the sale or exchange of private communications services by the permittee within the City or in any way derived from the operation of its private communications system, including, but not limited to, any interconnection between its system in the City and any system whatsoever. This sum shall be the basis for computing the fee imposed pursuant to this section. Such sum shall not include any bad debts, deposits, promotional or vendor discounts or credits nor sales, service, occupation or other excise tax to the extent that such taxes are charged separately from normal service charges and are remitted by the licensee directly to the taxing authority.  
(Ord. 1-95. Passed 1-23-95.)

#### 780.03 LENGTH OF PERMIT.

(a) Any Telecommunication Permit issued by the City in accordance herewith shall be a nonexclusive permit for the use of the easements, streets, public ways or public places within the City as specified in the Telecommunication Permit for the erection, construction, reconstruction, operation, maintenance, repairing, dismantling, testing and use of a Private Communications System.

(b) Any Telecommunication Permit issued by the City shall continue in full force and effect so long as the Permittee is in compliance with this chapter, all applicable Federal, State and local ordinances and regulations and the space occupied is not needed for a public purpose.

(c) In the event any Telecommunication Permit shall be revoked, the applicable Private Communications System shall, at the option of the City, be removed from the streets, public ways and public places at the sole expense of the Permittee.  
(Ord. 1-95. Passed 1-23-95.)

#### 780.04 PERMIT LOCATIONS.

(a) Any Telecommunication Permit issued for a Private Communications System in accordance herewith shall apply only to the location or locations stated on the Telecommunication Permit or Permits. Each Permit shall clearly state the location of each end and leg of the Private Communications System and specify the length certified by a registered survey company.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as a representation, promise or guarantee by the City that any other permit or other authorization required under any City ordinance for the construction or installation of a Private Communications System shall be issued. The requirements for any and all other permits as may be required by any City ordinance, including the Right-of-Way Utilization Permit, shall still apply and all other applicable permit fees shall still be due.  
(Ord. 1-95. Passed 1-23-95.)

**780.05 USE OF STREETS AND POLE ATTACHMENTS.**

(a) Before commencing construction of its Private Communications System in, above, over, under, across, through or in any way connected with the streets, public ways or public places of the City, the Permittee shall first obtain the written approval of, and all other necessary permits from, all appropriate City agencies, including, but not limited to, the Zoning Department, and Department of Public Works. Applications for such approval shall be made in the form prescribed by the Engineering Department.

(b) Upon obtaining such written approval, the Permittee shall give the Engineering Department and the appropriate agency written notice within a reasonable time of proposed construction, but in no event shall such notice be given less than ten (10) days before such commencement, except for emergency repairs of existing lines or cables.

(c) Any person who submits a request for a Permit in accordance herewith shall include therein proposed agreements for the use of existing utility poles and conduits, if applicable, with the owner(s) of such facilities to be used or affected by the construction of the proposed Private Communications System, which agreements shall become effective on the date of execution of the Permit issued in accordance herewith in the event that such person is issued a Permit.

In the event that permission to use existing poles or conduits cannot be obtained, the Permittee shall submit documentation to support the unavailability of existing poles and a detailed plan for construction insuring protection for existing facilities.

(d) It shall be unlawful for the Permittee or any other person to open or otherwise disturb the surface of any street, sidewalk, driveway, public way or other public place for any purpose whatsoever without obtaining approval to do so after proceeding in the manner prescribed in subsections (a) and (b) hereof.

(e) The Permittee shall restore any street or sidewalk it has disturbed in accordance with the provisions of the City's standard specifications for Streets and Sidewalks, and shall, at its own cost and expense, restore and replace any other property disturbed, damaged or in any way injured by or on account of its activities to as good as the condition such property was in immediately prior to the disturbance, damage or injury or pay the fair market value of such property to its owner or shall make such other repairs or restorations as outlined in the approved permit.

(f) The Permittee shall, at its own cost and expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the same street or other public place, or remove from such street or other public place, any of its property when required to do so by the City because of street or other public excavation, construction, repair, regrading, or grading; traffic conditions; installation of sewers, drains, water pipes, City owned power or signal lines, tracts; vacation or relocation of streets or any other type of structure or improvement of a public agency, or any type of improvement necessary for the public health, safety or welfare, or upon termination or expiration of the Permit.

(g) Nothing in this chapter or any Permit issued in accordance herewith shall be construed as authorizing the Permittee to erect and maintain new poles in areas serviced by existing poles, if the poles are available for Permittee's cable. The Permittee shall obtain written approval from the Engineering Department and other appropriate City agencies before erecting any new poles or underground conduits where none exist.

(h) The Permittee shall maintain all wires, conduits, cables, and other real and personal property and facilities in good condition, order and repair. The Permittee shall provide indemnity insurance and performance bonds or demonstrate financial responsibility as shall comply with all rules and regulations issued by the Engineering Department governing the construction and installation of Private Communications Systems.

(i) The Permittee shall keep accurate, complete and current maps and records of its system and facilities which occupy the streets, public ways and public places within the City and shall furnish as soon as they are available two (2) complete copies of such maps and records, including as-built drawings, to the Engineering Department.

(j) The Permittee shall comply with all rules and regulations issued by the Engineering Department governing the construction and installation of Private Communications Systems.  
(Ord. 1-95. Passed 1-23-95.)

#### 780.06 VIOLATIONS.

Any person who shall carry on or conduct any business or occupation or profession for which a license tax is required by this chapter without first obtaining a license tax shall be considered to be in violation of this chapter and, upon conviction, be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

(Ord. 1-95. Passed 1-23-95.)

#### 780.07 TRANSFER ASSIGNMENTS.

(a) The Permittee shall not transfer or assign its interest in any Permit issued in accordance herewith, other than a general assignment of the Permittee's entire assets or a pledge of the assets as collateral on a loan, without the prior written authorization of the City. For purposes of this section, a merger or consolidation of the Permittee with another company shall not be deemed a transfer or assignment. The assignment of the right to a nonaffiliated company to place a line, cable or fiber optic within a permitted conduit or duct bank or a permittee is subject to the requirement of an additional Telecommunication Permit and the applicable fees.

(Ord. 1-95. Passed 1-23-95.)

#### 780.08 EXISTING PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

(a) Lines or cables of Private Communications Systems which had been constructed or placed within the City's streets, public ways or public places prior to the date of enactment of this chapter were permitted to be there only by virtue of a revocable license. Such lines and cables may remain within the City's streets, public ways or public places provided the Private Communications Systems comply with the provisions of this chapter as they relate to the existing lines and cables.

(b) Except as hereinafter provided, the provisions of this chapter shall become effective as to pre-existing Private Communications Systems on January 1, 1995. The Private Communications Systems companies which have facilities within the City streets on the date of enactment of this chapter shall have until April 30, 1995, to obtain permits for their existing system, to pay the applicable fee, and to fully comply with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 1-95. Passed 1-23-95.)



**CHAPTER 782**  
**Small Cell Facilities and Wireless Support Structures Within**  
**the Right-of-Way**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Private Telecommunications Systems - see BUS. REG. Ch. 780

**782.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

(a) The purpose of this Chapter is to establish general procedures and standards, consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and local, for the siting, construction, installation, collocation, modification, operation, and removal of small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way.

(b) The intent of this Chapter is to:

- (1) Establish basic criteria for applications to locate small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way and authorize the Mayor or his or her designee to develop, publish, and from time to time amend applications and other associated materials to provide clear guidance to applicants;
- (2) Ensure that small cell facilities and wireless support structures are carefully designed, constructed, modified, maintained, and removed when no longer in use in conformance with all applicable health and safety regulations;
- (3) Preserve the character of the City of New Philadelphia by minimizing the potentially adverse visual impact of small cell facilities and wireless support structures through careful design, siting, landscaping and camouflaging techniques to blend these facilities into their environment to the maximum extent practicable;

- (4) Enhance the ability of wireless communications carriers to deploy small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the City quickly, effectively, and efficiently so that residents, businesses, and visitors benefit from ubiquitous and robust wireless service availability;
- (5) Establish an application process and structure for payment of fees and charges to be uniformly applied to all applicants, operators and owners of small cell facilities and wireless support structures for such facilities;
- (6) Comply with, and not conflict with or preempt, all applicable state and federal laws, including without limitation Section 101(a) and Section 704 of the Telecommunications Act, Pub. L. 104-104, 101 Stats. 56, 70 (Feb. 8, 1996) (codified as 47 U.S.C. §§ 253(a), 332(c)(7), as may be amended or superseded, and Section 6409(a) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act, Pub. L. 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (Feb. 22, 2012) (codified as 47 U.S.C. § 1455(a), as may be amended or superseded, and all FCC rules and regulations to interpret and implement applicable federal statutes.  
(Ord. 14-2022. Passed 8-8-22.)

#### 782.02 APPLICABILITY.

(a) Subject to the Ohio Revised Code and approval of an application under this Chapter, an operator may collocate a small cell facility and construct, maintain, modify, operate or replace wireless support structures in, along, across, upon, and under the City right-of-way.

- (1) An operator shall comply with generally applicable standards that are consistent with this Chapter and adopted by the City for construction and public safety in the right-of-way.
- (2) All structures and facilities shall be constructed and maintained so as not to impede or impair public safety or the legal use of the right-of-way by the City, the traveling public, or other public utilities.

(b) Exclusions.

- (1) Amateur radio facilities. This Chapter shall not govern the installation of any amateur radio facility that is owned or operated by a federally licensed amateur radio station operation or its used exclusively for receive-only antennas.
- (2) Certain over-the-air receiving devices (OTARD). This Chapter shall not govern the installation of any OTARD antennas covered under FCC regulations as may be amended or superseded. OTARD antennas include, without limitation, direct-to-home satellite dish antennas less than one meter in diameter, television antennas and wireless cable antennas.
- (3) Handsets and user equipment. This Chapter shall not govern the use of personal wireless device (e.g., cell phones) or other consumer-grade mobile user equipment used in the right-of-way.

(c) The permitting procedures and authorization as set forth herein shall apply only to the placement of small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way, and do not authorize the construction and operation of a wire line backhaul facility.

(d) Relationship to other Chapters. This Chapter shall supersede all conflicting requirements of other titles and chapters of this Code regarding the locating and permitting of small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way.

(e) Nothing in this Chapter precludes the City from applying its generally applicable health, safety, and welfare regulations when granting consent for a small cell facility or wireless support structure. (Ord. 14-2022. Passed 8-8-22.)

#### 782.03 DEFINITIONS.

(a) General use of terms.

- (1) The terms, phrases, words, and their derivations used in Sections 782.01 through 782.10 shall have the meanings given in this Section.
- (2) When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense also include the future tense; words in the plural number, include the singular number; and words in the singular number include the plural number.
- (3) All terms used in the definition of any other term shall have their meaning as otherwise defined in this section.
- (4) The words "shall" and "will" are mandatory and "may" is permissive.
- (5) Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

(b) Defined terms.

**ABANDONED.** Small cell facilities or wireless support structures that are unused for a period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days without the operator otherwise notifying the City and receiving the City's approval.

**AFFILIATE.** When used in relation to any person, means another person who owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, such person.

**AGENT.** A person that provides the City written authorization to work on behalf of a public utility.

**APPLICANT.** Any person that submits an application to the City to site, install, construct, collocate, modify, and/or operate a small cell facility or wireless support structure in the right-of-way according to the requirements of this Chapter.

**ANTENNA.** Any transmitting or receiving device used in communications that radiate or capture electromagnetic waves, digital signals, analog signals, radio frequencies, wireless communications signals, or other communication signals.

**CABLE OPERATOR.** Any person or group of persons:

- (1) Who provides cable service over a cable system and directly or through one or more affiliates owns a significant interest in such cable system, or
- (2) Who otherwise controls or is responsible for, through any arrangement, the management and operation of such a cable system;

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- (1) The one-way transmission to subscribers of (i) video programming, or (ii) other programming service; and
- (2) Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection of such video programming or other programming service.

**CABLE FRANCHISE.** An initial authorization, or renewal thereof (including a renewal of an authorization which has been granted subject to 47 U.S.C. 522 Section 546), issued by a franchising authority, whether such authorization is designated as a franchise, permit, license, resolution, contract, certificate, agreement, or otherwise, which authorizes the construction or operation of a cable system.

**CLEAR ZONE.** The unobstructed, traversable area provided beyond the edge of the through traveled way for the recovery of errant vehicles. The clear zone includes shoulders, bike lanes, and auxiliary lanes, except those auxiliary lanes that function like through lanes. As defined in the ODOT Location and Design Manual, volume 1, Section 600 - Roadside Design.

**COLLOCATION or COLLOCATE.** To install, mount, maintain, modify, operate, or replace small cell facilities on an existing publicly-owned wireless support structure.

**DECORATIVE POLE.** A pole, arch, or structure other than a street light pole placed in the public way specifically designed and placed for aesthetic purposes and on which no appurtenances or attachments have been placed except for any of the following:

- (1) Electric lighting;
- (2) Specially designed informational or directional signage;
- (3) Temporary holiday or special event attachments.

**ELIGIBLE FACILITIES REQUEST.** Means the same as defined by the FCC in 47 U.S.C. 1455 (a)(2), as may be amended, which defines that term as any request for modification of an existing support structure that does not substantially change the physical dimensions of such support structure, involving:

- (1) Collocation of new small cell facilities;
- (2) Removal of small cell facilities; or
- (3) Replacement of small cell facilities.

**FRANCHISE AUTHORITY.** See **CABLE FRANCHISE**.

**FCC.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission and any legally appointed, designated, or elected agent or successor.

**MICRO WIRELESS FACILITY.** A small cell facility that is not more than twenty-four (24) inches in length, fifteen (15) inches in width, and twelve (12) inches in height and that does not have an exterior antenna more than eleven (11) inches in length suspended on cable strung between wireless support structures.

**OHIO MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES or OMUTCD.** The uniform system of traffic control devices promulgated by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

**OCCUPY OR USE.** With respect to the right-of-way, to place a tangible thing in the right-of-way for any purpose, including, but not limited to, constructing, repairing, positioning, maintaining, operating lines, poles, pipes, conduits, ducts, equipment, or other structures, appurtenances, or facilities necessary for the delivery of public utility services or any services provided by a cable operator.

**PERSON.** Any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or other legal entity, private or public, whether for profit or not-for-profit.

**PUBLIC UTILITY or UTILITY.** A facilities-based provider of wireless serviced to one or more users in this state, or any company described in Section 4905.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and as further defined in Section 4905.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to the following types of companies: telephone, electric light, gas, natural gas, pipe-lines, waterworks, and sewage disposal systems.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY OCCUPANCY FEE.** A fee levied to recover the costs incurred by the City and associated with the occupancy or use of right-of-way.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY.** The surface of and the space above and below the paved or unpaved portions of any public street, public road, public highway, public freeway, public lane, public path, public bike path, public way, public alley, public court, public sidewalk, public boulevard, public parkway, public drive and any other land dedicated or otherwise designated for the same now or hereafter held by the City which shall, within its proper use and meaning in the sole opinion of the Mayor, entitle a permittee, in accordance with the terms hereof and of any right permit, to the use thereof for the purpose of installing terms hereof and of any right-of-way permit, to the use thereof for the purpose of installing or operating any poles, wires, cables, transformers, conductors, ducts, lines, mains, conduits, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, appliance, attachments or other property or facilities as may be ordinarily necessary and pertinent to the provision of utility, cable television, communications or other services as set forth in any service agreement or any right-of-way permit. **RIGHT-OF-WAY** shall not include private easements or public property, except to the extent the use or occupation of public property is specifically granted in a right-of-way permit or by administrative regulation.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT, NON-RESIDENTIAL.** A permit issued by the City as required that must be obtained in order to perform any work in, on, above, within, over, below, under, or through any part of the public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, the act or process of digging, boring, tunneling, trenching, excavating, obstructing, or installing, as well as the act of opening and cutting into the surface of any paved, improved or unimproved surface that is part of the right-of-way.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT, SMALL CELL.** Means a small cell facility or wireless support structure right-of-way occupancy permit as further defined in Section 782.04.

**SMALL CELL DESIGN GUIDELINES.** Means those detailed design guidelines, specifications and examples promulgated by the Mayor for the design and installation of small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way, which are effective insofar as they do not conflict with federal and state law, rule and regulations.

**SMALL CELL FACILITY.** A wireless facility that meets both of the following requirements:

- (1) Each antenna is located inside an enclosure of not more than six (6) cubic feet in volume or, in the case of an antenna that has exposed elements, the antenna and all of its exposed elements could fit within an enclosure of not more than six (6) cubic feet in volume.
- (2) All other wireless equipment associated with the facility is cumulatively not more than twenty-eight (28) cubic feet in volume.  
The calculation of equipment volume shall not include electric meters, concealment elements, telecommunications demarcation boxes, grounding equipment, power transfer switches, cut-off switches, and vertical cable runs for the connection of power and other services.

**SMALL CELL FACILITY OPERATOR or OPERATOR.** A wireless service provider, or its designated agent, or cable operator, or its designated agent, or a video service provider, or its designated agent, that operates a small cell facility and provides wireless service as defined herein. For the purpose of this Chapter, "operator" includes a wireless service provider, cable operator, or a video service provider that provides information services as defined in the "Telecommunications Act of 1996," 110 Stat. 59, 47 U.S.C. 153(20), and services that are fixed in nature or use unlicensed spectrum.

**SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE OR MODIFICATION.** A modification substantially changes the physical dimensions of an eligible support structure if it meets any of the following criteria:

- (1) It increases the height of the structure by more than ten percent (10%) or more than ten (10) feet, whichever is greater;
  - A. Changes in height should be measured from the original support structure in cases where deployments are or will be separated horizontally, such as on buildings' rooftops; in other circumstances, changes in height should be measured from the dimensions of the wireless support structure, inclusive of originally approved appurtenances and any modifications that were approved prior to the passage of the Spectrum Act.
- (2) It involves adding an appurtenance to the body of the wireless support structure that would protrude from the edge of the structure by more than six (6) feet;
- (3) It involves installation of more than the standard number of new equipment cabinets for the technology involved, but not to exceed four (4) cabinets; or, for wireless support structures in the public rights-of-way, it involves installation of any new equipment cabinets on the ground if there are no pre-existing ground cabinets associated with the structure, or else involves installation of ground cabinets that are more than ten percent (10%) larger in height or overall volume than any other ground cabinets associated with the structure;
- (4) It entails any excavation or deployment outside the current site;
- (5) It would defeat the concealment elements of the eligible support structure; or
- (6) It does not comply with conditions associated with the siting approval of the construction or modification of the eligible support structure, provided however that this limitation does not apply to any modification that is non-compliant only in a manner that would not exceed the thresholds identified in subsections (1) through (4) of this definition.

**TOLLING or TOLL PERIOD.** The pausing or delaying of the running of a required time period.

**UTILITY POLE.** A structure that is designed for, or used for the purpose of, carrying lines, cables, or wires for electric or telecommunications service. "Utility pole" excludes street signs and decorative poles.

**VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER.** A person granted a video service authorization under Section 1332.21 to 1332.34 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**WIRELESS FACILITY.**

- (1) Equipment at a fixed location that enables wireless communications between user equipment and a communications network, including all of the following:
  - A. Equipment associated with wireless communications;
  - B. Radio transceivers, antennas, coaxial or fiber-optic cable, regular and backup power supplies, and comparable equipment, regardless of technological configuration.
- (2) The term includes small cell facilities.
- (3) The term does not include any of the following:
  - A. The structure or improvements on, under, or within which the equipment is collocated;
  - B. Coaxial or fiber-optic cable that is between wireless support structures or utility poles or that is otherwise not immediately adjacent to or directly associated with a particular antenna.

**WIRELESS SERVICE.** Any services using licensed or unlicensed wireless spectrum, whether at a fixed location or mobile, provided to the public using wireless facilities.

**WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER.** A person who provides wireless service as defined herein.

**WIRELESS SUPPORT STRUCTURE.** A pole, street light pole, traffic signal pole, a fifteen foot or taller sign pole, or utility pole capable of supporting small cell facilities, excluding utility poles or other facilities used to supply traction power to public transit systems, including railways, trams, streetcars, and trolleybuses.

**WIRELINE BACKHAUL FACILITY.** A facility used for the transport of communications service or any other electronic communications by coaxial, fiber-optic cable, or any other wire. (Ord. 14-2022. Passed 8-8-22.)

**782.04 APPLICATION REQUIRED.**

(a) **General Requirements.** The following requirements shall apply to all small cell facilities and wireless support structures proposed within the right-of-way.

- (1) No person shall occupy or use the right-of-way except in accordance with law.
- (2) In occupying or using the right-of-way, no person shall unreasonably compromise that public health, safety, and welfare.

- (3) No person shall occupy or use the right-of-way without first obtaining, under this Chapter or Section 1332.24 or 4939.031 of the Ohio revised code, any requisite consent of the City.

(b) Pre-Application Conference.

- (1) Purpose. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the City Zoning Administrator and request a pre-application conference. This meeting will provide an opportunity for early coordination regarding proposed small cell facilities and wireless support structure locations, design, and the application submittal, and the approval process in order to avoid any potential delays in the processing of an application and deployment of small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the City.
- (2) Appointment Required. An appointment is required for all pre-application conferences. Applicants must contact the designated City staff member as noted on the application form, who will provide applicants an appointment with all applicable City representatives in a timely manner.

(c) Application Required. Anyone seeking to site small cell facilities in the right-of-way shall first duly file a written application with the City, in accordance with the requirements in this Section and additional requirements set forth in the Design Guidelines as modified from time to time by the City.

(d) Categories of Applications. In accordance with federal and state law, rule and regulation the City shall classify every application to locate small cell facilities in the right-of-way as one of the following types:

- (1) Eligible Facilities Request (Type I):
  - A. Involves collocation, replacement, modification, or removal of small cell facilities on an existing publicly owned wireless support structure; and
  - B. Does not substantially change the physical dimension of the existing wireless support structure.
- (2) Collocation with Substantial Modifications (Type II).
  - A. Involves collocation, replacement or modification of small cell facilities on an existing publicly owned wireless support structure; and
  - B. Substantially changes the physical dimensions of the existing publicly owned wireless support structure.
- (3) Wireless Support Structure (Type III).
  - A. Involves the construction, modifications, or replacement of a wireless support structure owned or operation by a wireless provider associated with a small cell facility within the right-of-way.
- (4) Wireless Support Structure Removal (Non-Residential right-of-Way Permit):
  - A. Involves the removal of a wireless support structure and associated small cell facilities from within the right-of-way owned or previously operated by a wireless provider.



(e) Required Application Materials. Unless otherwise required by state or federal law, all applicants shall submit to the City the following materials and information associated with each application type in order for the application to be considered complete:

- (1) Completed application form and fee as specified on the application.
- (2) A scaled and dimensioned site plan (not smaller than one-inch equals fifty (50) feet) clearly indicating the following:
  - A. Proposed location within the right-of-way including nearest cross street intersection(s);
  - B. For adjacent parcel(s) perpendicular to the proposed small cell facility location, property ownership, including current ownership;
  - C. All existing conditions within 400 feet of the proposed location, including but not limited to, buildings, utilities within the right-of-way and associated above grade structures, location of electric service and fiber optic cable, all other underground and overhead utilities, small cell structures and facilities, sidewalks/shared-use paths, back of adjacent curb/edge of pavement, driveways, street trees, and protected trees as defined in the City of New Philadelphia Code of Ordinances.
  - D. Dimensions shall be provided from the proposed small cell facility to existing wireless support structures and equipment utility structures, back of curb/edges of pavement including driveways, sidewalks and shared-use paths.
  - E. Dimension shall be provided between proposed wireless support structures and associated ground mounted equipment.
  - F. Scaled and dimensioned elevations/profiles and sections (not smaller than one (1)-inch equals five (5) feet) of existing wireless support structures and/or new wireless support structures clearly indicating the following, as applicable:
    1. Height from established grade at the base of the wireless support structure to the highest point of the wireless support structure and the height to the highest point of proposed antenna or antenna enclosures, as applicable (overall height).
    2. Height from established grade at the base of the wireless support structure to the lowest point of all proposed small cell equipment to be installed on the wireless support structure.
    3. The distance from the outer edge of the wireless support structure parallel to the outer edge of all equipment associated with the small cell facility to be installed on the support structure.
  - G. Scaled and dimensioned details of proposed small cell facilities, including elevations/profiles, plans and sections (not smaller than one (1)-inch equals five (5) feet) clearly indicating the following, as applicable:
    1. Height, width, depth and volume in cubic feet of all proposed antenna and exposed elements and/or proposed antenna enclosures.

2. Height, width, depth and volume of all other wireless equipment associated with the facility, with all electric meters, concealment elements, telecommunications demarcation boxes, grounding equipment, power transfer switches, cut-off switches, and vertical cable runs for the connection of power and other services clearly labeled.
  3. Method of installation/connection to pole or ground, as applicable. Color specifications for all small cell support structures and associated exposed equipment, cabinets and concealment elements.
  4. Electrical plans and wiring diagrams.
  5. Footing and foundation drawings and structural analysis sealed and signed by a professional engineer in the State of Ohio.
- H. Manufacturer's specification sheets for all small cell facility equipment proposed, including poles, equipment cabinets, shrouds, or concealment devices, antennas, meters, radios, switches, telecommunications demarcation boxes, and grounding equipment.
- I. Scaled and dimensioned landscape plans associated with required screening of ground mounted small cell equipment (where applicable), including a planting plan with proposed plant species, quantities, spacing, height at installation, and planting details.

(f) Required Application Materials for Small Cell Facilities Removal. For applications involving the removal of small cell facilities under an Eligible Facilities Request, the following materials and information shall be provided:

- (1) Completed application form and fee as specified on the application.
- (2) A scaled and dimensioned site plan (not smaller than one (1)-inch equals twenty (20) feet) clearly indicating the following:
  - A. Proposed location within the right-of-way including nearest cross street intersection;
  - B. Adjacent parcel(s) perpendicular to the existing small cell facility location property ownership, including current ownership.
  - C. All existing conditions within fifty (50) feet of the existing small cell facilities locations to be removed, including but not limited to, buildings, utilities within the right-of-way and associated above grade structures, location of electric service and fiber optic cable, all other underground and overhead utilities, small cell structures and facilities, sidewalls/shared-use paths, back of adjacent curb/edge of pavement, driveways, street trees and plant material.
- (3) Scaled and dimensioned site and/or structure remediation details in accordance with Small Cell Design Guidelines requirements (not smaller than one (1)-inch equals for (4) feet) clearly indicating the following:
  - A. Proposed remediation plan for modifications made to City-owned wireless support structures and other areas of the right-of-way associated with collocation of small cell wireless facilities and ground mounted equipment after the removal of these facilities.

- B. Proposed restoration of electric and fiber optic connections after removal of small cell facilities, as applicable.

(g) Required Application Materials for Wireless Support Structure Removal. For applications involving the removal of a wireless support structure installed in association with a small cell facility, the following materials and information must be provided:

- (1) Non-Residential Right-of-Way Permit application and fee as specified. (Ord. 14-2022. Passed 8-8-22.)

#### 782.05 APPLICATION REVIEW TIME FRAMES AND PROCESS.

(a) Permit Application Review Timeframes.

- (1) Eligible Facilities Request (Type I). The City shall process Eligible Facilities Requests in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, 47 C.F.R. 1.40001, and Sections 782.01 through 782.10 herein not later than sixty (60) days after the date of filing by an entity of a completed application.
- (2) Collocation with Substantial Modifications (Type II). The City shall grant or deny its consent for requests to collocate, or to replace or modify a small cell facility on an existing wireless support structure where substantial modifications are required to the wireless support structure not later than ninety days after the date of filing by a person of a completed application.
- (3) New Wireless Support Structure (Type III). The City shall grant or deny its consent for requests to construct, modify, or replace a wireless support structure associated with a small cell facility not later than one hundred twenty (120) days following the date of filing of a complete application by an entity.
- (4) Wireless Support Structure Removal (Type IV). The City shall grant or deny its consent for requests to remove wireless support structures associated with small cell facilities from the right-of-way typical to the review timeframes for the Non-Residential Right-of-Way Permit required for this activity.

(b) Failure to Grant or Deny Within Prescribed Timeframes. If the City fails to approve or deny a request for consent under this section or a request for a relevant work permit within the required time period, provided the time period is not tolled under subsection (d) hereof, the request shall be deemed granted upon the requesting entity providing notice to the City that the time period for acting on the request has lapsed.

(c) Application Denials.

- (1) The City shall not unreasonably withhold or deny consent for small cell facilities and wireless support structures within the right-of-way.
- (2) If a request for consent is denied, the City shall provide in writing its reasons for denying the request, supported by substantial, competent evidence, and such information as the applicant may reasonably request to obtain consent. The denial of information as the applicant may reasonable request to obtain consent. The denial of consent shall not unreasonably discriminate against the entity requesting the consent.

- (3) Except in the case of a public utility subject to the jurisdiction and recognized on the rolls of the public utilities commission or of a cable operator possessing a valid franchise awarded pursuant to the "Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984," 98 Stat. 2779,47 U.S.C.A. 541, the City, for good cause shown, may withhold, deny, or delay its consent to any person based upon the person's failure to possess the financial, technical, and managerial resources necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
- (d) Tolling of Required Timeframes.
- (1) The time periods required in Section 782.05(a) may be tolled only:
- A. By mutual agreement between the entity requesting consent and the City;
  - B. In cases where the City determines that the application is incomplete; or
  - C. If the number of requests for consent for small cell facilities or wireless support structures received is likely to result in difficulty processing applications within the time limits set forth in subsection (a) hereof due to the lack of resources of the City, then the City may toll the time limits as follows:
    1. The time period may be tolled for up to twenty-one (21) days from the first fifteen small cell facility or wireless support structure requests received by the City if the City receives fifteen (15) or more requests within any consecutive thirty (30)-day period;
    2. Further, for every additional fifteen requests that the City receives above fifteen (15) requests, the City may toll the time period for those requests for up to fifteen (15) days in addition to the time period provided to subsection (d)(1)C.1. hereof.
    3. In no instance shall the City toll the time period for any small cell facility or wireless support structure request by more than ninety (90) consecutive days. Upon request, the City shall provide an operator written notice of the time limit for a small cell facility or wireless support structure request.
- (2) To toll the time period for incompleteness, the City shall provide written notice to the person requesting consent not later than thirty (30) days after receiving the request, clearly and specifically delineating all missing documents or information. The missing documents or information shall be reasonable related to determining whether the request meets the requirements of applicable federal and state law. Any notice of incompleteness requiring other information or documentation, including information of the type described herein and in accordance with state and federal law or documentation intended to illustrate the need for the request or to justify the business decision for the request, does not toll the time period.

- (3) The time period for granting or denying consent resumes when the entity makes a supplemental submission in response to the City's notice of incompleteness.
  - (4) If a supplemental submission is inadequate, the City shall notify the entity not later than ten (10) days after receiving the supplemental submission that the supplemental submission did not provide the information identified in the original notice delineating missing documents or information. The time period may be tolled in the case of second or subsequent notices under the procedures identified in subsection (d)(1) to (3) hereof. Second or subsequent notices of incompleteness may not specify missing documents or information that was not delineated in the original notice of incompleteness.
- (e) Timeframe for Completion of Permit.
- (1) Permits granted for an Eligible Facilities Requests, Collocations with Substantial Modifications and New Wireless Support Structure shall be completed by the operator or its agent within one hundred eighty (180) days after issuance of the permit, unless:
    - A. The City and the operator agree to extend this period; or
    - B. A delay is caused by make-ready work for a City-owned wireless support structure or decorative pole or by the lack of commercial power or backhaul availability at the site, provided that:
      1. The operator has made a timely request within sixty (60) days after the issuance of the permit for commercial power or backhaul services; and
      2. The additional time to complete installation does not exceed three hundred sixty (360) days after issuance of the permit.
  - (2) If subsections (e)(1)A. and B. hereof cannot be met, the permit shall be void unless the city grants an extension in writing to the operator.
- (f) Consolidated Application for Multiple Small Cell Facilities And/or Wireless Support Structures.
- (1) Applicants seeking to construct, modify, collocate, or replace more than one small cell facility or more than one wireless support structure may file at the applicants discretion, a consolidated application for up to thirty (30) small cell facility requests or up thirty (30) wireless support structure requests in a single application and receive a single permit for the construction, modification, collocation, or replacement of the small cell facilities or wireless support structures subject to the following:
    - A. This single application may be filed for multiple small cell facilities or multiple wireless support structures only if they are of substantially the same type.
    - B. The City may separately address small cell facility collocations or wireless support structures for which incomplete information has been received or which are denied.
  - (2) In the case of a consolidated application, the fees provided for in Section 4939.0316 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 782.04 may be cumulative. However, the City, at its discretion may opt to reduce such fees in order to encourage consolidated application submittals.

- (3) In the case of a consolidated application, each small cell facility or wireless support structure proposed to be constructed, modified, collocated on, or replaced shall constitute a separate request for consent for purposes of tolling the response deadline as authorized under Section 4939.036 of the Ohio Revised Code. A request by a single operator for a new or replacement support structure and associated small cell facility constitutes one request.
- (g) Small Cell and Wireless Support Structure Activities Not Requiring Consent.
- (1) City consent shall not be required for either of the following activities conducted in the right-of-way:
- A. Routine maintenance of wireless facilities;
  - B. The replacement of wireless facilities with wireless facilities that are consistent with the City's current design requirements and guidelines and that are either:
    - 1. Substantially similar to the existing wireless facilities.
    - 2. The same size or smaller than the existing wireless facilities.
- (2) The City may require a Non-Residential Right-of-Way Permit for any activity described in Division (1) of this Section and for any activity for which consent is authorized herein and in accordance with state and federal law. (Ord. 14-2022. Passed 8-8-22.)

#### 782.06 SMALL CELL DESIGN GUIDELINES.

(a) The City Zoning Administrator shall promulgate detailed Small Cell Design Guidelines with objective, technically feasible criteria applied in a non-discriminatory manner that reasonably match the aesthetics and character of the immediate area regarding all of the following, which the City shall consider in reviewing an application:

- (1) The location of any ground-mounted small cell facilities;
- (2) The location of a small cell facility on a wireless support structure;
- (3) The appearance and concealment of small cell facilities, including those relating to materials used for arranging, screening, and landscaping;
- (4) The design and appearance of a wireless support structure.

(b) The Small Cell Design Guidelines will provide examples of acceptable small cell facilities including visual depictions.

(c) The Small Cell Design Guidelines shall provide administrative and procedural guidance to applicants, such as a list of minimum application requirements.

(d) The provisions in this Section shall not limit or prohibit the Building Commissioner's discretion to promulgate and make publicly available other information, materials or requirements in addition to, and separate from, the Small Cell Design Guidelines, which do not conflict with state or federal law.

(e) The Building Commissioner shall have authority to update or supplement the Small Cell Design Guidelines to address relevant changes in law, technology, or administrative processes. In the event of any conflict between the Small Cell Design Guidelines and the standards articulated in this Chapter of the City of New Philadelphia Code of Ordinances, the language of this Chapter takes precedence over the language of the Small Cell Design Guidelines. (Ord. 14-2022. Passed 8-8-22.)

#### 782.07 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PERMIT APPROVAL.

(a) Standard Conditions of Approval. Permission to site small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way shall be conditioned on compliance with the standard conditions of approval provided in this Section 782.07. The Building Commissioner may add or modify conditions of approval as necessary or appropriate to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare.

(b) Small Cell Facility Permit Duration. The City's approval term of an attachment to a wireless support structure shall be for a period of not less than ten (10) years, with presumption of renewal for successive five (5)-year terms, subject to terms providing for early termination or nonrenewal for cause or by mutual agreement and unless otherwise agreed to by both the operator and the City, except for generally applied permitting to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare. An operator may remove its small cell facilities at any time subject to applicable permit requirements and may stop paying annual charges or fees under subsection (n) hereof.

(c) Compliance with All Applicable Law. Permittee shall at all times maintain compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, or other rules.

(d) Inspections; Emergencies. The City or its designee may inspect small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way upon reasonable notice to the permittee. The permittee shall cooperate with all inspections. The City reserves the right to support, repair, disable, or remove any elements of the facility in emergencies or when the facility threatens imminent harm to persons or property.

(e) Relocation or Adjustment as Requested by the City. If requested by the City, in order to accomplish construction and maintenance activities directly related to improvements for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, an operator shall relocate or adjust its facilities within the right-of-way at no cost to the City, as long as such request similarly binds all users in or on such public way. Such relocation or adjustment shall be completed in accordance with local law.

(f) Contact Information for Responsible Parties. Permittee shall at all times maintain accurate contact information for all parties responsible for the facility, which shall include a phone number, street mailing address, and email address for at least one natural person. All such contact information for responsible parties shall be provided to the Building Department.

(g) Indemnification. Any operator who owns or operates small cell facilities or wireless support structures in the right-of-way shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold the City and its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers harmless against any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments, costs, liens, losses, expenses, fees to include reasonable attorney fees and costs of defense, proceedings, actions, demands, causes of action, liability and suits of any kind and nature, including personal or bodily injury or death, property damage or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, to the extent that it is caused by the negligence of the operator who owns or operates small cell facilities and wireless service in the right-of-way, any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, affiliate, or subcontractor of the operator, or their respective officers, agents, employees, directors, or representatives while installing, repairing, or maintaining facilities in the right-of-way.

(h) Interference with Public Safety Radio Services. In the event that the City has reason to believe that permittee's radio communications operations are causing interference with the City's radio communications operations, then the permittee shall, at its cost, immediately cooperate with the City to either rule out permittee as the interference source or eliminate the interference. Cooperation with the City may include, but shall not be limited to, temporarily switching the small cell facilities on and off for testing.

(i) Adverse Impacts on Adjacent Properties. Permittee shall undertake all reasonable efforts to avoid undue adverse impacts to adjacent properties and/or uses that may arise from the construction, operation, maintenance, modification, or removal of the small cell facility and/or wireless support structure.

(j) Good Condition Required. Small cell facilities and support structures shall at all times be kept and maintained in good condition, order, and repair by qualified maintenance and construction personnel, so that the same shall not menace or endanger the health, safety or welfare of any person or property.

(k) Graffiti Abatement. Permittee shall remove any graffiti on the small cell facility at permittee's sole expense.

(l) Rf Exposure Compliance. All facilities must comply with all standards and regulations of the FCC and any other state or federal government agency with the authority to regulate RF exposure standards.

(m) Relocation for Public Improvement Projects. Permittee shall remove and relocate the permitted small cell facility and/or support structure at permittee's sole expense to accommodate construction of a public improvement project by the City as required under this Chapter.

(n) Removal of Small Cell Facilities If Use Discontinued or Abandoned.

(1) In the event that the use of a small cell facility and/or wireless support structure is discontinued, the owner shall submit a written notice to the City of its intent to discontinue use and the date when the use shall be discontinued. If the small cell facility and/or wireless support structure is not removed within 365 days of discontinued use, the small cell facility shall be considered abandoned and the City may remove it at the owner's expense.



- (2) Small cell facilities and wireless support structures determined by the City to be abandoned without application notice from the owner may be removed by the City at the owner's expense to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare. (Ord. 14-2022. Passed 8-8-22.)

#### 782.08 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Prevention of Failures and Accidents. Any person who owns a small cell wireless facility sited in the right-of-way shall at all times employ ordinary and reasonable care and install and maintain in use nothing less than the best available technology for preventing failures and accidents which are likely to cause damage, injury, or nuisance to the public.

(b) Compliance with Fire Safety and FCC Regulations. Small cell facilities, wires, cables, fixtures, and other equipment shall be installed and maintained in the substantial compliance with the requirements of the National Electric Code, all FCC, state, and local regulations, and in such manner that will not interfere with the use of other property.

(c) Surety Bond or Equivalent Financial Tool for Cost of Removal. All owners must procure and provide to the City a bond, or must provide proof of an equivalent financial mechanism, to ensure compliance with all provisions of this Section. The bond or equivalent financial method must specifically cover the cost of removal of unused or abandoned small cell facilities or damage to City property caused by an operator or its agent of each small cell facility which the owner installs in the right-of-way in case the City has to remove or pay for removal of the wireless facility. Two (2) acceptable alternatives to a bond include a funds set aside and a letter of credit. (Ord. 14-2022. Passed 8-8-22.)

#### 782.09 RECOVERY OF COSTS.

(a) Application Processing Fee. For processing an application for consent, the City may charge a fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each small cell facility and wireless support structure requested as prescribed under Section 4939.0316 of the Ohio Revised Code and as listed on the associated application forms. The City may adjust this fee ten percent (10%) every five (5) years, rounded to the nearest five dollars (\$5.00). The fee must be submitted with the appropriate application.

(b) Annual Collection Fee. For reimbursement for operator's attachment of small cell facilities to wireless support structures owner or operated by the City and located in the right-of-way, the City may charge an annual fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) as prescribed under 4939.031 of the Ohio Revised Code and as listed on associated application forms. The City may adjust this fee ten percent (10%) every five (5) years, rounded to the nearest five dollars (\$5.00).

(c) Tax Liabilities and Assessments Not Applicable. Placement of small cell facilities in the right-of-way or attachment of small cell facilities to a wireless support structure and any fees associated therewith shall not subject a municipal corporation to any state or local tax liabilities or assessments. (Ord. 14-2022. Passed 8-8-22.)

**782.10 SEVERABILITY.**

The provisions of any part of this Chapter are severable. If any provision or subsection, or the application of any provision or subsection to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remaining provisions, subsections, and applications of such ordinance to other person or circumstances shall not be made invalid as well. It is declared to be the intent of this Section that the remaining provisions would have been adopted had such invalid provisions not been included in this Chapter when originally adopted by Council.  
(Ord. 14-2022. Passed 8-8-22.)

**CHAPTER 784**  
**Adult Entertainment Business**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

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**784.01 DEFINITIONS.**

(a) Adult Book Store means an establishment which utilizes fifteen (15) percent or more of its retail selling area for the purpose of retail sale or rental, or for the purpose of display by coin or slug-operated, or both, books, magazines, other periodicals, films, tapes and cassettes which are distinguished by their emphasis on adult materials as defined in this section.

(b) Adult Motion Picture Theater means an enclosed motion picture theater which is regularly used or utilizes fifteen (15) percent or more of its total view times, for presenting material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or related to adult material as defined in this section.

(c) Adult Motion Picture Drive-in Theater means an open air drive-in theater which is regularly used or utilized fifteen (15) percent or more of its total viewing time, for presenting material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or related to adult material as defined in this section.

(d) Adult Only Entertainment Establishment means an establishment where the patron directly or indirectly is charged a fee where the establishment features entertainment or services which constitute adult material as defined in this section, or which features exhibitions, dance routines, or gyrational choreography of persons totally nude, topless, bottomless, or strippers, male or female impersonators or similar entertainment or services which constitute adult material.

(e) Adult Material means any book, magazine, newspaper, pamphlet, poster, print, picture, slide, transparency, figure, image, description, motion picture film photographic record or tape, other tangible thing, any service capable of arousing interest through sight, sound, or touch, and:

- (1) Which material is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter displaying, describing, or representing sexual activity, masturbation, sexual excitement, nudity, bestiality, or human body functions of elimination; or
- (2) Which service is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on sexual activity, masturbation, sexual excitement, nudity, bestiality or human bodily functions of elimination.

(f) Bottomless means less than full opaque covering of male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks.

(g) Nude or nudity means that showing, representation, or depiction of human male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than full, opaque covering of any portion thereof, or female breast(s) with less than a full, opaque covering of any portion thereof below the top of the nipple, or of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.

(h) Topless means the showing of a female breast with less than a full opaque covering of any portion thereof below the top of the nipple.

(i) Sexual Activity means sexual conduct or sexual contact or both.

(j) Sexual Contact means any touching of an erogenous zone of another, including without limitation the thigh, genitals, buttocks, pubic region, or if the person is a female, a breast, for the purpose of sexually arousing or gratifying either person.

(k) Sexual Excitement means the condition of the human male or female genitals, when in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.02 ADULT ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS PERMITTED IN AN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AS A CONDITIONAL USE; CONDITIONS.

No building or premises shall be used, and no building shall be erected or altered, which is arranged, intended or designed to be used for an Adult Entertainment Business if any part of such building or premises is situated on any part of a lot within a one thousand (1000) foot radius in any direction of any lot used for, or upon which is located, any building used for:

- (a) Any single family or multiple family residential use;
- (b) Any public or private school;
- (c) Any church or other religious facility or institution;

- (d) Any public park;
- (e) Any other Adult Entertainment Business;
- (f) Any pool or billiard hall or video or pinball arcade;
- (g) Any hotel, motel, hostel, bed & breakfast, or boarding house; and
- (h) Any special education center; education or training facility for mentally or physically disabled person; public or non-profit community center in which there are regular programs for minors; public library; public recreation center; playground; hospital; clinic; infirmary; nursing or convalescent homes; home for the aged; rest home; orphanage or day care center.  
(Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.03 SIGNS AND EXTERIOR DISPLAY.

No adult entertainment use shall be conducted in any manner that permits the observation of any material depicting describing or relating to “specified sexual activities” or “specified anatomical areas” by display, decorations, sign, show window or other opening from any public view. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.04 HOURS OF OPERATION.

Adult Entertainment Businesses shall be permitted to be open for business from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 a.m. daily. No such business shall be open from 12:00 a.m. through 8:00 a.m. or any portion thereof. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.05 PERMIT REQUIRED.

(a) No person shall engage in, conduct or carry on, or permit to be engaged in, conducted or carried on in the City of New Philadelphia, the operation of an Adult Entertainment Business without first having obtained a permit from the City.

(b) A separate permit is required for each location at which an Adult Entertainment Business is operated.

(c) Application for an original or renewal permit shall be in writing, addressed to the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

(d) An application for a renewal permit shall be filed not later than thirty days prior to expiration of the permit to be renewed.

(e) All applications shall be filed with the Service Director.

(f) A nonrefundable filing fee shall be paid at the time of filing the application as follows:

- (1) Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for an initial permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business.
- (2) One hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a renewal permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business.

(g) An application for an initial permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business shall contain the following:

- (1) The address where the Adult Entertainment Business is operated, or is to be operated;

- (2) The status of the applicant as an individual, partnership or limited partnership, domestic or foreign corporation, or other entity;
- (3) The full name, residence address, date of birth, and social security number of the applicant or the person applying on behalf of a partnership, corporation, or other entity;
- (4) If the applicant is a partnership or limited partnership, the name of the partnership; the status of the partnership as a general or limited partnership; the state or other jurisdiction under which it is organized; the address of its principal office in Ohio; its federal identification number; the name and address, date of birth, and social security number of each partner; and the status of each partner as a general or limited partner;
- (5) If the applicant is a corporation, the name of the corporation; the state or other jurisdiction under which it is organized; the address of its principal office, the address of its principal office in Ohio; its federal identification number; the name and address of its statutory agent in Ohio; and the full name, residence address, date of birth, and social security number of each shareholder holding more than two percent of the applicant's stock. If any shareholder is a corporation or a general or limited partnership, the same information shall be included for such shareholder as is required for an applicant that is a corporation or general or limited partnership;
- (6) Authorization for an investigation into the background, including any criminal record, of the applicant and any person or entity named in the application, including authorization to conduct subsequent investigations to supplement or update the information;
- (7) The applicant's agreement to abide by these regulations and the law of Ohio, and any amendments, additions, or reenactment thereof.

(h) Applicants for a permit under this section shall have a continuing duty to promptly supplement application information required by this section in the event that said information changes in any way from what is stated on the application. The failure to comply with said continuing duty within thirty (30) days from the date of such change, by supplementing the application on file with the City shall be grounds for suspension of a permit. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.06 INSPECTION AND INVESTIGATION UPON APPLICATION.

(a) Upon receipt of an application for a permit or renewal permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business, the Service Director shall notify the state or local authorities to conduct health and safety inspections of the specified premises, and to determine compliance or noncompliance with applicable health and safety codes. Written reports of inspection shall be prepared by the inspectors and filed with the Service Director within thirty days after receipt of an application for a permit or renewal permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business, and shall become part of the application for a permit.

(b) Upon receipt of an application for a permit or renewal permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business the Service Director shall refer the applicant to the Police Department to be finger printed, and to conduct an investigation into the background of the applicant and of other persons or entities named in the application. A written report of the results of the investigation shall be prepared by the investigating officer or agency and filed with the Service Director within thirty days after receipt of an application for a permit or renewal permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business, and shall become part of the application for a permit.

(Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.07 ACTION ON APPLICATION.

(a) The Service Director shall act on the application within thirty days after the filing of the reports required in Section 763.05 and 763.06.

(b) The application will be denied if:

- (1) The application is incomplete, contains any false information, or fails to comply with these regulations;
- (2) If the applicant is a limited partnership, corporation or other entity, the applicant is not in good standing in the jurisdiction where organized;
- (3) The operation of an Adult Entertainment Business at the specified premises would violate existing zoning restrictions;
- (4) The report of the health and safety inspections conducted pursuant to Section 784.06(a) reveal any unsanitary, unsafe or hazardous condition on the premises subject to the permit or renewal permit or any violation of applicable health or safety codes;
- (5) The applicant for a permit or renewal permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business has failed to cooperate with any required health or safety inspection or background investigation;
- (6) The applicant or any person named in the application for a permit or renewal permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business is under age eighteen;
- (7) The applicant or any person named in the application for an initial or renewal permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business within the past five years has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2907 or substantially equivalent offense under a municipal ordinance in Ohio, or under the laws of another state or territory or of the United States, or under a municipal ordinance in any such jurisdiction;
- (8) Any person employed at the licensed Adult Entertainment Business has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation in Section 784.17;
- (9) The Liquor Control Commission has revoked, Under Ohio R.C. 4301.25, a permit held by any one of the persons named on the application;
- (10) The applicant has violated these regulations, or aided and abetted any violation of these regulations;
- (11) If the location violates Section 784.02

(c) If the application is denied, the Service Director shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of the order denying the application. If approved, the Service Director shall promptly issue to the applicant a permit.

(d) A permit or renewal permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business shall contain the address of the permit premises, the name and address of the permit holder, and the date of issuance and date of expiration of the permit. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.08 EXPIRATION OF PERMIT.

(a) A permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business is valid for one year, and expires on the anniversary of the date of issuance, unless sooner revoked as provided in these regulations.

(b) Application for renewal shall be made at least thirty days before the expiration date, and when made less than thirty days before the expiration date, the expiration of the permit will not be affected. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.09 DISPLAY OF PERMIT.

The permit to operate an Adult Entertainment Business shall be prominently displayed in a area of the establishment open to the public. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.10 REVOCATION OF PERMIT.

(a) The City may at any time revoke a permit issued pursuant to these regulations, on any of the same grounds listed in Section 784.07(b) for denial of the permit. The Service Director shall promptly notify the permittee in writing of the order of revocation.

(b) When a permit is revoked, the revocation shall continue for one year. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.11 INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS.

(a) The City may order a health and safety inspection at any time there is reasonable cause to believe that an unsanitary, unsafe, or hazardous condition exists on the premises. The Service Director shall notify the appropriate authorities or agencies to make such inspections at the designated times. Written reports of inspections shall be filed with the Service Director.

(b) City personnel or agents may at all reasonable times inspect permit premise to insure continued compliance with the laws of Ohio and these regulations.

(c) At any time there is reasonable cause to do so, the City may order a background investigation, including criminal record, of any permittee, person named in the application for a permit or employee of a permittee. Written report of the investigation shall be filed with the Service Director. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.12 REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION.

(a) The establishment shall be closed and shall not be operated between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

(b) All parts of the establishment shall at all times be maintained in a neat, clean, sanitary and safe condition.



(c) The owner, operator, or person in charge of the establishment shall allow state or local authorities, including law enforcement officers, access to any and all parts of the premises for the purpose of making any health or safety inspection pursuant to these regulations, and shall cooperate in any background investigation.

(d) No person under age eighteen shall be employed by the establishment in any capacity, whether full-time or part-time, or with or without remuneration or compensation in any form.

(e) The owner, operator, or person in charge of the establishment shall exercise adequate supervision to insure that the employees of the establishment comply at all times with these regulations and the laws of Ohio.

(f) Signs.

- (1) Exterior painting. Buildings and structures shall not be painted or surfaced with garish colors or textures or any design that would simulate a sign or advertising message.
- (2) Advertisements, signs, or any other exhibit depicting adult entertainment activities placed within the interior of buildings or premises shall be arranged or screened to prevent public viewing from outside such buildings or premises.
- (3) No outdoor loudspeakers or other outdoor sound equipment advertising or directing attention to an adult entertainment use is allowed.
- (4) Upon order of the Code Administrator, graffiti appearing on any exterior surface of a building or premises, which graffiti is within public view, shall be removed and that surface shall be restored within seventy-two hours of notification to the owner or person in charge of the premises.

(g) No person shall operate or cause to be operated an Adult Entertainment Business and knowingly or with reasonable cause to know, permit, suffer, or allow:

- (1) Admittance of a person under eighteen years of age to the business premises;
- (2) If the interior of the premises is visible from outside the premises, so that any matter that is harmful to minors is visible from outside the premises, the owner or manager of the premises shall install opaque covering over all windows through which minors could view any harmful matter and install a privacy curtain at all entrances of the premises through which minors could view any harmful matter.  
(Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

#### 784.13 RULES GOVERNING CONDUCT OF EMPLOYEES.

(a) A person under age eighteen shall not accept or continue employment by an Adult Entertainment Business, in any capacity, whether full-time or part-time, or with or without remuneration or compensation in any form.

(b) No employee of the establishment, in the performance of his or her duties shall do any of the following:

- (1) Place his or her hand upon, touch with any part of his or her body, fondle in any manner, or massage the genitals, pubic area, or buttocks of any other person or the breast of any female or, if the employee is a female, of any other female, for the purpose of sexual stimulation.
- (2) Perform, offer, or agree to perform any act that would require the touching of the genitals, pubic area, or buttocks of any other person or the breasts of any female or, if the employee is a female, of any other female, for the purpose of sexual stimulation.
- (3) Uncover the genitals, pubic area, or buttocks of any other person or the breast of any female or, if the employee is a female, of any other female.  
(Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.14 MEASURE OF DISTANCE.

The required minimum distance between any two adult entertainment businesses or to any bar or tavern shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures, from the closest exterior structural wall of each such business. The distance between any adult entertainment business and any school, public park, church, library, residential use shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures, from the closest exterior structural wall of the adult entertainment business to the closest property line of the school, public park, church, library, residential district, or residential use. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.15 RECORDS.

The Service Director shall keep a complete record of all documents and proceedings under these regulations, including without limitation applications, reports, copies of permits issued, notices, correspondence, Board of Proceedings, resolutions and orders, and petitions. All documents shall be endorsed by the Service Director with that date of filing.  
(Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.16 DEPOSITS AND USE OF FEES.

Fees collected by the City for permits under these regulations shall be deposited in the City General Fund, and first applied to the cost of administering and enforcing these regulations.  
(Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.17 CRIMINAL VIOLATION.

(a) Whoever engages in, conducts or carries on, or permits to be engaged in, conducted or carried on in the City of New Philadelphia, the operation of an adult entertainment business without first having obtained a permit from the City is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(b) Whoever violates any of the following is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

- (1) If the owner or operator of an adult entertainment business located in the City knowingly:
  - A. Refuses to allow appropriate state or local authorities, including police officers, access to adult entertainment for any health or safety inspection, or any other inspection conducted to ensure compliance with regulations adopted by the City under this chapter.

- B. Operates during the hours designated as prohibited hours of operation;
  - C. Employ or admit to the business premises any person under the age of eighteen;
  - D. Establish or operate an adult entertainment business within 1,000 feet from the boundaries of a parcel of real estate having situated on it a school, church, library, public park, tavern, bar, a “sexually oriented business” or another adult cabaret; or within one thousand feet from the boundaries of any residential district or residential use.
- (2) If an employee of the establishment, in the performance of his or her duties, does any of the following:
- A. Places his or her hand upon, touches with any part of his or her body, fondles in any manner, or massages the genitals, pubic area, or buttocks of any other person or the breast of any female or, if the employee is a female, of any other female, for the purpose of sexual stimulation;
  - B. Performs, offers, or agrees to perform any act that would require the touching of the genitals, pubic area, or buttocks of any other person or the breasts of any female or, if the employee is a female, of any other female, for the purpose of sexual stimulation.
  - C. Uncovers the genitals, pubic area, or buttocks of any other person or the breast of any female or, if the employee is a female, of any other female. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.18 APPEALS.

Any persons adversely affected by an order of the Service Director denying or revoking a permit to operate an adult entertainment business may appeal from the order of the Service Director to the Board of Zoning Appeals. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)

#### 784.99 PENALTY.

See Section 501.99 of the Codified Ordinances for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification. (Ord. 1-2001. Passed 1-22-01.)



CHAPTER 786  
Video Service Providers

786.01 Fee.

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(a) Council hereby establishes a VSP Fee that is calculated by applying a VSP Fee Percentage of five percent (5%) to the video service provider's gross revenues as defined in Section 1332.32(B) of the Video Law. All video service providers and cable television operators providing video service in the City shall apply the VSP Fee Percentage against gross revenues as defined in the Video Law. This section does not cancel the existing franchise agreement.

(b) The VSP Fee shall be paid by each video service provider providing service in the City on a quarterly basis but not sooner than forty-five days nor later than sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar quarter.

(c) The Mayor is authorized and directed to provide any video service provider with notice of the VSP Fee Percentage as determined by this Council above, which notice shall be given by certified mail, upon receipt of notice from such video service provider that it will begin providing video service in the City pursuant to a state-issued video service authorization. (Ord. 14-09. Passed 4-13-09.)



**CHAPTER 788**  
**Skill Game Businesses, Adult Oriented Arcades,**  
**Internet Sweepstakes Cafes and Sweepstakes Businesses**

788.01 Permit required.  
 788.02 Appeals.

788.03 Miscellaneous.  
 788.99 Penalty.

**CROSS REFERENCES**  
 Gambling - see GEN. OFF. Ch. 517

**788.01 PERMIT REQUIRED.**

(a) Any person, organization, or business entity who owns or operates a skill game business, adult oriented arcade, internet café, or sweepstakes business or who desires to operate such a business shall apply annually for a permit with the City of New Philadelphia office of the Mayor.

(b) An application for an initial permit to operate a business under this section shall contain the following:

- (1) The address where the Business is operated, or is to be operated;
- (2) The status of the applicant as an individual, partnership or limited partnership, domestic or foreign corporation, or other entity;
- (3) The full name, residence address, date of birth, and social security number of the applicant or the person applying on behalf of a partnership, corporation, or other entity;
- (4) If the applicant is a partnership or limited partnership, the name of the partnership; the status of the partnership as a general or limited partnership; the state or other jurisdiction under which it is organized; the address of its principal office in Ohio; its federal identification number; the name and address, date of birth, and social security number of each partner; and the status of each partner as a general or limited partner;
- (5) If the applicant is a corporation, the name of the corporation; the state or other jurisdiction under which it is organized; the address of its principal office, the address of its principal office in Ohio; its federal identification number; the name and address of its statutory agent in Ohio; and the full name, residence address, date of birth, and social security number of each shareholder holding more than two percent of the applicant's stock. If any shareholder is a corporation or a general or limited partnership, the same information shall be included for such shareholder as is required for an applicant that is a corporation or general or limited partnership;

- (6) Authorization for an investigation into the background, including any criminal record, of the applicant and any person or entity named in the application, including authorization to conduct subsequent investigations to supplement or update the information;
- (7) The applicant's agreement to abide by these regulations and the law of Ohio, and any amendments, additions, or reenactment thereof.
- (8) No permit shall be issued to a convicted felon.

(c) Each applicant shall include with the application a certification from the State of Ohio or an authorized testing agency which indicates that the specific skill based amusement game machines and/or computers, internet cafe machines and/or computers, sweepstakes machines and/or computers, and adult oriented arcade machines and/or computers which will be operated by the applicant are legal to operate in the State of Ohio and are not slot machines or other games involving a scheme of chance. Failure by the applicant to complete the entire application shall cause the Mayor to deny the permit.

(d) Each applicant shall be required to list all skill based amusement game machines and/or computers, internet cafe machines and/or computers, sweepstakes machines and/or computers, and adult oriented arcade machines and/or computers being operated or to be operated by the applicant, such list to include the following items of information:

- (1) The make, model, and serial number of any skill based game machines and/or computers, internet cafe machines and/or computers, sweepstakes machines and/or computers, and adult oriented arcade machines and/or computers.
- (2) The hardware and/or circuit board switch settings for each machine and/or computer operated or to be operated as a skill based, sweepstakes, internet café, and/or adult oriented arcade machine or computer.
- (3) The software settings of each such machine and/or computer.
- (4) In addition to the above items, the applicant shall provide with the permit application a copy of each manual for any such machine and/or computer used or to be used as a skill based game machine and/or computer, internet cafe machine and/or computer, sweepstakes machine and/or computer, and adult oriented arcade machine and/or computer.

(e) Each permit applicant shall designate a natural person or persons responsible for the applicant's compliance with the provisions contained in this Chapter and Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915.

(f) Any permit holder under this Chapter shall be required to give written notice to the Mayor of this City within fourteen (14) days of any change in any of the information required in subsection (d) above. Failure of any permit holder to give the written notice required by this paragraph shall cause the Mayor to revoke a permit issued under this Chapter and shall be a violation of this ordinance that allows the imposition of the penalties listed herein.

(g) Applicants must apply for permits issued under this Section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening/operating date at which the applicant desires to operate any of the devices, computers, or machines enumerated in subsection (d) above.

(h) New permits shall be valid for the remainder of the calendar year in which issued. Renewal permits shall be effective from January 1st through December 31st of the the year issued.



- (i) The following permit fees are required of each applicant:
- (1) An application fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) paid with each application which is not refundable.
  - (2) A general permit fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year which shall be prorated per month for the first year if issued after July 1 of such year, prior to permit issuance.
  - (3) An application and processing fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year for each skill game machine and/or computer, internet cafe machine and/or computer, sweepstakes machine and/or computer, and each adult oriented arcade machine and/or computer, paid prior to permit issuance.
- (j) The decision to grant, deny, or revoke a permit issued under this section shall be in the sole discretion of the Mayor.
- (k) Each permit holder, in return for issuance of a permit under this Chapter, is subject to inspection by the Department of Police during normal business hours to ensure the permit holder's compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and Chapter 2915 of the Ohio Revised Code. Failure of the permit holder to allow inspection during normal business hours shall result in immediate revocation of the permit holder's permit.
- (l) Upon receipt of an application for a permit or renewal permit to operate Business, the Mayor shall refer the applicant to the Police Department to be finger printed, and to conduct an investigation into the background of the applicant and of other persons or entities named in the application. A written report of the results of the investigation shall be prepared by the investigating officer or agency and filed with the Mayor within thirty (30) days after receipt of an application for a permit or renewal permit to operate Business, and shall become part of the application for a permit.
- (m) Applicants for a permit under this section shall have a continuing duty to promptly supplement application information required by this section in the event that said information changes in any way from what is stated on the application. The failure to comply with said continuing duty within thirty (30) days from the date of such change, by supplementing the application on file with the City shall be grounds for suspension of a permit.
- (n) Violation and/or conviction by the permit holder of any provision of this Chapter or of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2915 shall cause the Mayor to immediately revoke a permit holder's permit. Appeals from any permit revocation shall be conducted in accordance with this Chapter. Under no circumstances, including permit revocation, is a permit holder entitled to reimbursement for permit fees, application fees, and processing fees, and such fees are not refundable, and are not prorated to the date of revocation or closure of a permit holder's business.
- (o) Skill game businesses, adult oriented arcades, internet sweepstakes cafés, and sweepstakes businesses shall be conditionally permitted only in Business and Central Business Zones, as established in the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia and not within one thousand (1,000) feet of any school and subject to Section 1141.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia and only if in full compliance with Ohio Law and Chapter 2915 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (p) Criminal penalties for any violation of the provisions of this section are governed by Section 788.99. (Ord. 19-2010. Passed 11-8-10.)

**788.02 APPEALS.**

(a) Any permit holder in disagreement with the decision of the Mayor to grant, deny or revoke a permit issued under this chapter may appeal that decision to Council.

(b) Council may hold a hearing on the appeal at the next regularly scheduled meeting or conduct a special session to consider an appeal. The hearings by Council can be suspended and rescheduled at the discretion of the President of Council. The appellant and appellee shall be permitted to present evidence and argument. Council shall then either affirm or reverse the decision of the Mayor. The Mayor's decision may be reversed only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Council. The decision of the Council may be appealed to the Tuscarawas County Court of Common Pleas and the only grounds for reversal or review shall be an abuse of discretion standard. (Ord. 19-2010. Passed 11-8-10.)

**788.03 MISCELLANEOUS.**

(a) No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall be permitted on the premises unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

(b) An adult twenty-one (21) years of age or older shall be on premises at all times.

(c) The operator shall require a photo identification of every person to whom anything of value is given in connection with the sweepstakes/internet café and shall record the person's name, date of birth, and home address and a description of the thing given, a stated dollar value of the thing given, the date and time of the giving and, if an entertainment device is involved in the circumstances of the giving, the serial number or other identifying description of the device. If the dollar value given for any single event for which there is a chance of winning six hundred dollars (\$600.00) or more, the operator shall also include in the record a copy of the photo identification and record the person's social security number. By the second Tuesday of each month the operator shall cause to be delivered to the City Income Tax Director a copy of the record containing the information set forth above for the preceding month. The operator and the City Income Tax Director shall not disclose the social security number of any person to anyone except as required by the laws of the State of Ohio and the United States. (Ord. 19-2010. Passed 11-8-10.)

**788.99 PENALTY.**

Violation of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor of the first degree. Each and every day or portion of a day that the business subject to regulation by this chapter, remains open without a permit or in violation of this any provision of this chapter, shall be a separate offense. (Ord. 19-2010. Passed 11-8-10.)

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CHAPTER 901

Right-of-Way Excavations and Curb Cuts

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| 901.01 | Excavation permit and fee.                   | 901.03 | Curb cutting permit and fee. |
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CROSS REFERENCES

- Power to establish and care for streets - see Ohio R. C. 715.191, 717.01, 723.01
  - Openings by the Municipality - see Ohio R. C. 723.02
  - Excavation liability - see Ohio R. C. 723.49 et seq.
  - Digging, excavating and piling earth on streets - see Ohio R.C. 5589.10
  - Barricades and warning lights; abandoned excavations - see GEN. OFF. 521.03
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901.01 EXCAVATION PERMIT AND FEE.

Whoever desires to excavate in any right-of-way within the City shall apply in writing to the Director of Public Service for a permit and shall pay a permit fee of forty dollars (\$40.00). (Ord. 12-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

**901.02 FILLING EXCAVATION AND REPLACEMENT PAVEMENT.**

(a) The holder of a permit for a right-of-way excavation shall make the excavation specified in their permit, do the necessary excavating and make the proper connection, repairs or other work required, after which they shall make the necessary back filling with approved backfill material.

(b) Should any person fail, refuse or neglect to do all or any part of the work required or fail to do the work in a manner acceptable to the Director of Public Service, the Director shall cause the work to be done, and pay for the same out of any fund in his hands and recover the cost and expense of the same from the person by suit or otherwise.  
(Ord. 12-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

**901.03 CURB CUTTING PERMIT AND FEE.**

No person shall cut any curb on any street without first having secured a permit from the Director of Public Service. The permit fee shall be forty dollars (\$40.00).  
(Ord. 12-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

**901.04 PROTECTING EXCAVATIONS.**

(a) Any person licensed under the provisions of this chapter shall protect any excavation, opening, pile of debris or other material with sufficient barricades and, from one hour before sunset until one hour after sunrise, shall provide an adequate number of warning lights to warn all pedestrians and vehicles of the existing dangers.

(b) All excavated material must be deposited so as not to unnecessarily inconvenience any pedestrian or operator of a motor vehicle.  
(Ord. 12-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

CHAPTER 902  
Private Driveways

902.01 Private drive standards check list.

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902.01 PRIVATE DRIVE STANDARDS CHECK LIST.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. An Application for Subdivision Variance form must be completed and submitted to the New Philadelphia Planning Commission.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A \$100.00 filing fee must accompany the completed variance form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. A Preliminary sketch on 8 ½ X 11" paper must accompany the completed variance form which shows:
  - The plan for drive.
  - The lots which will be served by the drive. (up to 5 parcels).
  - The acreage for each lot.
  - The names of the lot owners who will use the drive.
  - Show a lot number on each lot (#1 thru #5).
  - The public road which abuts the drive.
  - A profile of the drive is to be submitted with the preliminary sketch.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The DPD may serve up to five lots.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. One single family dwelling or duplex per lot (MUST BE NOTED on the PLAT).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The centerline of the DPD must be the lot abutment line whenever possible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Total lot acreage must be shown on the lot.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The acreage consumed by the DPD must be shown for each lot which is served by the DPD.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The centerline of the DPD must be the abutment line of the lots which it serves.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. A 30' minimum right of way is required. May be more than 30' depending on cut requirement for irregular terrain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. A 16' road width is required.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. A 6" granular base is required of which the top 2" is a #304 material, traffic compacted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. A typical road cross-section is to be submitted with the plat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. A 25' flared radil required at the private drive entrance to the public road.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. The name(s) of the property owners must appear on each tract.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. A Recorded Maintenance Agreement signed by all owners of the DPD is required.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. All plat boundaries with length of courses in feet and hundredths, bearings to not more than half minutes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Bearings and distances to nearest established street.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Show a vicinity map of area within a one-half (½) mile radius or within a scope which shows the DPD abutting a public road.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. A Registered Surveyor must prepare the Final Plat drawing(s).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. The Final Plat shall be legibly drawn in India ink on tracing cloth, mylar or other materials of equal permanence. Mylar drawing lead (E, E1, E2) or India ink must be used on mylar drawings and documents.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Illustrate the DPD and principal properties in heavy lines.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Maximum document size: 21" side to side by 19" top to bottom. Smaller is OK.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Acceptable scale(s): (1" = 200'), (1" = 100'), (1" = 50'), (1" = 30').
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Multiple sheets: Number each sheet in relation to all others. Example: (2 sheets) 1 of 2, 2 of 2.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. The (DPD) may be drawn on a larger sheet and reduced for recording. The reduced copy must be legible and no larger than 19" X 21".
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. The owner or his agent is required to submit a signed, notarized statement that the road has been constructed in accordance with the above standards prior to final approval of the Dedicated Private Drive Plat. The City will not be responsible for the inspection of the improvements, but may spot check.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. These standards apply to all Private Drives regardless of the number of lots served by the drive (1 to a maximum of 5).  
(Ord. 14-2014. Passed 8-11-14.)



**CHAPTER 903**  
**Sidewalks**

<p>903.01 Definitions.</p> <p>903.02 Width in business district.</p> <p>903.03 Widths outside business district.</p> <p>903.04 Notice to replace; partial payment by City.</p> <p>903.05 Bids for sidewalk replacement.</p> <p>903.06 Failure to pay; certification to Auditor.</p> <p>903.07 Application for partial City payment.</p> <p>903.08 Check to accompany application.</p> <p>903.09 Applications submission; rating deadline.</p>	<p>903.10 Applications submission; past rating deadline.</p> <p>903.11 New application for uncompleted work.</p> <p>903.12 Mayor to administer.</p> <p>903.13 Application rejection; appeal; override of Mayor's decision.</p> <p>903.14 Maintenance owner's responsibility.</p> <p>903.15 Maximum yearly expenditure.</p>
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Sidewalks and gutters - see Ohio R.C. 729.01 et seq.

Construction or repair at owner's expense - see Ohio R.C. 729.01 et seq.

Notice to construct or repair - see Ohio R.C. 729.03 et seq.

**903.01 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- (a) "Residential in nature" means a sidewalk not located in front of or adjacent to a commercial establishment or other place where a group of ten (10) or more persons hold meetings or a place open to the public.
- (b) "Sidewalk" means the specifications for replacement of a sidewalk shall be those of a six (6) bag mix portland cement concrete sidewalk of not less than four (4) inches thickness or not less than six (6) inches thickness at driveways. (Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

**903.02 WIDTH IN BUSINESS DISTRICT.**

All sidewalks in the business portions of the city shall be constructed to extend from the property line to the curb. (Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

**903.03 WIDTHS OUTSIDE BUSINESS DISTRICT.**

(a) All sidewalks outside business portions of the City shall be constructed next to the property line and shall be of the following widths:

(b) Those on streets with a public right-of-way fifty (50) feet or more in width shall be five (5) feet wide and there shall be a lawn strip between the sidewalk and the curb of the street.

(c) However, on all streets and alleys where sidewalks have heretofore been constructed and such sidewalks are to be reconstructed or extended, such reconstruction or extensions shall be of the same width as the walks then existing thereon upon approval of the Director of Public Service. (Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

#### 903.04 NOTICE TO REPLACE; PARTIAL PAYMENT BY CITY.

The Mayor is empowered, authorized, and directed to replace, or cause to be replaced, public sidewalks within the City limits and to commit the City to the payment of not more than fifty percent (50%) of the costs of such replacement. Provided, however, that notice as required by Ohio R.C. 729.03 has been served upon the owner, lessee, tenant, or agent having charge of such lands upon which a public sidewalk to be replaced is situated, and further, that such owner, lessee, tenant, or agent has failed to comply with the notice to replace the sidewalks within thirty days after service of such notice, and provided that the Mayor, or his representative, has determined by actual inspection in company with the Service Director, or his representative, that the sidewalks require replacement. (Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

#### 903.05 BIDS FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT.

The Mayor is authorized to obtain bids or informal estimates in accordance with normal City bidding procedures, or in accordance with other procedures as may be required by law, for the replacement of such sidewalks pursuant to Section 903.04. The Mayor shall make or cause to be made an inspection of the sidewalk to be replaced and if upon inspection determines, in concurrence with the Service Director or his representative, that it is in the public interest that such replacement be carried out, the Mayor shall receive bids or informal estimates for such replacement of sidewalks. (Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

#### 903.06 FAILURE TO PAY; CERTIFICATION TO AUDITOR.

If any owner or agent of any owner fails to make payment of the property owner's share of the actual cost for any sidewalks replaced as required by Section 903.04 within 60 days of the date of completion of the sidewalk replacement, the Mayor shall cause written return to be made to the County Auditor for an amount equal to the property owner's share or the actual costs of the sidewalk replacement and to enter such amount upon the tax duplicate to become a lien upon such lands from the date of entry, to be collected as other taxes and returned to the City. (Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

#### 903.07 APPLICATION FOR PARTIAL CITY PAYMENT.

Any property owner or the agent of any owner who plans to replace public sidewalks upon property which he controls within the City limits may make written application to the Mayor for partial payment by the City of the costs of such replacement of sidewalks. Upon receipt of such application, the Mayor shall make or cause to be made an inspection of the sidewalk to be replaced and if upon inspection, determines with the concurrence of the Service Director or his representative that it is in the public interest that such replacement be authorized to commit the City to pay not more than fifty percent (50%) of the costs of such replacement. The property owner or the agent of any owner is limited to one funded application per year. (Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

**903.08 CHECK TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION.**

The application for partial payment by the City for the replacement of sidewalks as set forth in Section 903.07 shall be in writing on a form approved by the Mayor and shall be accompanied by an estimate of cost for the proposed replacement along with a certified check or money order, payable to the City, representing the applicant's share of the cost of replacement. (Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

**903.09 APPLICATIONS SUBMISSION; RATING DEADLINE.**

Written applications provided for in Section 903.07 shall be submitted to the Mayor for priority rating no later than June 1 of each year. Sidewalks, residential in nature, shall be given priority for available fund over commercial sidewalks. Other priority rating methods shall be determined by the Mayor. If two or more applications have equal priority ratings, the date of application filing will prevail. (Ord. 21-2004. Passed 4-26-04.)

**903.10 APPLICATIONS SUBMISSION; PAST RATING DEADLINE.**

Applications may be accepted and approved beyond the dates listed in Section 903.09 within the program's calendar year provided that all funds for replacement assistance have not been committed during priority rating. Priority rating for submission after the rating deadline will be based on the date of application filing. (Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

**903.11 NEW APPLICATION FOR UNCOMPLETED WORK.**

If an application has been approved and deposit made, but work has not been completed as of October 1 of the year in which the application is made, such application and deposit by the applicant shall be returned to the applicant without prejudice to the filing of a new application. (Ord. 21-2004. Passed 4-26-04.)

**903.12 MAYOR TO ADMINISTER.**

The Mayor is authorized to administer the program for applications for partial payment of sidewalk replacement. This includes application forms, priority rating guidelines, procedural methods and sidewalk specifications so far as they are not in violation with any provision herein. (Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

**903.13 APPLICATION REJECTION; APPEAL; OVERRIDE OF MAYOR'S DECISION.**

If application for City participation in replacement of sidewalks as provided for in Section 903.07 is rejected by the Mayor, the applicant may appeal the Mayor's decision. Such appeal shall be to Council, through the Mayor, in writing. Council shall give its decision on the appeal not later than its second regularly scheduled meeting after Council's receipt of the appeal. Such decision shall be majority of Council and shall be transmitted to the applicant in writing. If Council sustains the Mayor's rejection of the application, the reasons for the rejection shall be stated in Council's written answer to the applicant. Council shall also have the power to override, by a majority vote of the members of Council, the Mayor's decision to commit the City to pay a portion of the replacement cost of sidewalks and may establish what, if any, portion of the replacement cost shall be borne by the City. (Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

**903.14 MAINTENANCE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

The responsibility for maintaining a sidewalk safe for public use rests with the owner, lessee, tenant, or agent having charge of the lands upon which the walkway exists. The City assumes none of this responsibility by accepting an application for participation in sidewalk replacement or by agreement to participate in sidewalk replacement.  
(Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

**903.15 MAXIMUM YEARLY EXPENDITURE.**

The amount of money expended by the City for the repair or replacement of sidewalks shall not exceed the sum appropriated by Council per calendar year.  
(Ord. 38-98. Passed 6-22-98.)

**CHAPTER 905**  
**Trees and Weeds**

<p>905.01 Tree or shrub planting permit.</p> <p>905.02 Trees on private property; removal of dead trees by owner.</p> <p>905.03 Removal of trees by City; assessment of costs.</p> <p>905.04 Trees on public property; trimming permit.</p> <p>905.05 Street and sidewalk obstructions; trimming required.</p>	<p>905.06 Removal of weeds by owner or occupant; seven days notice.</p> <p>905.07 Trimming of trees and removal of weeds by City.</p> <p>905.08 Assessment of costs.</p> <p>905.99 Penalty.</p>
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to regulate shade trees and shrubbery - see Ohio R.C. 715.20  
 Assessments for tree planting or maintenance - see Ohio R.C. 727.011  
 Notice to cut noxious weeds - see Ohio R.C. 731.51 et seq.  
 Shade Tree Commission - see ADM. Ch. 153  
 Tree trimming - see BUS. REG. Ch. 777

**905.01 TREE OR SHRUB PLANTING PERMIT.**

(a) No person shall plant any tree or shrub upon any public way, street or alley unless he has first obtained a permit in writing from the Director of Public Service specifying the size, type, species and location on the public way, street or alley of the tree or shrub to be planted.

(b) The Director of Public Service has the authority to deny a permit to any person who proposes to plant any tree or shrub of a size, type or species found to be undesirable by the Shade Tree Commission or so found to be undesirable for the location proposed; or he may deny a permit to any person who proposes to plant any tree or shrub at a location found by the Commission to be of a size or type unsuitable for planting of trees or shrubs. (Ord. 3207. Passed 10-28-68.)

**905.02 TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES BY OWNER.**

Full care and treatment of trees on private property may be undertaken by the property owner, but persons, firms or corporations working for hire must be licensed, whether working on public or private property.

Large trees on private property, dead or otherwise in bad condition, overhanging or posing a hazard to adjacent property or public thoroughfares, shall be removed or caused to be removed by the owner of the property on a written notice from the Director of Public Service, within thirty days from the date of such notice. (Ord. 3333. Passed 11-23-70.)



**905.03 REMOVAL OF TREES BY CITY; ASSESSMENT OF COSTS.**

Failure to comply with the notice of the Director of Public Service given pursuant to Section 905.02 shall cause such trees to be removed by the City and the costs shall be assessed against the property owner. Such assessment shall be collected as other taxes are collected. (Ord. 3333. Passed 11-23-70.)

**905.04 TREES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; TRIMMING PERMIT.**

Trees growing in curb strips and on other City property are under the control and jurisdiction of the City and a permit shall be obtained from the Director of Public Service before any cutting, trimming, treating or removal is done. A separate permit is required for each tree worked on. (Ord. 3333. Passed 11-23-70.)

**905.05 STREET AND SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTIONS; TRIMMING REQUIRED.**

The owner of every lot or parcel of land within the corporate limits upon which a tree, plant or shrubbery stands with any part upon or overhanging a public street or sidewalk shall conform to the regulations herein provided, otherwise, the Municipality shall cause it to be trimmed or cut down and removed in accordance with these regulations and assess the cost thereof against the owner of such lot or parcel of land.

- (a) The owner shall trim or cause to be trimmed the tree, plant or shrubbery so that a clear height of eight feet between the lowest branches of the same and the street or sidewalk is maintained.
- (b) The owner shall trim or remove, as the case may require, every dead, decayed or broken tree, plant or shrubbery, or part thereof, so the same shall not fall to the street or sidewalk.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)
- (c) Any tree, plant or shrubbery, or any part thereof, which interferes with the use of any street, park, public place or obstructs a clear and unobstructed view of traffic from all directions at any street intersection, so as to endanger the life, health, safety or property of the public using such street or sidewalk, is hereby declared a public nuisance.
- (d) The owner shall be notified in writing or by publication in a local newspaper of the existence of the nuisance and given a reasonable time of not more than thirty days for its correction or removal. The notice shall be given by the Director of Public Service upon a resolution duly adopted pertaining to such nuisance. If not corrected or removed within the time allotted, the Director shall cause the nuisance to be corrected or removed, and the cost shall be assessed to the owner as provided by Section 905.08.  
(Ord. 3000. Passed 7-13-64.)

**905.06 REMOVAL OF WEEDS BY OWNER OR OCCUPANT; SEVEN DAYS NOTICE.**

The owner, occupant or person having the charge or management of any lot or parcel of land situated within the corporate limits, whether the same is improved or unimproved, vacant or occupied, within seven days' written notice to do so, shall cut or destroy or cause to be cut or destroyed any weeds, vines or grasses growing upon any such lot or parcel of land that exceed a height of twelve inches. If the owner, occupant or person having the charge or management of any lot or parcel of land cannot be located, or if his address cannot be ascertained, this notice shall be deemed to be properly served if a copy thereof is placed in a conspicuous place on any such lot or parcel of land.

This notice may be initiated by the Police Department, the City Health Department or the Public Service Director.  
(Ord. 65-80. Passed 9-9-80.)

**905.07 TRIMMING OF TREES AND REMOVAL OF WEEDS BY CITY.**

In the event the owner does not comply with the requirements of Sections 905.05 or 905.06, the Public Service Director shall cause to be trimmed or removed the tree, plant or shrubbery or part thereof, or cut and remove all grass, weeds and vines.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**905.08 ASSESSMENT OF COSTS.**

Whenever any tree, plant or shrubbery, or part thereof, or weeds, grass or vines are trimmed or removed by the Municipality in accordance with Section 905.07, the Municipality shall give five days notice, by regular mail, to the owner of such lot or parcel of land, at his last known address, to pay the cost of such trimming or removal of trees, plants, shrubbery, grass, vines or weeds or part thereof. The notice shall be accompanied by a statement of the amount of cost incurred, and in the event the same is not paid within thirty days after the mailing of the notice, then such amount shall be certified to the County Auditor for collection the same as other taxes and assessments are collected.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**905.99 PENALTY.**

(a) Whoever violates any provision of this chapter for which no penalty is otherwise provided shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

(b) Whoever violates Section 905.01(a) shall be fined not more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00). (Ord. 3207. Passed 10-28-68.)



**CHAPTER 907**  
**Street and Building Numbering**

907.01	Base streets; street designations.	907.04	Compliance.
907.02	Building numbering system.	907.05	Official map.
907.03	Display of numbers.	907.99	Penalty.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to regulate building numbering - see Ohio R. C. 715.26  
Change of street name - see Ohio R. C. 723.04 et seq.

**907.01 BASE STREETS; STREET DESIGNATIONS.**

The base streets from which all numbering shall proceed are Broadway and High Streets. High Street and its eastern continuation East Avenue shall be renamed High Avenue. Broadway and High Avenue shall be considered as dividing the City into four quarters: northeast (NE), northwest (NW), southeast (SE) and southwest (SW), in conformity with their topographical location. The name of such thoroughfares shall bear the suffix which shows the quarter in which it lies.

All streets having a general north and south direction shall be known as streets, and, beginning from Broadway as the base and considered to be First Street, shall be numbered progressively, east and west alike, as Second Street, Third Street, Fourth Street, and so on continuing, but with the suffix NE, NW, SE, or SW, according to the quarter in which they lie. All east and west streets shall be called avenues; but Beaver, Union and Tuscarawas Avenues shall retain their present names. North and south alleys shall be called drives; east and west alleys shall be called lanes.

The term thoroughfares shall embrace streets, avenues, drives, lanes, courts and places. All thoroughfares shall bear suffixes indicating the quarter of the City in which they lie. The drives shall be designated by successive numerals, beginning from the directional base street: that is, the first drive east of Broadway shall be called First Drive East; the second drive east of Broadway shall be called Second Drive East, and so on; the first drive west of Broadway shall be called First Drive West; the second drive west of Broadway shall be called Second Drive West, and so on. Each lane shall be given a name, the initial letter of which, a, b, c and d, shall show the successive position of the lane in relation to High Avenue and to each other. All short lanes and drives, and all courts and places, shall have names beginning with the initial letter of the main drive or lane in proximity thereto.  
(Ord. 1380. Passed 7-8-27.)

**907.02 BUILDING NUMBERING SYSTEM.**

Twenty feet of frontage shall be the unit for each house number; but on thoroughfares one block each way from the Public Square, and on West High Avenue two blocks therefrom, the unit shall be fifteen feet. However, on thoroughfares where the distance between

intersecting avenues and streets is more than 1,000 feet, the unit shall be twenty-five feet, or such other number of feet as the City Engineer may determine to be required. Odd numbers shall be assigned to the east and to the north sides of thoroughfares, even numbers shall be assigned to the west and south sides.

The block system of numbering shall be employed, assigning one hundred numbers to each block, proceeding in successive hundreds from the two base streets, but commencing with 100 as the initial number. The intervals between successive street intersections in the original plat of the City shall be blocks. In other portions of the City area the blocks shall be such as may be determined by the City Engineer.

(Ord. 1380. Passed 7-8-27.)

#### 907.03 DISPLAY OF NUMBERS.

Building numbers shall be conspicuously displayed at the front of every house, residence, factory, workshop or place of business, in numerals large enough to be easily distinguished from the thoroughfare in front of the premises.

(Ord. 1380. Passed 7-8-27.)

#### 907.04 COMPLIANCE.

No person, owning a house or building fronting upon any thoroughfare of the City, shall fail or refuse to cause the same to be numbered as provided by the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 1380. Passed 7-8-27.)

#### 907.05 OFFICIAL MAP.

The City Engineer shall prepare a map of the City with all thoroughfares named and designated thereon, as required in this chapter. He shall submit the map to Council for its approval. The City Engineer shall be in official charge of the execution of the system.

(Ord. 1380. Passed 7-8-27.)

#### 907.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$500.00). (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

CHAPTER 909  
Bituminous Pavements

909.01 Specifications.

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909.01 SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) All construction and material specifications established by this section shall be based upon the State Department of Transportation, Construction and Specification Edition of January 1, current edition.

(b) The paving specifications herein established shall be placed on a sub-base which has had the prior approval of the office of the Director of Public Service.

(c) All paving installations shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Director or his agent.

(d) Upon a determination by the Director's office that the area will be subject to repeated heavy truck traffic of an industrial or commercial character the following specifications are applicable or in accordance with current City of New Philadelphia Standard Drawings:

- (1) Item 301, six-inch bituminous aggregate base.
- (2) Item 402, one and one-half inch asphalt concrete intermediate course.
- (3) Item 404, one and one-half inch asphalt concrete surface course.
- (4) The above shall be placed in strict adherence to applicable State specifications.

(e) In all residential areas with a restricted use by heavy truck traffic the following specifications will apply unless changed by current standard drawings:

- (1) Item 304, four-inch aggregate base compacted in place.
- (2) Item 301, three-inch bituminous aggregate.
- (3) Item 402, one and one-half inch asphalt concrete surface course.
- (4) Item 404, one and one-half inch asphalt concrete surface course.
- (5) The above shall be placed in strict adherence to applicable State specifications.

(Ord. 20-95. Passed 6-26-95.)

CHAPTER 911  
Concrete Pavements

911.01	Specifications.	911.07	Removing forms.
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911.05	Consolidation and finishing.	911.11	Sub-base.
911.06	Curing.		

911.01 SPECIFICATIONS.

The following specifications are herein established for all plain Portland cement concrete pavement hereinafter placed within the City.  
(Ord. 39-74. Passed 8-12-74.)

911.02 DESCRIPTION.

The work shall consist of a pavement composed of plain Portland cement concrete constructed on a prepared sub-grade or base course in reasonably close conformity with the lines, grades, thicknesses and cross sections shown on the plans or established by the Engineer.  
(Ord. 39-74. Passed 8-12-74.)

911.03 MATERIALS.

(a) Concrete. This item shall conform to Section 499 of the Construction and Material Specifications of the State Department of Transportation for Class "C" concrete and shall be comprised of natural sand, limestone aggregate and Portland cement in the following ratios.

No. 57 Size Limestone: 1630 pounds per cubic yard.

Sand: 1285 pounds per cubic yard.

Cement: 611 pounds per cubic yard.

No. 4 and 6 Size Limestone: 1775 pounds per cubic yard.

Sand: 1190 pounds per cubic yard.

Cement: 611 pounds per cubic yard.

These materials shall be mixed with water to obtain a slump of zero to three inches, but in no case shall water content exceed thirty-seven gallons per cubic yard.

(b) Joint Sealer. Each construction joint or sawed control joint shall be sealed with an asphaltic sealer conforming to Sections 705.01, 705.02 or 705.11 of the Department of Transportation Specifications.

(c) Curing Materials. Curing materials shall be a liquid membrane-forming compound conforming to AASHTO M148 Type 1 or Type 2. Type 2 curing compounds applied between November 1 and April 1 shall have a resin base.

(d) Dowel Bars. Bars shall be smooth hot-rolled carbon steel bars of circular cross section conforming to ASTM A499.

(e) Reinforcing. Reinforcing shall be minimum six by six- 6/6 welded wire fabric. (Ord. 39-74. Passed 8-12-74.)

#### 911.04 PLACING CONCRETE.

The subgrade or base shall be uniformly and thoroughly moistened before concrete is deposited thereon. Concrete shall then be placed on the grade in such a manner that as little rehandling as possible is required. Concrete shall be consolidated around construction joints by means of internal vibration.

The subgrade or base shall be entirely free from frost before concrete is deposited on it, and any concrete placed when the air temperature is 35 degrees F or below shall have a temperature of between 50 degrees and 80 degrees F.

Mechanical equipment shall not be operated on concrete pavement until concrete has been in place for at least seven days or has attained a modulus of rupture of 600 PSI as determined by specimen beams. (Ord. 39-74. Passed 8-12-74.)

#### 911.05 CONSOLIDATION AND FINISHING.

Internal vibration shall be required for consolidating full width pavement. Tapered or variable width pavement shall be consolidated by manually operated vibrators or a method approved by the Engineer.

Finishing shall be accomplished by an approved finishing machine operated over the area as many times as required to obtain the desired results. Small or irregular areas may be hand finished by methods approved by the Engineer.

The edge of the pavement and each side of transverse expansion joints shall be rounded to a one-fourth inch radius with an approved tool. Any toolmarks left by such edging shall be removed by texturing the surface.

The surface shall be textured by a method approved by the Engineer. The resulting surface shall have a gritty texture with uniform longitudinal striations approximately one-sixteenth inch deep. (Ord. 39-74. Passed 8-12-74.)

#### 911.06 CURING.

Immediately after the finishing is completed and after the free water has disappeared, all exposed surfaces of the concrete shall be sealed by spraying thereon a uniform application of curing membrane to provide a continuous film. The material shall be applied at a rate of not less than one gallon for each 200 square feet of surface treated. Immediately after removing the forms, honeycomb areas shall be corrected and the edges of the pavement shall be sprayed with the curing material.

During freezing conditions, the contractor shall be responsible for protecting the concrete until it has attained a strength of 600 PSI.  
(Ord. 39-74. Passed 8-12-74.)

#### 911.07 REMOVING FORMS.

Forms shall be removed in such a manner that no damage will occur to the pavement.  
(Ord. 39-74. Passed 8-12-74.)

#### 911.08 SEALING JOINTS.

Joints shall be sealed before the pavement is opened to traffic and as soon after completion of the sawing as is feasible. Just prior to sealing, each joint shall be thoroughly cleaned, using approved equipment, and the joint faces shall be clean and dry when the seal is applied. (Ord. 39-74. Passed 3-12-74.)

#### 911.09 JOINTS.

(a) Longitudinal joints shall be constructed by sawing or by forming or by insertion of a polyethylene strip in the plastic concrete.

If the longitudinal joint between simultaneously placed lanes is made with a concrete saw, the cut shall be a minimum depth of one-third of the specified pavement thickness and shall be accomplished within three days after the concrete is placed. The width of the cut shall be approximately one-eighth inch.

If the joint between separately placed lanes is made by sawing, the cut shall be made to a minimum depth of one inch.

If the longitudinal joint is formed, the groove for sealing shall be placed in the lane formed last.

If a polyethylene strip is used to form the longitudinal joint it shall be installed prior to hand finishing and texturing. The strip shall have a minimum depth of three inches and shall be not less than twenty mills thickness. It shall be installed in a plane normal to the surface and the top of the strip shall be at the surface of the pavement.

(b) Contraction joints shall be sawed as specified to a minimum depth of one-fifth of the specified pavement thickness and a width of one-fourth inch. If the pavement is constructed in two or more separately poured lanes, the joints shall be continuous for the full width of the pavement.

(c) Construction joints shall be built as specified at the end of each day's work and whenever it is necessary to suspend the work for more than thirty minutes.

(d) Load transfer devices shall consist of dowels held in position parallel to the surface and centerline of the slab. Deformed bars, when used for longitudinal joints shall be rigidly secured by chairs or other approved supports to prevent displacement.  
(Ord. 39-74. Passed 8-12-74.)

**911.10 PAVEMENT THICKNESS.**

Concrete pavement shall have a minimum thickness seven inches in residential and nine-inch commercial or as specified by the Engineer. Thickness of concrete at any point, determined by measurement of cores, shall not be more than one-half inch less than the specified thickness, nor shall the average thickness be more than one-tenth of the specified thickness. Cores shall be cut and averages determined in accordance with the Department of Transportation Construction and Materials Specifications, Section 451.16 and City of New Philadelphia Standard Drawings.  
(Ord. 21-95. Passed 6-26-95.)

**911.11 SUB-BASE.**

Sub-base shall be of gravel compacted in place. Thickness shall be determined by the nature of the ground and approved by the Director of Public Service in accordance with City of New Philadelphia Standard Drawings.  
(Ord. 22-95. Passed 6-26-95.)





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Sewer Regulations

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## CROSS REFERENCES

- Power to license sewer tappers - see Ohio R.C. 715.27
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- Sewers rates - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 933
- Licensing of plumbers - see BLDG. Ch. 1313

## 931.01 CONSTRUCTION CHARGES.

- (a) The City shall construct, or cause to be constructed, sanitary and storm sewers in public streets and alleys, for the use of lots and land fronting on such streets and alleys, and the charge shall be determined as hereinafter set forth.
- (b) The costs of a sanitary sewer extension shall be considered as the total cost of such extension, including the costs of manholes, "Y" connections and all necessary appurtenances. The cost per foot shall be the total cost divided by the length of the extension in feet.
- (c) The cost of a storm sewer shall be considered as the total cost of such sewer including the cost of manholes, catch basins and all necessary appurtenances.

(d) The City will pay for the frontage abutting City-owned land and the portion of the improvement in an intersection that abuts a dedicated street or alley. The developer or property owner is responsible for the remaining portion of the improvement. The City reserves the right to pay for the entire improvement or utilize the assessment method for recovery of the cost of installation. The cost to be paid by the City shall be in an amount equal to such frontage in feet times the total cost per foot as specified in this section.

(e) Payment for any extension constructed under the provisions of this section shall be made before a permit for a lateral connection to the extension is granted.

(f) The Director of Public Service shall determine or approve the size of the line necessary. The developer or property owner will pay for the line required.

(g) All plans and specifications must be approved by the Director before the improvement is installed. Proof of the cost of making the improvement must be provided to the Director upon completion of the project.

(h) These provisions shall cover sanitary sewer and storm sewer extensions.  
(Ord. 36-76. Passed 7-26-76.)

931.02 REIMBURSEMENT AND ASSESSMENT FOR COST OF SANITARY SEWER OR STORM SEWER EXTENSION.

(a) A straight twenty dollars (\$20.00) per lineal foot of waterline shall be charged for residential customers.

(b) The assessment fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per lineal foot plus the charges based on the type of facility served for water shall be paid.

		Charged Extra
(1)	Homes	\$0.00
	Apartment	\$0.00
(2)	Churches	per seat \$20.00
	Assembly Halls	per seat \$20.00
(3)	Commercial	per employee \$100.00
	Industrial	per employee \$100.00
	Retail	per employee \$100.00
	Office	per employee \$100.00
	Gas Station	per employee \$100.00
	Convenience Store	per employee \$100.00
	Schools	per pupil \$100.00
	Restaurant	per seat \$100.00
	Taverns	per seat \$100.00
	Curb Service (Drive In)	per car space \$100.00
(4)	Motel	per unit \$200.00
	Institutions	per bed \$200.00
	Hospitals	per bed \$200.00
	Nursing Homes	per bed \$200.00
	Laundries	per machine \$200.00
	Car washes	per bay \$200.00
(5)	Caps: All waterline assessments shall have a cap of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and no money above shall be charged. (Ord. 32-2007. Passed 1-28-08.)	

**931.03 SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES.**

(a) The Director of Public Service is authorized to make the following charges for all new sanitary sewer tap-ins.

**Inside the Corporation:**

- (1) Residential tap-in fee is five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per tap.
- (2) Apartment tap-in fee is five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per unit.
- (3) Commercial tap-in fee is one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per tap.

**Outside the Corporation:**

- (1) Residential tap-in fee is seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) per tap.
- (2) Apartment tap-in fee is seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) per unit.
- (3) Commercial tap-in fee is one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per tap.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply in cases where sanitary sewers may be constructed and the frontage assessed by the foot front or benefit plan, in accordance with the laws of the State governing such assessment. Also, the provisions of this section shall not apply in cases where an actual sewer assessment rate has been set up for lots and lands fronting on any sewer, and assessments have not been collected by the City prior to application for permit to connect such sewer.

(Ord. 1-2005. Passed 2-14-05.)

**931.04 LATERAL SEWER CHARGES.**

The Director of Public Service is required to collect, in addition to the charges heretofore set forth, the actual cost of any lateral sewers which may have been constructed at City expense prior to the granting of a permit to connect such sewer.

(Ord. 2500. Passed 5-26-52.)

**931.05 CONNECTIONS OUTSIDE CITY PROHIBITED.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 935.01 for current legislation pertaining to new sewer connections outside the City limits.)

**931.06 PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR: RULES; RECORDS; ENFORCEMENT.**

The Director of Public Service is authorized and directed to adopt and enforce specifications and regulations in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of providing control of the installation of sewer connections and the inspection of them. The Director shall maintain accurate and complete records of all permits issued for, and inspections made of, the construction of house sewers and connections to public sewers. He shall also require the abandonment and removal of connections to public sewers which violate any provision of this chapter.

(Ord. 1181. Passed 10-3-24.)

**931.07 CONSTRUCTION AND CONNECTIONS BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY.**

No sewer shall be constructed or connection made to a public sewer by any person who has not been authorized and licensed to do so. Such work shall be performed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Director of Public Service.

(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**931.08 SEWER LICENSE, FEE AND BOND.**

No person shall construct, install or connect any sewer lines without first obtaining an annual license from the Director of Public Service pursuant to Section 1313.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.  
(Ord. 54-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

**931.09 MANDATORY CONNECTION TO SANITARY SEWER.**

No property shall be occupied for any residence or business purpose without establishing connection to the sanitary sewer system when access to such system is available.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**931.10 STORM WATER, CONNECTION TO SANITARY SEWER PROHIBITED.**

(a) Surface water, rain water from roofs, subsoil drainage, building foundation drainage, cistern overflow, clean water from condensers, waste water from water motors, and any other clean and unobjectionable waste water shall be discharged into a storm water sewer or street gutter and in no case into the sanitary sewer system.

(b) No person shall discharge into a house sewer or tap a house sewer for the purpose of discharging into it any waste or drainage water prohibited by subsection (a) hereof.

(c) It is the duty of the property owner to comply with subsections (a) and (b) hereof within thirty days after service of notice of this section by the Service Director or his designee. Failure of such owner to comply shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day of continue violation of this section constitutes a separate offense.  
(Ord. 23-2000. Passed 3-27-00.)

**931.11 CONTAMINATED WASTES.**

(a) The City will receive and treat any and all industrial and commercial wastes provided, however, the City reserves the right to refuse to receive and treat such wastes that are destructive to sewerage works or seriously disturb or interfere with the established sewage treatment process.

Periodic sampling, visual inspection and analysis of the wastes of the business establishments concerned may be made. The frequency of the samplings and analysis shall be as determined by the City. If, upon such examination, wastes are determined to be disturbing to the sewage treatment processes and/or collection system, or materially increase the cost of sewage treatment operations the acceptance of such waste water discharge shall be refused. The basis for refusal of acceptance will be the presence of effluent discharge containing no added organic or inorganic contaminant or reducing gases.

(b) No industry or commercial establishment shall be permitted to dilute their wastes with uncontaminated water, unless prior approval has been obtained from the Superintendent of the Waste Water Treatment Plant or the Director of Public Service.

(c) If, upon examination, any industry or business concern is found to be in violation of any provision of this section, the Service Director shall give written notice to the violator to cease such violation. Such practice shall be terminated within thirty days of receipt of written notice. The Service Director may permit such discharge for good cause shown for a period up to six months.  
(Ord. 47-76. Passed 7-26-76.)

**931.99 PENALTY.**

(a) Whoever violates any provision of this chapter for which no other penalty is provided shall be fined for the first offense not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), and for a second or subsequent offense not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

(b) Whoever violates Section 931.11 by permitting an unlawful condition to continue for more than thirty days or beyond the period authorized by the Service Director shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each subsequent offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. 47-76. Passed 7-26-76.)



**CHAPTER 933**  
**Sewer Rates**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Sewerage rates - see Ohio R.C. 729.49, 729.52

Weekly deposit of sewer rentals collected - see Ohio R.C. 729.52

Sewer regulations and construction charges - see S.U.& P.S. Ch. 931

Water regulations - see S.U.& P.S. Ch. 935

**933.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Sanitary sewage" means the waste from water closets, urinals, lavatories, sinks, bathtubs, showers, household laundries, cellar floor drains, bars, soda fountains, cuspidors, refrigerator drips, drinking fountains and any other water-borne waste not constituting an industrial waste.
- (b) "Acceptable industrial wastes" means liquid organic waste materials not containing toxic or explosive elements, injurious to sewers or sewage treatment processes, which result from any commercial, manufacturing or industrial operation or process.
- (c) "Nonacceptable industrial wastes" means liquid wastes in which are incorporated minerals, oil, acid, toxic, metallic or chemical substances, resulting from any commercial, manufacturing or industrial operation or process. (Ord. 2601. Passed 3-8-54.)

**933.02 RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR.**

The Director of Public Service shall make and enforce such rules and regulations as he deems necessary for the enforcement of the provisions hereof, for the proper determination and collection of the rates and charges herein provided and for the safe, efficient and economical management of the sanitary sewer system. Such rules and regulations, when not repugnant to existing ordinances of the City or laws of the State, shall have the same force and effect as ordinances of Council.

(Ord. 2601. Passed 3-8-54.)

### 933.03 NECESSITY OF COLLECTING CHARGES.

(a) In order to pay the expense of operating, maintaining and managing the sanitary sewerage system of the City, and to make adequate provision for the payment of the principal of, interest on, and other fund requirements of any sanitary sewer system first mortgage revenue bonds, any fund requirements as set forth in any cooperative agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority or similar agency, sanitary sewerage system general obligation bonds or sanitary sewerage system improvement general obligation notes, outstanding or which may be issued to pay costs of extensions to or improvement of such sanitary sewerage system of the City, the rates and charges for the products and services of such sanitary sewerage system set forth are hereby established.

(b) The funds received from the collection of the rates and charges hereinafter provided for shall be deposited as received with the Treasurer of the City who shall keep the same in a separate fund, designated the "Sewer Revenue Fund", subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as may be hereinafter recited or created in any ordinances or indenture of mortgage authorizing the issuance of and securing mortgage revenue bonds for such sanitary sewerage system. All moneys in the Fund shall be used for the payment of the cost and expense of the operation, maintenance, repair and management of such sanitary sewerage system and for the payment of principal of, interest on, premium, if any, and other charges as set forth in any cooperative agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority, and other charges on bonds or notes issued to pay costs of any extensions to or improvements of, the sanitary sewerage system. Any surplus in the Fund, over and above the requirements and restrictions hereinbefore mentioned, may be used for enlargement or improvement of or replacements to the municipal sanitary sewerage system.

### 933.031 SEWER PERMIT.

A sewer permit is required for any connection to the sanitary sewer system or storm sewer system. The charge for this permit shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). (Ord. 1-2005. Passed 2-14-05.)

### 933.04 RATES AND CHARGES.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Rates shall be as established by the Service Director from time to time)

### 933.05 SPECIAL AGREEMENTS.

Over and above the rates and charges established by Section 933.04, there may be established in special instances and upon special agreement between the City and the owner of any premises served by the system, such additional charges for industrial wastes of unusual strength or composition or for other unduly burdensome discharges into the system which are accepted by the City for treatment as may be determined to be fair and equitable. Each such special agreement and the charges established thereby shall not become effective until ratified by ordinance duly passed by Council. (Ord. 2601. Passed 3-8-54.)

### 933.06 DETERMINATION OF CHARGES.

The following measures shall be used to determine sewer charges provided by Section 933.04, except with respect to the employee rate provided in subsection (d) of Section 933.04, upon all premises served by the system:



- (a) On premises using water exclusively supplied by the City, water consumption on the premises shall be measured by a water meter acceptable to the Director of Public Service.
- (b) On premises using water supplied either in whole or in part from sources other than the waterworks system of the City, the Director may require the owner or other interested party to install water meters satisfactory to the Director to the extent necessary to measure all such supplies of water, and the quantity of water consumed on such premises shall be deemed to be the aggregate amount disclosed by such meters.
- (c) In the event it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Service with respect to any premises, that a portion of the water from any source consumed on such premises does not and cannot enter the system, then in each such case the owner or other interested party may at his expense install and maintain separate metering devices to the extent necessary to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director the portion of the water consumed on the premises which is discharged into the system, which portion shall constitute the basis for computing the sewer charge for such premises under Section 933.04. (Ord. 2601. Passed 3-8-54.)

**933.07 CHARGES PAYABLE MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY; PENALTY; RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHARGES.**

- (a) The sewer charges levied, at the rates established by Section 933.04 shall be billed and become payable in the following manner:
  - (1) Charges levied with respect to premises served by the City's waterworks system shall be included in and be payable with the City's water bill to such premises and shall be billed quarterly or monthly in accordance with the billing period for the City water furnished to such premises.
  - (2) In respect to premises not served by the City's waterworks system, such charges shall be billed and payable quarterly unless, upon application to the Director of Public Service, he approves a monthly billing period for such premises, and in either case, such charges shall be payable at the same time respectively, as City water bills are rendered and become payable.

Any premises making connection with the system and using the same after March 1, 1954, shall be charged per diem, pro rata amount, based upon the quarter annual minimum charge, from the time such connection is made or such discharge into the system is begun, until the commencement of the next following billing period applicable to the premises, except that should the measured service exceed the minimum charge, the measured rate shall be charged.

- (b) All meters shall be read quarterly and billed quarterly. All bills shall be payable within fifteen calendar days after the bill is rendered. If the bill is paid within fifteen calendar days after it is rendered, payment of the next bill, consisting of the charges, shall constitute payment in full. If the bill is not paid within fifteen days after it is rendered, payment of the gross bill, consisting of the charges plus ten percent thereof, shall constitute payment in full.

(c) With respect to the product and services of such municipal sanitary sewerage system provided to leased premises, both lessors and lessees shall be responsible and liable for the payment of the charges herein provided. The City shall proceed to collect such charges from either the lessor or the lessee. (Ord. 10-80. Passed 1-26-80.)

#### 933.08 CHARGES MADE A LIEN.

Each sewer charge levied pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is made a lien upon the premises charged therewith, and if the same is not paid within thirty days after it is due and payable, it shall be certified to the County Auditor, who shall place the same on the tax duplicate, with the interest and penalties allowed by law, and it shall be collected as other Municipal taxes are collected. The City also has the right, in event of nonpayment, to discontinue service to such premises of water supplied by the City's waterworks system, until the unpaid sewer charges have been fully paid. (Ord. 2601. Passed 3-8-54.)

#### 933.09 NONACCEPTABLE INDUSTRIAL WASTES.

The discharge of nonacceptable industrial wastes into the sewer system, whether directly or indirectly, is prohibited. Where investigation reveals the presence in the system of nonacceptable industrial wastes emanating from any lot, land, building or premises, located within or without the corporate limits of the City, the owner, lessor, tenant or occupant of such lot, land, building or premises is required to treat, neutralize or in other ways prepare the noxious substance therein to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Service, in order to convert the same into acceptable industrial wastes. (Ord. 2601. Passed 3-8-54.)

#### 933.10 MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES EXEMPTED.

Except as otherwise provided in any ordinance authorizing an indenture securing revenue bonds issued for construction of the system or portion thereof, no lot, parcel of land, building or premises now or hereafter used by the City for Municipal purposes shall be subject to the sewer charges established; nor shall any water supplied by the Municipal waterworks system for extinguishing fires, cleaning fire apparatus or furnishing or supplying water to fire hydrants to be used to determine any sewer charge provided in Section 933.04. (Ord. 2601. Passed 3-8-54.)

#### 933.11 REVIEW OF EXPENSES.

The Director of Public Service is authorized and directed to review annually, by November 1 of each year, the operation and maintenance expenses, debt service requirements and other requirements of the waterworks system for the succeeding year, including necessary and reasonably foreseeable costs for capital improvements, and, based on such review, to take such action as may be necessary to adjust the rates and charges of the municipal sanitary sewerage system effective on January 1 of the succeeding year, to provide for such requirements in accordance with rate and other covenants of any and all ordinances or indentures of mortgage authorizing the issuance of or securing debt issued to finance extensions and improvements to the municipal sanitary sewerage system. (Ord. 10-80. Passed 1-26-80.)

**933.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined for the first offense not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), and for the second or subsequent offense not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.  
(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)



**CHAPTER 935  
Water Regulations**

935.01	New connections outside City.	935.04	Construction charges.
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to provide and regulate water system - see Ohio R. C. 715.08, 717.01, 743.01  
 Compulsory water connections - see Ohio R. C. 729.06, 743.23  
 Management and control of waterworks - see Ohio R. C. 743.02 et seq.  
 Tampering with hydrants, pipes or meters; unauthorized connections - see Ohio R. C. 4933.22  
 Sewer charges based on water consumption - see S. U. & P. S. 933.04 et seq.  
 Licensing plumbers - see BLDG. Ch. 1313

**935.01 NEW CONNECTIONS OUTSIDE CITY.**

(a) New water or sewer or other utility hook ups shall be permitted to the utility system of the City, from outside the corporate limits of the City.

(b) The expenses of sewer installations and water and sewer connections shall be borne entirely by the contractor, owner or party requesting the service.  
 (Ord. 8-2000. Passed 3-13-00.)

(c) The City reserves the right to deny any request for new water, sewer, or other utility extensions outside the corporation limits of the City if, in the opinion of Council, such extensions would not be in the best interests of the City of New Philadelphia.  
 (Ord. 18-2016. Passed 12-29-16.)

**935.02 WATER RATES OUTSIDE CITY.**

All consumers of water and sewer outside the City corporation limits shall be charged at a rate two times the rate of consumers within the City corporation limits.  
 (Ord. 17-2016. Passed 12-29-16.)

**935.03 SALE OF WATER OUTSIDE CITY FOR SWIMMING POOLS.**

The Director of Public Service is hereby directed to establish a price for the sale of water by the City to owners of swimming pools outside the corporate limits of the City.  
 Water sold by the City pursuant to this section must be conveyed or transported by the purchaser. (Res. 1959-10. Passed 5-11-59.)

**935.04 CONSTRUCTION CHARGES.**

(a) The City shall construct, or cause to be constructed water lines in public streets and alleys, for the use of lots and lands fronting on such streets and alleys, and the charge shall be determined as hereinafter set forth.

(b) The cost of a water line extension shall be considered as the total cost of such extension, including the cost of valves, and necessary fittings and appurtenances. The cost per foot shall be the total cost divided by the length of the extension in feet.

(c) The City will pay for the frontage abutting City-owned land; and the portion of the improvement in an intersection that abuts a dedicated street or alley. The developer or property owner is responsible for the remaining portion of the improvement. The City reserves the right to pay for the entire improvement or utilize the assessment method.

(d) A storm sewer will be provided by the developer or property owner where required by the Director of Public Service.

(e) The Director shall determine the size of the line necessary. The developer or property owner will pay for the line required. The developer will be responsible for staking or laying out the sewer to the line and grade established by the Director.

(f) All plans and specifications must be approved by the Director before the improvement is installed. Proof of the cost of making the improvement must be provided to the Director upon completion of the project.

(g) These provisions shall cover water extensions.  
(Ord. 36-76. Passed 7-26-76.)

935.05 REIMBURSEMENT AND ASSESSMENT FOR COST OF WATERLINE.

(a) A straight twenty dollars (\$20.00) per lineal foot of waterline shall be charged for residential customers.

(b) The assessment fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per lineal foot plus the charges based on the type of facility served for water shall be paid.

		Charged Extra
(1)	Homes	\$0.00
	Apartment	\$0.00
(2)	Churches	per seat \$20.00
	Assembly Halls	per seat \$20.00
(3)	Commercial	per employee \$100.00
	Industrial	per employee \$100.00
	Retail	per employee \$100.00
	Office	per employee \$100.00
	Gas Station	per employee \$100.00
	Convenience Store	per employee \$100.00
	Schools	per pupil \$100.00
	Restaurant	per seat \$100.00
	Taverns	per seat \$100.00
	Curb Service (Drive In)	per car space \$100.00
(4)	Motel	per unit \$200.00
	Institutions	per bed \$200.00
	Hospitals	per bed \$200.00
	Nursing Homes	per bed \$200.00
	Laundries	per machine \$200.00
	Car washes	per bay \$200.00
(5)	Caps: All waterline assessments shall have a cap of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and no money above shall be charged. (Ord. 31-2007. Passed 1-28-08.)	

**CHAPTER 937**  
**Water Rates**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Service Director may establish charges - see Ohio R.C. 743.04  
 Weekly deposit of water works money collected - see Ohio R.C. 743.06  
 Water regulations - see S.U.&P.S. Ch. 935

**937.01 RATES AND CHARGES; NECESSITY OF COLLECTING.**

(a) In order to pay the expense of operating, maintaining and managing the waterworks system of the City of New Philadelphia, the rate and charges for the product and services of such waterworks system of the City of New Philadelphia hereinafter set forth are hereby established.

(b) The funds received from the collection of the rates and charges hereinafter provided for shall be deposited as received with the Treasurer of the City who shall keep the same in a separate fund designated the "Waterworks Revenue Fund", which Fund is hereby established, subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as may be hereinafter recited or created in any ordinance. All moneys in such Fund shall be used for the payment of the cost and expense of the operation, maintenance, repair and management of such waterworks system or improvements of the waterworks system. Any surplus in the Fund, over and above the requirements and restrictions hereinbefore mentioned, may be used for enlargement or improvement of or replacements to such waterworks system.

(c) For the purposes provided in subsection (b) hereof the rates and charges for the products and services of the waterworks system shall be as established by the Service Director.

(d) No free product or service of any kind shall be rendered by such waterworks system to any customer, including any public or private corporation, any public or private school, any governmental body or agency, or any institution, charitable or otherwise except the City of New Philadelphia or any department thereof. (Ord. 47-93. Passed 8-9-93.)

937.02 QUARTERLY REEXAMINATION OF METER AND BILLING;  
RESPONSIBILITY OF PAYMENT OF CHARGES.

(a) All meters shall be read with a frequency as is determined by the Service Director of the City of New Philadelphia. All bills shall be billed monthly and all bills shall be payable within fifteen calendar days after the bill is rendered. If the bill is paid within fifteen calendar days after it is rendered, payment of the net bill consisting of the charges shall constitute payment in full. If the bill is not paid within fifteen calendar days after it is rendered, payment of the gross bill consisting of the charges plus ten percent (10%) thereof shall constitute payment in full.

(b) With respect to the product and services of such waterworks system provided to lease premises, both lessors and lessees shall be responsible and liable for the payment of the charges herein provided. The City shall proceed to collect such charges from either the lessor or the lessee.

(c) Services may be shut off or terminated to any premises more than thirty days delinquent in the payment of their bill. (Ord. 43-2001. Passed 9-10-01.)

937.03 SINGLE FAMILY PREMISE.

(a) For the purpose of computing the minimum quarterly charge, the following shall constitute one single-family premise:

- (1) One building designed for single family occupancy as a residence, including any portion thereof used by a resident for professional or business purposes.
- (2) A combination of adjacent buildings (of the same ownership) designed for occupancy by a single family as a residence, including any such buildings and any portion of any such buildings used by a resident for business or professional purposes.
- (3) One building designed for single family occupancy both as a residence and for professional or business purposes, when the business or profession is conducted by a resident.
- (4) A combination of adjacent buildings, of the same ownership, designed for occupancy by a single family both as a residence and for professional or business purposes, when the business or profession is conducted by a resident.
- (5) One building designed for single occupancy by a person in the conduct of a single enterprise.
- (6) One dwelling unit designed for single family occupancy within a double house or within a multiple unit flat or apartment building where the several units are adjacent horizontally, but none are adjacent vertically.
- (7) One room or suite of rooms designed or used for single occupancy by a person in the conduct of a single enterprise within a multiple unit building, where the several units are adjacent horizontally but none are adjacent vertically.



- (8) Where one building or part thereof, of the same ownership, houses two or more of any of the following: office rooms, business rooms, or apartments; and if any of such units are adjacent vertically, then each of the following shall constitute a single premise:
  - A. Each room or suite of rooms, located on the first floor of the building, designed or used for single occupancy by a person in the conduct of a single enterprise; and
  - B. The remainder of the building collectively, except that if the entire first floor is occupied by the owner, then such building will constitute one single premise.
- (9) A single lot, park or playground without any building thereon.
- (10) A trailer that is individually metered.

(b) In the case of trailer parks where trailers are not individually metered, the number of single family premises to be used in computing the minimum quarterly bill shall be the number of trailer spaces or similar facilities available for occupancy or the metered consumption, whichever is greater. In the case of hotels or motels, the number of single family premises to be used in computing the minimum quarterly bill shall be determined by multiplying the number of rooms available for occupancy by fifty percent (50%) or the metered consumption, whichever is greater.  
(Ord. 47-93. Passed 8-9-93.)

#### 937.04 REVIEW BY SERVICE DIRECTOR; ADJUSTMENT OF CHARGES.

The Director of Public Service shall be and hereby is authorized and directed to maintain such rates and charges for the products and services of the waterworks system as shall be necessary to pay all costs associated therewith, including debt service and other payments related to bonds and notes issued to extend or improve the waterworks system, and in accordance with Ohio R.C. 743.04, make any and all adjustments in such rates and charges, at any time, in order to pay all such costs and comply with rate and any other covenants of any and all ordinances or indentures of mortgage authorizing the issuance of or securing debt to finance extensions and improvements to the waterworks system. In addition, the Director of Public Service shall be and hereby is authorized and directed to review annually, by November 1, of each year, the operation and maintenance expenses, debt service requirements and other requirements of such waterworks system for the succeeding year, including necessary and reasonably foreseeable costs for capital improvements and based on such review, to take such action as may be necessary to adjust the rates and charge of the waterworks system effective on January 1 of the succeeding year to provide for such requirements in accordance with rate and other covenants of any and all ordinances or indentures of mortgage authorizing the issuance of or securing debt issued to finance extensions and improvements to the waterworks system.  
(Ord. 47-93. Passed 8-9-93.)

#### 937.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined for the first offense not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and for the second or subsequent offense not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.  
(Ord. 47-93. Passed 8-9-93.)

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**CHAPTER 939**  
**Sewage Pretreatment**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Untreated sewage - see Ohio R.C. 3701.59  
Interference with sewage flow - see Ohio R.C. 4933.24  
Sewer regulations - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 931

**939.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following definitions.

- (1) "Act" means the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq), as amended.
- (2) "Authority" means the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and its designees: waste water treatment plant superintendent and/or pretreatment coordinator.
- (3) "Pretreatment" means the reduction of the amount of pollutants, the elimination of pollutants, or the alteration of the nature of pollutant properties in wastewater to a less harmful state prior to or in lieu of discharging or otherwise introducing pollutants into a POTW.
- (4) "Categorical Pretreatment Standards" means National Pretreatment Standards specifying quantities or concentrations of pollutants or pollutant properties which may be discharged or introduced into a POTW by specific Industrial Dischargers. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)
- (5) "Industrial Discharger or Industrial User" means any non-residential user who discharges an effluent into a POTW by means of pipes, conduits, pumping stations, force mains, constructed drainage ditches, intercepting ditches, and all constructed devices and appliances appurtenant thereto. (Ord. 1-2020. Passed 2-10-20.)
- (6) "Other wastes" means decayed wood, sawdust, shavings, bark, lime, refuse, ashes, garbage, offal, oil, tar, chemicals and all other substances except sewage and industrial wastes.

- (7) "Sewage" means water-carried human wastes or a combination of water-carried human wastes from residence, business buildings, institutions and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface, storm or other waters as may be present.
- (8) "Industrial" means solid, liquid or gaseous waste resulting from any industrial, manufacturing, trade or business process or from the development, recovery or processing of natural resources.
- (9) "O and M" means operation and maintenance.
- (10) "POTW" means any sewage treatment works and the sewers and conveyance appurtenances discharging thereto, owned and operated by the Authority.
- (11) "Wastewater" means industrial waste, or sewage or any other waste including that which may be combined with any ground water, surface water, or storm water, that may be discharged into the POTW.
- (12) "NPDES" means National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program as administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or State. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)
- (13) "Slug Load" means the discharge of any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants released at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which will affect the collection system and/or performance of the wastewater treatment works and which results in Interference, or Pass Through. (Ord. 1-2020. Passed 2-10-20.)
- (14) "Pollutant" means any substance discharged into a POTW or its collection system, or any substance which upon exposure to or assimilation into an organism will cause adverse effects such as cancer, genetic mutations or physiological manifestations as defined in standards issued pursuant to Section 307(a) of the Act.
- (15) "Shall" is mandatory.
- (16) "Toxic" means the list of toxic pollutants designated pollutants pursuant to Section 307(a)(1) of the Act.
- (17) "Indirect discharge" means the discharge or the introduction of non-domestic pollutants from a source regulated under Section 307(b) or (c) of the Act, into a POTW.
- (18) "Interference" means a discharge which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, both:
  - A. Inhibits or disrupts the POTW, or exhibits the possibility of, its treatment processes or operations, or its sludge processes, use or disposal; and
  - B. Therefore is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation) or of the prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal in compliance with the following statutory provisions and regulations or permits issued thereunder (or more stringent State or local regulations): Section 405 of the Clean Water Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) (including Title II, more commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and including State regulations contained in any State sludge management plan prepared pursuant to Subtitle D of the SWDA), the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)

- (19) "Pass-through" means a discharge which exits the POTW into the waters of the United States in quantities or concentrations which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation). (Ord. 1-2020. Passed 2-10-20.)
- (20) "Sewer" means any pipe, conduit, ditch or other device used to collect and transport sewage or storm water from the generating source.
- (21) "BOD" means Biochemical Oxygen Demand (a measure of sewage strength). The quantity of oxygen, expressed in milligrams per liter, utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory conditions for five days at a temperature of twenty degrees centigrade (20 deg. C). Laboratory determinations to be in accordance with the most recent edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water, Sewage and Industrial Wastes".
- (22) "Mass limitations" means restrictions on the allowable discharge to the POTW's sewer system based upon the gross amount of pollutants in a given flow stream regardless of pollutant concentrations.
- (23) "Upset" means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with categorical Pretreatment Standards because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the Industrial User. An Upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventative maintenance, or careless or improper operation.
- (24) "New source" means any building, structure, facility or installation from which there is or may be a discharge or pollutants, the construction of which commenced after the publication of proposed Pretreatment Standards under Section 307(c) of the Act which will be applicable to such source if such Standards are thereafter promulgated in accordance with that section, provided that:
- A. The building, structure, facility or installation is constructed at a site at which no other source is located; or
  - B. The building, structure, facility or installation totally replaces the process or production equipment that causes the discharge of pollutants at an existing source; or
  - C. The production or wastewater generating processes of the building, structure, facility or installation are substantially independent of an existing source at the same site.
- (25) "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of the Industrial User's treatment facility.
- (26) "Severe property damage" means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which renders them inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not include economic loss caused by delays in production.
- (27) "Significant Industrial User".
- A. Except as provided in part (B) of this section, the term Significant Industrial User includes:
    - 1. All industrial users subject to categorical pretreatment standards; and

2. Any other industrial user that: discharges an average of 25,000 gallons per day or more of process wastewater to the POTW; contributes a process wastestream which makes up 5 percent or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the POTW treatment plant; or has a reasonable potential, in the opinion of the Authority to adversely affect the POTW's operation or for violating any pretreatment standard or requirement.
  - B. The Authority may at any time, on its own initiative or in response to a petition received from an industrial user, determine that a noncategorical industrial user is not a Significant Industrial User if the industrial user has no reasonable potential to adversely affect the POTW's operation or for violating any pretreatment standard or requirement.
- (28) "Pollution Prevention" means eliminating the generation of wastes and pollutants at the source (source reduction) and/or recycling or reusing wastes and pollutants that are generated in an environmentally sound manner. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)
- (29) "Significant Noncompliance" The term Significant Noncompliance shall be applicable to any Significant Industrial User that meets the criteria set forth in Section 939.08(f), or any other Industrial Discharger that meets the criteria set forth in Section 939.08)(f)(3),(4), or (8).
- (30) "Best Management Practices or BMPs" means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to implement the prohibitions listed in Section 939.02. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw materials storage. (Ord. 1-2020. Passed 2-10-20.)

#### 939.02 GENERAL DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS.

A Discharger shall not introduce into the POTW any pollutant(s) which cause or may cause pass-thru or interference. These prohibitions apply to each Discharger introducing pollutants into a POTW whether or not the source is subject to other National Pretreatment Standards or any National, State or local Pretreatment Requirements. In addition, the following specific pollutants shall not be introduced into the POTW:

- (a) Any liquids, solids or gases which by reason of their nature or quantity are, or may be, sufficient either alone or by interaction to cause fire or explosion or be injurious in any other way to the operation of the POTW or the sewer system including pollutants with a closed cup flash point of less than 140 degrees F or 60 degrees C (the RCRA ignitability standard for liquid characteristic waste) using the test method specified in 40 CFR 261.21
- (b) Solid or viscous substances which will or may cause obstruction to the flow in a sewer or other interference with the operation of the wastewater system. Discharges of petroleum oil, nonbiodegradable cutting oil or products of mineral oil origin are now prohibited if discharged in amounts that can pass through or cause interference.
- (c) Any wastewater having a pH of less than 5.0 or higher than 9.0 or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment or personnel of the system.
- (d) Any wastewater containing toxic pollutants in sufficient quantity, will or may either singly or by interaction to injure or interfere with any wastewater treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals.

- (e) Any noxious or malodorous liquids, gases, or solids which either singly or by interaction are capable of creating a public nuisance or hazard to life or are sufficient to prevent entry into the sewers for their maintenance and repair. All IUs are prohibited from discharging pollutants into the POTW that result in toxic gases, vapors or fumes which may cause POTW worker acute health and safety problems.
- (f) Any substance which may cause the POTW's effluent or treatment residues, sludges, or scums, to be unsuitable for reclamation and reuse or to interfere with the reclamation process. In no case shall a substance discharged to the POTW cause the POTW to be in noncompliance with the sludge use or disposal criteria, guidelines or regulations developed under Section 405 of the Act; any criteria, guidelines, or regulations affecting the sludge use or disposal developed pursuant to the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, or State standards applicable to the sludge management method being used.
- (g) Any substance which will or may cause the POTW to violate its NPDES and/or other Disposal System Permits.
- (h) Any substance with objectionable color not removed in the treatment process, or in such concentration to inhibit biological activity required by the POTW's operation, such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solution.
- (i) Any wastewater having a temperature which will inhibit biological activity in the POTW treatment plant resulting in interference; but in no case wastewater with a temperature at the introduction into the POTW which exceeds 40 degrees C (104 degrees F), unless the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, upon request of the POTW, approves alternate temperature limits.  
(Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)
- (j) Any slugload, which means the discharge of any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants, released at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which will affect the collection system and/or performance of the wastewater treatment works and which results in Interference or Pass Through.
- (k) Any unpolluted water including, but not limited to, noncontact cooling water.
- (l) Any wastewater containing any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as exceed limits established by the Authority in compliance with applicable State or Federal regulations.
- (m) Any wastewater which causes or may cause a hazard to human life or creates a public nuisance.  
(Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)
- (n) Any trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the POTW. (Ord. 1-2020. Passed 2-10-20.)

#### 939.03 LIMITATIONS ON WASTEWATER STRENGTH.

The Authority shall adopt and apply categorical limits and State or local limits in pretreatment standards approved by Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The most stringent applicable limits shall be applied to the Discharger.

- (a) National Categorical Pretreatment Standards. National Categorical Pretreatment Standards as promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to the Act shall be met by all dischargers of the regulated industrial categories. An application for modification of the national categorical pretreatment standards may be considered for submittal to the Regional Administrator by the Authority, when the Authority's wastewater treatment system achieves consistent removal of the pollutants as defined by 40 CFR 403.7.

- (b) State or Local Requirements. State or Local Requirements and limitations on discharges to the POTW shall be met by all Dischargers which are subject to such standards in any instance in which they are more stringent than federal requirements and limitations or those in this or any other applicable ordinance. These standards may be in the form of concentration limits or equivalent mass limits as deemed necessary by the local Authority.
- (c) Right of Revision. The Authority reserves the right to amend this chapter to provide for more stringent limitations or requirements on discharges to the POTW where deemed necessary to comply with the objectives set forth in Ordinance 44-83. This reservation includes the right to make net/gross calculations as described in 40 CFR 403.15.
- (d) "Dilution" means no Discharger shall increase the use of potable or process water in any way, nor mix separate waste streams for the purpose of diluting a discharge as a partial or complete substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with the standards set forth in this chapter. The imposition of fines and/or mass loading limits may be applied. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)
- (e) Permit required. Industrial users shall apply for and obtain a wastewater discharge permit before discharging process wastewaters to the New Philadelphia sanitary sewer. No industrial user may discharge to the New Philadelphia sanitary sewer except in compliance with the effluent limits, terms and conditions in the user's discharge permit. (Ord. 1-2020. Passed 2-10-20.)

#### 939.04 ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES.

(a) Each Discharger shall provide protection from accidental discharge of prohibited or regulated materials or substances established by this chapter. Where necessary, facilities to prevent accidental discharge of prohibited materials shall be provided and maintained at the Discharger's cost and expense. Detailed plans showing facilities and operating procedures to provide this protection shall be submitted to the Authority for review, and shall be approved by the Authority before construction of the facility.

(b) Each existing Discharger shall complete its plan and submit same to the Authority within 90 days of notification of such requirement by the City. No Discharger who discharges to the POTW after the aforesaid date shall be permitted to introduce pollutants into the system until Accidental Discharge Protection Procedures have been approved by the Authority. Review and approval of such plans and operating procedures by the Authority shall not relieve the Discharger from the responsibility to modify its facility as necessary to meet the requirements of this chapter.

(c) Dischargers shall notify the Authority immediately upon the occurrence of a "Slugload", or accidental discharge of substances prohibited by this chapter. The notification shall include location of discharge, date, and time thereof, type of waste, concentration and volume, and corrective actions. Any Discharger who discharges a slugload of prohibited materials shall be liable for any expense, loss or damage to the POTW, in addition to the amount of any fines imposed on the Authority on account thereof under the State of Federal law.

(d) Signs shall be permanently posted in conspicuous places on Discharger's premises, advising employees who to call in the event of a slug or accidental discharge. Employers shall instruct all employees who may cause or discover such a discharge with respect to emergency notification procedure. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)



(e) The Authority will evaluate new Significant Industrial Users before construction of the facility, existing Significant Industrial Users at least once every permit cycle, and any other Significant Industrial User within one year of being designated a Significant Industrial User, for the need to develop a plan or other action to control Slug Discharges. For purposes of this subsection, a Slug Discharge is any Discharge of a non-routine, episodic nature, including but not limited to an accidental spill or a non-customary batch Discharge, which has a reasonable potential to cause Interference or Pass Through, or in any other way violate the POTW's regulations, local limits or Permit conditions. Significant Industrial Users are required to notify the POTW immediately of any changes at its facility affecting potential for a Slug Discharge. If the Authority determines that a slug control plan is needed, the plan shall contain, at a minimum, the following elements:

- (1) Description of discharge practices, including non-routine batch Discharges;
- (2) Description of stored chemicals;
- (3) Procedures for immediately notifying the Authority of Slug Discharges, including any Discharge that would violate a prohibition under §403.5(b) with procedures for followup written notification within five days;
- (4) If necessary, procedures to prevent adverse impact from accidental spills, including inspection and maintenance of storage areas, handling and transfer of materials, loading and unloading operations, control of plant site run-off, worker training, building of containment structures or equipment, measures for containing toxic organic pollutants (including solvents), and/or measures and equipment for emergency response;

(f) A bypass may be permitted if it does not result in a permit violation and only if the bypass is necessary for maintenance to ensure efficient operation.  
(Ord. 1-2020. Passed 2-10-20.)

(g) The Authority may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Authority determines that the conditions listed above under a, b, and c will be met. All other bypasses will be subject to enforcement action.  
(Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)

#### 939.05 DISCHARGE ONLY AT DESIGNATED SPECIFIC LOCATIONS.

No person shall access the sewer system or POTW for any activity including discharges of hauled septic or industrial wastes except at locations and at times as designated by the Authority. Any removal of manhole lids, or other access to the sewer system for the purpose of discharging wastes at times and/or locations other than those designated by the Authority, shall be considered a violation and shall be subject to enforcement actions including fines and penalties allowed under this chapter.  
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#### 939.06 FEES.

(a) Purpose. It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for the payment of fees from Dischargers to the Authority's wastewater disposal system, to compensate the Authority for the cost of administration of the pretreatment program established herein.

(b) Charges and Fees. The Discharger shall reimburse the Authority for any costs incurred in the sampling program, in the administration of the program, including but not limited to laboratory analysis, sampling equipment or any other cost directly attributable to the Discharger.  
(Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)

## 939.07 ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Wastewater Discharges. It shall be unlawful to discharge sewage, industrial wastes or other wastes to any sewer within the jurisdiction of the Authority, and/or to the POTW without having first complied with the terms of this Ordinance.

(b) Wastewater Discharge Data Disclosure.

- (1) General disclosure. All Industrial Dischargers proposing to connect to or to discharge sewage, industrial wastes and other wastes to the POTW shall comply with all terms of this chapter within 90 days after the effective date of this chapter or, for New Sources, within the shortest time feasible not to exceed 90 days after commencement of discharge.
- (2) Disclosure forms. Industrial Dischargers shall complete and file with the Authority a disclosure declaration in the form prescribed by the Authority, and accompanied by the appropriate fee, if any. Existing Industrial Dischargers shall file disclosure forms within 30 days after the effective date of this chapter, and any proposed new Discharger shall file its disclosure forms at least 30 days prior to connecting to the POTW. The disclosure to be made by the Discharger shall be made on written forms provided by the Authority and shall cover:
  - A. Disclosure of name, address, and location of the Discharger;
  - B. Disclosure of Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) number according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, Bureau of the Budget, 1972, as amended;
  - C. Disclosure of wastewater constituents and characteristics as determined by bonafide chemical and biological analysis. Sampling and analysis shall be performed in accordance with procedures established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and contained in 40 CFR, Part 136, as amended;
  - D. Disclosure of time and duration of discharges;
  - E. Disclosure of average daily and instantaneous peak wastewater flow rates, in gallons per day, including daily, monthly and seasonal variations, if any. All flows shall be measured unless other verifiable techniques are approved by the Authority due to cost or nonfeasibility;
  - F. Disclosure of site plans, floor plans, mechanical and plumbing plans and details to show all sewers, sewer connections, inspection manholes, sampling chambers and appurtenances by size, location and elevation.
  - G. Description of activities, facilities and plant processes on the premises including all materials which are or may be discharged to the sewers or works of the Authority;
  - H. Disclosure of the nature and concentration of any pollutants or materials prohibited by this chapter in the discharge, together with a statement regarding whether or not compliance is being achieved with this chapter on a consistent basis and if not, whether additional operation and maintenance activities and/or additional pretreatment is required for the Discharger to comply with this chapter;
  - I. Where additional pretreatment and/or operation and maintenance activities will be required to comply with this chapter, the Discharger shall provide a declaration of the shortest schedule by which the Discharger will provide such additional pretreatment and/or implementation of additional operational and maintenance activities;

1. The schedule shall contain milestone dates for the commencement and completion of major events leading to the construction and operation of additional pretreatment required for the Discharger to comply with the requirements of this chapter including, but not limited to, dates relating to hiring an engineer, hiring other appropriate personnel, completing preliminary plans, completing final plans, executing contract for major components, commencing construction, completing construction, and all other acts necessary to achieve compliance with this chapter;
  2. Under no circumstances shall the Authority permit a time increment for any single step directed toward compliance which exceeds 9 months;
  3. Not later than 14 days following each milestone date in the schedule and the final date for compliance, the Discharger shall submit a progress report to the Authority, including no less than a statement as to whether or not it complied with the increment of progress represented by that milestone date and, if not, the date on which it expects to comply with this increment of progress, the reason for delay, and the steps being taken by the Discharger to return the construction to the approved schedule. In no event shall more than 9 months elapse between such progress reports to the Authority.
- J. Disclosure of each product produced by type, amount, process or processes and rate of production;
  - K. Disclosure of the type and amount of raw materials utilized (average and maximum per day);
  - L. All disclosure forms shall be signed by a principal executive officer of the Discharger;
  - M. All sewers shall have an inspection and sampling manhole or structure with an opening of no less than 24 inches diameter and an internal diameter of no less than 36 inches containing flow measuring, recording and sampling equipment as required by the Authority to assure compliance with this chapter;
  - N. Industrial users shall promptly notify the Authority in advance of any substantial changes in the volume or character of pollutants in their discharge, including the listed or characteristic hazardous wastes for which the Industrial User has submitted initial notification under 40 CFR 403.12(p).

The Authority will evaluate the complete disclosure form and data furnished by the Discharger and may require additional information. Within 30 days after full evaluation and acceptance of the data furnished, the Authority shall notify the Discharger of the Authority's acceptance thereof.

- (3) Standards modification. The Authority reserves the right to amend this Ordinance and the terms and conditions hereof in order to assure compliance by the Authority with applicable laws and regulations. As new National Categorical Pretreatment Standards are promulgated, they will be considered a part of this chapter. Where a Discharger, subject to a National Categorical Pretreatment Standard, has not previously submitted a disclosure form as required by subsection (b)(2), the Discharger shall file a disclosure form with the Authority within 180 days after the promulgation of the Applicable National Categorical Pretreatment Standard by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, any Discharger operating on the basis of a previous filing of a disclosure statement, shall submit to the Authority within 180 days after the promulgation of an applicable National Categorical Pretreatment Standard, the additional information required by paragraphs H. and I. of subsection (b)(2). The Discharger shall be informed of any additional proposed changes in the chapter at least 30 days prior to the effective date of change. Any changes or new conditions in the Ordinance shall include a reasonable time schedule for compliance.  
(Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)
- (c) Reporting Requirements for Discharger.
- (1) Baseline report. Within 180 days after the effective date of a categorical Pretreatment Standard, or 180 days after the final administrative decision made upon a category determination submission under 40 CFR 403.6(a)(4), whichever is later, existing Industrial Dischargers subject to such categorical Pretreatment Standards and currently discharging to or scheduled to discharge to the POTW shall be required to submit to the Authority a report which contains the information required in 40 CFR 403.12(b)(1-7). At least 90 days prior to commencement of discharge, New Sources, and sources that become Industrial Users subsequent to the promulgation of an applicable categorical Standard, shall be required to submit to the Authority a report which contains the information listed in 40 CFR 403.12(b)(1)-(5). New sources shall also include in this report information on the method of pretreatment the source intends to use to meet applicable pretreatment standards. New Sources shall give estimates of the information requested in paragraphs (b) (4) and (5) of 40 CFR 403.12.
- (2) 90 Day Compliance report. Within 90 days following the date for final compliance by the Discharger with applicable Pretreatment Standards set forth in this chapter or 90 days following commencement of the introduction of wastewater into the POTW by a New Discharger, any Discharger subject to this chapter shall submit to the Authority a report indicating the nature and concentration of all prohibited or regulated substances contained in its discharge, and the average and maximum daily flow in gallons. The report shall state whether the applicable Pretreatment Standards or Requirements are being met on a consistent basis and, if not, what additional O and M and/or pretreatment is necessary to bring the Discharger into compliance with the applicable Pretreatment Standards or Requirements. This statement shall be signed by an authorized representative of the Discharger.

- (3) Periodic compliance reports. Any Discharger subject to a Pretreatment Standard set forth in this chapter, after the compliance date of such Pretreatment Standard or, in the case of a New Discharger, after commencement of the discharge to the Authority, and Significant Non-categorical Industrial Users, shall submit to the Authority during the months of January and July, unless required more frequently by the Authority, a report indicating the nature and concentration, of prohibited or regulated substances in the effluent which are limited by the Pretreatment Standards and local limitations. In addition, this report shall include a record of all measured or estimated average and maximum daily flows during the reporting period in subsection (c)(1) hereof. Flows shall be reported on the basis of actual measurement, provided, however, where cost or feasibility considerations justify, the Authority may accept reports of average and maximum flows estimated by verifiable techniques. The Authority, for good cause shown considering such factors as local high or low flow rates, holidays, budget cycles, or other extenuating factors, may authorize the submission of said reports on months other than those specified above.
- A. Reports of Dischargers required in 937.07(c)(1-3) shall contain all results of sampling and analysis of the discharge, including the flow and the nature and concentration, or production and mass where required by the Authority. The frequency of monitoring by the Discharger shall be as prescribed by the Authority. In cases where a local limit requires compliance with a Best Management Practice or pollution prevention alternative, the User must submit documentation required by the Control Authority to determine the compliance status of the User. All analyses shall be performed in accordance with 40 CFR, Part 136 and amendments thereto. (Comment: Where 40 CFR, Part 136, does not include a sampling or analytical technique for the pollutant in question, sampling and analysis shall be performed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Environmental Protection Agency publication, Sampling and Analysis Procedures for Screening of Industrial Effluents for Priority Pollutants, April, 1977, and amendments thereto, or with any other sampling and analytical procedures approved by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.) Grab samples must be used for pH, cyanide, total phenols, oil and grease, sulfide, and volatile organic compounds. For all other pollutants, 24-hour composite samples must be obtained through flow-proportional composite sampling techniques, unless time-proportional composite sampling or grab sampling is authorized by the Control Authority. Where time-proportional composite sampling or grab sampling is authorized by the Authority, the samples must be representative of the Discharge and the decision to allow the alternative sampling must be documented in the Industrial User file for that facility or facilities. Using protocols (including appropriate preservation) specified in 40 CFR part 136 and appropriate EPA guidance, multiple grab samples collected during a 24-hour period may be composited prior to the analysis as follows: For cyanide, total phenols, and sulfides the samples may be composited in the

laboratory or in the field; for volatile organics and oil & grease the samples may be composited in the laboratory. Composite samples for other parameters unaffected by the compositing procedures as documented in approved EPA methodologies may be authorized by the Authority, as appropriate.  
(Ord. 1-2020. Passed 2-10-20.)

(d) Monitoring Facilities. Each Discharger shall provide and operate at the Discharger's own expense, a monitoring facility to allow inspection, sampling and flow measurement of each sewer discharge to the Authority. Each monitoring facility shall be situated on the Discharger's premises, except where such a location would be impractical or cause undue hardship on the Discharger, the Authority may concur with the facility being construction in the public street or sidewalk area providing that the facility is located so that it will not be obstructed by landscaping or parked vehicles.

- (1) There shall be ample room in or near such sampling facility to allow accurate sampling and preparation of samples for analysis. The facility, sampling and measuring equipment shall be maintained at all times in a safe and proper operating condition at the expense of the Discharger.
- (2) All monitoring facilities shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with all applicable local construction standards and specifications. Construction shall be completed within 120 days of receipt of permit by Discharger.

(e) Inspection and Sampling. The Authority may inspect the monitoring facilities of any Discharger to determine compliance with the requirements of this chapter. The Discharger shall allow the Authority or its representatives, upon presentation of credentials of identification, to enter upon the premises of the Discharger at all reasonable hours, for the purposes of inspection, sampling, or records examination. The Authority shall have the right to set up on the Discharger's property such devices as are necessary to conduct sampling, inspection, compliance monitoring and/or metering operations.

(f) Confidential Information. Information and data furnished to the Authority with respect to the nature and frequency of discharge shall be available to the public or other governmental agency without restriction unless the Discharger specifically requests and is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Authority that the release of such information would divulge information, processes or methods of production entitled to protection as trade secrets or proprietary information of the Discharger.

- (1) When requested by a Discharger furnishing a report, the portions of a report which may disclose trade secrets or secret processes shall not be made available for inspection by the public but shall be made available upon written request to governmental agencies for uses related to this chapter, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, State Disposal System permit and/or the Pretreatment Programs; provided, however, that such portions of a report shall be available for use by the State or any state agency in judicial review or enforcement proceedings involving the Discharger furnishing the Report. Wastewater constituents and characteristics will not be recognized as confidential information.
- (2) Information accepted by the Authority as confidential, shall not be transmitted to any governmental agency or to the general public by the Authority until and unless a ten-day notification is given to the Discharger.

(g) Authority. The Authority may issue orders to any Industrial User to require compliance with any requirements under this chapter, including applicable Categorical Pretreatment Standards, other discharge limits, and reporting requirements. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)

(h) Signatory and Certification Requirements. All applications and reports submitted to the Authority shall be signed and certified:

- (1) By a responsible corporate officer, if the Industrial User is a corporation. For the purpose of this paragraph, a responsible corporate officer means:
  - A. A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or
  - B. The manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiate and direct other comprehensive measures to assure long-term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for control mechanism requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.
- (2) By a general partner or proprietor if the Industrial User is a partnership, or sole proprietorship respectively.
- (3) By a duly authorized representative of the individual designated in paragraph (1) or (2) of this section if:
  - A. The authorization is made in writing by the individual described in paragraph (1) or (2);
  - B. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the facility from which the Industrial Discharge originates, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well, or well field superintendent, or a position of equivalent responsibility, or having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company; and
  - C. The written authorization is submitted to the Authority.
- (4) If an authorization under paragraph (3) of this section is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, or overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of paragraph (3) of this section must be submitted to the Authority prior to or together with any reports to be signed by an authorize representative.

(i) Septic Haulers. All septic haulers shall apply for a Permit before discharging to the POTW. All septic haulers will be subject to random sampling. Septic haulers shall be tested at the septic receiving station at the WWTP. (Ord. 1-2020. Passed 2-10-20.)

## 939.08 ENFORCEMENT.

(a) Emergency Suspension of Service and Discharge Permits. The Authority may for good cause shown suspend the wastewater treatment service to a Discharger when it appears to the Authority that an actual or threatened discharge presents or threatens an imminent or substantial danger to the environment, interfere with the operation of the POTW, or violate any pretreatment limits imposed by this chapter. Any Discharger notified of the suspension of the Authority's wastewater treatment service shall within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Authority, cease all discharges. In the event of failure of the Discharger to comply voluntarily with the suspension order within the specified time, the Authority shall commence judicial proceedings immediately thereafter to compel the Discharger's compliance with such order. The Authority shall reinstate the wastewater treatment service and terminate judicial proceedings pending proof by the Discharger of the elimination of the noncomplying discharge or conditions creating the threat of imminent or substantial danger as set forth above.

(b) Revocation of Treatment Services. The Authority may seek to terminate the wastewater treatment services to any Discharger which fails to:

- (1) Factually report the wastewater constituents and characteristics of its discharge;
- (2) Report significant changes in wastewater constituents or characteristics;
- (3) Refuses reasonable access to the Discharger's premises by representatives of the Authority for the purpose of inspection or monitoring; or
- (4) Violates the conditions of this chapter, or any final judicial order entered with respect thereto.

(c) Notification of Violation; Administrative Adjustment. Whenever the Authority finds that any Discharger has engaged in conduct which justifies termination of wastewater treatment services, pursuant to subsection (b) hereof, the Authority shall serve or cause to be served upon such Discharger a written notice either personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, stating the nature of the alleged violation. Within 30 days of the date of receipt of the notice, the Discharger shall respond personally or in writing to the Authority advising of its position with respect to the allegations. Thereafter, the parties shall meet to ascertain the veracity of the allegations and where necessary, establish a plan for the satisfactory correction thereof.

(d) Show Cause Hearing. Where the violation of subsection (b) hereof is not corrected by timely compliance by means of Administrative Adjustment, the Authority may order any Discharger which causes or allows conduct prohibited by subsection (b) hereof to show cause before the Authority or its duly authorized representative why the proposed service termination action should not be taken. A written notice shall be served on the Discharger by personal service, certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, specifying the time and place of a hearing to be held by the Authority or its designee regarding the violation, the reasons why the enforcement action is to be taken, the proposed enforcement action, and directing the Discharger to show cause before the Authority or its designee why the proposed enforcement action should not be taken. The notice of the hearing shall be served no less than ten days before the hearing. Service may be made on any agent, officer or authorized representative of a Discharger. The proceedings at the hearing shall be considered by the Authority which shall then enter appropriate orders with respect to the alleged improper activities of the Discharger. Appeal of such orders may be taken by the Discharger in accordance with applicable local or State law.



(e) Judicial Proceedings. Following the entry of any order by the Authority with respect to the conduct of a Discharger contrary to the provisions of subsection (b) hereof, the Attorney for the Authority may, following the authorization of such action by the Authority, commence an action for appropriate legal and/or equitable relief in the Court of Common Pleas of Tuscarawas County, Ohio. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)

(f) Enforcement Actions - Annual Publication. At least annually, the Authority shall publish a list of all Industrial Users which at any time during the previous twelve months were in significant noncompliance with the applicable pretreatment requirements. For the purposes of this provision, an Industrial User is in significant noncompliance if its violations meet one or more of the following criteria:

- (1) Chronic violations of wastewater discharge limits, defined here as those in which sixty-six percent (66%) or more of all of the measurements taken for the same pollutant parameter during a six-month period exceed (by any magnitude) a numeric pretreatment standard or requirement including instantaneous limits.
- (2) Technical Review Criteria (TRC) violations, defined here as those in which thirty-three percent (33%) or more of all of the measurements taken for the same pollutant parameter during a six-month period equal or exceed the product of the numeric pretreatment standard or requirement including instantaneous limits multiplied by the applicable TRC (TRC=1.4 for BOD, TSS, fats, oil and grease, and 1.2 for all other pollutants except pH);
- (3) Any other violation of a Pretreatment Standard or Requirement as defined by 40 CFR 403.3(1) (daily maximum, long-term average, instantaneous limit, or narrative Standard) that the Authority determines has caused, alone or in combination with other discharges, interference or pass through (including endangering the health of POTW personnel or the general public);
- (4) Any discharge of a pollutant that has caused imminent endangerment of human health, welfare or to the environment or has resulted in the POTW's exercise of emergency authority to halt or prevent such a discharge;
- (5) Failure to meet, within 90 days after the scheduled date, a compliance schedule milestone contained in a wastewater discharge permit or enforcement order for starting construction, completing construction, or attaining final compliance;
- (6) Failure to provide, within 45 days after the due date, required reports such as baseline monitoring reports, 90 day compliance reports, periodic self-monitoring reports, and reports on compliance with compliance schedules;
- (7) Failure to accurately report noncompliance;
- (8) Any other violation or group of violations, which may include a violation of Best Management Practices, which the Authority determines will or has adversely affected the operation or implementation of the City's pretreatment program.  
(Ord. 1-2020. Passed 2-10-20.)

(g) Right of Appeal. Any Discharger or any interested party shall have the right to request in writing an interpretation or ruling by the Authority on any matter covered by this chapter and shall be entitled to a prompt written reply. In the event that such inquiry is by a Discharger and deals with matters of performance or compliance with this chapter for which enforcement activity relating to an alleged violation is the subject, receipt of a Discharger's request shall stay all enforcement proceedings pending receipt of the aforesaid written reply. Appeal of any final judicial order entered pursuant to this chapter may be taken in accordance with local and State law.

(h) Operating Upsets. Any Discharger which experiences an upset in operations which places the Discharger in a temporary state of noncompliance with this chapter shall inform the Authority thereof within 24 hours of first awareness of the commencement of the upset. Where such information is given orally, a written follow-up report thereof shall be filed by the Discharger with the Authority within five days. The report shall specify:

- (1) Description of the upset, the cause thereof and the upset's impact on a Discharger's compliance status.
- (2) Duration of noncompliance, including exact dates and times of noncompliance, and if the noncompliance continues, the time by which compliance is reasonably expected to occur.
- (3) All steps taken or to be taken to reduce, eliminate and prevent recurrence of such an upset or other conditions of noncompliance

A documented and verified bonafide operating upset shall be an affirmative defense to any enforcement action brought by the Authority against a Discharger for any noncompliance with the chapter which arises out of violations alleged to have occurred during the period of the upset. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)

#### 939.09 RECORDS RETENTION.

All Dischargers subject to this chapter shall retain and preserve for no less than three (3) years any records, books, documents, memoranda, reports, correspondence and any and all summaries thereof, relating to monitoring, sampling and chemical analysis made by or in behalf of a Discharger in connection with its discharge. All records which pertain to matters which are the subject of Administrative Adjustment or any other enforcement or litigation activities brought by the Authority pursuant hereto shall be retained and preserved by the Discharger until all enforcement activities have concluded and all periods of limitation with respect to any and all appeals have expired. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)

#### 939.10 SEVERABILITY.

If any provision, paragraph, word, section or chapter of this chapter is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections, and chapters shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)

#### 939.11 CONFLICT.

All other ordinances and parts of other ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with any part of this chapter are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency of conflict. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)

939.99 PENALTIES.

(a) Penalties. Any Discharger who is found to have violated an Order or Permit issued by the Authority, who has failed to comply with any provision of this chapter, the regulations or rules of the Authority, or orders of any court of competent jurisdiction shall, upon conviction, be punished by the imposition of a fine of not more than \$1,000.00. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day for each violation during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. 1-2020. Passed 2-10-20.)

(b) Recovery of Costs Incurred by the Authority. Any Discharger violating any of the provisions of this chapter, or who discharges or causes a discharge producing a deposit or obstruction, or causes damage to or impairs the Authority's wastewater disposal system shall be liable to the Authority for any expense, loss, or damage caused by such violation or discharge. The Authority shall bill the Discharger for the costs incurred by the Authority for any cleaning, repair, or replacement work caused by the violation or discharge. Refusal to pay the assessed costs shall constitute a violation of this chapter enforceable under the provisions of Section 939.08.

(c) Falsifying Information. Any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation or certification in any application, record, reports, plan or other document filed or required to be maintained pursuant to this chapter, or who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate, any monitoring device or method required under this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished by the imposition of a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by both. (Ord. 53-94. Passed 10-10-94.)



**CHAPTER 945**  
**Backflow; Cross Connection Control**

945.01 Purpose.	945.03 Definitions.
945.02 Responsibility.	945.04 Requirements.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Backflow - see OAC 4101:2-51-38  
 Water regulations - see S.U.&P.S. Ch. 935

**945.01 PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this chapter is:

- (a) To protect the public potable water supply of New Philadelphia from the possibility of contamination or pollution by isolating within the customer's internal distribution system(s) or the customer's private water system(s) such contaminants or pollutants that could backflow into the public water system; and,
- (b) To promote the elimination or control of existing cross connections, actual or potential, between the customer's in plant potable water system(s) and nonpotable water systems, plumbing fixtures and industrial piping systems; and,
- (c) To provide for the maintenance of a continuing program of cross connection control that will systematically and effectively prevent the contamination or pollution of all potable water systems.  
 (Ord. 43-91. Passed 7-8-91.)

**945.02 RESPONSIBILITY.**

The Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist shall be responsible for the protection of the public potable water distribution system from contamination or pollution due to the backflow of contaminants or pollutants through the water service connection. If, in the judgment of the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist, an approved backflow prevention assembly is required (at the customer's water service connection; or, within the customer's private water system) for the safety of the water system, the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist or his/her designated agent shall give notice in writing to such customer to install such an approved backflow prevention assembly(s) at specific location(s) on his/her premises. The customer shall immediately install such approved assembly(s) at his/her own expense; and, failure, refusal, or inability on the part of the customer to install, have tested, and maintain such assembly(s) shall constitute grounds for discontinuing water service to the premises until such requirements have been satisfactorily met.  
 (Ord. 43-91. Passed 7-8-91.)

## 945.03 DEFINITIONS.

(a) "Water Commissioner" or "Health Official" means the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist in charge of the (Water Department or Health Department) of New Philadelphia, is invested with the authority and responsibility for the implementation of an effective cross connection control program and for the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

(b) "Approved" means accepted by the authority responsible as meeting an applicable specification stated or cited in this chapter or as suitable for the proposed use.

(c) "Auxiliary water supply" means any water supply on or available to the premises other than the purveyor's approved public water supply. These auxiliary waters may include water from another purveyor's public potable water supply or any natural source(s), such as a well, spring, river, stream, harbor, and so forth; used waters; or industrial fluids. These waters may be contaminated or polluted, or they may be objectionable and constitute an unacceptable water source over which the water purveyor does not have sanitary control.

(d) "Backflow" means the undesirable reversal of flow in a potable water distribution system as a result of a cross connection.

(e) "Backpressure" means a pressure higher than the supply pressure, caused by a pump, elevated tank, boiler, or any other means that may cause backflow.

(f) "Backsiphonage" means backflow caused by negative or reduced pressure in the supply piping.

(g) "Backflow preventer" means an assembly or means designed to prevent backflow.

- (1) "Air gap" means the unobstructed vertical distance through the free atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe or faucet conveying water or waste to a tank, plumbing fixture, receptor, or other assembly and the flood level rim of the receptacle. These vertical, physical separations must be at least twice the diameter of the water supply outlet, never less than one inch (25mm).
- (2) "Reduced pressure backflow prevention assembly." The approved reduced-pressure principle backflow prevention assembly consists of two independently acting approved check valves together with a hydraulically operating, mechanically independent pressure differential relief valve located between two tightly closing resilient-seated shutoff valves as an assembly and equipped with properly located resilient-seated test cocks.

- (3) "Double check valve assembly". The approved double check valve assembly consists of two internally loaded check valves, either spring loaded or internally weighted, installed as a unit between two tightly closing resilient-seated shutoff valves and fittings with properly located resilient-seated test cocks. This assembly shall only be used to protect against a nonhealth (that is, a pollutant).

(h) "Contamination" means an impairment of a potable water supply by the introduction or admission of any foreign substance that degrades the quality and creates a health hazard.

(I) "Cross connection" means a connection or potential connection between any part of a potable water system and any other environment containing other substances in a manner that, under any circumstances would allow such substances to enter the potable water system. Other substances may be gases, liquids or solids such as chemicals, waste products, steam, water from other sources (potable or nonpotable), or any matter that may change the color or add odor to the water.

(j) "Cross Connections; Controlled " means a connection between a potable water system and a nonpotable water system with an approved backflow prevention assembly properly installed and maintained so that it will continuously afford the protection commensurate with the degree of hazard.

(k) "Cross Connection Control by Containment" means the installation of an approved backflow prevention assembly at the water service connection to any customer's premises, where it is physically and economically unfeasible to find and permanently eliminate or control all actual or potential cross connections within the customer's water system; or it means the installation of an approved backflow prevention assembly on the service line leading to and supplying a portion of a customer's water system where there are actual or potential cross connections that cannot be effectively eliminated or controlled at the point of the cross connection.

(l) "Hazard, Degree of". The term is derived from an evaluation of the potential risk to public health and the adverse effect of the hazard upon the potable water system.

- (1) "Hazard-health" means a cross connection or potential cross connection involving any substance that could, if introduced in the potable water supply, cause death, illness, spread disease, or have a high probability of causing such effects.

- (2) "Hazard-plumbing" means a plumbing-type cross connection in a consumer's potable water system that has not been properly protected by an approved air gap or an approved backflow prevention assembly.
- (3) "Hazard-nonhealth" means a cross connection or potential cross connection involving any substance that generally would not be a health hazard but would constitute a nuisance or be aesthetically objectionable, if introduced into the potable water supply.
- (4) "Hazard-system" means an actual or potential threat of severe damage to the physical properties of the public potable water system or the consumer's potable water system or of a pollution or contamination that would have a protracted effect on the quality of the potable water in the system.

(m) "Industrial Fluids System" means any system containing a fluid or solution that may be chemically, biologically or otherwise contaminated or polluted in a form of concentration, such as would constitute a health, pollution or plumbing hazard, if introduced into an approved water supply. This may include, but not be limited to: polluted or contaminated waters; all types of process waters and used waters originating from the public potable water system that may have deteriorated in sanitary quality; chemicals in fluid form; plating acids and alkalis; circulating cooling waters connected to an open cooling tower; and/or cooling towers that are chemically or biologically treated or stabilized with toxic substances; contaminated natural waters, such as wells, springs, streams, rivers, bays, harbors, seas, irrigation canals or systems, and so forth; oils, gases, glycerine, paraffins, caustic and acid solutions, and other liquid and gaseous fluids used in industrial or other purposes for fire-fighting purposes.

(n) "Pollution" means the presence of any foreign substance in water that tends to degrade its quality so as to constitute a nonhealth or impair the usefulness of the water.

(o) "Water - Potable" means water that is safe for human consumption as described by the public health authority having jurisdiction.

(p) "Water - Nonpotable" means water that is not safe for human consumption or that is of questionable quality.

(q) "Service connection" means the terminal end of a service connection from the public potable water system, that is, where the water purveyor loses jurisdiction and sanitary control over the water at its point of delivery to the



customer's water system. If a meter is installed at the end of the service connection, then the service connection shall mean the downstream end of the meter. There should be no unprotected takeoffs from the service line ahead of any meter or backflow prevention assembly located at the point of delivery to the customer's water system. Service connection shall also include water service connection from a fire hydrant and all other temporary or emergency water service connections from the public potable water system.

(r) "Water - Used" means any water supplied by a water purveyor from a public potable water system to a consumer's water system after it has passed through the point of delivery and is no longer under the sanitary control of the water purveyor.  
(Ord. 43-91. Passed 7-8-91.)

#### 945.04 REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Water System.

- (1) The water system shall be considered as made up of two parts: the utility system and the customer system.
- (2) Utility system shall consist of the source facilities and the distribution system, and shall include all those facilities of the water system under the complete control of the utility, up to the point where the customer's system begins.
- (3) The source shall include all components of the facilities utilized in the production, treatment, storage and delivery of water to the distribution system.
- (4) The distribution system shall include the network of conduits used for the delivery of water from the source to the customer's system.
- (5) The customer's system shall include those parts of the facilities beyond the termination of the utility distribution system that are utilized in conveying utility-delivered domestic water to points of use.

(b) Policy.

- (1) No water service connection to any premises shall be installed or maintained by the water purveyor unless the water supply is protected as required by state/provincial laws and regulations and this chapter. Service of water to any premises shall be discontinued by the water purveyor if a backflow prevention assembly required by this chapter is not installed, tested, and maintained, or if it is found that a backflow prevention assembly has been removed, bypassed, or if an unprotected cross connection exists on the premises. Service will not be restored until such conditions or defects are corrected.

- (2) The customer's system should be open for inspection at all reasonable times to authorized representatives of the (water or health agency name) to determine whether cross connections or other structural or sanitary hazards, including violations of these regulations, exist. When such a condition becomes known, the Service Director and/or Environmentalist shall deny or immediately discontinue service to the premises by providing for a physical break in the service line until the customer has corrected the condition(s) in conformance with State and City legislation relating to plumbing and water supplies and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
- (3) An approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed on each service line to a customer's water system at or near the property line or immediately inside the building being served; but in all cases, before the first branch line leading off the service line wherever the following conditions exist:
  - A. In the case of premises having an auxiliary water supply that is not or may not be of safe bacteriological or chemical quality and that is not acceptable as an additional source by the Service Director and/or Environmentalist, the public water system shall be protected against backflow from the premises by installing an approved backflow prevention assembly in the service line, appropriate to the degree of hazard.
  - B. In the case of premises on which any industrial fluids or any other objectionable substances are handled in such a fashion as to create an actual or potential hazard to the public water system, the public system shall be protected against backflow from the premises by installing an approved backflow prevention assembly in the service line, appropriate to the degree of hazard. This shall include the handling of process waters and waters originating from the utility system that have been subject to deterioration in quality.
  - C. In the case of premises having internal cross connections that cannot be permanently corrected and controlled, or intricate plumbing and piping arrangements or where entry to all portions of the premises is not readily accessible for inspection purposes, making it impracticable or impossible to ascertain whether or not dangerous cross connections exist, the public water system shall be protected against backflow from the premises by installing an approved backflow prevention assembly in the service line.

- (4) The type of protective assembly required under subsections (b)(3)A., B. and C. shall depend upon the degree of hazard that exists as follows:
- A. In the case of any premises where there is an auxiliary water supply as stated in subsection (b)(3)A. hereof, and it is not subject to any of the following rules, the public water system shall be protected by an approved air-gap separation or an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly.
  - B. In the case of any premises where there is water or substances that would be objectionable but not hazardous to health, if introduced into the public water system, the public water system shall be protected by an approved double check valve assembly.
  - C. In the case of any premises where there is any material dangerous to health that is handled in such a fashion as to create an actual or potential hazard to the public water system, the public water system shall be protected by an approved air-gap separation or an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly. Examples of premises where these conditions will exist include sewage treatment plants, sewage pumping stations, chemical manufacturing plants, hospitals, mortuaries and plating plants.
  - D. In the case of any premises where there are "uncontrolled" cross connections, either actual or potential, the public water system shall be protected by an approved air-gap separation or an approved reduced-pressure principle backflow prevention assembly at the service connection.
  - E. In the case of any premises where, because of security requirements or other prohibitions or restrictions, it is impossible or impractical to make a complete in-plant cross connection survey, the public water system shall be protected against backflow from the premises by either an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly on each service to the premises.
  - F. In the case of any premises where, in the opinion of the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist, an undue health threat is posed because of the presence of extremely toxic substances, the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist may require an air gap at the service connection to protect the public water system. This requirement will be at the discretion of the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist and is dependent on the degree of hazard.

- (5) Any backflow prevention assembly required herein shall be a model and size approved by the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist. The term approved backflow prevention assembly means an assembly that has been manufactured in full conformance with the standards established by the American Water Works Association titled:

AWWA C510-89 - Standard for Double Check Valve Backflow Prevention Assembly, and

AWWA C511-89 - Standard for Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Prevention Assembly,

and have met completely the laboratory and field performance specifications of the Foundation for Cross Connection Control and Hydraulic Research of the University of Southern California established by:

"Specification of Backflow Prevention Assemblies" - Sec. 10 of the most current issue of the Manual of Cross Connection Control.

Such AWWA and FCCHR standards and specifications have been adopted by the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist. Final approval shall be evidenced by a "Certificate of Approval" issued by an approved testing laboratory certifying full compliance with the AWWA standards and FCCHR specifications. The following testing laboratory has been qualified by the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist to test and certify backflow preventors:

Foundation for Cross Connection Control and Hydraulic Research  
University of Southern California  
University Park  
Los Angeles, CA 90089

Testing laboratories, other than the laboratory listed above, will be added to an approved list as they are qualified by the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist. Backflow preventors that may be subjected to backpressure or backsiphonage that have been fully tested and have been granted a certificate of approval, by the qualified laboratory and are listed on the laboratory's current list of approved backflow prevention assemblies may be used without further testing or qualification.

- (6) It shall be the duty of the customer user at any premises where backflow prevention assemblies are installed to have certified inspections and operational tests made at least once per year. In those instances where the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist deems the hazard to be great enough, certified inspections may be required at more frequent intervals. These inspections and tests shall be at the expense of the water user and shall be performed by the assembly manufacturer's representative, (water department) personnel, or by certified tester approved by the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist. It shall be the duty of the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist to see that these tests are made in a timely manner. The customer user shall notify the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist in advance when the tests are to be undertaken so that the customer user may witness the tests if so desired. These assemblies shall be repaired, overhauled, or replaced and records of such tests, repairs and overhaul shall be kept and made available to the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist.
- (7) All presently installed backflow prevention assemblies that do not meet the requirements of this section but were approved assemblies for the purpose described herein at the time of installation and that have been properly maintained, shall, except for the inspection and maintenance requirements under subsection (b)(6) hereof, be excluded from the requirements of these rules so long as the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist is assured that they will satisfactorily protect the utility system. Whenever the existing assembly is moved from the present location, requires more than minimum maintenance, or when the Service Director and/or Health Environmentalist finds that the maintenance constitutes a hazard to health, the unit shall be replaced by an approved backflow prevention assembly meeting the requirements of this section. (Ord. 43-91. Passed 7-8-91.)



**CHAPTER 946**  
**Fire Sprinkler Systems and Fire Hydrants**

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 Tampering with hydrants, pipes or meters; unauthorized connections - see Ohio R. C. 4933.22  
 Sewer charges based on water consumption - see S. U. & P. S. 933.04 et seq.  
 Licensing plumbers - see BLDG. Ch. 1313

**946.01 DEFINITIONS.**

(a) "Fire Sprinkler System" means a piping within a building or dwelling holding water or to use water supplied by the City of New Philadelphia to extinguish fires.

(b) "Fire Hydrant" means an appurtenance supplied with water from the City of New Philadelphia to extinguish fires. (Ord. 22-2002. Passed 4-8-02.)

**946.02 MATERIALS.**

(a) All materials used for a Fire Sprinkler System shall meet NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Chapter #13 and #24.

(b) All materials used for a Fire Hydrant shall meet the American Water Works standards and the standards of the City of New Philadelphia Water Department. (Ord. 22-2002. Passed 4-8-02.)

**946.03 EMERGENCY USE.**

All Fire Sprinkler Systems and Fire Hydrants shall be used at anytime to fight a fire. All emergency repairs to a Fire Sprinkler System or Fire Hydrant are to be reported to the Water Department Superintendent immediately. (Ord. 22-2002. Passed 4-8-02.)

**946.04 NON-EMERGENCY USE.**

The Water Department Superintendent must be notified seven (7) days in advance of any test, installation, repair, or service call to be performed to any Fire Sprinkler System or Fire Hydrant. The Water Department Superintendent shall determine at which hours the above services will be performed. (Ord. 22-2002. Passed 4-8-02.)

**946.05 ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.**

The Water Department Superintendent shall have the authority to enforce this chapter. (Ord. 22-2002. Passed 4-8-02.)

**946.99 PENALTY.**

Any person who violates any section of this chapter shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per occurrence per day. (Ord. 22-2002. Passed 4-8-02.)



CHAPTER 947  
Water Wells and Ground Water Protection

<p>947.01 Definitions.</p> <p>947.02 Potable water well (well for human consumption, culinary or domestic purposes) standards.</p> <p>947.03 Non-potable water well (not intended for human consumption, culinary or domestic purposes) standards.</p> <p>947.04 Test well/sampling well/monitoring well/soil boring/soil sampling standards.</p> <p>947.05 Regulation of geothermal heating/cooling systems.</p>	<p>947.06 Bonding/registration of geothermal installers.</p> <p>947.07 Materials.</p> <p>947.08 Water withdrawal regulations.</p> <p>947.09 Water withdrawal facility registration.</p> <p>947.10 Bonding/registration of water withdrawal facility operators.</p> <p>947.11 Enforcement authority.</p> <p>947.99 Penalty.</p>
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CROSS REFERENCES  
Water regulations - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 935

947.01 DEFINITIONS.

- (a) General Definitions.
- (1) "Abandoned Well" means any water well from which the pumping apparatus or well seal has been removed for other than routine cleaning, repair or replacement and which has not been used as a source of water for at least thirty days.
  - (2) "Agricultural Well" is any water well that is to be used solely for non-potable purposes and that is not used as a Supply well for a Geothermal heating/cooling system.
  - (3) "Alter" or "Alteration" means to make a change in the type of construction or configuration of a private water system, including without limitation,
    - A. Adding or changing the design of continuous disinfection, water treatment, or methane treatment device or a cyst reduction filter;
    - B. Converting a well with a buried seal to a well with a pitless adapter or well house installation;
    - C. Extending a distribution system to a dwelling or dwellings;

- D. Disconnecting the water source from a service line going to one or more service connections including when connecting to a public water supply;
  - E. Converting a well that uses a well pit to a well with a pitless adapter or well house type of construction; extending the casing above ground; deepening a well; or repairing, extending, or replacing any portion of the inside or outside casing or wall, or the walls of a spring or cistern, that extend below ground level;
  - F. Conversion of a permitted test well to a private water system.
- (4) "Applicant" means the person, individual, corporation, partnership, proprietor, or public agency that is making an application with the City of New Philadelphia.
  - (5) "Aquifer" means a consolidated or unconsolidated geologic formation or series of formations that are hydraulically interconnected and that have the ability to receive, store, or transmit water.
  - (6) "Capped Well" means a well in which the casing is sealed by a threaded or welded cap or well sealed.
  - (7) "Contamination" means the presence of any contaminant into the aquifer(s) or ground water(s) below the City of New Philadelphia which renders the water unfit for human consumption or other potable uses.
  - (8) "Groundwater" means all water occurring in an aquifer.
  - (9) "Five Year Time of Travel" means the amount of time it would take ground water or a ground water contaminant to reach the municipal water wells of the City of New Philadelphia. See Appendix A for the area covered by the Five Year Time of Travel.
  - (10) "Limited Affected Area" means the property where the work of installing, developing or abandoning a water well, the work of installing or abandoning a monitoring or sampling well, or the work of securing a soil boring or a geoprobe sample, is taking place.
  - (11) "Person" means any agency of this State, any political subdivision of this State or the United States, or any individual, corporation and/or legal entity defined as a person under Section 1.59 of the Ohio Revised Code.
  - (12) "Plugged Well" means a water well so treated that the various aquifers are permanently separated and the surface opening of such water well and the casings are permanently sealed with bentonite or other material approved by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and/or the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA).
  - (13) "Potable Water" means water which is satisfactory for drinking, culinary or domestic purposes; including flushing toilets and doing laundry.
  - (14) "Private Water System" means any water system, other than a public water supply system, for the provision of water for human consumption, if the system has fewer than fifteen service connections and does not regularly serve an average of at least twenty-five individuals daily at least sixty days each year. A private water system includes public water systems that are defined as exempt in Section 6109.02 of the Ohio Revised Code and use hauled water storage tanks as their only source of water. (Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-28; Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Environmental Health)

- (15) "Private Water Well" means any excavation greater than ten feet below the ground surface regardless of design or method of construction that is done or used for any of the purposes of removing ground water for the provision of water for human consumption. Such a system will be considered part of a private water system if the system has fewer than fifteen service connections and does not regularly serve an average of at least twenty-five individuals daily at least sixty days each year.
- (16) "Public Water System" means a system which provides water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances, and has at least fifteen service connections or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five individuals daily at least sixty days out of the year. A public water system is either a "community water system" or a "non-community water system." (Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-81; Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters)
- (17) "Public Water Well" means any excavation greater than ten feet below the ground surface regardless of design or method of construction that is done or used for any of the following purposes of removing ground water for the provision of water for human consumption. Such a system will be considered part of a public water system if the system has at least fifteen service connections and regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five individuals daily at least sixty days each year.
- (18) "Registered Water Systems Contractor" or "Registrant" means a person who is registered as a water systems contractor in accordance with Division (B) (3) of Section 3701.344 of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapter 3701-28 of the Administrative Code.
- (19) "Surface Water" means:
- A. All water which is open to the atmosphere and subject to surface runoff, or
  - B. Ground water under the direct influence of water which is open to the atmosphere or subject to surface runoff, as indicated by:
    1. Significant occurrence of insects or other macroorganisms, algae, or large-diameter pathogens such as giardia lamblia or cryptosporidium, or
    2. The presence of biological contamination significant to human health, or
    3. Improper well construction or inadequate sanitary isolation radius; or
    4. Significant and relatively rapid shifts in water characteristics such as turbidity, temperature, conductivity, or pH which closely correlate to climatological or surface water conditions.
- (20) "Water Well" means any excavation, whether drilled, bored, driven or dug, which was made for the purpose of obtaining water from the ground or for the purpose of testing the quality or quantity of such water.
- (21) "Well Owner" means the legal owner of the real estate containing the water well.

(b) Soil Boring Definitions.

- (1) "Soil Boring" means any type of soil disturbance for the purpose of soil analysis, testing, or other environmental purpose(s). This may be conducted either with hand tools or with power-type equipment.
- (2) "Geoprobe" means any device that is used to acquire a soil boring, soil sample, water sample, or a combination thereof, for analysis, testing, or other environmental purpose(s).
- (3) "Soil Disturbance" means any type of moving, removal, grading or replacement of soil. Such a soil disturbance can be done alone or in conjunction with some other soil disturbing activity, such as securing a soil boring, a soil sample, or installing a geothermal heating/cooling system. Any such activity will not be considered a "soil disturbance" if in the regular process of the disturbance, the activity is conducted with under existing local, state or federal permit (e.g. - the drilling of a state-permitted water well). Soil disturbances that are not "environmental" in nature (such as installing a fence post, swimming pool, etc) are exempt from permitting.

(c) Monitoring Well/test Well Definitions.

- (1) "Test Well," "Monitoring Well," or "Sampling Well" means any excavation, regardless of design or method of construction, done for the purpose of determining the most suitable site for removing ground water from an aquifer for any testing, sampling or other type of environmental assessment purpose(s), or for assessing the quality, quantity, or level of ground water in or the stratigraphy of an aquifer, excluding borings for instrumentation in dams, dikes or levees or highway embankments.
- (2) "Test Hole" means any excavation, regardless of design or method of construction, for the purpose of determining the most suitable site for removing ground water from an aquifer.

(d) Geothermal Definitions.

- (1) "Alter or Alteration" means to make a change in the type of construction or configuration of a geothermal heating and cooling system, including without limitation:
  - A. The adding or changing the design of the system;
  - B. The converting a closed loop system to an open loop system, or converting an open loop system to a closed loop system;
  - C. The extending or expanding the scope or size of the geothermal heating and cooling system;
  - D. The changing of water sources for an open loop system;
  - E. The changing of coolant type(s) and/or antifreeze in a geothermal heating and cooling system;
  - F. The conversion of a non-potable well used in whole or in part as a supply well for a geothermal heating and cooling system to a dual use well; that is, a well that is used in whole or in part for both potable and geothermal purposes.
- (2) "Antifreeze" - A substance, often a liquid such as ethylene glycol or alcohol, mixed with another liquid to lower its freezing point.

- (3) "Cascading Well" - A well that allows water to cascade down an open borehole.
- (4) "Closed-Loop System" - A low-temperature geothermal heating and cooling system that circulates a heat transfer fluid, usually water with an antifreeze additive, through a loop or multiple loops of piping installed below the ground surface or within a surface water body. A closed-loop system does not involve the withdrawal of ground water. In the winter, the earth's heat is absorbed by the heat transfer fluid within the piping and transmitted to the unit's heat exchanger and compressor to provide heating or cooling. In the summer, the cycle is reversed and the system removes heat from the building and transfers it into the earth.
- (5) "Direct Exchange" - A type of closed-loop geothermal heating and cooling system that uses loops of copper piping installed in pits, trenches or vertical borings in the earth, through which a refrigerant is circulated.
- (6) "Dual-Use Well" - A well used to provide both on-site potable water and water for heat transfer in an on-site geothermal heating and cooling system.
- (7) "Geothermal Heating and Cooling System" - A mechanical system for space heating or cooling that relies on the transfer of thermal energy between the earth, including ground water, and a heat transfer fluid and consists of a heat pump, a heat exchange well or loop, and a heat distribution network.
- (8) "Ground Water Discharge" - The direct or indirect discharge of water used as a source of, or reservoir for, heat in an open-loop geothermal heating and cooling system to ground water. Ground water discharge may occur within aquifers or anywhere below land surface, where percolation may ultimately reach ground water.
- (9) "Inner Management Zone" - The surface and subsurface area around a public water system well that will provide water to the well within one year, as delineated or endorsed by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency under the wellhead protection program and the source water assessment and protection program.
- (10) "Karst" - A suite of landforms caused by the dissolution of limestone and to a lesser extent dolomite and gypsum. Features of karst terrain include fissures, sinkholes, underground streams and caverns.
- (11) "Local Health District" - A district organized by county, city or a combination of counties and cities that work closely with the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to address environmental health issues, including private water systems and small flow on-lot sewage treatment systems.
- (12) "Notice of Intent" - Written notification to a regulatory agency or other government body of the intent to act on a legal right. In this document Notice of Intent is specific to the written notice a geothermal heating and cooling system owner or operator must provide to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency that a system discharging to surface water will be installed or operated under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Geothermal Systems.

- (13) "Non-Contact Heating and Cooling Water" - Water used for heating or cooling which does not come into contact with any raw material, product, by-product or waste.
  - (14) "Open-Loop System" - A geothermal heating and cooling system that withdraws water from an extraction well or body of water, passes the water through a heat exchange system, and discharges the temperature-altered water either into the ground in a discharge or return well or to the ground surface or into surface water.
  - (15) "Paleokarst" - A buried carbonate unit exhibiting typical karst fractures such as large interconnected fractures and voids.
  - (16) "Refrigerant" - A substance, such as air, ammonia, water, or carbon dioxide, used to provide cooling either as the working substance of a refrigerator or by direct absorption of heat.
  - (17) "Standing Column Well" - A semi-open-loop geothermal heating and cooling system consisting of a vertical boring from which ground water is withdrawn and into which ground water that has passed through a geothermal heating and cooling system is discharged.
  - (18) "Supply Well" is any well that is used, either in part or in whole, for the purpose of providing water to a Geothermal heating/cooling system.
  - (19) "Surface Water Discharge" - The direct or indirect discharge of water used as a source of or reservoir for heat in an open-loop geothermal heating and cooling system to streams, lakes or ponds.
  - (20) "Vertical Closed-Loop System" - A set of grouted borings containing sealed pipe installed in the earth in boreholes in a vertical, angled, or diagonal configuration, for the purpose of transferring heat between a building space and the earth, including ground water, in a geothermal heating and cooling system.
- (e) Water Withdrawal Definitions.
- (1) "Commercial Use" means water used by a business and includes, but is not limited to, motels, hotels, restaurants, marinas, and golf courses.
  - (2) "Domestic Use" means withdrawal of ground water by an individual for use on residential property by means of a pump or other device that generally has a discharge line with an outside diameter of not more than one and one-half inches. This definition excludes water withdrawn for public water supply use.
  - (3) "Industrial Use" means water used by a business or corporation and includes, but is not limited to, manufacturing, processing, or other industrial or mineral extraction processes and the like. Industrial use shall also include the sale of water for both commercial and/or industrial usages.
  - (4) "One Hundred Thousand Gallons Per Day" means an average of one hundred thousand gallons per day for any consecutive thirty day period.
  - (5) "Private Water Supply Use" means water used by a system that pipes water for human consumption if such system has less than fifteen service connections or regularly serves less than twenty individuals sixty or more days out of the year.

- (6) "Public Water Supply Use" means water used by a system that pipes water for human consumption if such system has at least fifteen service connections or regularly serves at least twenty individuals sixty or more days out of the year.
- (7) "Water Enhancer" means any chemical, radiological, mineral, or other non-naturally-occurring additive that is added to water withdrawn from the ground or a surface source for agricultural, industrial, commercial, or any other non-domestic, non-private water supply use.
- (8) "Water Withdrawal Facility" means any facility, structure or location that is designed, in whole or in part, to withdraw water from the ground and/or a surface water location for commercial and/or industrial usage of the water withdrawn.
- (9) "Waters of the State" means all streams, lakes, ponds, marshes, watercourses, waterways, wells, springs, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and other bodies or accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural or artificial, regardless of the depth of the strata in which underground water is located, that are situated wholly or partly within, or border upon, this State or are within its jurisdiction.
- (10) "Withdrawal" means the removal or taking of any waters of the State of Ohio. (Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)

947.02 POTABLE WATER WELL (WELL FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, CULINARY OR DOMESTIC PURPOSES) STANDARDS.

(a) No person shall drill or otherwise construct a potable water well within the corporate limits of New Philadelphia, Ohio, for the purpose of extracting ground water as defined by Ohio Administrative Code Section 3745-9-01(H), which is intended for human consumption, culinary or domestic purposes, unless the area where the water well is to be drilled in the City of New Philadelphia is not served by the municipal water system.

(b) In areas within the corporate limits of New Philadelphia, Ohio, not served by the municipal water system, all potable water wells shall be constructed in accordance with Chapter 3701-28 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The permit fee for the potable water well shall be established by the New Philadelphia City Health Department according to the process required by the Ohio Department of Health in the Ohio Administrative Code, Sec 3701-28-06.

(c) No person shall abandon or plug or otherwise deconstruct a potable water well within the corporate limits of New Philadelphia, Ohio unless a permit has been secured as required in Ohio Administrative Code 3701-28. All work in abandoning a well shall be done in accordance with Chapter 3701-28 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The permit fee for the potable water well shall be established by the New Philadelphia City Health Department according to the process required by the Ohio Department of Health in the Ohio Administrative Code, Sec. 3701-28-06. (Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)

947.03 NON-POTABLE WATER WELL (NOT INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, CULINARY OR DOMESTIC PURPOSES) STANDARDS.

(a) Any water well not intended for human consumption, including but not limited to: water wells, (including commercial use, industrial use, livestock consumption, sprinkling, etc.), monitoring wells, test wells, or any other type of sampling well, shall not be drilled or otherwise constructed in the current five year time of travel zone or within one-half mile from the center of the municipal water well field. Any water well not intended for human consumption outside of the five year time of travel zone and not within one-half mile of the center of the municipal well field must be approved in writing by the New Philadelphia City Health Department and the Water Department Superintendent prior to the drilling or construction of a water well.

(b) Every person drilling or otherwise constructing a water well not intended for human consumption shall submit an application to the New Philadelphia City Health Department for a permit for the drilling or constructing of said water well on a form provided by the Health Department. Such application shall indicate the proposed usage, location, type, depth, limited affected area, and such other information as may be required in the form established for such registration by the New Philadelphia, Ohio, City Board of Health.

(c) The application fee for a permit to drill or otherwise construct a water well not intended for human consumption shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The application fee for the permit to abandon a well not intended for human consumption shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). All such permits shall remain in force for one year from the date of submittal to the City of New Philadelphia.

(d) Standards for water wells not intended for human consumption.

- (1) All sources of water supply other than the municipal water system shall henceforth be subject to inspection and approval by the New Philadelphia City Health Department and/or the Water Department Superintendent.
- (2) In no event shall a well supply source be permitted which can or does cross-connect with the municipal water system. The municipal water supply, on any parcel of land with a water well, shall be protected against potential backflow by the installation of an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device installed immediately after the water meter.
- (3) The well casing shall extend a minimum of twelve (12) inches above the surrounding grade level with no visual obstructions.
- (4) All aspects of the construction and maintenance of the water well shall be in compliance with Chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC):
  - A. Construction shall be in accordance with OAC Sections 3745-9-05, 06 and 07;
  - B. Development shall be in accordance with OAC Section 3745-9-09;
  - C. Disinfection (if needed) shall be in accordance with OAC Section 3745-9-08; and
  - D. Abandonment shall be in accordance with OAC 3745-9-10.



- (5) For any well drilled under these rules, a copy of the well log required by Ohio R.C. 1521.05(B) shall be submitted to this office within thirty (30) days of completion of the water well, monitoring well and/or sampling well.
- (6) For any well abandoned under these rules, a copy of the abandonment report required by Ohio R.C. 1521.05(C) shall be submitted to this office within (30) days of the completion of the abandonment process. (Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)

947.04 TEST WELL/SAMPLING WELL/MONITORING WELL/SOIL BORING/SOIL SAMPLING STANDARDS.

(a) If not otherwise regulated by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), or another Ohio agency, board, or commission, then the "Ohio EPA Technical Guidance Manual for Hydrogeologic Investigations and Ground Water Monitoring," or other standards adopted by the Director, shall be used as a guide for monitoring well construction and sealing to prevent the contamination of ground water.

(b) A test well, sampling well and/or monitoring well that is damaged or deteriorated shall be either repaired to a state consistent with construction requirements of paragraph (a) of this rule, or sealed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this rule.

(c) A monitoring well that is no longer being used shall be sealed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this rule.

(d) Any sampling well, test well and/or monitoring well drilled under these rules, a copy of the well log required by Ohio R.C. 1521.05(B) shall be submitted to this office within thirty (30) days of completion of the water well, monitoring well and/or sampling well.

(e) Any well abandoned under these rules, a copy of the abandonment report required by Ohio R.C. 1521.05(C) shall be submitted to this office within (30) days of the completion of the abandonment process.

(f) All aspects of a test well, sampling well and/or monitoring well or soil boring or soil sampling activity shall follow Ohio Administrative Code Section 3745-9-03, and shall incorporate the recommendations of the "Ohio EPA Technical Guidance Manual for Hydrogeologic Investigations and Ground Water Monitoring (TGM)."

[Comment: TGM refers to a series of PDF documents that was originally published in 1995. These documents will be periodically updated by the Ohio EPA. This rule incorporates this guidance by reference. At the effective date of this rule, a copy may be obtained from "Ohio EPA, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, OH, 43215-3425," (614) 644-3020, [www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us). The document is available for review at "Ohio EPA, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, OH, 43215-3425." Individual sections can be downloaded from the Ohio EPA website at the following URL: <http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/tgmweb.aspx>]

(g) Every person drilling or otherwise constructing a test well, sampling well and/or monitoring well or securing a soil boring or any type of sample from a soil sampling activity shall submit an application to the New Philadelphia City Health Department for a permit for the conducting of such work on a form provided by the Health Department. Such application shall indicate the proposed usage, location, type, depth, limited affected area, and such other information as may be required in the form established for such registration by the New Philadelphia, Ohio, City Board of Health. A permit shall be required for each property on which such work is to be conducted, regardless of the number of said wells or sampling sites. If said owner owns more than one contiguous parcel, only one permit shall be required per drilling event or sampling event.

(h) The application fee for a permit for a test well, sampling well and/or monitoring well or securing a soil boring or any type of sample from a soil sampling activity shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The application fee for the permit to abandon a test well, sampling well and/or monitoring well shall be fifty dollars (\$50). All such permits shall remain in force for one year from the date of submittal to the City of New Philadelphia.

(I) At any point subsequent to the drilling of the test well, sampling well and/or monitoring well or securing a soil boring or any type of sample from a soil sampling activity, a contaminant is identified in excess of applicable Ohio EPA and/or US EPA standards, the City of New Philadelphia is to be notified in harmony with the notification requirements of the Ohio EPA and/or U.S. EPA. (Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)

#### 947.05 REGULATION OF GEOTHERMAL HEATING/COOLING SYSTEMS.

(a) Before installing, drilling or otherwise constructing a geothermal heating and cooling system within the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, an application shall be submitted to the New Philadelphia City Health Department for a permit for the drilling and/or construction of such geothermal heating and cooling system on a form provided by the Health Department. Such application shall indicate the proposed usage, location, type, depth, limited affected area, and other such information as may be required in the form established for such registration by the New Philadelphia Ohio, City Board of Health. All such permits shall remain in force for one year from the date of submittal to the City of New Philadelphia.

(b) No geothermal heating and cooling system or part thereof shall be drilled or otherwise constructed in the current five year time of travel zone or within one-half mile from the center of the municipal water well field.

#### (c) Construction Standards for Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems.

(1) Any geothermal heating and cooling system installed within the limits of the City of New Philadelphia shall be constructed, at a minimum, according to the recommendations set forth in Ohio Water Resources Council (OWRC) document entitled "Recommendations for Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems: Guidance for Protecting Ohio's Water Resources", published February 2012.

(2) In addition to the requirements above, each geothermal heating and cooling system shall meet the following requirements:

A. Any water well (if installed) shall be constructed, operated, maintained and abandoned in compliance with Chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

- B. An approved backflow device must be appropriately installed in relation to a heating and/or cooling unit, heat pump unit or similar device, to protect both the supply well from contamination and the water user from contamination.
- C. A heating and/or cooling unit, heat pump unit, or such similar device shall be valved on the intake and discharge sides of the unit and the intake valve shall be located between the unit and backflow prevention device.
- D. The heating and/or cooling unit, heat pump unit or such similar device shall be equipped with an automatic device to shut down the entire system if a leak occurs in the refrigeration system.
- E. Water returned to the subsurface through a well or similar means shall be of essentially the same quality both chemically and bacteriologically as it was prior to use except for the temperature differential.
- F. Each geothermal heating unit or such similar device shall be so designed and shall operate so that incoming water from one well or aquifer for use in cooling or heating unit is returned to its original aquifer as waste water in accordance with this paragraph.

(d) The application fee for a permit for the installation of a geothermal heating and cooling system shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(e) The application fee for the abandonment/de-commissioning of a geothermal heating and cooling system shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(f) The requirements of Section 947.03 shall apply to any and all geothermal heating and cooling system wells constructed, maintained or abandoned within the City. (Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)

#### 947.06 BONDING/REGISTRATION OF GEOTHERMAL INSTALLERS.

(a) No person shall engage in the work or business of installing of geothermal systems within the City of New Philadelphia without first obtaining a license from the City.

(b) Any person desiring a license shall make written application to the Director of Public Service and shall submit such information as requested by the Director.

(c) For each individual the Director of Public Services finds to be qualified and fit for such business under this chapter, the Director of Public Service shall issue a Geothermal Heating and Cooling Installer's License for a period of one year expiring December 31 of the year of registration. The fee for said license shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per calendar year or part thereof.

(d) At the time of application, the applicant shall enter into a bond payable to the City of New Philadelphia of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) which sureties are to be approved by the Director of Public Service. Such bonds shall contain a condition that the applicant will indemnify and save the City harmless from all loss and damages that may be occasioned in anyway by the negligence of the applicant or his employees in the prosecuting of such work or business.

(e) The holder of a license for the installation of geothermal heating and cooling systems shall at all times observe and comply with the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Service and the ordinances of the City in the prosecution of his work or business, and upon failure to do so shall forfeit his license, and thereupon the Director of Public Service is authorized to revoke the license. The Director is also authorized to revoke any license issued hereunder when it is found that a licensee is no longer fit or qualified to carry on such work or business and the Director is authorized to require additional security upon any such bonds whenever he deems it necessary for the proper protection of the City.

(f) No installation, connection, extension, alteration or repair shall be made to or in any part of a geothermal heating and cooling system by any person except by such as is licensed as described above in paragraph (a) above, under the supervision of the Department of Public Service, and in accordance with the ordinances of the City pertaining thereto.

Exceptions from this provision are:

- (1) Work being done by the City, and
- (2) Work being done by a contractor who gave bond for the faithful performance of his duties under such contract, and
- (3) Persons who may desire to make repairs, changes, alterations or additions within their own premises, in which case such owner must do the work to the satisfaction of the Director.  
(Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)

#### 947.07 MATERIALS.

No materials shall be used for water wells, test wells, sampling wells, soil borings, well abandonment, any other manner of water well or water or soil sampling or geothermal systems unless approved by the New Philadelphia City Board of Health pursuant to State of Ohio Guidelines (e.g.-Ohio EPA, Ohio Department of Health, or other regulatory agency) and the Water Department Superintendent.  
(Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)

#### 947.08 WATER WITHDRAWAL REGULATIONS.

(a) No person shall construct and/or maintain a water withdrawal facility without first obtaining a registration for such water withdrawal facility from the City of New Philadelphia, as specified in Section 947.09.

(b) No person shall operate a water withdrawal facility capable of withdrawing one hundred thousand gallons or more a day without first obtaining the proper bonding as required in Section 947.10.

(c) A water withdrawal facility shall not store chemicals, lubricants, pesticides and the like in any manner that may compromise the integrity of the water withdrawn or the source of that water and shall comply with all other applicable federal, state and/or local regulations concerning registration, storage, handling, etc. of chemicals, lubricants, pesticides and the like.

(d) All spills of any chemicals, lubricants, pesticides and the like, whether by the registrant or any other person using the water withdrawal facility shall be reported immediately (within the same business day) to the City of New Philadelphia. All records of any such spills shall be kept on site for a period of at least ten years or that which is required for the product spilled, whichever is longer.

(e) At no time shall chemicals, additives, enhancers or any other material be added to the withdrawn water at the water withdrawal facility without prior notification of the City of New Philadelphia of said additives. The quantities and relative concentrations shall be submitted to the City at least thirty (30) days prior to their introduction into the withdrawn water. All water enhancers shall be stored in a safe manner consistent with its labeling and in a manner that is protective to the water withdrawal facility and the source water. Any spills of such enhancers shall be reported immediately (within the same business day) to the City of New Philadelphia. The water withdrawal facility shall keep records, including, but not limited to, the following on all materials stored and/or utilized at the water withdrawal facility:

- (1) U.S. EPA registration number.
- (2) The label of said product.
- (3) The Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the product.
- (4) A copy of any federally required usage logs for said product.
- (5) Any other information required to be retained for the safe and proper use of said product.

(f) Each water withdrawal facility shall submit to the City of New Philadelphia a copy of any water testing reports, results, etc. on the withdrawn water that are in excess of the most recent US EPA maximum contaminant levels or secondary contaminant levels. Results shall be submitted to the City of New Philadelphia within thirty (30) days of testing.

(g) Each water withdrawal facility shall be inspected annually by the City of New Philadelphia for compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(h) The withdrawal of ground water for domestic use is exempt in accordance with Section 1520.03(C) of the Ohio Revised Code. The withdrawal of ground water for solely agricultural purposes is exempt from the provisions of this chapter. Further, such withdrawals are still subject to other existing regulations as required in the Ohio Revised Code and/or Ohio Administrative Code.

(I) Any water withdrawn for commercial, industrial, agricultural, hydroelectric power generation, or public water supply use shall be measured by a metering system or other method acceptable to the division. All withdrawals as mentioned above shall be reported to the City of New Philadelphia annually by the registrant and shall be submitted to the City no later than 31 March of each year.

(j) All political subdivisions shall be exempt from the water withdrawal facility registration requirements of this chapter.

(k) Registration under this chapter is not a permit to withdraw water, nor does registration impose any restrictions on withdrawals.  
(Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)

#### 947.09 WATER WITHDRAWAL FACILITY REGISTRATION.

- (a) Withdrawals of one hundred thousand gallons per day or more.
- (1) Any person that shall withdraw ground water in quantities of one hundred thousand gallons per day or more shall comply with the requirements of the Ohio R.C. 1521.16 regarding water withdrawal registration.

- (2) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of this rule, all such persons making such water withdrawals shall register the water withdrawal facility with the City of New Philadelphia. The cost of this registration is five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per facility per year.
  - (3) Any person proposing to create such a water withdrawal facility shall submit an application for registration. Such application shall contain the information that is stipulated in subsection (c) hereof.
- (b) Withdrawals of less than one hundred thousand gallons per day.
- (1) All such persons making such water withdrawals shall register the water withdrawal facility with the City of New Philadelphia. The cost of this registration is five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per facility per year.
  - (2) Any person who is installing a well solely for the purpose of a domestic withdrawal, regardless of volume, shall be exempt from this registration.
  - (3) Any person proposing to create such a water withdrawal facility shall submit an application for registration. Such application shall contain the information that is stipulated in subsection (d) hereof.
- (c) Application for a water withdrawal facility of one hundred thousand gallons or more of water per day. An application shall contain the following information:
- (1) The name, address, email address, and telephone number of applicant.
  - (2) The location of the proposed withdrawal facility; a description of all proposed and existing systems for the storage, treatment, transportation, and distribution of water; and the location of the proposed well(s) for the withdrawal facility; the location of any discharge of water or wastewater effluent within the area to which the applicant intends to supply water from the facility.
  - (3) The average quantity of water in gallons to be diverted daily and a description of the uses to which the water is to be put, including the proportion allocated to each use.
  - (4) A description and/or an analysis of applicant's present and future needs for the withdrawal of water.
  - (5) The expected life of the water withdrawal facility.
  - (6) Maps showing the items listed in paragraph (c)(2) of this rule as well as:
    - A. The county and township roads
    - B. The location of any and all utilities
    - C. The topography of the water withdrawal facility site environs;  
and
    - D. Any structures or facilities (existing or proposed) affected by or part of the water withdrawal facility.
- Maps published by the State, County, and the United States geological survey, and aerial photographs, may be used for these purposes.
- (7) Water withdrawal facility design specifications and site plans accurately drawn and in sufficient detail to clearly indicate the extent and complexity of the proposed diversion.

- (8) An analysis of anticipated effects on water uses caused by this facility resulting from this withdrawal. The analysis shall include an assessment of short-term and long-term impacts on natural, historic, community, economic and scenic resources, in-stream uses, and economic and ecologic aspects of water withdrawal. The assessment shall include the identification of all known or anticipated competing uses for the withdrawn water.
  - (9) An analysis of needs and requirements of land acquisition, land use requirements, relocation or resiting of existing facilities, rights of way, structures, and all equipment, including energy needs of the equipment, and total costs, direct and indirect, to construct and/or maintain this facility.
  - (10) An analysis of the impact of the proposed water withdrawal on the levels and flows in the watershed from which the water would be withdrawn over the expected life of the facility, including low flows, flood events, and the like.
  - (11) An analysis of the impact of the proposed withdrawal on water quality in the watershed from which the water would be withdrawn over the expected life of the diversion.
  - (12) Projections of water use needs for the life of the facility in the watershed from which the water would be withdrawn, and an analysis of the potential impact of the water withdrawal on water supply in the watershed over the life of the project.
  - (13) Proof of ownership of all parcels, lots, etc. on which the water withdrawal facility is to be located. If the operator of the water withdrawal facility is not the owner of the facility or of the parcels, lots, etc, on which the facility is located, a copy of the rental/lease agreement for said property.
  - (14) Such additional information as the City of New Philadelphia may require.
- (d) Application for a water withdrawal facility of less than one hundred thousand gallons of water a day. An application shall contain the following information:
- (1) The name, address, email address, and telephone number of applicant.
  - (2) The location of the proposed withdrawal facility; a description of all proposed and existing systems for the storage, treatment, transportation, and distribution of water; and the location of the proposed well(s) for the withdrawal facility; the location of any discharge of water or wastewater effluent within the area to which the applicant intends to supply water from the facility.
  - (3) The average quantity of water in gallons to be diverted daily and a description of the uses to which the water is to be put, including the proportion allocated to each use.
  - (4) A description and/or an analysis of applicant's present and future needs for the withdrawal of water.
  - (5) The expected life of the water withdrawal facility.

- (6) Maps showing the items listed in paragraph (c)(2) of this rule as well as:
- A. The county and township roads
  - B. The location of any and all utilities
  - C. The topography of the water withdrawal facility site environs;  
and
  - D. Any structures or facilities (existing or proposed) affected by or part of the water withdrawal facility.
- Maps published by the state, county, and the United States geological survey, and aerial photographs, may be used for these purposes.
- (7) Water withdrawal facility design specifications and site plans accurately drawn and in sufficient detail to clearly indicate the extent and complexity of the proposed diversion.
- (8) Proof of ownership of all parcels, lots, etc. on which the water withdrawal facility is to be located. If the operator of the water withdrawal facility is not the owner of the facility or of the parcels, lots, etc, on which the facility is located, a copy of the rental/lease agreement for said property.  
(Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)

#### 947.10 BONDING/REGISTRATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL FACILITY OPERATORS.

(a) No person shall engage in the work or business of operating a water withdrawal facility capable of withdrawing one hundred thousand gallons of water per day within the City of New Philadelphia without first filing a registration with the City.

(b) At the time of application for registration of a water withdrawal facility, the applicant shall enter into a bond payable to the City of New Philadelphia of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) which sureties are to be approved by the Director of Public Service. Such bonds shall contain a condition that the applicant will indemnify and save the City harmless from all loss and damages that may be occasioned in any way by the negligence of the applicant or his employees in the proper operation of such water withdrawal facility and that said operator(s) of said water withdrawal facility shall be responsible for any and all cleanup, remediation or other procedures that are a result of improper or poor management or operation of said facility.  
(Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)

#### 947.11 ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.

The Water Department Superintendent or his authorized representative and/or the Director of Environmental Health for the New Philadelphia City Health Department or his authorized representative shall have the enforcement authority for this chapter.  
(Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)

#### 947.99 PENALTY.

Any person who violates any section of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. 17-2012. Passed 1-14-13.)



**CHAPTER 948**  
**Comprehensive Stormwater Management**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Erosion and Sediment Control - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 949

Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Control - see S. U. & P. S. Ch. 950

**948.01 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

(a) The purpose of this regulation is to establish technically feasible and economically reasonable stormwater management standards to achieve a level of stormwater quality and quantity control that will minimize damage to property and degradation of water resources and will promote and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of New Philadelphia:

(b) This regulation requires owners who develop or re-develop their property within the City of New Philadelphia to:

- (1) Control stormwater runoff from their property and ensure that all Stormwater Control Measures (SCMs) are properly designed, constructed, and maintained.
- (2) Reduce water quality impacts to receiving water resources that may be caused by new development or redevelopment activities.
- (3) Control the volume, rate, and quality of stormwater runoff originating from their property so that surface water and groundwater are protected and flooding and erosion potential are not increased.

- (4) Minimize the need to construct, repair, and replace subsurface storm drain systems.
- (5) Preserve natural infiltration and ground water recharge, and maintain subsurface flow that replenishes water resources, except in slippage prone soils.
- (6) Incorporate stormwater quality and quantity controls into site planning and design at the earliest possible stage in the development process.
- (7) Reduce the expense of remedial projects needed to address problems caused by inadequate stormwater management.
- (8) Maximize use of SCMs that serve multiple purposes including, but not limited to, flood control, erosion control, fire protection, water quality protection, recreation, and habitat preservation.
- (9) Design sites to minimize the number of stream crossings and the width of associated disturbance in order to minimize the City of New Philadelphia's future expenses related to the maintenance and repair of stream crossings.
- (10) Maintain, promote, and re-establish conditions necessary for naturally occurring stream processes that assimilate pollutants, attenuate flood flows, and provide a healthy water resource.

(c) This regulation shall apply to all parcels used or being developed, either wholly or partially, for new or relocated projects involving highways and roads; subdivisions or larger common plans of development; industrial, commercial, institutional, or residential projects; building activities on farms; redevelopment activities; grading; and all other uses that are not specifically exempted in Section 948.01.

(d) Public entities, including the State of Ohio, Tuscarawas County, and the City of New Philadelphia shall comply with this regulation for roadway projects initiated after March 10, 2006 and, to the maximum extent practicable, for projects initiated before that time.

(e) This regulation does not apply to activities regulated by, and in compliance with, the Ohio Agricultural Sediment Pollution Abatement Rules.

(f) This regulation does not require a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan for linear construction projects, such as pipeline or utility line installation, that do not result in the installation of impervious surface as determined by the New Philadelphia Service Director. Such projects must be designed to minimize the number of stream crossings and the width of disturbance. Linear construction projects must comply with the requirements of Chapter 949 Erosion and Sediment Control. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.02 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this regulation, the following terms shall have the meaning herein indicated:

- (a) ACRE: A measurement of area equaling 43,560 square feet.
- (b) AS-BUILT SURVEY: A survey shown on a plan or drawing prepared by a registered Professional Surveyor indicating the actual dimensions, elevations, and locations of any structures, underground utilities, swales, detention facilities, and sewage treatment facilities after construction has been completed.

- (c) **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP):** Also **STORMWATER CONTROL MEASURE (SCMs)**. Schedule of activities, prohibitions of practices, operation and maintenance procedures, treatment requirements, and other management practices (both structural and non-structural) to prevent or reduce the pollution of water resources and to control stormwater volume and rate. This includes practices to control runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage. For guidance, please see U.S. EPA's National Menu of BMPs at <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/swbmp/index.cfm>.
- (d) **CLEAN WATER ACT:** Pub. L. 92-500, as amended Pub. L. 95-217, Pub. L. 95-576, Pub. L. 96-483, Pub. L. 97-117, and Pub. L. 100-4, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq. Referred to as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.
- (e) **COMMUNITY:** The City of New Philadelphia, its designated representatives, boards, or commissions.
- (f) **COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:** The written document and plans meeting the requirements of this regulation that sets forth the plans and practices to minimize stormwater runoff from a development area, to safely convey or temporarily store and release post-development runoff at an allowable rate to minimize flooding and stream bank erosion, and to protect or improve stormwater quality and stream channels.
- (g) **CRITICAL STORM:** A storm that is determined by calculating the percentage increase in volume of runoff by a proposed development area for the 1 year 24 hour event. The critical storm is used to calculate the maximum allowable stormwater discharge rate from a developed site.
- (h) **DEVELOPMENT AREA:** A parcel or contiguous parcels owned by one person or persons, or operated as one development unit, and used or being developed for commercial, industrial, residential, institutional, or other construction or alteration that changes runoff characteristics.
- (i) **DEVELOPMENT DRAINAGE AREA:** A combination of each hydraulically unique watershed with individual outlet points on the development area.
- (j) **DISTURBED AREA:** An area of land subject to erosion due to the removal of vegetative cover and/or soil disturbing activities.
- (k) **DRAINAGE:** The removal of excess surface water or groundwater from land by surface or subsurface drains.
- (l) **EROSION:** The process by which the land surface is worn away by the action of wind, water, ice, gravity, or any combination of those forces.
- (m) **EXTENDED DETENTION FACILITY:** A stormwater control measure that replaces and/or enhances traditional detention facilities by releasing the runoff collected during the stormwater quality event over at least 24 to 48 hours, retarding flow and allowing pollutants to settle within the facility.
- (n) **RESERVED:**
- (o) **FINAL STABILIZATION:** All soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed and a uniform perennial vegetative cover with a density of at least 80% coverage for the area has been established or equivalent stabilization practices, such as the use of mulches or geotextiles, have been employed.
- (p) **GRADING:** The process in which the topography of the land is altered to a new slope.
- (q) **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE:** Wet weather management approaches and technologies that utilize, enhance or mimic the natural hydrologic cycle processes of infiltration, evapotranspiration and reuse.

- (r) **HYDROLOGIC UNIT CODE:** a cataloging system developed by the United States Geological Survey and the Natural Resource Conservation Service to identify watersheds in the United States.
- (s) **IMPERVIOUS COVER:** Any surface that cannot effectively absorb or infiltrate water. This may include roads, streets, parking lots, rooftops, sidewalks, and other areas not covered by vegetation.
- (t) **INFILTRATION CONTROL MEASURE:** A stormwater control measure that does not discharge to a water resource during the stormwater quality event, requiring collected runoff to either infiltrate into the groundwater and/or be consumed by evapotranspiration, thereby retaining stormwater pollutants in the facility.
- (u) **LARGER COMMON PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT:** A contiguous area where multiple separate and distinct construction activities may be taking place at different times on different schedules under one plan.
- (v) **LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT:** Low-impact development (LID) is a site design approach, which seeks to integrate hydrologically functional design with pollution prevention measures to compensate for land development impacts on hydrology and water quality. LID's goal is to mimic natural hydrology and processes by using small-scale, decentralized practices that infiltrate, evaporate, detain, and transpire stormwater. LID stormwater control measures (SCMs) are uniformly and strategically located throughout the site.
- (w) **MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE:** The level of pollutant reduction that operators of small municipal separate storm sewer systems regulated under 40 C.F.R. Parts 9, 122, 123, and 124, referred to as NPDES Stormwater Phase II, must meet.
- (x) **MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4):** A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains) that are:
  - (1) Owned or operated by the federal government, state, municipality, township, county, district, or other public body (created by or pursuant to state or federal law) including a special district under state law such as a sewer district, flood control district or drainage districts, or similar entity, or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the Clean Water Act that discharges into water resources; and
  - (2) Designed or used for collecting or conveying solely stormwater,
  - (3) Which is not a combined sewer, and
  - (4) Which is not a part of a publicly owned treatment works.
- (y) **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES):** A regulatory program in the Federal Clean Water Act that prohibits the discharge of pollutants into surface waters of the United States without a permit.
- (z) **NONSTRUCTURAL STORMWATER CONTROL MEASURE (SCM):** Any technique that uses natural processes and features to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to water resources and control stormwater volume and rate.
- (aa) **POST-DEVELOPMENT:** The conditions that exist following the completion of soil disturbing activity in terms of topography, vegetation, land use, and the rate, volume, quality, or direction of stormwater runoff.
- (bb) **PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING:** Meeting prior to construction between all parties associated with the construction of the project including government agencies, contractors and owners to review agency requirements and plans as submitted and approved.

- (cc) **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER:** A Professional Engineer registered in the State of Ohio with specific education and experience in water resources engineering, acting in conformance with the Code of Ethics of the Ohio State Board of Registration for Engineers and Surveyors.
- (dd) **REDEVELOPMENT:** A construction project on land that has been previously developed and where the new land use will not increase the runoff coefficient used to calculate the water quality volume. If the new land use will increase the runoff coefficient, then the project is considered to be a new development project rather than a redevelopment project.
- (ee) **RIPARIAN AREA:** Land adjacent to any brook, creek, river, or stream having a defined bed and bank that, if appropriately sized, helps to stabilize streambanks, limit erosion, reduce flood size flows, and/or filter and settle out runoff pollutants, or performs other functions consistent with the purposes of this regulation.
- (ff) **RIPARIAN AND WETLAND SETBACK:** The real property adjacent to a water resource on which soil disturbing activities are limited, all as defined by the
- (gg) **RUNOFF:** The portion of rainfall, melted snow, or irrigation water that flows across the ground surface and is eventually returned to water resources.
- (hh) **SEDIMENT:** The soils or other surface materials that can be transported or deposited by the action of wind, water, ice, or gravity as a product of erosion.
- (ii) **SEDIMENTATION:** The deposition of sediment in water resources.
- (jj) **SITE OWNER/OPERATOR:** Any individual, corporation, firm, trust, commission, board, public or private partnership, joint venture, agency, unincorporated association, municipal corporation, county or state agency, the federal government, other legal entity, or an agent thereof that is responsible for the overall construction site.
- (kk) **SOIL DISTURBING ACTIVITY:** Clearing, grading, excavating, filling, or other alteration of the earth's surface where natural or human made ground cover is destroyed that may result in, or contribute to, increased stormwater quantity and/or decreased stormwater quality.
- (ll) **STABILIZATION:** The use of Best Management Practices or Stormwater Control Measures that reduce or prevent soil erosion by stormwater runoff, trench dewatering, wind, ice, gravity, or a combination thereof.
- (mm) **STORMWATER OR STORM WATER:** Defined at 40 CFR 122.26(b)(13) and means stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff and surface runoff and drainage.
- (nn) **STORMWATER CONTROL MEASURE (SCM):** Also Best Management Practice (BMP). Schedule of activities, prohibitions of practices, operation and maintenance procedures, treatment requirements, and other management practices (both structural and non-structural) to prevent or reduce the pollution of water resources and to control stormwater volume and rate. This includes practices to control runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage. For guidance, please see U.S. EPA's National Menu of BMPs at <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/swbmp/index.cfm>.
- (oo) **STRUCTURAL STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICE OR STORMWATER CONTROL MEASURE (SCM):** Any constructed facility, structure, or device that prevents or reduces the discharge of pollutants to water resources and controls stormwater volume and rate.
- (pp) **SURFACE WATER OF THE STATE:** Also Water Resource. Any stream, lake, reservoir, pond, marsh, wetland, or other waterway situated wholly or partly within the boundaries of the state, except those private waters which do not combine or affect a junction with surface water. Waters defined as sewerage systems, treatment works or disposal systems in Section 6111.01 of the Ohio Revised Code are not included.

- (qq) **TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD:** The sum of the existing and/or projected point source, nonpoint source, and background loads for a pollutant to a specified watershed, water body, or water body segment. A TMDL sets and allocates the maximum amount of a pollutant that may be introduced into the water and still ensure attainment and maintenance of water quality standards.
- (rr) **WATER QUALITY VOLUME:** "Water Quality Volume (WQv)" means the volume of stormwater runoff which must be captured and treated prior to discharge from the developed site after construction is complete. WQv is based on the expected runoff generated by the mean storm precipitation volume from post-construction site conditions at which rapidly diminishing returns in the number of runoff events captured begins to occur.
- (ss) **WATER RESOURCE:** Also **SURFACE WATER WATER OF THE STATE.** Any stream, lake, reservoir, pond, marsh, wetland, or waterway situated wholly or partly within the boundaries of the state, except those private waters which do not combine or affect a junction with surface water. Waters defined as sewerage systems, treatment works or disposal systems in Section 6111.01 of the Ohio Revised Code are not included.
- (tt) **WATER RESOURCE CROSSING:** Any bridge, box, arch, culvert, truss, or other type of structure intended to convey people, animals, vehicles, or materials from one side of a watercourse to another. This does not include private, non-commercial footbridges or pole mounted aerial electric or telecommunication lines, nor does it include below grade utility lines.
- (uu) **WATERSHED:** The total drainage area contributing stormwater runoff to a single point.
- (vv) **WETLAND:** Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, including swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas (40 CFR 232, as amended). (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.03 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

(a) Compliance with the provisions of this regulation shall not relieve any person from responsibility for damage to any person otherwise imposed by law. The provisions of this regulation are promulgated to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public and are not designed for the benefit of any individual or any particular parcel of property.

(b) By approving a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan under this regulation, the City of New Philadelphia does not accept responsibility for the design, installation, and operation and maintenance of SCMs. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.04 CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, NUISANCES AND RESPONSIBILITY

(a) Where this regulation is in conflict with other provisions of law or ordinance, the most restrictive provisions, as determined by the New Philadelphia Service Director, shall prevail.

(b) If any clause, section, or provision of this regulation is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

(c) This regulation shall not be construed as authorizing any person to maintain a nuisance on their property, and compliance with the provisions of this regulation shall not be a defense in any action to abate such a nuisance.

(d) Failure of the City of New Philadelphia to observe or recognize hazardous or unsightly conditions or to recommend corrective measures shall not relieve the site owner from the responsibility for the condition or damage resulting therefrom, and shall not result in the City of New Philadelphia, its officers, employees, or agents being responsible for any condition or damage resulting therefrom. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.05 DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANS.

(a) This regulation requires that a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan be developed and implemented for all soil disturbing activities disturbing one (1) or more acres of total land, or less than one (1) acre if part of a larger common plan of development or sale disturbing one (1) or more acres of total land, and on which any regulated activity of Section 948.01 (C) is proposed. A Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan must be developed and implemented for all residential, commercial and industrial site development. The New Philadelphia Service Director may require a comprehensive stormwater management plan on sites disturbing less than 1 acre.

(b) The City of New Philadelphia shall administer this regulation, shall be responsible for determination of compliance with this regulation, and shall issue notices and orders as may be necessary. The City of New Philadelphia may consult with the Tuscarawas County SWCD, state agencies, private engineers, stormwater districts, or other technical experts in reviewing the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.06 APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

(a) Pre-Application Meeting: The applicant shall attend a Pre-Application Meeting with the New Philadelphia Service Director to discuss the proposed project, review the requirements of this regulation, identify unique aspects of the project that must be addressed during the review process, and establish a preliminary review and approval schedule.

(b) Preliminary Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan: The applicant shall submit two (2) sets of a Preliminary Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan (Preliminary Plan) and the applicable fees to the New Philadelphia Service Director. The Preliminary Plan shall show the proposed property boundaries, setbacks, dedicated open space, public roads, water resources, stormwater control facilities, and easements in sufficient detail and engineering analysis to allow the City Engineer to determine if the site is laid out in a manner that meets the intent of this regulation and if the proposed SCMs are capable of controlling runoff from the site in compliance with this regulation. The applicant shall submit two (2) sets of the Preliminary Plan and applicable fees as follows:

- (1) For subdivisions: In conjunction with the submission of the preliminary subdivision plan.
- (2) For other construction projects: In conjunction with the application for a zoning permit.
- (3) For general clearing projects: In conjunction with the application for a zoning permit.

(c) Final Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan: The applicant shall submit two (2) sets of a Final Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan (Final Plan) and the applicable fees to the New Philadelphia Service Director in conjunction with the submittal of the final plat, improvement plans, or application for a building or zoning permit for the site. The Final Plan shall meet the requirements of Section 948.08 and shall be approved by the New Philadelphia Service Director prior to approval of the final plat and/or before issuance of a zoning or building permit.

(d) Review and Comment: The New Philadelphia Service Director and/or the shall review the Preliminary and Final Plans submitted, and shall approve or return for revisions with comments and recommendations for revisions. A Preliminary or Final Plan rejected because of deficiencies shall receive a narrative report stating specific problems and the procedures for filing a revised Preliminary or Final Plan.

(e) Approval Necessary: Land clearing and soil-disturbing activities shall not begin and zoning and/or building permits shall not be issued without an approved Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan.

(f) Valid for Two Years: Approvals issued in accordance with this regulation shall remain valid for two (2) years from the date of approval.  
(Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.07 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

Approvals issued in accordance with this regulation do not relieve the applicant of responsibility for obtaining all other necessary permits and/or approvals from other federal, state, and/or county agencies. If requirements vary, the most restrictive shall prevail. These permits may include, but are not limited to, those listed below. Applicants are required to show proof of compliance with these regulations before the City of New Philadelphia will issue a building or zoning permit.

- (a) Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits authorizing stormwater discharges associated with construction activity or the most current version thereof: Proof of compliance with these requirements shall be the applicant's Notice of Intent (NOI) number from Ohio EPA, a copy of the Ohio EPA Director's Authorization Letter for the NPDES Permit, or a letter from the site owner certifying and explaining why the NPDES Permit is not applicable.
- (b) Section 401 of the Clean Water Act: Proof of compliance shall be a copy of the Ohio EPA Water Quality Certification application tracking number, public notice, project approval, or a letter from the site owner certifying that a qualified professional has surveyed the site and determined that Section 401 of the Clean Water Act is not applicable. Wetlands, and other waters of the United States, shall be delineated by protocols accepted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the time of application of this regulation.
- (c) Ohio EPA Isolated Wetland Permit: Proof of compliance shall be a copy of Ohio EPA's Isolated Wetland Permit application tracking number, public notice, project approval, or a letter from the site owner certifying that a qualified professional has surveyed the site and determined that Ohio EPA's Isolated Wetlands Permit is not applicable. Isolated wetlands shall be delineated by protocols accepted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the time of application of this regulation.



- (d) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act: Proof of compliance shall be a copy of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Individual Permit application, public notice, or project approval, if an Individual Permit is required for the development project. If an Individual Permit is not required, the site owner shall submit proof of compliance with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Nationwide Permit Program. This shall include one of the following:
- (1) A letter from the site owner certifying that a qualified professional has surveyed the site and determined that Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is not applicable.
  - (2) A site plan showing that any proposed fill of waters of the United States conforms to the general and special conditions specified in the applicable Nationwide Permit. Wetlands, and other waters of the United States, shall be delineated by protocols accepted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the time of application of this regulation.
- (e) Ohio Dam Safety Law: Proof of compliance shall be a copy of the ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources permit application tracking number, a copy of the project approval letter from the ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources, or a letter from the site owner certifying and explaining why the Ohio Dam Safety Law is not applicable. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.08 COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(a) Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan Required: The applicant shall develop a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan describing how the quantity and quality of stormwater will be managed after construction is completed for every discharge from the site and/or into a water resource or small municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The Plan will illustrate the type, location, and dimensions of every structural and non-structural SCM incorporated into the site design, and the rationale for their selection. The rationale must address how these SCMs will address flooding within the site as well as flooding that may be caused by the development upstream and downstream of the site. The rationale will also describe how the SCMs minimize impacts to the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of on-site and downstream water resources and, if necessary, correct current degradation of water resources that is occurring or take measures to prevent predictable degradation of water resources.

(b) Preparation by Professional Engineer: The Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan shall be prepared by a registered Professional Engineer and include supporting calculations, plan sheets, and design details. To the extent necessary, as determined by the New Philadelphia Service Director, a site survey shall be performed by a registered Professional Surveyor to establish boundary lines, measurements, or land surfaces.

(c) Community Procedures: The New Philadelphia Service Director shall prepare and maintain procedures providing specific criteria and guidance to be followed when designing the stormwater management system for the site. These procedures may be updated from time to time, at the discretion of the New Philadelphia Service Director based on improvements in engineering, science, monitoring, and local maintenance experience. The New Philadelphia Service Director shall make the final determination of whether the practices proposed in the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan meet the requirements of this regulation. The New Philadelphia Service Director may also maintain a list of acceptable SCMs that meet the criteria of this regulation to be used in the City of New Philadelphia.

(d) Contents of Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan: The Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan shall contain an application, narrative report, construction site plan sheets, a long-term Inspection and Maintenance Plan and Inspection and Maintenance Agreement, and a site description with the following information provided:

(1) Site description:

- A. A description of the nature and type of the construction activity (e.g. residential, shopping mall, highway, etc.).
- B. Total area of the site and the area of the site that is expected to be disturbed (i.e. grubbing, clearing, excavation, filling or grading, including off-site borrow areas).
- C. A description of prior land uses at the site.
- D. An estimate of the impervious area and percent imperviousness created by the soil-disturbing activity at the beginning and at the conclusion of the project.
- E. Selection (source and justification) and/or calculations of runoff coefficients for water quality volume determination, peak discharge control (curve number/critical storm method), and rational method.
- F. Existing data describing the soils throughout the site, including soil map units including series, complexes, and association, hydrologic soil group, porosity, infiltration characteristics, depth to groundwater, depth to bedrock, and any impermeable layers.
- G. If available, the quality of any known pollutant discharge from the site such as that which may result from previous contamination caused by prior land uses.
- H. The location and name of the immediate water resource(s) and the first subsequent water resource(s).
- I. The aerial (plan view) extent and description of water resources at or near the site that will be disturbed or will receive discharges from the project.
- J. If applicable, identify the point of discharge to a municipal separate storm sewer system and the location where that municipal separate storm sewer system ultimately discharges to a stream, lake, or wetland. The location and name of the immediate receiving stream or surface water(s) and the first subsequent receiving water(s) and the aerial extent and description of wetlands or other special aquatic sites at or near the site which will be disturbed or which will receive discharges from undisturbed areas of the project.
- K. TMDLs applicable for the site [refer to TMDL community identifier table at <http://www.neohiostormwater.com/>]; demonstrate that appropriate (SCMs) have been selected to address these TMDLs.
- L. For each SCM, identify the drainage area, percent impervious cover within the drainage area, runoff coefficient for water quality volume, peak discharge, and the time of concentration for each subwatershed per Appendix 1 of Ohio's stormwater manual, Rainwater and Land Development. Pervious and impervious areas should be treated as separate subwatersheds unless allowed at the discretion of the community engineer. Identify the SCM surface area, discharge and dewatering time, outlet type and dimensions. Each SCM shall be designated with an individual identification number.

- M. Describe the current condition of water resources including the vertical stability of stream channels and indications of channel incision that may be responsible for current or future sources of high sediment loading or loss of channel stability.
- (2) Site map showing:
- A. Limits of soil-disturbing activity on the site.
  - B. Soils map units for the entire site, including locations of unstable or highly erodible soils.
  - C. Existing and proposed one-foot (1') contours. This must include a delineation of drainage watersheds expected before, during, and after major grading activities as well as the size of each drainage watershed in acres.
  - D. Water resource locations including springs, wetlands, streams, lakes, water wells, and associated setbacks on or within 200 feet of the site, including the boundaries of wetlands or streams and first subsequent named receiving water(s) the applicant intends to fill or relocate for which the applicant is seeking approval from the Army Corps of Engineers and/or Ohio EPA.
  - E. Existing and planned locations of buildings, roads, parking facilities, and utilities.
  - F. The location of any in-stream activities including stream crossings.
- (3) Contact information: Company name and contact information as well as contact name, addresses, and phone numbers for the following:
- A. The Professional Engineer who prepared the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan.
  - B. The site owner.
- (4) Phase, if applicable, of the overall development plan.
- (5) List of subplot numbers if project is a subdivision.
- (6) Ohio EPA NPDES Permit Number and other applicable state and federal permit numbers, if available, or status of various permitting requirements if final approvals have not been received.
- (7) Location, including complete site address and subplot number if applicable.
- (8) Location of any easements or other restrictions placed on the use of the property.
- (9) A site plan sheet showing:
- A. The location of each proposed post-construction SCMs.
  - B. The geographic coordinates of the site AND each proposed practice in North American Datum Ohio State Plane North.
- It is preferred that the entire site be shown on one plan sheet to allow a complete view of the site during plan review. If a smaller scale is used to accomplish this, separate sheets providing an enlarged view of areas on individual sheets should also be provided.
- (10) Inspection and Maintenance Agreement. The Inspection and Maintenance Agreement required for SCMs under this regulation as a stand-alone document between the City and the applicant. A copy of this agreement should be attached to the property deed. The agreement shall contain the following information and provisions:
- A. Identification of the landowner(s), organization, or municipality responsible for long-term inspection and maintenance, including repairs, of the SCMs.

- B. The landowner(s), organization, or municipality shall maintain SCMs in accordance with this regulation.
  - C. The City of New Philadelphia has the authority to enter upon the property to conduct inspections as necessary, with prior notification of the property owner, to verify that the SCMs are being maintained and operated in accordance with this regulation.
  - D. The City of New Philadelphia shall maintain public records of the results of site inspections, shall inform the landowner(s), organization, or municipality responsible for maintenance of the inspection results, and shall specifically indicate in writing any corrective actions required to bring the SCMs into proper working condition.
  - E. If the City of New Philadelphia notifies the landowner(s), organization, or municipality responsible for maintenance of the maintenance problems that require correction, the specific corrective actions shall be taken within a reasonable time as determined by the City of New Philadelphia.
  - F. The City of New Philadelphia is authorized to enter upon the property and perform the corrective actions identified in the inspection report if the landowner(s), organization, or municipality responsible for maintenance does not make the required corrections in the specified time period. The City of New Philadelphia shall be reimbursed by the landowner(s), organization, or municipality responsible for maintenance for all expenses incurred within 10 days of receipt of invoice from the City of New Philadelphia, or more with written approval from the New Philadelphia Service Director.
  - G. The method of funding long-term maintenance and inspections of all SCMs.
  - H. A release of the City of New Philadelphia from all damages, accidents, casualties, occurrences, or claims that might arise or be asserted against the City of New Philadelphia from the construction, presence, existence, or maintenance of the SCMs.
- (11) Inspection and Maintenance Plan. This plan will be developed by the applicant and reviewed by the City of New Philadelphia. Once the Inspection and Maintenance Plan is approved, a recorded copy of the Plan must be submitted to the City of New Philadelphia as part of the final inspection approval as described in Section 948.12. The plan will include at a minimum:
- A. The location of each SCM and identification of the drainage area served by each SCM.
  - B. Photographs of each SCM, including all inlets and outlets upon completion of construction.
  - C. Schedule of inspection.
  - D. A schedule for regular maintenance for each aspect of the stormwater management system and description of routine and non-routine maintenance tasks to ensure continued performance of the system as is detailed in the approved Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan. A maintenance inspection checklist written so the

- average person can understand it shall be incorporated. The maintenance plan will include a detailed drawing of each SCM and outlet structures with the parts of the outlet structure labeled. This schedule may include additional standards, as required by the [City] Engineer, to ensure continued performance of SCMs permitted to be located in, or within 50 feet of, water resources.
- E. The location and documentation of all access and maintenance easements on the property.  
Alteration or termination of these stipulations is prohibited.
- (12) Required Calculations: The applicant shall submit calculations for projected stormwater runoff flows, volumes, and timing into and through all SCMs for flood control, channel protection, water quality, and the condition of the habitat, stability, and incision of each water resource and its floodplain, as required in Section 948.09 of this regulation. These submittals shall be completed for both pre- and post-development land use conditions and shall include the underlying assumptions and hydrologic and hydraulic methods and parameters used for these calculations. The applicant shall also include critical storm determination and demonstrate that the runoff from offsite areas have been considered in the calculations.
- (13) List of all contractors and subcontractors before construction: Prior to construction or before the pre-construction meeting, provide the list of all contractors and subcontractors and their names, addresses, and phones involved with the implementation of the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan including a written document containing signatures of all parties as proof of acknowledgment that they have reviewed and understand the requirements and responsibilities of the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan.
- (14) Existing and proposed drainage patterns: The location and description of existing and proposed drainage patterns and SCMs, including any related SCMs beyond the development area and the larger common development area.
- (15) For each SCM to be employed on the development area, include the following:
- A. Location and size, including detail drawings, maintenance requirements during and after construction, and design calculations, all where applicable.
  - B. Final site conditions including stormwater inlets and permanent nonstructural and structural SCMs. Details of SCMs shall be drawn to scale and shall show volumes and sizes of contributing drainage areas.
  - C. Any other structural and/or non-structural SCMs necessary to meet the design criteria in this regulation and any supplemental information requested by the New Philadelphia Service Director.
  - D. Each SCM shall be designated with an individual identification number. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

## 948.09 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

(a) General: The stormwater system, including SCMs for storage, treatment and control, and conveyance facilities, shall be designed to prevent structure flooding during the 100-year, 24-hour storm event; to maintain predevelopment runoff patterns, flows, and volumes; and to meet the following criteria:

- (1) Integrated practices that address degradation of water resources. The SCMs shall function as an integrated system that controls flooding and minimizes the degradation of the physical, biological, and chemical integrity of the water resources receiving stormwater discharges from the site. Acceptable practices shall:
  - A. Not disturb riparian areas, unless the disturbance is intended to support a watercourse restoration project.
  - B. Maintain predevelopment hydrology and groundwater recharge on as much of the site as practicable.
  - C. Only install new impervious surfaces and compact soils where necessary to support the future land use.
  - D. Compensate for increased runoff volumes caused by new impervious surfaces and soil compaction by reducing stormwater peak flows to less than predevelopment levels.
  - E. Be designed according to the methodology included in the most current edition of Rainwater and Land Development or another design manual acceptable for use by the City and Ohio EPA.SCMs that meet the criteria in this regulation, and additional criteria required by the City of New Philadelphia, shall comply with this regulation.
- (2) Practices designed for final use: SCMs shall be designed to achieve the stormwater management objectives of this regulation, to be compatible with the proposed post-construction use of the site, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to function safely with routine maintenance.
- (3) Stormwater management for all lots: Areas developed for a subdivision shall provide stormwater management and water quality controls for the development of all subdivided lots. This shall include provisions for lot grading and drainage that prevent structure flooding during the 100-year, 24-hour storm; and maintain, to the extent practicable, the pre-development runoff patterns, volumes, and peaks from each lot.
- (4) Stormwater facilities in water resources: SCMs stormwater management practices and related activities shall not be constructed in water resources unless the applicant shows proof of compliance with all appropriate permits from the Ohio EPA, the U.S. Army Corps, and other applicable federal, state, and local agencies as required in Section 948.07 of this regulation, and the activity is in compliance with Chapter 949, all as determined by the New Philadelphia Service Director.
- (5) Stormwater ponds and surface conveyance channels: All stormwater pond and surface conveyance designs must provide a minimum of one (1) foot freeboard above the projected peak stage within the facility during the 100-year, 24-hour storm. When designing stormwater ponds and conveyance channels, the applicant shall consider public safety as a design factor and alternative designs must be implemented where site limitations would preclude a safe design.

- (6) Exemption: The site where soil-disturbing activities are conducted shall be exempt from the requirements of Section 948.09 if it can be shown to the satisfaction of the New Philadelphia Service Director that the site is part of a larger common plan of development where the stormwater management requirements for the site are provided by an existing SCMs, or if the stormwater management requirements for the site are provided by practices defined in a regional or local stormwater management plan approved by the New Philadelphia Service Director.
- (7) Maintenance: All SCMs shall be maintained in accordance with the Inspection and Maintenance Plan and Agreements approved by the New Philadelphia Service Director as detailed in Section 948.08.
- (8) Ownership: Unless otherwise required by the City of New Philadelphia, SCMs serving multiple lots in subdivisions shall be on a separate lot held and maintained by an entity of common ownership or, if compensated by the property owners, by the City of New Philadelphia. SCMs serving single lots shall be placed on these lots, protected within an easement, and maintained by the property owner.
- (9) Preservation of Existing Natural Drainage: Practices that preserve and/or improve the existing natural drainage shall be used to the maximum extent practicable. Such practices may include minimizing site grading and compaction; protecting and/or restoring water resources, riparian areas, and existing vegetation and vegetative buffer strips; phasing of construction operations in order to minimize the amount of disturbed land at any one time, and designation of tree preservation areas or other protective clearing and grubbing practices; and maintaining unconcentrated stormwater runoff to and through these areas. Post-construction stormwater practices shall provide perpetual management of runoff quality and quantity so that a receiving stream's physical, chemical and biological characteristics are protected and ecological functions are maintained.
- (10) Preservation of Wetland Hydrology: Concentrated stormwater runoff from SCMs to wetlands shall be converted to diffuse flow before the runoff enters the wetlands in order to protect the natural hydrology, hydroperiod, and wetland flora. The flow shall be released such that no erosion occurs down slope. Practices such as level spreaders, vegetative buffers, infiltration basins, conservation of forest covers, and the preservation of intermittent streams, depressions, and drainage corridors may be used to maintain the wetland hydrology.  
If the applicant proposes to discharge to natural wetlands, a hydrological analysis shall be performed to demonstrate that the proposed discharge matches the pre-development hydroperiods and hydrodynamics that support the wetland.
- (11) Soil Preservation and Post-Construction Soil Restoration: To the maximum extent practicable leave native soil undisturbed and protect from compaction during construction. Except for areas that will be covered by impervious surface or have been incorporated into an SCM, the soil moisture-holding capacity of areas that have been cleared and graded must be restored to that of the original, undisturbed soil to the maximum extent practicable. Areas that have been compacted or had the topsoil or duff layer removed should be amended using the following steps: 1. till subsoil to a depth of 15-18 inches, 2. incorporate compost through top 12 inches, 3. Replace with stockpiled site or imported suitable topsoil to a minimum depth of 4 inches.

(b) Stormwater Conveyance Design Criteria: All SCMs shall be designed to convey stormwater to allow for the maximum removal of pollutants and reduction in flow velocities. This shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) Surface water protection: The New Philadelphia Service Director may allow modification to streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands or other surface waters only if the applicant shows proof of compliance with all appropriate permits from the Ohio EPA, the U.S. Army Corps, and other applicable federal, state, and local agencies as required in Section 948.07 of this regulation, and the activity is in compliance with Chapter 949, all as determined by the New Philadelphia Service Director. At a minimum, stream relocation designs must show how the project will minimize changes to the vertical stability, floodplain form, channel form, and habitat of upstream and downstream channels on and off the property.
- (2) Off-site stormwater discharges: Off-site stormwater runoff that discharges to or across the applicant's development site shall be conveyed through the stormwater conveyance system planned for the development site at its existing peak flow rates during each design storm. Off-site flows shall be diverted around stormwater quality control facilities or, if this is not possible, the stormwater quality control facility shall be sized to treat the off-site flow. Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plans will not be approved until it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the New Philadelphia Service Director that off-site runoff will be adequately conveyed through the development site in a manner that does not exacerbate upstream or downstream flooding and erosion.
- (3) Sheet flow: The site shall be graded in a manner that maintains sheet flow over as large an area as possible. The maximum area of sheet flow shall be determined based on the slope, the uniformity of site grading, and the use of easements or other legally-binding mechanisms that prohibit re-grading and/or the placement of structures within sheet flow areas. In no case shall the sheet flow length be longer than 300 feet, nor shall a sheet flow area exceed 1.5 acres. Flow shall be directed into an open channel, storm sewer, or other SCMs stormwater management practices from areas too long and/or too large to maintain sheet flow, all as determined by the New Philadelphia Service Director.
- (4) Open channels: Unless otherwise allowed by the New Philadelphia Service Director, drainage tributary to SCMs shall be provided by an open channel with vegetated banks and designed to carry the 10-year, 24-hour stormwater runoff from upstream contributory areas.
- (5) Open drainage systems: Open drainage systems shall be preferred on all new development sites to convey stormwater where feasible. Storm sewer systems shall be allowed only when the site cannot be developed at densities allowed under City of New Philadelphia zoning or where the use of an open drainage system affects public health or safety, all as determined by the New Philadelphia Service Director. The following criteria shall be used to design storm sewer systems when necessary:



- A. Storm sewers shall be designed such that they do not surcharge from runoff caused by the 10-year, 24-hour storm, and that the hydraulic grade line of the storm sewer stays below the gutter flow line of the overlying roadway, or below the top of drainage structures outside the roadway during a 25-year, 24-hour storm. The system shall be designed to meet these requirements when conveying the flows from the contributing drainage area within the proposed development and existing flows from offsite areas that are upstream from the development.
  - B. The minimum inside diameter of pipe to be used in public storm sewer systems is 12 inches. Smaller pipe sizes may be used in private systems, subject to the approval of the New Philadelphia Service Director.
  - C. All storm sewer systems shall be designed taking into consideration the tailwater of the receiving facility or water resource. The tailwater elevation used shall be based on the design storm frequency. The hydraulic grade line for the storm sewer system shall be computed with consideration for the energy losses associated with entrance into and exit from the system, friction through the system, and turbulence in the individual manholes, catch basins, and junctions within the system.
  - D. The inverts of all curb inlets, manholes, yard inlets, and other structures shall be formed and channelized to minimize the incidence of quiescent standing water where mosquitoes may breed.
  - E. Headwalls shall be required at all storm sewer inlets or outlets to and from open channels or lakes.
- (6) Water Resource Crossings. The following criteria shall be used to design structures that cross a water resource in the City of New Philadelphia:
- A. Water resource crossings other than bridges shall be designed to convey the stream's flow for the minimum 25-year, 24-hour storm.
  - B. Bridges, open bottom arch or spans are the preferred crossing technique and shall be considered in the planning phase of the development. Bridges and open spans should be considered for all State Scenic Rivers, coldwater habitat, exceptional warmwater habitat, seasonal salmonid habitat streams, and Class III headwater streams. The footers or piers for these bridges and open spans shall not be constructed below the ordinary high water mark.
  - C. If a culvert or other closed bottom crossing is used, twenty-five (25) percent of the cross-sectional area or a minimum of 1 foot of box culverts and pipe arches must be embedded below the channel bed. The conduit or conveyance must to be sized to carry the 25-year storm under these conditions.
  - D. The minimum inside diameter of pipes to be used for crossings shall be 12 inches.
  - E. The maximum slope allowable shall be a slope that produces a 10-fps velocity within the culvert barrel under design flow conditions. Erosion protection and/or energy dissipaters shall be required to properly control entrance and outlet velocities.

- F. All culvert installations shall be designed with consideration for the tailwater of the receiving facility or water resource. The tailwater elevation used shall be based on the design storm frequency.
  - G. Headwalls shall be required at all culvert inlets or outlets to and from open channels or lakes.
  - H. Streams with a drainage area of 5 square miles or larger shall incorporate floodplain culverts at the bankfull elevation to restrict head loss differences across the crossing so as to cause no rise in the 100-year storm event.
  - I. Bridges shall be designed such that the hydraulic profile through a bridge shall be below the bottom chord of the bridge for either the 100-year, 24-hour storm, or the 100-year flood elevation as determined by FEMA, whichever is more restrictive.
- (7) Overland flooding: Overland flood routing paths shall be used to convey stormwater runoff from the 100-year, 24-hour storm event to an adequate receiving water resource or SCM such that the runoff is contained within the drainage easement for the flood routing path and does not cause flooding of buildings or related structures. The peak 100-year water surface elevation along flood routing paths shall be at least one foot below the finished grade elevation at the of all structures. When designing the flood routing paths, the conveyance capacity of the site's storm sewers shall be taken into consideration.
- (8) Compensatory flood storage mitigation: In order to preserve floodplain storage volumes and thereby avoid increases in water surface elevations, any filling within floodplains approved by the City must be compensated by providing an equivalent storage volume. First consideration for the location(s) of compensatory floodplain volumes should be given to areas where the stream channel will have immediate access to the new floodplain within the limits of the development site. Consideration will also be given to enlarging existing or proposed retention basins to compensate for floodplain fill if justified by a hydraulic analysis of the contributing watershed. Unless otherwise permitted by the City of New Philadelphia, reductions in volume due to floodplain fills must be mitigated within the legal boundaries of the development. Embankment slopes used in compensatory storage areas must reasonably conform to the natural slopes adjacent to the disturbed area. The use of vertical retaining structures is specifically prohibited.
- (9) Velocity dissipation: Velocity dissipation devices shall be placed at discharge locations and along the length of any outfall to provide non-erosive flow velocity from the structure to a water resource so that the natural physical and biological characteristics and functions of the water resource are maintained and protected.
- (c) Stormwater Quality Control:
- (1) Direct runoff to an SCM: The site shall be designed to direct runoff to one or more of the following SCMs. These practices are listed in Table 2 of this regulation and shall be designed to meet the following general performance standards:

- A. Extended detention facilities that detain stormwater; settle or filter particulate pollutants; and release the controlled stormwater to a water resource.
  - B. Infiltration facilities that retain stormwater; promote settling, filtering, and biodegradation of pollutants; and infiltrate captured stormwater into the ground. The New Philadelphia Service Director may require a soil engineering report to be prepared for the site to demonstrate that any proposed infiltration facilities meet these performance standards.  
For sites less than five (5) acres, but required to create a comprehensive stormwater management plan, the New Philadelphia Service Director may approve other SCMs if the applicant demonstrates to the New Philadelphia Service Director's satisfaction that these SCMs meet the objectives of this regulation as stated in Section 948.09(c)(6).
  - C. For sites greater than five (5) acres, or less than five (5) acres but part of a larger common plan of development or sale which will disturb five (5) or more acres, the New Philadelphia Service Director may approve other SCMs if the applicant demonstrates to the New Philadelphia Service Director's satisfaction that these SCMs meet the objectives of this regulation as stated in Section 948.09(c)(6), and has prior written approval from the Ohio EPA.
  - D. For the construction of new roads and roadway improvement projects by public entities (i.e. the state, counties, townships, cities, or villages), the New Philadelphia Service Director may approve SCMs not included in Table 2 of this regulation, but must show compliance with the current version of the Ohio Department of Transportation "Location and Design Manual, Volume Two Drainage Design".
- (2) Criteria applying to all SCMs. SCMs chosen must be sized to treat the water quality volume (WQv) and to ensure compliance with Ohio Water Quality Standards (OAC Chapter 3745-1).
- A. The WQv shall be equal to the volume of runoff from a 0.75 inch rainfall event and shall be determined according to one of the following methods:
    - 1. Through a site hydrologic study approved by the New Philadelphia Service Director that uses continuous hydrologic simulation; site-specific hydrologic parameters, including impervious area, soil infiltration characteristics, slope, and surface routing characteristics; proposed SCMs controlling the amount and/or timing of runoff from the site; and local long-term hourly records, or
    - 2. Using the following equation:  

$$WQv = C * P * A / 12$$
 where terms have the following meanings:  
 WQv = water quality volume in acre-feet  
 C = runoff coefficient appropriate for storms less than 1 in.  
 P = 0.75 inch precipitation depth  
 A = area draining into the stormwater practice, in acres.

Runoff coefficients required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) for use in determining the WQv can be determined using the list in Table 1 or using the following equation to calculate the runoff coefficient:

$$C = 0.858i^3 - 0.78i^2 + 0.774i + 0.04, \text{ where:}$$

I = fraction of the drainage area that is impervious

Table 1: Runoff Coefficients Based on the Type of Land Use

Land Use	Runoff Coefficient
Industrial & Commercial	0.8
High Density Residential (> 8 dwellings/acre)	0.5
Medium Density Residential (4 to 8 dwellings/acre)	0.4
Low Density Residential (< 4 dwellings/acre)	0.3
Open Space and Recreational Areas	0.2
Where land use will be mixed, the runoff coefficient should be calculated using a weighted average. For example, if 60% of the contributing drainage area to the stormwater treatment structure is Low Density Residential, 30% is High Density Residential, and 10% is Open Space, the runoff coefficient is calculated as follows $(0.6)(0.3) + (0.3)(0.5) + (0.1)(0.2) = (0.35)$	

- B. An additional volume equal to 20% of the WQv shall be incorporated into the stormwater practice for sediment storage. This volume shall be incorporated into the sections of stormwater practices where pollutants will accumulate.
- C. Each individual SCM must be sized to treat the WQv associated with its entire contributing drainage area. Exceptions to this may be granted by the Service Director and/or the OEPA on a case-by-case basis.
- D. Stormwater quality management practices shall be designed such that the drain time is long enough to provide treatment and protect against downstream bank erosion, but short enough to provide storage available for successive rainfall events as defined in Table 2.
- E. Sites within watersheds of coldwater habitat streams shall include SCMs to infiltrate the water quality volume or reduce the temperature of discharged runoff. SCMs that reduce the temperature of discharged runoff include bioretention, permeable pavement, underground detention, and incorporation of shading and infiltration in parking lot design.
- F. Each practice shall be designed to facilitate sediment removal, vegetation management, debris control, and other maintenance activities defined in the Inspection Plan and Maintenance Agreement for the site.

Table 2: Draw Down Times for Stormwater Control Measures

Stormwater Control Measure	Drain Time of WQv
Infiltration Facilities Basin or Trench <sup>1</sup>	48 hours
Permeable Pavement- Infiltration <sup>1</sup>	48 hours
Extended Detention Facilities	
• Dry Extended Dry Detention Basin <sup>2</sup>	48 hours
• Wet Extended Detention Basin <sup>3</sup>	24 hours
• Constructed Wetlands (above permanent pool ) <sup>4</sup>	24 hours
• Bioretention Area/Cell <sup>5,6</sup>	24 hours
• Sand and other Media Filtration <sup>5</sup>	24 hours
• Pocket Wetland <sup>7</sup>	24 hours
<p><sup>1</sup> TP practices designed to full infiltrate the WQv shall empty within 48 hours to provide storage for subsequent storm events.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> The use of a forebay and micropool is required on all dry extended detention basins. Each is to be sized at a minimum 10% of the WQv.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Provide both a permanent pool and an extended detention volume above the permanent pool, each sized with at least 0.75*WQv.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Extended detention shall be provided for the WQv above the permanent water pool.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> The surface ponding area shall completely empty within 24 hours so that there is no standing water. Shorter drawdown times are acceptable as long as design criteria in Rainwater and Land Development have been met.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> This includes grassed linear bioretention, which was previously titled enhanced water quality swale.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> Pocket wetlands must have a wet pool equal to the WQv, with 25% of the WQv in a pool and 75% in marshes. The EDv above the permanent pool must be equal to the WQv.</p>	

(3) Additional criteria applying to infiltration facilities.

- A. Infiltration facilities should be designed to meet all criteria in Rainwater and Land Development.
- B. All runoff directed into an infiltration basin must first flow through a pretreatment practice such as a grass channel or filter strip to remove coarser sediments that could cause a loss of infiltration capacity.
- C. During construction, all runoff from disturbed areas of the site shall be diverted away from the proposed infiltration basin site. No construction equipment shall be allowed within the infiltration basin site to avoid soil compaction.

(4) Additional criteria for extended detention facilities:

- A. The outlet shall be designed to not release more than the first half of the water quality volume in less than 1/3rd of the drain time. The outlet shall be designed to minimize clogging, vandalism, maintenance, and promote the capture of floatable pollutants.
- B. The basin design shall incorporate the following features to maximize multiple uses, aesthetics, safety, and maintainability:

1. Basin side slopes above the permanent pool shall have a run to rise ratio of 4:1 or flatter.
  2. The perimeter of all permanent pool areas deeper than 4 feet shall be surrounded by an aquatic bench that extends at least 8 feet and no more than 15 feet outward from the normal water edge. The 8 feet wide portion of the aquatic bench closest to the shoreline shall have an average depth of 6 inches below the permanent pool to promote the growth of aquatic vegetation. The remainder of the aquatic bench shall be no more than 15 inches below the permanent pool to minimize drowning risk to individuals who accidentally or intentionally enter the basin, and to limit growth of dense vegetation in a manner that allows waves and mosquito predators to pass through the vegetation. The maximum slope of the aquatic bench shall be 10 (H) to 1 (V). The aquatic bench shall be planted with native plant species comparable to wetland vegetation that are able to withstand prolonged inundation. The use of invasive plant species is prohibited.
  3. A forebay designed to allow larger sediment particles to settle shall be placed at basin inlets. The forebay and micropool volume shall be equal to at least 10% of the water quality volume (WQv).
  4. Detention basins shall be provided with an emergency drain, where practicable, so that the basin may be emptied if the primary outlet becomes clogged and/or to drain the permanent pool to facilitate maintenance. The emergency drain should be designed to drain by gravity where possible.
- (5) Criteria for the Acceptance of Alternative post-construction SCMs: The applicant may request approval from the Service Director for the use of alternative structural post-construction SCMs if the applicant shows to the satisfaction of the Service Director that these SCMs are equivalent in pollutant removal and runoff flow/volume reduction effectiveness to those listed in Table 2. If the site is greater than five (5) acres, or less than five (5) acres but part of a larger common plan of development or sale which will disturb five (5) or more acres, prior approval from the Ohio EPA is necessary. To demonstrate the equivalency, the applicant must show:
- A. The alternative SCM has a minimum total suspended solid (TSS) removal efficiency of 80 percent, using the Level II Technology Acceptance Reciprocity Partnership (TARP) testing protocol.
  - B. The water quality volume discharge rate from the selected SCM is reduced to prevent stream bed erosion, unless there will be negligible hydrologic impact to the receiving surface water of the State. The discharge rate from the SCM will have negligible impacts if the applicant can demonstrate one of the following conditions:
    1. The entire water quality volume is recharged to groundwater.
    2. The development will create less than one acre of impervious surface.

3. The development project is a redevelopment project with an ultra-urban setting, such as a downtown area, or on a site where 100 percent of the project area is already impervious surface and the stormwater discharge is directed into an existing storm sewer system.
4. The stormwater drainage system of the development discharges directly into a large river of fourth order or greater or to a lake, and where the development area is less than 5 percent of the water area upstream of the development site, unless a (TMDL) has identified water quality problems in the receiving surface water of the State.

(d) Stormwater Quantity Control: The Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan shall describe how the proposed SCMs are designed to meet the following requirements for stormwater quantity control for each watershed in the development:

- (1) The peak discharge rate of runoff from the Critical Storm and all more frequent storms occurring under post-development conditions shall not exceed the peak discharge rate of runoff from a 1-year, 24-hour storm occurring on the same development drainage area under pre-development conditions.
- (2) Storms of less frequent occurrence (longer return periods) than the Critical Storm, up to the 100-year, 24-hour storm shall have peak runoff discharge rates no greater than the peak runoff rates from equivalent size storms under pre-development conditions. The 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100-year storms shall be considered in designing a facility to meet this requirement.
- (3) The Critical Storm for each specific development drainage area shall be determined as follows:
  - A. Determine, using a curve number-based hydrologic method shall meet the following standards:
    1. Calculations shall include the lot coverage assumptions used for full build out as proposed.
    2. Calculations shall be based on the entire contributing watershed to the development area.
    3. Model pervious, directly connected impervious and disconnected impervious areas as separate subwatersheds.
    4. Drainage area maps shall include area, curve number, time of concentrations. Time of concentration shall also show the flow path and the separation in flow type.
    5. Rainfall Depth - For the most accurate, up-to-date, location-specific rainfall data for stormwater design, use the Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the United States, NOAA Atlas 14, Vol 2(3). [available online: <http://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/>.]
    6. Temporal Distribution - Use the SCS Type II rainfall distribution for all design events with a recurrence interval greater than 1 year. Include lot coverage assumptions used for full build out of the proposed condition.
    7. Curve numbers for the pre-development condition shall reflect the average type of land use over the past 10 years and not only the current land use.

- i. Pre-development Curve Numbers - For wooded or brushy areas, use listed values from TR-55 NRCS USDA Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds, 1986 in good hydrologic condition. For meadows, use listed values. For all other areas (including all types of agriculture), use pasture, grassland, or range in good hydrologic condition.
    - ii. Post-development Curve Numbers - Open space areas shall use post-construction HSGs from Rainwater and Land Development unless the soil is amended after development according to the following protocol: till the subsoil to 15-18 inches, then till using a chisel, spader, or rotary tillage and incorporate compost through top 12 inches, replace topsoil to a minimum depth of 4 inches. All undisturbed areas or open space with amended soils shall be treated as "open space in good condition."
  8. Time of Concentration - Use velocity based methods from (TR-55 NRCS USDA Urban Hydrology in Small Watersheds, 1986) to estimate travel time (Tt) for overland (sheet) flow, shallow concentrated flow and channel flow.
    - i. Maximum sheet flow length is 100 ft.
    - ii. Use the appropriate "unpaved" velocity equation for shallow concentrated flow from Soil Conservation Service National Engineer Handbook Section 4 - Hydrology (NEH-4).
  9. The volume reduction provided by permeable pavement, bioretention, or other LID SCMs may be subtracted from the post development stormwater volume. Volume reductions for these practices may be demonstrated using methods outlined in Rainwater and Land Development or a hydrologic model acceptable to the New Philadelphia Service Director.
- B. To account for future post-construction improvements to the site, calculations shall assume an impervious surface such as asphalt or concrete for all parking areas and driveways, regardless of the surface proposed in the site description except in instances of engineered permeable pavement systems. From the volume determined in Section 948.09 (D)(3)(a), determine the percent increase in volume of runoff due to development. Using the percentage, select the 24-hour Critical Storm from Table 3.



Table 3: 24-Hour Critical Storm

If the Percentage of Increase in Volume of Runoff is:		The Critical Storm will be:
Equal to or Greater Than:	and Less Than:	
----	10	1 year
10	20	2 year
20	50	5 year
50	100	10 year
100	250	25 year
250	500	50 year
500	---	100 year

For example, if the percent increase between the pre- and post-development runoff volume for a 1-year storm is 35%, the Critical Storm is a 5-year storm. The peak discharge rate of runoff for all storms up to this frequency shall be controlled so as not to exceed the peak discharge rate from the 1-year frequency storm under pre-development conditions in the development drainage area. The post-development runoff from all less frequent storms need only be controlled to meet pre-development peak discharge rates for each of those same storms.

(e) Stormwater Management on Redevelopment Projects.

- (1) Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plans for redevelopment projects shall reduce existing site impervious areas by at least 20 percent. A one-for-one credit towards the 20 percent net reduction of impervious area can be obtained through the use of green roofs. Where site conditions prevent the reduction of impervious area, SCMs shall be implemented treat at least 20 percent of the WQv.
- (2) When a combination of impervious area reduction and stormwater quality control facilities are used, ensure a 20 percent net reduction of the site impervious area, provide for treatment of at least 20 percent of the WQv, or a combination of the two.
- (3) Where projects are a combination of new development and redevelopment, the total water quality volume required to be treated shall be calculated by a weighted average based on acreage, with the new development at 100 percent water quality volume and redevelopment at 20 percent.
- (4) Where conditions prevent impervious area reduction or on-site stormwater management for redevelopment projects, practical alternatives as detailed in Section 948.10 may be approved by the New Philadelphia Service Director. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

**948.10 ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS.**

(a) When the City of New Philadelphia determines that site constraints compromise the intent of this regulation, off-site alternatives may be used that result in an improvement of water quality and a reduction of stormwater quantity. Such alternatives shall meet the following standards:

- (1) Shall achieve the same level of stormwater quantity and quality control that would be achieved by the on-site controls required under this regulation.
- (2) Implemented in the same Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 14 12 watershed unit as the proposed development project.
- (3) The mitigation ratio of the water quality volume is 1.5 to 1 or the water quality volume at the point of retrofit, whichever is greater.
- (4) An inspection and maintenance agreement as described in Chapter 948.08(d)(10) is established to ensure operations and treatment in perpetuity.
- (5) Obtain prior written approval from Ohio EPA.

(b) Alternative actions may include, but are not limited to the following. All alternative actions shall be approved by the New Philadelphia Service Director:

- (1) Fees, in an amount specified by the City of New Philadelphia to be applied to community-wide SCMs.
- (2) Implementation of off-site SCMs and/or the retrofit of an existing practice to increase quality and quantity control.
- (3) Stream, floodplain, or wetland restoration.
- (4) Acquisition or conservation easements on protected open space significantly contributing to stormwater control such as wetland complexes.  
(Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

**948.11 EASEMENTS.**

Access to SCMs as required by the New Philadelphia Service Director for inspections and maintenance shall be secured by easements. The following conditions shall apply to all easements:

- (a) Easements shall be included in the Inspection and Maintenance Agreement submitted with the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan.
- (b) Easements shall be approved by the City of New Philadelphia prior to approval of a final plat and shall be recorded with the [county] Auditor and on all property deeds.
- (c) Unless otherwise required by the New Philadelphia Service Director, access easements between a public right-of-way and all SCMs shall be no less than 25-feet wide. The easement shall also incorporate the entire practice plus an additional 25-foot wide band around the perimeter of the SCM.
- (d) The easement shall be graded and/or stabilized as necessary to allow maintenance equipment to access and manipulate around and within each facility, as defined in the Inspection and Maintenance Agreement for the site.
- (e) Easements to structural SCMs shall be restricted against the construction therein of buildings, fences, walls, and other structures that may obstruct the free flow of stormwater and the passage of inspectors and maintenance equipment; and against the changing of final grade from that described by the final grading plan approved by the City of New Philadelphia. Any re-grading and/or obstruction placed within a maintenance easement may be removed by the City of New Philadelphia at the property owners' expense. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.12 MAINTENANCE AND FINAL INSPECTION APPROVAL.

To receive final inspection and acceptance of any project, or portion thereof, the following must be completed by the applicant and provided to the New Philadelphia Service Director:

- (a) Final stabilization must be achieved and all permanent SCMs must be installed and made functional, as determined by the New Philadelphia Service Director and per the approved Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan.
- (b) An As-Built Certification, including As-Built Survey and Inspection, must be sealed, signed and dated by a Professional Engineer and a Professional Surveyor with a statement certifying that the stormwater control measures, as designed and installed, meet the requirements of the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan approved by the New Philadelphia Service Director. In evaluating this certification, the New Philadelphia Service Director may require the submission of a new set of stormwater practice calculations if he/she determines that the design was altered significantly from the approved Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan. The As-Built Survey must provide the location, dimensions, and bearing of such practices and include the entity responsible for long-term maintenance as detailed in the Inspection and Maintenance Agreement.
- (c) A copy of the complete and recorded Inspection and Maintenance Plan and Inspection and Maintenance Agreement as specified in Section 948.08 must be provided to the New Philadelphia Service Director.  
(Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.13 ON-GOING INSPECTIONS.

The owner shall inspect SCMs regularly as described in the Inspection and Maintenance Plan and Inspection and Maintenance Agreement. The City of New Philadelphia has the authority to enter upon the property to conduct inspections as necessary, with prior notification of the property owner, to verify that the SCMs are being maintained and operated in accordance with this regulation. Upon finding a malfunction or other need for maintenance or repair, the City of New Philadelphia shall provide written notification to the responsible party, as detailed in the Inspection and Maintenance Agreement, of the need for maintenance. Upon notification, the responsible party shall have five (5) working days, or other mutually agreed upon time, to make repairs or submit a plan with detailed action items and established timelines. Should repairs not be made within this time, or a plan approved by the New Philadelphia Service Director for these repairs not in place, the City of New Philadelphia may undertake the necessary repairs and assess the responsible party. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.14 FEES.

The Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan review, filing, and inspection fee is part of a complete submittal and is required to be submitted to the City of New Philadelphia before the review process begins. The New Philadelphia Service Director shall establish a fee schedule based upon the actual estimated cost for providing these services.  
(Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.15 BOND.

(a) If a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan is required by this regulation, soil-disturbing activities shall not be permitted until a cash bond of 5% of the total project cost has been deposited with the City of New Philadelphia Finance Department. This bond shall be posted for the City of New Philadelphia to perform the obligations otherwise to be performed by the owner of the development area as stated in this regulation and to allow all work to be performed as needed in the event that the applicant fails to comply with the provisions of this regulation. The stormwater bond will be returned, less City of New Philadelphia administrative fees as determined by the New Philadelphia Service Director, when the following three criteria are met:

- (1) After 80% of the lots of the project have been complete or 100% of the total project has been permanently stabilized or three (3) years from the time of permanent stabilization have passed.
- (2) An As-Built Inspection of all stormwater control measures as described in Section 948.12 is approved by the New Philadelphia Service Director.
- (3) An Inspection and Maintenance Plan has been approved by the City of New Philadelphia and Inspection and Maintenance Agreement has been signed by the developer, the contractor, the City of New Philadelphia, and the private owner or homeowners association who will take long term responsibility for these SCMs, is accepted by the New Philadelphia Service Director.

(b) Once these criteria are met, the applicant shall be reimbursed all bond monies that were not used for any part of the project. If all of these criteria are not met after three years of permanent stabilization of the site, the [community] may use the bond monies to fix any outstanding issues with all stormwater management structures on the site and the remainder of the bond shall be given to the private lot owner/ homeowners association for the purpose of long term maintenance of the project. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.16 INSTALLATION OF WATER QUALITY STORMWATER CONTROL MEASURES.

The applicant may not direct runoff through any water quality structures or portions thereof that would be degraded by construction site sediment until the entire area tributary to the structure has reached final stabilization as determined by the New Philadelphia Service Director. This occurs after the completion of the final grade at the site, after all of the utilities are installed, and the site is subsequently stabilized with vegetation or other appropriate methods. The developer must provide documentation acceptable to the New Philadelphia Service Director to demonstrate that the site is completely stabilized. Upon this proof of compliance, the water quality structure(s) may be completed and placed into service. Upon completion of installation of these practices, all disturbed areas and/or exposed soils caused by the installation of these practices must be stabilized within 2 days. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.17 VIOLATIONS.

No person shall violate or cause or knowingly permit to be violated any of the provisions of this regulation, or fail to comply with any of such provisions or with any lawful requirements of any public authority made pursuant to this regulation, or knowingly use or cause or permit the use of any lands in violation of this regulation or in violation of any permit granted under this regulation. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 948.18 APPEALS.

Any person aggrieved by any order, requirement, determination, or any other action or inaction by the City of New Philadelphia in relation to this regulation may appeal to the court of common pleas. Written notice of appeal shall be served on the City of New Philadelphia. (Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

**948.99 PENALTY.**

(a) Any person, firm, entity or corporation; including but not limited to, the owner of the property, his agents and assigns, occupant, property manager, and any contractor or subcontractor who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this regulation is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be fined no more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for no more than sixty (60) days, or both, for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation or noncompliance occurs or continues.

(b) The imposition of any other penalties provided herein shall not preclude the City of New Philadelphia instituting an appropriate action or proceeding in a Court of proper jurisdiction to prevent an unlawful development, or to restrain, correct, or abate a violation, or to require compliance with the provisions of this regulation or other applicable laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations, or the orders of the City of New Philadelphia.  
(Ord. 12-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)



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Erosion and Sediment Control

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**949.01 PURPOSE AND SCOPE.**

(a) The purpose of this regulation is to establish technically feasible and economically reasonable standards to achieve a level of erosion and sediment control that will minimize damage to property and degradation of water resources, and will promote and maintain the health and safety of the citizens of the City of New Philadelphia:

- (b) This regulation will:
- (1) Allow development while minimizing increases in erosion and sedimentation.
  - (2) Reduce water quality impact receiving water resources that may be caused by new development or redevelopment activities.

(c) This regulation applies to all parcels used or being developed, either wholly or partially, for new or relocated projects involving highways, underground cables, or pipelines; subdivisions or larger common plans of development; industrial, commercial, institutional, or residential projects; building activities on farms; redevelopment activities; general clearing; and all other uses that are not specifically exempted in Section 949.01(d).

(d) This regulation does not apply to activities regulated by, and in compliance with, the Ohio Agricultural Sediment Pollution Abatement Rules. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

949.02 DEFINITIONS.

(a) **ABBREVIATED STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (ABBREVIATED SWP3):** The written document that sets forth the plans and practices to be used to meet the requirements of this regulation.

(b) **ACRE:** A measurement of area equaling 43,560 square feet.

(c) **ADMINISTRATOR:** The person or entity having the responsibility and duty of administering and ensuring compliance with this regulation.

(d) **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs):** Also **STORMWATER CONTROL MEASURE (SCM).** Schedule of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices (both structural and non-structural) to prevent or reduce the pollution of water resources. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control facility and/or construction site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal; or drainage from raw material storage.

(e) **COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION:** The initial disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grubbing, grading, placement of fill, or excavating activities or other construction activities.

(f) **COMMUNITY:** Throughout this regulation, this shall refer to the City of New Philadelphia, its designated representatives, boards, or commissions.

(g) **CONCENTRATED STORMWATER RUNOFF:** Any stormwater runoff that flows through a drainage pipe, ditch, diversion, or other discrete conveyance channel.

(h) **CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE:** The permitted points of ingress and egress to development areas regulated under this regulation.

(i) **DEVELOPMENT AREA:** A parcel or contiguous parcels owned by one person or persons, or operated as one development unit, and used or being developed for commercial, industrial, residential, institutional, or other construction or alteration that changes runoff characteristics.

(j) **DEWATERING VOLUME:** See current Ohio Rainwater and Land Development Manual.

(k) **DISCHARGE:** The addition of any pollutant to surface waters of the state from a point source.

(l) **DISTURBANCE:** Any clearing, grading, excavating, filling, or other alteration of land surface where natural or man-made cover is destroyed in a manner that exposes the underlying soils.



- (m) **DISTURBED AREA:** An area of land subject to erosion due to the removal of vegetative cover and/or soil disturbing activities such as grading, excavating, or filling.
- (n) **DRAINAGE WATERSHED:** For the purpose of this regulation the total contributing drainage area to a BMP, i.e., the "watershed" directed to the practice. This includes offsite contributing drainage.
- (o) **DRAINAGE WAY:** A natural or manmade channel, ditch, or waterway that conveys surface water in a concentrated manner by gravity.
- (p) **EROSION:** The process by which the land surface is worn away by the action of wind, water, ice, gravity, or any combination of those forces.
- (q) **EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL:** The control of soil, both mineral and organic, to minimize the removal of soil from the land surface and to prevent its transport from a disturbed area by means of wind, water, ice, gravity, or any combination of those forces.
- (r) **FINAL STABILIZATION:** All soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed and a uniform perennial vegetative cover with a density of at least 80% coverage for the area has been established or equivalent stabilization measures, such as the use of mulches or geotextiles, have been employed. In addition, all temporary erosion and sediment control practices are removed and disposed of and all trapped sediment is permanently stabilized to prevent further erosion. Final stabilization also requires the installation of permanent (post-construction) stormwater control measures (SCMs).
- (s) **GRADING:** The excavating, filling, or stockpiling of earth material, or any combination thereof, including the land in its excavated or filled condition.
- (t) **GRUBBING:** removing or grinding of roots, stumps and other unwanted material below existing grade.
- (u) **IMPERVIOUS:** That which does not allow infiltration.
- (v) **LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:** A Professional Landscape Architect registered in the State of Ohio.
- (w) **LARGER COMMON PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT OR SALE:** A contiguous area where multiple separate and distinct construction activities may be taking place at different times on different schedules under one plan.
- (x) **MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE (MEP):** The technology-based discharge standard for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems to reduce pollutants in storm water discharges that was established by the Clean Water Act §402(p). A discussion of MEP as it applies to small MS4s is found in 40 CFR 122.34.
- (y) **MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4):** A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains) that are:

- (1) Owned or operated by the federal government, state, municipality, township, county, district, or other public body (created by or pursuant to state or federal law) including a special district under state law such as a sewer district, flood control district or drainage districts, or similar entity, or a designated and approved management agency under Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act that discharges into surface waters of the state; and
- (2) Designed or used for collecting or conveying solely stormwater,
- (3) Which is not a combined sewer, and
- (4) Which is not part of a publicly owned treatment works.

(z) **NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES):** The nation program for issuing, modifying, revoking and issuing, termination, monitoring and enforcing permits and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under sections 307, 402, 318, 405 under the Clean Water Act.

(aa) **OPERATOR:** Any party associated with a construction project that meets either of the following two criteria:

- (1) The party has operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications; or
- (2) The party has day-to-day operational control of those activities at a project which are necessary to ensure compliance with A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) for the site or other permit conditions (e.g. they are authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the SWP3 or comply with other permit conditions.

(bb) **OWNER OR OPERATOR:** The owner or operator of any "facility or activity" subject to regulation under the NPDES program.

(cc) **SUBDIVISIONS, MAJOR AND MINOR:** See Ohio Administrative Code 711.001 for definition.

(dd) **PARCEL:** Means a tract of land occupied or intended to be occupied by a use, building or group of buildings and their accessory uses and buildings as a unit, together with such open spaces and driveways as are provided and required. A parcel may contain more than one contiguous lot individually identified by a 'Permanent Parcel Number' assigned by the Tuscarawas County Auditor's Office.

(ee) **PERCENT IMPERVIOUSNESS:** The impervious area created divided by the total area of the project site.

(ff) **PERMANENT STABILIZATION:** Establishment of permanent vegetation, decorative landscape mulching, matting, sod, rip rap, and landscaping techniques to provide permanent erosion control on areas where construction operations are complete or where no further disturbance is expected for at least one year.

(gg) **PERSON:** Any individual, corporation, firm, trust, commission, board, public or private partnership, joint venture, agency, unincorporated association, municipal corporation, county or state agency, the federal government, other legal entity, or an agent thereof.

(hh) **PHASING:** Clearing a parcel of land in distinct sections, with the stabilization of each section before the clearing of the next.

(ii) **POINT SOURCE:** Any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, landfill leachate collection system, vessel or the floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharged. This term does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture or agricultural stormwater runoff.

(jj) **PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING:** A meeting between the City of New Philadelphia and all principle parties, prior to the start of any construction, at a site that requires a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

(kk) **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER:** A Professional Engineer registered in the State of Ohio.

(ll) **QUALIFIED INSPECTION PERSONNEL:** A person knowledgeable in the principles and practice of erosion and sediment controls, who possess the skills to assess all conditions at the construction site that could impact stormwater quality and to assess the effectiveness of any sediment and erosion control measure selected to control the quality of stormwater discharges from the construction activity.

(mm) **RAINWATER AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:** Ohio's standards for stormwater management, land development, and stream protection. The most current edition of these standards shall be used with this regulation.

(nn) **RIPARIAN AREA:** The transition area between flowing water and terrestrial (land) ecosystems composed of trees, shrubs and surrounding vegetation which serve to stabilize erodible soil, improve both surface and ground water quality, increase stream shading and enhance wildlife habitat.

(oo) **RUNOFF:** The portion of rainfall, melted snow, or irrigation water that flows across the ground surface and is eventually conveyed to water resources or wetlands.

(pp) **RUNOFF COEFFICIENT:** The fraction of rainfall that will appear at the conveyance as runoff.

(qq) **SEDIMENT:** The soils or other surface materials that are transported or deposited by the action of wind, water, ice, gravity, or any combination of those forces, as a product of erosion.

(rr) **SEDIMENTATION:** The deposition or settling of sediment.

(ss) **SEDIMENT SETTLING POND:** A sediment trap, sediment basin or permanent basin that has been temporarily modified for sediment control, as described in the latest edition of Rainwater and Land Development.

(tt) **SEDIMENT STORAGE VOLUME:** See current edition of Rainwater and Land Development.

(uu) **SETBACK:** A designated transition area around water resources that is left in a natural, usually vegetated, state to protect the water resources from runoff pollution. Soil disturbing activities in this area are restricted by this regulation.

(vv) **SOIL DISTURBING ACTIVITY:** Clearing, grading, excavating, filling, grubbing or stump removal that occurs during clearing or timber activities, or other alteration of the earth's surface where natural or human made ground cover is destroyed and that may result in, or contribute to, erosion and sediment pollution.

(ww) **SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:** An entity organized under Chapter 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code referring to either the Soil and Water Conservation District Board or its designated employee(s). Hereafter referred to as Tuscarawas SWCD.

(xx) **STABILIZATION:** The use of BMPs, such as seeding and mulching, that reduce or prevent soil erosion by water, wind, ice, gravity, or a combination of those forces.

(yy) **STEEP SLOPES:** Slopes that are 15 percent or greater in grade. NOTE: If otherwise defined in community zoning, use community definition.

(zz) **STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWP3):** The written document that sets forth the plans and practices to be used to meet the requirements of this regulation.

(aaa) **STORMWATER:** Stormwater runoff, snow melt, surface runoff, and drainage.

(bbb) **SURFACE OUTLET:** A dewatering device that only draws water from the surface of the water.

(ccc) **SURFACE WATER OF THE STATE:** Also Water Resource or Water Body. Any stream, lake, reservoir, pond, marsh, wetland, or other waterway situated wholly or partly within the boundaries of the state, except those private waters which do not combine or affect a junction with surface water. Waters defined as sewerage systems, treatment works or disposal systems in Section 6111.01 of the Ohio Revised Code are not included.

(ddd) **TEMPORARY STABILIZATION:** The establishment of temporary vegetation, mulching, geotextiles, sod, preservation of existing vegetation, and other techniques capable of quickly establishing cover over disturbed areas to provide erosion control between construction operations.

(eee) **TOPSOIL:** The upper layer of the soil that is usually darker in color and richer in organic matter and nutrients than subsoil.

(fff) **TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD:** The sum of the existing and/or projected point source, nonpoint source, and background loads for a pollutant to a specified watershed, water resource or wetland, or water resource or wetland segment. A TMDL sets and allocates the maximum amount of a pollutant that may be introduced into the water and still ensure attainment and maintenance of water quality standard.

(ggg) **Water Quality Volume (WQv):** The volume of stormwater runoff which must be captured and treated prior to discharge from the developed site after construction is complete. WQv is based on the expected runoff generated by the mean storm precipitation volume from post-construction site conditions at which rapidly diminishing returns in the number of runoff events captured begins to occur.

(hhh) **WATER RESOURCE Also SURFACE WATER OF THE STATE:** Any stream, lake, reservoir, pond, marsh, wetland, or waterway situated wholly or partly within the boundaries of the state, except those private waters which do not combine or affect a junction with surface water. Waters defined as sewerage systems, treatment works or disposal systems in Section 6111.01 of the Ohio Revised Code are not included.

(iii) **WATERSHED:** The total drainage area contributing runoff to a single point.

(jjj) Those areas, that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, including swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas (40 CFR 232, as amended). (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.03 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

Compliance with the provisions of this regulation shall not relieve any person from responsibility for damage to any person otherwise imposed by law. The provisions of this regulation are promulgated to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public and are not designed for the benefit of any individual or for the benefit of any particular parcel of property. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.04 CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, NUISANCES, AND RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) Where this regulation is in conflict with other provisions of law or ordinance, the most restrictive provisions shall prevail.

(b) If any clause, section, or provision of this regulation is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

(c) This regulation shall not be construed as authorizing any person to maintain a private or public nuisance on their property, and compliance with the provisions of this regulation shall not be a defense in any action to abate such a nuisance.

(d) Failure of the City of New Philadelphia to observe or recognize hazardous or unsightly conditions or to recommend corrective measures shall not relieve the site owner from the responsibility for the condition or damage resulting therefrom, and shall not result in the City of New Philadelphia, its officers, employees, or agents being responsible for any condition or damage resulting therefrom. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.05 DEVELOPMENT OF STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLANS.

(a) This regulation requires that a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan be developed and implemented for all soil disturbing activities disturbing one (1) or more acres of total land, or less than one (1) acre if part of a larger common plan of development or sale disturbing one (1) or more acres of total land.

(b) The following activities shall submit an Abbreviated SWP3:

- (1) New single-family and/or multi-family residential construction. If such activities disturb one (1) acre or more, or are part of a larger common plan of development or sale disturbing one (1) acre or more, a full SWP3 and compliance with the Ohio EPA Construction General Permit are required.
- (2) Additions or accessory buildings for single-family and/or multi-family residential construction. If such activities disturb one (1) acre or more, or are part of a larger common plan of development or sale disturbing one (1) acre or more, a full SWP3 and compliance with the Ohio EPA Construction Site General Permit are required.
- (3) All residential and non-residential construction or parcels of less than one (1) acre.
- (4) General clearing activities not related to construction. If such activities disturb one (1) or more acre, or are part of a larger common plan of development or sale disturbing one (1) acre or more, compliance with Ohio EPA Construction Site General Permit and a full SWP3 are required.

(c) Activities disturbing 1/10 (one tenth) or less of an acre are not required to submit a SWP3 or an Abbreviated SWP. These activities must comply with all other provisions of this regulation. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.06 APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

(a) Soil Disturbing Activities Submitting a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3): The applicant shall submit two (2) sets of the SWP3 and the applicable fees to the City of New Philadelphia as follows:

- (1) For subdivisions: After the approval of the preliminary plans and with submittal of the improvement plans.
- (2) For other construction projects: Before issuance of a zoning permit by the Zoning/Building Code Administrator.
- (3) For general clearing projects: Prior to issuance of a zoning permit by the Zoning/Building Code Administrator.

(b) Soil Disturbing Activities Submitting an Abbreviated Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3): The applicant shall submit two (2) sets of the Abbreviated SWP3 and the applicable fees to the City of New Philadelphia as follows:

- (1) For subdivisions: After the approval of the preliminary plans and with submittal of the improvement plans.
- (2) For other construction projects: Before issuance of a zoning permit by the Zoning/Building Code Administrator.
- (3) For general clearing projects: Prior to issuance of a zoning permit by the Zoning/Building Code Administrator.

(c) The City of New Philadelphia Service Director shall review the plans submitted under 949.06 (a) or (b) for conformance with this regulation and approve, or return for revisions with comments and recommendations for revisions.

(d) Soil disturbing activities shall not begin and zoning permits shall not be issued without:

- (1) Approved SWP3 or Abbreviated SWP3
- (2) Installation of erosion and sediment controls
- (3) Physical marking in the field of protected areas or critical areas, including wetlands and riparian areas.

(e) SWP3 for individual sublots in a subdivision will not be approved unless the larger common plan of development or sale containing the subplot is in compliance with this regulation.

(f) The developer, engineer and contractor, and other principal parties, shall meet with the City of New Philadelphia Service Director for a Pre-Construction Meeting no less than seven (7) days prior to soil-disturbing activity at the site to ensure that erosion and sediment control devices are properly installed, limits of disturbance and buffer areas are properly delineated and construction personnel are aware of such devices and areas. Pre-Construction Meetings for Abbreviated SWP3s may be waived at the discretion of the City of New Philadelphia Service Director.

(g) Approvals issued in accordance with this regulation shall remain valid for one (1) year from the date of approval. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.07 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

Approvals issued in accordance with this regulation do not relieve the applicant of responsibility for obtaining all other necessary permits and/or approvals from the Ohio EPA, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and other federal, state, and/or county agencies. If requirements vary, the most restrictive requirement shall prevail. These permits may include, but are not limited to, those listed below. All submittals required to show proof of compliance with these state and federal regulations shall be submitted with SWP3s or Abbreviated SWP3s.

- (a) Ohio EPA NPDES Permits authorizing stormwater discharges associated with construction activity or the most current version thereof: Proof of compliance with these requirements shall be the applicant's Notice of Intent (NOI) number from Ohio EPA, a copy of the Ohio EPA Director's Authorization Letter for the NPDES Permit, or a letter from the site owner certifying and explaining why the NPDES Permit is not applicable.

- (b) Section 401 of the Clean Water Act: Proof of compliance shall be a copy of the Ohio EPA Water Quality Certification application tracking number, public notice, project approval, or a letter from the site owner certifying that a qualified professional has surveyed the site and determined that Section 401 of the Clean Water Act is not applicable. Wetlands, and other waters of the United States, shall be delineated by protocols accepted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the time an application is made under this regulation.
- (c) Ohio EPA Isolated Wetland Permit: Proof of compliance shall be a copy of Ohio EPA's Isolated Wetland Permit application tracking number, public notice, project approval, or a letter from the site owner certifying that a qualified professional has surveyed the site and determined that Ohio EPA's Isolated Wetlands Permit is not applicable. Isolated wetlands shall be delineated by protocols accepted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the time an application is made under this regulation.
- (d) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act: Proof of compliance shall be a copy of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Individual Permit application, public notice, or project approval, if an Individual Permit is required for the development project. If an Individual Permit is not required, the site owner shall submit proof of compliance with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Nationwide Permit Program. This shall include one of the following:
  - (1) A letter from the site owner certifying that a qualified professional has evaluated the site and determined that Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is not applicable, and provide documentation.
  - (2) A site plan showing that any proposed fill of waters of the United States conforms to the general and special conditions specified in the applicable Nationwide Permit. Wetlands, and other waters of the United States, shall be delineated by protocols accepted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the time an application is made under this regulation.
- (e) Ohio Dam Safety Law: Proof of compliance shall be a copy of the ODNR Division of Water permit application tracking number, a copy of the project approval letter from the ODNR Division of Water, or a letter from the site owner certifying and explaining why the Ohio Dam Safety Law is not applicable. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.08 STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWP3).

- (a) In order to control sediment pollution of water resources, the applicant shall submit a SWP3 in accordance with the requirements of this regulation.
- (b) The SWP3 shall include Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Stormwater Control Measures (SCMs) adequate to prevent pollution of public waters by soil sediment from accelerated storm water runoff from development areas.
- (c) The SWP3 shall be certified by a professional engineer, a registered surveyor, certified professional erosion and sediment control specialist, or a registered landscape architect.
- (d) The SWP3 shall be amended whenever there is a change in design, construction, operation or maintenance, which has a significant effect on the potential for the discharge of pollutants to surface waters of the state or if the SWP3 proves to be ineffective in achieving the general objectives of controlling pollutants in stormwater discharges associated with construction activity.



(e) The SWP3 shall incorporate measures as recommended by the most current online edition of Rainwater and Land Development as published by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and shall include the following information:

- (1) A cover page or title identifying the name and location of the site, the name and contact information of all construction site operators, the name and contact information for the person responsible for authorizing and amending the SWP3, preparation date, and the estimated start and completion dates for construction.
- (2) A copy of the permit requirements (attaching a copy of the current Ohio EPA NPDES Construction General Permit is acceptable).
- (3) Site description: The SWP3 shall provide:
  - A. A description of the nature and type of the construction activity (e.g. residential, shopping mall, highway, etc.).
  - B. Total area of the site and the area of the site that is expected to be disturbed (i.e., grubbing, clearing, excavating, filling or grading, including off-site borrow areas).
  - C. An estimate of the impervious area and percent of imperviousness created by the land disturbance.
  - D. A calculation of the run-off coefficients for both the pre-construction and post-construction site conditions.
  - E. Existing data describing the soil and, if available, the quality of any known pollutant discharge from the site such as that which may result from previous contamination caused by prior land uses.
  - F. A description of prior land uses.
  - G. An implementation schedule which describes the sequence of major soil-disturbing operations (i.e., grubbing, excavating, grading, utilities and infrastructure installation) and the implementation of erosion and sediment controls to be employed during each operation of the sequence.
  - H. The location and name of the immediate receiving stream or surface water(s) and the first subsequent receiving water(s) and the aerial extent and description of wetlands or other special aquatic sites at or near the site which will be disturbed or which will receive discharges from disturbed areas of the project. For discharges to a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), the point of discharge to the MS4 and the location where the MS4 ultimately discharges to a water resource shall be indicated.
  - I. List TMDLs applicable for the site and demonstrate that appropriate BMPs or stormwater control measures (SCMs) have been selected to address these TMDLs.
  - J. For subdivided developments a detail drawing of a typical individual lot showing standard individual lot erosion and sediment control practices. This does not remove the responsibility to designate specific erosion and sediment control practices in the SWP3 for areas such as steep slopes, stream banks, drainage ways, and riparian zones.

- K. Location and description of any stormwater discharges associated with dedicated asphalt and dedicated concrete plants associated with the development area and the best management practices to address pollutants in these stormwater discharges.
- L. A log documenting grading and stabilization activities as well as amendments to the SWP3, which occur after construction activities commence.
- M. Each temporary and permanent stormwater practice shall be designated with an individual identification number.
- N. Site map showing:
  - i. Limits of soil-disturbing activity of the site, including off site spoil and borrow areas.
  - ii. Soils types should be depicted for all areas of the site, including locations of unstable or highly erodible soils.
  - iii. Existing and proposed one-foot (1') contours. This must include a delineation of drainage watersheds expected during and after major grading activities as well as the size of each drainage watershed in acres.
  - iv. Surface water locations including springs, wetlands, streams, lakes, water wells, etc., on or within 200 feet of the site, including the boundaries of wetlands or stream channels and first subsequent named receiving water(s) the applicant intends to fill or relocate for which the applicant is seeking approval from the Army Corps of Engineers and/or Ohio EPA.
  - v. Existing and planned locations of buildings, roads, parking facilities, and utilities.
  - vi. The location of all erosion and sediment control practices, including the location of areas likely to require temporary stabilization during the course of site development.
  - vii. Sediment and stormwater management basins including their sediment settling volume and the maximum expected disturbed area that will be directed to the sediment pond during construction. The plan should include a summary of the following:
    - a. The required sediment storage and dewatering volumes
    - b. The provided sediment storage and dewatering volumes
    - c. The weir length or skimmer size, as applicable
    - d. The weir length or skimmer size provided
  - viii. The location of permanent SCMs to be used to control pollutants in stormwater after construction operations have been completed.
  - ix. Areas designated for the storage or disposal of solid, sanitary and toxic wastes, including dumpster areas, areas designated for cement truck washout, and vehicle fueling.

- x. Methods to minimize the exposure of building materials, building products, construction wastes, trash, landscape materials, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, detergents, and sanitary waste to precipitation, stormwater runoff, and snow melt.
- xi. Measures to prevent and respond to chemical spills and leaks. Applicants may also reference the existence of other plans (i.e., Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plans, spill control programs, Safety Response Plans, etc.) provided that such plan addresses this requirement and a copy of such plan is maintained on site.
- xii. Methods to minimize the discharge of pollutants from equipment and vehicle washing, wheel wash water, and other wash waters. No detergents may be used to wash vehicles. Wash waters shall be treated in a sediment basin or alternative control that provides equivalent treatment prior to discharge.
- xiii. The location of designated stoned construction entrances where the vehicles will ingress and egress the construction site.
- xiv. The location of any in-stream activities including stream crossings. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.09 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

The SWP3 must contain a description of the controls appropriate for each construction operation and the applicant must implement such controls. The SWP3 must clearly describe for each major construction activity the appropriate control measures; the general sequence during the construction process under which the measures will be implemented; and the contractor responsible for implementation (e.g., contractor A will clear land and install perimeter controls and contractor B will maintain perimeter controls until final stabilization).

The approved SWP3, and the sediment and erosion controls, and non-sediment pollution controls contained therein, shall be implemented upon the commencement of construction. Perimeter controls must be installed two working days prior to commencement of construction. The approved plan must be implemented until the site reaches final stabilization. All properties adjacent to the site of soil-disturbing activity shall be protected from soil erosion and sediment run-off and damage, including, but not limited to, private properties, natural and artificial waterways, wetlands, storm sewers and public lands.

It is the owner's responsibility to maintain current records of contractor(s) responsible for implementation the SWP3 and providing that information to City of New Philadelphia Service Director. The SWP3 shall identify all subcontractors engaged in activities that could impact stormwater runoff. The SWP3 shall contain signatures from all of the identified subcontractors indicating that they have been informed and understand their roles and responsibilities in complying with the SWP3. The applicant shall review the SWP3 with the primary contractor prior to commencement of construction activities and keep a SWP3 training log to demonstrate that this review had occurred.

Erosion and sediment controls shall be designed, installed and maintained effectively to minimize the discharge of pollutants during the course of earth disturbing activities. The controls shall include the following minimum components:

- (a) **NON-STRUCTURAL PRESERVATION MEASURES:** The SWP3 must make use of practices that preserve the existing natural condition to the maximum extent practicable. Such practices may include preserving riparian areas, preserving existing vegetation and vegetative buffer strips, phasing of construction operations in order to minimize the amount of disturbed land at any one time, minimizing disturbance of steep slopes, designation of tree preservation areas or other protective clearing or grubbing practices. Soil compaction shall be minimized and, unless infeasible, topsoil shall be preserved. Provide and maintain a 50-foot buffer of undisturbed natural vegetation around surface waters of the state, or riparian or wetland setbacks, if applicable, whichever is greater, unless maintaining this buffer is infeasible (e.g., stream crossings for roads or utilities, or for channel and floodplain rehabilitation and restoration). Direct stormwater to vegetated areas to increase sediment removal and maximize stormwater infiltration.
- (b) **EROSION CONTROL PRACTICES:** The SWP3 must make use of erosion controls that are capable of providing cover over disturbed soils. The amount of soil exposed during construction activity shall be minimized. A description of control practices designed to restabilize disturbed areas after grading or construction shall be included in the SWP3. The SWP3 must provide specifications for stabilization of all disturbed areas of the site and provide guidance as to which method of stabilization will be employed for any time of the year. Such practices may include: temporary seeding, permanent seeding, mulching, matting, sod stabilization, vegetative buffer strips, phasing of construction operations, the use of construction entrances, and the use of alternative ground cover.
- Erosion control practices must meet the following requirements:
- (1) Stabilization. Disturbed areas must be stabilized as specified in Tables 1 and 2 below.

Table 1: Permanent Stabilization

Area Requiring Permanent Stabilization	Time Frame to Apply Erosion Controls
Any area that will lie dormant for one year or more	Within 7 days of the most recent disturbances
Any area within 50 feet of a surface water of the state and at final grade	Within 2 days of reaching final grade
Any other areas at final grade	Within 7 days of reaching final grade with that area

Table 2: Temporary Stabilization

Area Requiring Temporary Stabilization	Time Frame to Apply Erosion Controls
Any disturbed area within 50 feet of a surface water of the state and not at final grade	Within 2 days of the most recent disturbance if that area will remain idle for more than 14 days.
For all construction activities, any disturbed area, including soil stockpiles that will be dormant for more than 14 days but less than one year, and not within 50 feet of a surface water of the state	<p>Within 7 days of the most recent disturbance within the area.</p> <p>For residential subdivisions, disturbed areas must be stabilized at least 7 days prior to transfer of ownership or operational responsibility.</p>
Disturbed areas that will be idle over winter	Prior to November 1, or the onset of winter weather, whichever occurs first.
<p>Note: Where vegetative stabilization techniques may cause structural instability or are otherwise unobtainable, alternative stabilization techniques must be employed.</p>	

- (2) Permanent stabilization of conveyance channels. Applicants shall undertake special measures to stabilize channels and outfalls and prevent erosive flows. Measures may include seeding, dormant seeding, mulching, erosion control matting, sodding, riprap, natural channel design with bioengineering techniques, or rock check dams, all as defined in the most recent edition of Rainwater and Land Development or the Field Office Technical Guide available at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/).
- (c) **RUNOFF CONTROL PRACTICES.** The SWP3 shall incorporate measures that control the volume and velocity of stormwater runoff within the site to prevent erosion. Peak flow rates and total stormwater volume shall be controlled to minimize erosion and outlets, downstream channel and streambank erosion. Such practices may include rock check dams, pipe slope drains, diversions to direct flow away from exposed soils and protective grading practices. These practices shall divert runoff away from disturbed areas and steep slopes where practicable. Velocity dissipation devices shall be placed at discharge locations and along the length of any outfall channel to provide non-erosive flow velocity from the structure to a water course so that the natural physical and biological characteristics and functions are maintained and protected.
- (d) **SEDIMENT CONTROL PRACTICES.** The SWP3 shall include a description of, and detailed drawings for, all structural practices that shall store runoff, allowing sediments to settle and/or divert flows away from exposed soils or otherwise limit runoff from exposed areas to minimize sediment discharges from the site. Structural practices shall be used to control erosion and trap sediment from a site remaining disturbed for more than 14 days. Such practices may include, among others: sediment settling ponds, silt fences, storm drain inlet

protection, and earth diversion dikes or channels which direct runoff to a sediment settling pond. The design, installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls shall address factors such as the amount, frequency, intensity and duration of precipitation, the nature of resulting stormwater runoff, and soil characteristics, including the range of soil particle sizes expected to be present on the site.

- (e) All sediment control practices must be capable of ponding runoff in order to be considered functional. Earth diversion dikes or channels alone are not considered a sediment control practice unless used in conjunction with a sediment settling pond.

Sediment control practices must meet the following requirements.

- (1) Timing. Sediment control structures shall be functional throughout the course of earth disturbing activity. Sediment basins and perimeter sediment barriers shall be implemented prior to grading and within seven (7) days from the start of grubbing. They shall continue to function until the up slope development area is restabilized. As construction progresses and the topography is altered, appropriate controls must be constructed or existing controls altered to address the changing drainage patterns.
- (2) Sediment settling ponds. A sediment settling pond, or equivalent best management practice upon approval from the City of New Philadelphia Service Director and/or the is required for any one of the following conditions:
  - A. Concentrated stormwater runoff.
  - B. Runoff from drainage areas which exceeds the design capacity of silt fence (see table 3) - inlet protection, or other sediment barriers;
  - C. Runoff from common drainage locations with 10 or more acres of disturbed land.

Sediment settling ponds shall be provided in the form of a sediment trap or sediment basin as defined in the latest edition of Rainwater and Land Development. The maximum allowable contributing drainage area to a sediment trap shall be limited to less than 5 acres. Contributing drainage areas of 5 acres or more shall be treated with a sediment basin. An equivalent best management practice may be utilized upon approval from the City of New Philadelphia.

The sediment-settling pond shall provide both a sediment storage zone and a dewatering zone. The volume of the dewatering zone shall be at least 1,800 cubic feet of storage per acre of total contributing drainage area. The dewatering structure of sediment basins shall be designed to have a minimum 48-hour drain time, and, unless infeasible, be designed to always withdraw runoff from the surface of the pond throughout the storm cycle. As such, a skimmer discharge device consistent with Rainwater and Land Development shall be provided to dewater sediment basins. Sediment traps shall also provide both a sediment storage zone and dewatering zone, but the outlet structure shall be constructed consistent with the specifications contained in the latest edition of Rainwater and Land Development.

When post-construction detention/water quality ponds are to be used as temporary sediment trapping BMPs, a skimmer discharge device consistent with Rainwater and Land Development shall be utilized during construction phase and until the site is deemed permanently stabilized by the City of New Philadelphia

The skimmer shall be designed per the equivalent requirements of sediment basins and the operator must ensure that the outlet structure of the pond provides an equivalent or better sediment storage zone and dewatering zone. As such, temporarily while the site is under construction, there shall be no discharge of runoff below the elevation required for the sediment storage zone and the discharge of stormwater within the dewatering zone shall only occur through the skimmer. The volume of the sediment storage zone shall be calculated by one of the following methods:

Method 1: The volume of the sediment storage zone shall be 1000ft<sup>3</sup> per disturbed acre within the watershed of the basin.

Method 2: The volume of the sediment storage zone shall be the volume necessary to store the sediment as calculated with RUSLE or other generally accepted erosion prediction model.

When determining the total contributing drainage area, off-site areas and areas which remain undisturbed by construction activity must be included unless runoff from these areas is diverted away from the sediment settling pond and is not co-mingled with sediment-laden runoff. The depth of the dewatering zone must be less than or equal to five (5) feet. The configuration between the inlets and the outlet of the sediment-settling pond must provide at least two [or four] units of length for each one unit of width ? 2:1 length-to-width ratio; however, a length to width ratio of ? 4:1 is recommended. Sediment must be removed from the sediment-settling pond when the design capacity of the sediment storage zone has been completely filled by sediment accumulations has been reduced by 40 percent. This limit is typically reached when sediment occupies one-half of the basin depth. When designing sediment settling ponds, the applicant must consider public safety, especially as it relates to children, as a design factor for the sediment basin and alternative sediment controls must be used where site limitations would preclude a safe design. The use of a combination of sediment and erosion control measures in order to achieve maximum pollutant removal is encouraged.

- (3) Silt fence and diversions. Sheet flow runoff from denuded areas shall be intercepted by silt fence or diversions to protect adjacent properties and water resources from sediment transported via sheet flow. Where intended to provide sediment control, silt fence shall be placed on a level contour and shall be capable of temporarily ponding runoff. The relationship between the maximum drainage area to silt fence for a particular slope range is shown in Table 3 below. Placing silt fence in a parallel series does not extend the size of the permissible drainage area.

Table 3: Maximum Drainage Area to Silt Fence Based on Slope

Maximum Drainage Area (acres) to 100 linear feet of silt fence	Range of Slope for a Drainage Area (%)
0.5	< 2%
0.25	≥ 2% but < 20%
0.125	≥ 20% but < 50%

- (4) Alternative perimeter controls for sheet flow discharges may be considered by the City of New Philadelphia, but their use shall not exceed the limitations indicated in Table 3 above. Detail drawings and plan notes shall specify the diameter of filter socks, compost berms and other such alternative perimeter controls if used instead of silt fence.
- (5) Stormwater diversion practices shall be used to keep runoff away from disturbed areas and steep slopes. Such devices, which include swales, dikes or berms, may receive storm water runoff from areas up to 10 acres.
- (6) Inlet protection. Erosion and sediment control practices, such as boxed inlet protection, shall be installed to minimize sediment-laden water entering active storm drain systems. All inlets receiving runoff from drainage areas of one or more acres will require a sediment settling pond. Straw or hay bales and filter socks around catch basins are not acceptable forms of inlet protection.
- (7) Off-site tracking of sediment and dust control. Best management practices must be implemented to ensure sediment is not tracked off-site and that dust is controlled. These best management practices must include, but are not limited to, the following:
- A. Construction entrances shall be built and shall serve as the only permitted points of ingress and egress to the development area. These entrances shall be built of a stabilized pad of aggregate stone or recycled concrete or cement sized greater than 2" in diameter, placed over a geotextile fabric, and constructed in conformance with specifications in the most recent edition of Rainwater and Land Development.
- B. Streets and catch basins adjacent to construction entrances shall be kept free of sediment tracked off site. Streets directly adjacent to construction entrances and receiving traffic from the development area, shall be cleaned daily to remove sediment tracked off-site. If applicable, the catch basins on these streets nearest to the construction entrances shall also be cleaned weekly and protected from sediment-laden runoff, if feasible without posing a public safety hazard.
- Based on site conditions, City of New Philadelphia Service Director may require additional best management practices to control off site tracking and dust. These additional BMPs may include:



- C. Fencing shall be installed around the perimeter of the development area to ensure that all vehicle traffic adheres to designated construction entrances.
  - D. Designated vehicle and wheel-washing areas. Wash water from these areas must be directed to a designated sediment trap, the sediment-settling pond, or to a sump pump for dewatering in conformance with Section 949.09 (g) of this regulation. No surfactants or detergents may be used to wash vehicles.
  - E. Applicants shall take all necessary measures to comply with applicable regulations regarding fugitive dust emissions, including obtaining necessary permits for such emissions. The City of New Philadelphia Service Director may require dust controls including the use of water trucks to wet disturbed areas, tarping stockpiles, temporary stabilization of disturbed areas, and regulation of the speed of vehicles on the site.
- (8) Surface Waters of the State protection. Construction vehicles shall avoid water resources. A 50 foot undisturbed natural buffer shall be provided around surface waters of the state unless infeasible. If it is infeasible to provide and maintain an undisturbed 50-foot natural buffer, the SWP3 shall comply with the stabilization requirements in 949.09.B.1 for areas within 50 feet of a surface water, and minimize soil compaction and, unless infeasible, preserve topsoil. If the applicant is permitted to disturb areas within 50 feet of a water resource, the following conditions shall be addressed in the SWP3:
- A. All BMPs and stream crossings shall be designed as specified in the most recent edition of Rainwater and Land Development.
  - B. Structural practices shall be designated and implemented on site to protect water resources from the impacts of sediment runoff.
  - C. No structural sediment controls (e.g., the installation of silt fence or a sediment settling pond in-stream) shall be used in water resources.
  - D. Where stream crossings for roads or utilities are necessary and permitted, the project shall be designed such that the number of stream crossings and the width of the disturbance are minimized.
  - E. Temporary stream crossings shall be constructed if water resources or wetlands will be crossed by construction vehicles during construction.
  - F. Construction of bridges, culverts, or sediment control structures shall not place soil, debris, or other particulate material into or close to the water resources or wetlands in such a manner that it may slough, slip, or erode.
  - G. Concentrated stormwater runoff from BMPs to natural wetlands shall be converted to diffuse flow through the use of level spreaders or other such appropriate measure before the runoff enters the wetlands. The flow should be released such that no erosion occurs downslope. Level spreaders may need to be placed in series to ensure non-erosive velocities.
  - H. Protected areas or critical areas, including wetlands and riparian areas shall be physically marked in the field prior to earth disturbing activities.

- (9) Modifying controls. If periodic inspections or other information indicates a control has been used inappropriately or incorrectly, the applicant shall replace or modify the control for site conditions.

(f) **NON-SEDIMENT POLLUTANT CONTROLS:** No solid or liquid waste, including building materials, shall be discharged in stormwater runoff. The applicant must implement site best management practices to prevent toxic materials, hazardous materials, or other debris from entering water resources, wetlands or the MS4. These practices shall include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Waste Materials: A covered dumpster shall be made available for the proper disposal of garbage, plaster, drywall, grout, gypsum, and other waste materials.
- (2) Concrete Truck Wash Out: The washing of concrete material into a street, catch basin, or other public facility, natural resource, or water of the state is prohibited. A designated area for concrete washout shall be made available.
- (3) Disposal of Other Wastewaters: The discharge of washout and cleanout of stucco, paint, form release oils, curing compounds, and other construction materials to a street, catch basin, other public facility, natural resource or waters of the state is prohibited. The discharge of soaps or solvents used in vehicle and equipment washing is also prohibited. If generated, these wastewaters must be collected and disposed of properly.
- (4) Fuel/Liquid Tank Storage: All fuel/liquid tanks and drums shall be stored in a marked storage area. A dike shall be constructed around this storage area with a minimum capacity equal to 110% of the volume of the largest containers in the storage area and/or a spill kit shall be provided to clean up spills. The SWP3 shall contain spill prevention and response procedures and these procedures shall be discussed at the pre-construction meeting.
- (5) Toxic or Hazardous Waste Disposal: Any toxic or hazardous waste shall be disposed of properly. The discharge of fuels, oils, and other pollutants used in vehicle and equipment operation and maintenance is prohibited.
- (6) Contaminated Soils Disposal and Runoff: Discovery of previously unknown contaminated soils onsite shall be self-reported to Ohio EPA and local authorities. Contaminated soils from redevelopment sites shall be disposed of properly. Runoff from contaminated soils shall not be discharged from the site. Proper permits shall be obtained for development projects on solid waste landfill sites or redevelopment sites. Where construction activities are to occur on sites with contamination from previous activities, operators shall be aware that concentrations of materials that meet other criteria (i.e. not considered a Hazardous Waste, meeting Voluntary Action Program (VAP standards)) may still result in stormwater discharges in excess of Ohio Water Quality Standards. Such discharges are not authorized by this code. Control measures which may be utilized to meet this requirement include, but are not limited to:
  - A. Use berms, trenches, pits or tanks to collect contaminated runoff and prevent discharge.

- B. Pump runoff from contaminated soils to the sanitary sewer with the prior approval of the sanitary sewer system operator, or pump into a container for transport to an appropriate treatment or disposal facility; and
- C. Cover areas of contamination with tarps, daily cover or other such methods to prevent storm water from coming into contact with contaminated materials.

(g) **COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER REQUIREMENTS.** The SWP3 shall be consistent with applicable State and/or local waste disposal, sanitary sewer, or septic system regulations, including provisions prohibiting waste disposal by open burning, and shall provide for the proper disposal of contaminated soils located within the development area.

(h) **TRENCH AND GROUND WATER CONTROL.** There shall be no sediment-laden or turbid discharges to water resources or wetlands resulting from dewatering activities. If trench or ground water contains sediment, it must pass through a sediment-settling pond or other equally effective sediment control device, prior to being discharged from the construction site. Alternatively, sediment may be removed by settling in place or by dewatering into a sump pit, filter bag or comparable practice. Ground water dewatering which does not contain sediment or other pollutants is not required to be treated prior to discharge. However, care must be taken when discharging ground water to ensure that it does not become pollutant-laden by traversing over disturbed soils or other pollutant sources.

(i) **INTERNAL INSPECTIONS.** All controls on the site shall be inspected a at least once every seven calendar days and within 24 hours after any storm event greater than one-half inch of rain per 24 hour period. The inspection frequency may be reduced to at least once every month if the entire site is temporarily stabilized or runoff is unlikely due to weather conditions (e.g., site is covered with snow, ice, or the ground is frozen). A waiver of inspection requirements is available until one month before thawing conditions are expected to result in a discharge if prior written approval has been attained from the City of New Philadelphia Service Director and all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The project is located in an area where frozen conditions are anticipated to continue for extended periods of time (i.e. more than one (1) month).
- (2) Land disturbance activities have been suspended, and temporary stabilization is achieved.
- (3) The beginning date and ending dates of the waiver period are documented in the SWP3.

The applicant shall assign qualified inspection personnel to conduct these inspections to ensure that the control practices are functional and to evaluate whether the SWP3 is adequate, or whether additional control measures are required. Qualified inspection personnel are individuals with knowledge and experience in the installation and maintenance of sediment and erosion controls. Certified inspection reports shall be submitted to the City of New Philadelphia Service Director within seven (7) working days from the inspection and retained at the development site.

These inspections shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Disturbed areas and areas used for storage of materials that are exposed to precipitation shall be inspected for evidence of or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system.
- (2) Erosion and sediment control measures identified in the SWP3 shall be observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. The applicant shall utilize an inspection form provided by the City of New Philadelphia or an alternate form acceptable to the City of New Philadelphia Service Director. The inspection form shall include:
  - A. The inspection date.
  - B. Names, titles and qualifications of personnel making the inspection.
  - C. Weather information for the period since the last inspection, including a best estimate of the beginning of each storm event, duration of each storm event and approximate amount of rainfall for each storm event in inches, and whether any discharges occurred.
  - D. Weather information and a description of any discharges occurring at the time of inspection.
  - E. Locations of:
    - i. Discharges of sediment or other pollutants from site.
    - ii. BMPs that need maintained
    - iii. BMPs that failed to operate as designed or proved inadequate for a particular location.
    - iv. Where additional BMPs are needed that did not exist at the time of inspection.
  - F. Corrective action required including any necessary changes to the SWP3 and implementation dates
- (3) Discharge locations shall be inspected to determine whether erosion and sediment control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to the receiving water resource.
- (4) Locations where vehicles enter or exit the site shall be inspected for evidence of off-site vehicle tracking.
- (5) The applicant shall maintain for three (3) years following final stabilization the results of these inspections, the names and qualifications of personnel making the inspections, the dates of inspections, major observations relating to the implementation of the SWP3, a certification as to whether the facility is in compliance with the SWP3, and information on any incidents of non-compliance determined by these inspections.

(j) **MAINTENANCE.** The SWP3 shall be designed to minimize maintenance requirements. All BMPs shall be maintained and repaired as needed to ensure continued performance of their intended function until final stabilization. All sediment control practices must be maintained in a functional condition until all up slope areas they control reach final stabilization. The applicant shall provide a description of maintenance procedures needed to ensure the continued performance of control practices and shall ensure a responsible party and adequate funding to conduct this maintenance, all as determined by the City of New Philadelphia Service Director.

When inspections reveal the need for repair, replacement, or installation of erosion and sediment control BMPs the following procedures shall be followed.

- (1) When BMPs require repair or maintenance. If an internal inspection reveals that a BMP is in need of repair or maintenance, with the exception of a sediment-settling pond, it must be repaired or maintained within three (3) days of the inspection. Sediment settling ponds must be repaired or maintained within ten (10) days of the inspection.
- (2) When BMPs fail to provide their intended function. If an internal inspection reveals that a BMP fails to perform its intended function as detailed in the SWP3 and that another, more appropriate control practice is required, the SWP3 must be amended and the new control practice must be installed within three (3) to ten (10) days of the inspection as determined by the City of New Philadelphia Service Director or site inspector.
- (3) When BMPs depicted on the SWP3 are not installed. If an internal inspection reveals that a BMP has not been implemented in accordance with the schedule, the control practice must be implemented within ten (10) days from the date of the inspection. If the internal inspection reveals that the planned control practice is not needed, the record must contain a statement of explanation as to why the control practice is not needed.

(k) FINAL STABILIZATION. Final stabilization shall be determined by the City of New Philadelphia Service Director. Once a definable area has achieved final stabilization, the applicant may note this on the SWP3 and no further inspection requirement applies to that portion of the site. Final stabilization also requires the installation of permanent (post-construction) stormwater control measures (SCMs). Obligations under this ordinance shall not be completed until installation of post-construction BMPs is verified. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.10 ABBREVIATED STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWP3).

- (a) In order to control sediment pollution of water resources, the applicant shall submit an Abbreviated SWP3 in accordance with the requirements of this regulation.
- (b) The Abbreviated SWP3 shall be certified by a professional engineer, a registered surveyor, certified professional erosion and sediment control specialist, or a registered landscape architect.
- (c) The Abbreviated SWP3 shall include a minimum of the following BMPs. City of New Philadelphia may require other BMPs as site conditions warrant.
- (d) Construction Entrances: Construction entrances shall be built and shall serve as the only permitted points of ingress and egress to the development area. These entrances shall be built of a stabilized pad of aggregate stone or recycled concrete or cement sized greater than 2" in diameter, placed over a geotextile fabric, and constructed in conformance with specifications in the most recent edition of Rainwater and Land Development.

- (1) Construction Entrances: Construction entrances shall be built and shall serve as the only permitted points of ingress and egress to the development area. These entrances shall be built of a stabilized pad of aggregate stone or recycled concrete or cement sized greater than 2" in diameter, placed over a geotextile fabric, and constructed in conformance with specifications in the most recent edition of Rainwater and Land Development.
- (2) Concrete Truck Wash Out: The washing of concrete material into a street, catch basin, or other public facility or natural resource is prohibited. A designated area for concrete washout shall be indicated on the plan. Use for other waste and wastewater is prohibited.
- (3) Street Sweeping: Streets directly adjacent to construction entrances and receiving traffic from the development area, shall be cleaned daily to remove sediment tracked off-site. If applicable, the catch basins on these streets nearest to the construction entrances shall be cleaned weekly.
- (4) Stabilization: The development area shall be stabilized as detailed in Table 4.

Table 4: Stabilization

Area Requiring Stabilization	Time Frame to Apply Erosion Controls
Any disturbed area within 50 feet of a surface water of the state and not at final grade.	Within 2 days of the most recent disturbance if that area will remain idle for more than 14 days
For all construction activities, any disturbed area, including soil stockpiles, that will be dormant for more than 14 days but less than one year, and not within 50 feet of a stream.	Within 7 days of the most recent disturbance within the area
Disturbed areas that will be idle over winter	Prior to November 1
Note: Where vegetative stabilization techniques may cause structural instability or are otherwise unobtainable, alternative stabilization techniques must be employed. These techniques may include mulching or erosion matting.	

- (5) Inlet Protection: Erosion and sediment control practices, such as boxed inlet protection, shall be installed to minimize sediment-laden water entering active storm drain systems, including rear yard inlets. Straw, hay bales, and filter socks are not acceptable forms of inlet protection.
- (6) Silt Fence and Other Perimeter Controls: Silt fence and other perimeter controls approved by the City of New Philadelphia shall be used to protect adjacent properties and water resources from sediment discharged via sheet (diffused) flow. Silt fence shall be placed along level contours and the permissible drainage area is limited to those indicated in Table 3 in 949.09 of these regulations.
- (7) Internal Inspection and Maintenance: All controls on the development area shall be inspected at least once every seven calendar days and within 24 hours after any storm event greater than one-half inch of rain per 24 hour period. Maintenance shall occur as detailed below:

- A. When BMPs require repair or maintenance. If the internal inspection reveals that a BMP is in need of repair or maintenance, with the exception of a sediment-settling pond, it must be repaired or maintained within three (3) days of the inspection. Sediment settling ponds must be repaired or maintained within ten (10) days of the inspection.
  - B. When BMPs fail to provide their intended function. If the internal inspection reveals that a BMP fails to perform its intended function and that another, more appropriate control practice is required, the Abbreviated SWP3 must be amended and the new control practice must be installed within ten (10) days of the inspection.
  - C. When BMPs depicted on the Abbreviated SWP3 are not installed. If the internal inspection reveals that a BMP has not been implemented in accordance with the schedule, the control practice must be implemented within ten (10) days from the date of the inspection. If the inspection reveals that the planned control practice is not needed, the record must contain a statement of explanation as to why the control practice is not needed.
- (8) Final Stabilization: Final stabilization shall be determined by the City of New Philadelphia Service Director.  
(Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.11 FEES.

The SWP3 and Abbreviated SWP3 review, filing, and inspection fee is part of a complete submittal and is required to be submitted to the City of New Philadelphia before the review process begins. Please consult with City of New Philadelphia Service Director for current fee schedule. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.12 BOND.

(a) If a SWP3 or abbreviated SWP3 is required by this regulation, soil disturbing activities shall not be permitted until a cash bond or deposit has been deposited with the City of New Philadelphia Service Director's Office. The amount shall be a [\$1,500] minimum, and an additional [\$1,500] paid for each subsequent acre. The bond will be used for the City of New Philadelphia to perform the obligations otherwise to be performed by the owner of the development area as stated in this regulation and to allow all work to be performed as needed in the event that the applicant fails to comply with the provisions of this regulation. The cash bond shall be returned after all work required by this regulation has been completed and final stabilization has been reached, all as determined by the City of New Philadelphia Service Director.

(b) No project subject to this regulation shall commence without a SWP3 or Abbreviated SWP3 approved by the City of New Philadelphia Service Director.  
(Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

**949.13 ENFORCEMENT.**

(a) If the City of New Philadelphia or its duly authorized representative determines that a violation of the rules adopted under this code exist, the City of New Philadelphia or representative may issue an immediate stop work order if the violator failed to obtain any federal, state, or local permit necessary for sediment and erosion control, earth movement, clearing, or cut and fill activity.

(b) All development areas may be subject to external inspections by City of New Philadelphia Service Director to ensure compliance with the approved SWP3 or Abbreviated SWP3.

(c) After each external inspection, City of New Philadelphia Service Director shall prepare and distribute a status report to the applicant.

(d) If an external inspection determines that operations are being conducted in violation of the approved SWP3 or Abbreviated SWP3 City of New Philadelphia Service Director may take action as detailed in Section 949.14 of this regulation.

(e) Failure to maintain and repair erosion and sediment controls per the approved SWP3 plan may result in the following escalation:

- (1) First violation: The City of New Philadelphia Service Director will issue a Notice of Deficiency to the owner or operator. All controls are to be repaired or maintained per the SWP3 plan within three (3) days of the notification. If controls have not been corrected after this time, the City of New Philadelphia Service Director may issue a Stop Work Order for all activities until corrections have been made.
- (2) Second violation: The City of New Philadelphia Service Director may issue a formal Notice of Violation which includes a \$250 administrative fee against the SWP3 Bond or site plan deposit. All controls are to be repaired or maintained per the approved SWP3 plan within three (3) days of the Notice of Violation. If controls have not been corrected after this time, the City of New Philadelphia Service Director may issue a Stop Work Order for all activities until corrections have been made.
- (3) Third and subsequent violations: The City of New Philadelphia Service Director may issue a Stop Work Order for all construction activities and charge a \$250 administrative fee against the SWP3 bond or site plan deposit. The Stop Work Order will be lifted once all controls are in compliance with the approved SWP3 plan.

(f) A final inspection will be made to determine if the criteria of this code has been satisfied and a report will be presented to the City of New Philadelphia on the site's compliance status.

(g) The City of New Philadelphia Service Director will monitor soil-disturbing activities for non-farm residential, commercial, industrial, or other non-farm purposes on land of less than one contiguous acre to ensure compliance required by these Rules.



(h) The City of New Philadelphia Service Director shall notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers when a violation on a development project covered by an Individual or Nationwide Permit is identified. The City of New Philadelphia Service Director shall notify the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency when a violation on a development project covered by a Section 401 Water Quality Certification and/or Isolated Wetland Permit is identified.

(i) The City of New Philadelphia shall not issue building permits for projects regulated under this code that have not received approval for an SWP3 for said project(s). (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.14 VIOLATIONS.

(a) No person shall violate or cause or knowingly permit to be violated any of the provisions of this regulation, or fail to comply with any of such provisions or with any lawful requirements of any public authority made pursuant to this regulation, or knowingly use or cause or permit the use of any lands in violation of this regulation or in violation of any permit granted under this regulation.

(b) Upon notice, the Mayor and/or designee may suspend any active soil disturbing activity for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, and may require immediate erosion and sediment control measures whenever he or she determines that such activity is not meeting the intent of this regulation. Such notice shall be in writing, shall be given to the applicant, and shall state the conditions under which work may be resumed. In instances, however, where the Mayor and/or designee finds that immediate action is necessary for public safety or the public interest, he or she may require that work be stopped upon verbal order pending issuance of the written notice. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 949.15 APPEALS.

Any person aggrieved by any order, requirement, determination, or any other action or inaction by the City of New Philadelphia in relation to this regulation may appeal to the court of common pleas. Such an appeal shall be made in conformity with Ohio Revised Code. Written notice of appeal shall be served on the City of New Philadelphia. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed. 9-11-17.)

#### 949.16 PENALTY.

(a) Any person, firm, entity or corporation; including but not limited to, the owner of the property, his agents and assigns, occupant, property manager, and any contractor or subcontractor who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this regulation is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be fined no more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for no more than sixty (60) days, or both, for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation or noncompliance occurs or continues.

(b) The imposition of any other penalties provided herein shall not preclude the City of New Philadelphia instituting an appropriate action or proceeding in a Court of proper jurisdiction to prevent an unlawful development, or to restrain, correct, or abate a violation, or to require compliance with the provisions of this regulation or other applicable laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations, or the orders of the City of New Philadelphia. (Ord. 13-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)



**CHAPTER 950**  
**Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Control**

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**950.01 PURPOSE AND SCOPE.**

The purpose of this regulation is to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of New Philadelphia through the regulation of illicit discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). This regulation establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the MS4 in order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). The objectives of this regulation are:

- (a) To prohibit illicit discharges and illegal connections to the MS4.
  - (b) To establish legal authority to carry out inspections, monitoring procedures, and enforcement actions necessary to ensure compliance with this regulation.
- (Ord. 14-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

**950.02 APPLICABILITY.**

This regulation shall apply to all residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities responsible for discharges to the MS4 and on any lands in the City of New Philadelphia, except for those discharges generated by the activities detailed in Section 950.07 (a)(1) to (a)(3) of this regulation. (Ord. 14-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

**950.03 DEFINITIONS.**

The words and terms used in this regulation, unless otherwise expressly stated, shall have the following meaning:

- (a) **Best Management Practices (BMPs):** means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, general good housekeeping practices, pollution prevention and educational practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to storm water. BMPs also include treatment practices, operating procedures, and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or water disposal, or drainage from raw materials storage.

- (b) Community: means the City of New Philadelphia, its designated representatives, boards, or commissions.
- (c) Environmental Protection Agency or United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA): means the United States Environmental Protection Agency, including but not limited to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), or any duly authorized official of said agency.
- (d) Floatable Material: in general this term means any foreign matter that may float or remain suspended in the water column, and includes but is not limited to, plastic, aluminum cans, wood products, bottles, and paper products.
- (e) Hazardous Material: means any material including any substance, waste, or combination thereof, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may cause, or significantly contribute to, a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, safety, property, or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed.
- (f) Illicit Discharge: as defined at 40 C.F.R. 122.26 (b)(2) means any discharge to an MS4 that is not composed entirely of storm water, except for those discharges to an MS4 pursuant to a NPDES permit or noted in Section 950.07 of this regulation.
- (g) Illegal Connection: means any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, that allows an illicit discharge to enter the MS4.
- (h) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4): as defined at 40 C.F.R. 122.26 (b)(8), municipal separate storm sewer system means a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains):
  - (1) Owned or operated by a State, city, town, borough, county, parish, district, municipality, township, county, district, association, or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law) having jurisdiction over sewage, industrial wastes, including special districts under State law such as a sewer district, or similar entity, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the Clean Water Act that discharges to waters of the United States;
  - (2) Designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water;
  - (3) Which is not a combined sewer; and
  - (4) Which is not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) as defined at 40 C.F.R. 122.2.
- (i) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Discharge Permit: means a permit issued by EPA (or by a State under authority delegated pursuant to 33 USC § 1342(b)) that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States, whether the permit is applicable on an individual, group, or general areawide basis.
- (j) Off-Lot Discharging Household Sewage Treatment System: means a system designed to treat household sewage on-site and discharges treated wastewater effluent off the property into a storm water or surface water conveyance or system.
- (k) Owner/Operator: means any individual, association, organization, partnership, firm, corporation or other entity recognized by law and acting as either the owner or on the owner's behalf.

- (l) Pollutant: means anything that causes or contributes to pollution. Pollutants may include, but are not limited to, paints, varnishes, solvents, oil and other automotive fluids, non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes, yard wastes, refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter or other discarded or abandoned objects, floatable materials, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, hazardous materials, wastes, sewage, dissolved and particulate metals, animal wastes, residues that result from constructing a structure, and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.
- (m) Storm Water: any surface flow, runoff, and drainage consisting entirely of water from any form of natural precipitation, and resulting from such precipitation.
- (n) Wastewater: The spent water of a community. From the standpoint of a source, it may be a combination of the liquid and water-carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants, and institutions.  
(Ord. 14-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 950.04 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

Compliance with the provisions of this regulation shall not relieve any person from responsibility for damage to any person otherwise imposed by law. The provisions of this regulation are promulgated to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public and are not designed for the benefit of any individual or for the benefit of any particular parcel of property. (Ord. 14-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 950.05 CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, NUISANCES AND RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) Where this regulation is in conflict with other provisions of law or ordinance, the most restrictive provisions, as determined by the City of New Philadelphia, shall prevail.

(b) If any clause, section, or provision of this regulation is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

(c) This regulation shall not be construed as authorizing any person to maintain a nuisance on their property, and compliance with the provisions of this regulation shall not be a defense in any action to abate such a nuisance.

(d) Failure of the City of New Philadelphia to observe or recognize hazardous or unsightly conditions or to recommend corrective measures shall not relieve the site owner from the responsibility for the condition or damage resulting therefrom, and shall not result in the City of New Philadelphia, its officers, employees, or agents being responsible for any condition or damage resulting therefrom. (Ord. 14-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 950.06 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION.

The City of New Philadelphia shall administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of this regulation. The City of New Philadelphia may contract with the Tuscarawas Board of Health to conduct inspections and monitoring and to assist with enforcement actions.  
(Ord. 14-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

**950.07 DISCHARGE AND CONNECTION PROHIBITIONS.**

(a) Prohibition of Illicit Discharges. No person shall discharge, or cause to be discharged, an illicit discharge into the MS4. The commencement, conduct, or continuance of any illicit discharge to the MS4 is prohibited except as described below:

Water line flushing; landscape irrigation; diverted stream flows; rising ground waters; uncontaminated ground water infiltration; uncontaminated pumped ground water; discharges from potable water sources; foundation drains; air conditioning condensate; irrigation water; springs; water from crawl space pumps; footing drains; lawn watering; individual residential car washing; flows from riparian habitats and wetlands; dechlorinated swimming pool discharges; street wash water; and discharges or flows from fire fighting activities. These discharges are exempt until such time as they are determined by the City of New Philadelphia to be significant contributors of pollutants to the MS4.

Discharges specified in writing by the City of New Philadelphia as being necessary to protect public health and safety.

Discharges from off-lot discharging household sewage treatment systems existing prior to January 1, 2007 and permitted by the Tuscarawas Board of Health for the purpose of discharging treated sewage effluent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29, or other applicable Tuscarawas Board of Health regulations, until such time as the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency issues an NPDES permitting mechanism for household sewage treatment systems existing prior to January 1, 2007. These discharges are exempt unless such discharges are deemed to be creating a public health nuisance by the Tuscarawas Board of Health. Discharges from new or replacement off-lot household sewage treatment systems installed after January 1, 2007 are not exempt from the requirements of this regulation.

In compliance with the City of New Philadelphia Storm Water Management Program, discharges from all off-lot discharging household sewage treatment systems must either be eliminated or have coverage under an appropriate NPDES permit issued and approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. When such permit coverage is available for systems existing prior to January 1, 2007, discharges from off-lot discharging household sewage treatment systems existing prior to January 1, 2007 will no longer be exempt from the requirements of this regulation.

(b) Prohibition of Illegal Connections. The construction, use, maintenance, or continued existence of illegal connections to the MS4 is prohibited.

- (1) This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illegal connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection.
- (2) A person is considered to be in violation of this regulation if the person connects a line conveying illicit discharges to the MS4, or allows such a connection to continue. (Ord. 14-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

**950.08 MONITORING OF ILLICIT DISCHARGES AND ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS.**

(a) Establishment of an Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Monitoring Program: The City of New Philadelphia shall establish a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges and illegal connections to the MS4. This program shall include the mapping of the MS4, including MS4 outfalls and household sewage treatment systems; the routine inspection of storm water outfalls to the MS4, and the systematic investigation of potential residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities for the sources of any dry weather flows found as the result of these inspections.

- (b) Inspection of Residential, Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional Facilities.
- (1) The City of New Philadelphia shall be permitted to enter and inspect facilities subject to this regulation as often as may be necessary to determine compliance with this regulation.
  - (2) The City of New Philadelphia shall have the right to set up at facilities subject to this regulation such devices as are necessary to conduct monitoring and/or sampling of the facility's storm water discharge, as determined by the City of New Philadelphia.
  - (3) The City of New Philadelphia shall have the right to require the facility owner/operator to install monitoring equipment as necessary. This sampling and monitoring equipment shall be maintained at all times in safe and proper operating condition by the facility owner/operator at the owner/operator's expense. All devices used to measure storm water flow and quality shall be calibrated by the City of New Philadelphia to ensure their accuracy.
  - (4) Any temporary or permanent obstruction to safe and reasonable access to the facility to be inspected and/or sampled shall be promptly removed by the facility's owner/operator at the written or oral request of the City of New Philadelphia and shall not be replaced. The costs of clearing such access shall be borne by the facility owner/operator.
  - (5) Unreasonable delays in allowing the City of New Philadelphia access to a facility subject to this regulation for the purposes of illicit discharge inspection is a violation of this regulation.
  - (6) If the City of New Philadelphia is refused access to any part of the facility from which storm water is discharged, and the City of New Philadelphia demonstrates probable cause to believe that there may be a violation of this regulation, or that there is a need to inspect and/or sample as part of an inspection and sampling program designed to verify compliance with this regulation or any order issued hereunder, or to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the City of New Philadelphia may seek issuance of a search warrant, civil remedies including but not limited to injunctive relief, and/or criminal remedies from any court of appropriate jurisdiction.
  - (7) Any costs associated with these inspections shall be assessed to the facility owner/operator. (Ord. 14-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 950.09 ENFORCEMENT.

(a) Notice of Violation. When the City of New Philadelphia finds that a person has violated a prohibition or failed to meet a requirement of this regulation, the City of New Philadelphia may order compliance by written Notice of Violation. Such notice must specify the violation and shall be hand delivered, and/or sent by registered mail, to the owner/operator of the facility. Such notice may require the following actions:

- The performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
- The elimination of illicit discharges or illegal connections;
- That violating discharges, practices, or operations cease and desist;
- The abatement or remediation of storm water pollution or contamination hazards and the restoration of any affected property; or
- The implementation of source control or treatment BMPs.

(b) If abatement of a violation and/or restoration of affected property is required, the Notice of Violation shall set forth a deadline within which such remediation or restoration must be completed. Said Notice shall further advise that, should the facility owner/operator fail to remediate or restore within the established deadline, a legal action for enforcement shall be initiated.

(c) Any person receiving a Notice of Violation must meet compliance standards within the time established in the Notice of Violation.

(d) Administrative Hearing: If the violation has not been corrected pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Notice of Violation, the City of New Philadelphia shall schedule an administrative hearing to determine reasons for non-compliance and to determine the next enforcement activity. Notice of the administrative hearing shall be hand delivered and/or sent registered mail.

(e) Injunctive Relief: It shall be unlawful for any owner/operator to violate any provision or fail to comply with any of the requirements of this regulation pursuant to O.R.C. 3709.211. If a owner/operator has violated or continues to violate the provisions of this regulation, the City of New Philadelphia may petition for a preliminary or permanent injunction restraining the owner/operator from activities that would create further violations or compelling the owner/operator to perform abatement or remediation of the violation. (Ord. 14-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 950.10 REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE.

The remedies listed in this regulation are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law and it is in the discretion of the City of New Philadelphia to seek cumulative remedies. (Ord. 14-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)

#### 950.11 PENALTY.

(a) Any person, firm, entity or corporation; including but not limited to, the owner of the property, his agents and assigns, occupant, property manager, and any contractor or subcontractor who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this regulation is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be fined no more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for no more than sixty (60) days, or both, for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation or noncompliance occurs or continues.

(b) The imposition of any other penalties provided herein shall not preclude the City of New Philadelphia instituting an appropriate action or proceeding in a Court of proper jurisdiction to prevent an illicit discharge and/or illegal connection. (Ord. 14-2017. Passed 9-11-17.)



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CHAPTER 971  
 Garbage and Rubbish Collection

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CROSS REFERENCES

Collection and disposal of garbage - see Ohio R.C. 715.43, 717.01  
 Vehicle loads dropping, leaking - see TRAF. 339.08  
 Tree trimming business regulations - see BUS. REG. Ch. 777  
 Open burning - see FIRE PREV. Ch. 1515

971.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Garbage" means all putrescible wastes, except human excreta, sewage and other water-carried wastes, including vegetable and animal offal and carcasses of dead animals, and includes all such substances from all public and private establishments, and from all residences.
- (b) "Other refuse" means ashes, grass, glass, crockery, tin and aluminum cans, paper, boxes, rags and old clothing and other similar nonputrescible wastes. The term does not include any materials such as earth, sand, trees, tree trunks, tree stumps, shrubs, concrete, brick, roofing, tile, stone, plasterboard, oil, paint, plaster, dry wall, lumber, wood, carpet or other similar substances that may accumulate as a result of remodeling or construction projects.

- (c) "Bulky waste" means hot water tanks, mattresses, box springs, freezers, dishwashers, washers, dryers, unusable furniture, stoves, ovens, and refrigerators. The term does not include any materials such as earth, sand, trees, tree trunks, tree stumps, shrubs, concrete, brick, roofing tile, stone, plasterboard, oil, paint, plaster, dry wall, lumber, wood, carpet or other similar substances that may accumulate as a result of remodeling or construction projects.
- (d) "Householder" means the head of family or one maintaining separate living quarters and includes owners, tenants and occupants of all premises where garbage or other refuse or both are created. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to apply to commercial operators as defined in subsection (f) hereof.
- (e) "Premises" means land or building or both, or parts of either or both, occupied by a householder or a commercial operator.
- (f) "Commercial operator" means all persons, firms or corporations who own or operate stores, restaurants, industries, institutions and other similar places, public or private, charitable or non-charitable, and includes all responsible persons other than householders, upon the premises of which garbage or other refuse or both are created.
- (g) "Nonresident" means person or persons living outside of City limits.
- (h) "Red Tagged" means a licensed technician must remove the Freon/coolant and tag the appliance. (Ord. 57-2004. Passed 1-10-05.)

#### 971.02 REGULAR PICK-UP.

(a) No householder or commercial operator shall permit to accumulate upon the premises any garbage or other refuse except in covered containers, up to twenty-gallon capacity, approved by the Director of Public Service.

When plastic containers are used, the City shall not be responsible for the cost if the containers are split, torn or damaged.

(b) All garbage and refuse shall be kept in rust-resistant, watertight, nonabsorbent, and easily washable containers which are covered with close-fitting lids except as provided in subsection (c) hereof. Where practicable, all garbage shall be drained of liquid and wrapped in paper. These containers shall be of adequate capacity and provided in sufficient number to hold all garbage and refuse that accumulates between collections. All containers shall be washed and treated with a disinfectant as often as necessary to prevent nuisance.

(c) Garbage and refuse can also be stored in other reasonably tight and substantial containers that are easy to handle. Such containers can be plastic bags of adequate capacity and thickness, tied at the top and provided in sufficient number to hold all other refuse that accumulates between collections.

(d) Boxes, papers, tree cuttings and odd articles shall be crushed and bundled in lengths not more than three feet and not more than fifty pounds in weight. Such items of refuse shall be placed at locations designated by the Public Service Director on normal day of collection.

(e) Garbage and rubbish shall not be placed on the curb strip before 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the designated pickup.

(f) Garbage and rubbish containers shall not remain on the curb strip after 12:00 midnight on the day of designated pickup.

(g) The Director of Public Service shall provide for the collection of all garbage from all premises within the City at least once each week. Garbage shall be placed at one location on the premises where collection can be made in a normal routine route by the Sanitation Department. Other refuse shall be collected according to a schedule determined by the Director of Public Service or the Superintendent of the Sanitation Department.

The Director shall provide for the collection of all garbage and other refuse from the premises of all commercial operators within the City at least three times each week. If three collections per week is not adequate for health issues, commercial operators must provide a dumpster to secure all garbage and other refuse.

(h) Nonresidents are prohibited from disposing of any garbage, other refuse or bulky waste anywhere in the City limits.  
(Ord. 57-2004. Passed 1-10-05.)

#### 971.03 INDIVIDUAL COLLECTION RULES.

(a) All garbage or other refuse transported on the street or other public thoroughfares in the City shall be in containers, or shall be in vehicles, the bodies of which are leakproof and of easily cleanable construction, and shall be completely covered with metal or heavy canvas. Spillage or drippings from vehicles transporting garbage and other refuse is not permitted.

(b) Individuals must obtain approval from the Director of Public Service forty-eight hours prior to placement of a container on City property.  
(Ord. 57-2004. Passed 1-10-05.)

#### 971.04 SPECIAL PICK-UP.

(a) All garbage and other refuse created within the City shall be disposed of by the City as hereinafter provided or in a manner and at such place or places as specified by the Director of Public Service.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Director to dispose of or provide for the disposal of all garbage and other refuse created within the City in a manner so as not to cause a public health nuisance, the attracting of rats and flies or other conditions detrimental to public health and comfort.

(c) All Christmas Trees will be picked up between the period of January 2 and January 25.

(d) Nonresidents are prohibited from disposing of any garbage, other refuse or bulky waste anywhere in the City limits.

(e) The City shall not be responsible for any materials such as, sand, earth, tree trunks, tree stumps, concrete, brick, roofing tile with nails, stone, oil, paint, tires, batteries, or other similar substances that the landfill does not except.

(f) It shall be the duty of the Director of Public Service to dispose of or provide for disposal of all bulky waste such as hot water tanks, mattresses, box springs, washers, dryers, unusable furniture, stoves, ovens, dishwashers. These items shall be collected after resident makes a request by phone or letter to the General Services Superintendent. The City shall provide up to three (3) special pick-ups each calendar year to each address. Items will be picked up on a first come basis. Also, addressee may get a ticket from the general services department to haul items themselves to the landfill. Freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners and any other appliance that has or has had Freon/coolant cannot be picked up until the item has been red tagged.

(g) If address exceeds the three (3) pickups the City shall charge expenses. Examples labor, equipment, and landfill costs.  
(Ord. 57-2004. Passed 1-10-05.)

#### 971.05 ACCUMULATION OF UNCOLLECTED GARBAGE PROHIBITED.

No person shall permit fermenting, putrefying or odoriferous garbage or other refuse in containers or dumped in the open to accumulate or remain in any place.  
(Ord. 57-2004. Passed 1-10-05.)

#### 971.06 TRASH COLLECTION RATES.

Rates shall be as established by Council from time to time.

#### 971.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.  
(Ord. 17-2009. Passed 5-28-09.)

CHAPTER 973  
City Park

973.01 Park regulations.

973.99 Penalty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Land appropriation for parks - see Ohio R.C. 715.21, 719.01

Parks and playgrounds - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 755

Power to regulate vehicle speed in parks - see Ohio R.C. 4511.07(E)

Flood control in Tuscora Park - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 975

973.01 PARK REGULATIONS.

(a) All persons using the bathing pool in the park shall conduct themselves in a proper, orderly manner. They shall not interfere with, molest, frighten or intimidate other users of the bathing pool.

(b) The park shall be closed every evening at 10:30 p.m. No person shall be or remain within the limits of the park after 10:30 p.m. except those who may be regularly employed therein. The Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, has the authority to alter hours of operations for special events or occasions or weather related situations.

(c) No persons shall operate a motor vehicle, motorcycle, tricycle, bicycle, unicycle, moped, roller blades, roller skates, or skateboard within the park.

(d) No beer, intoxicating liquor, alcoholic beverage or drug of abuse shall be brought in, consumed, or sold on the premises of the park.

(e) Pets of any kind are not permitted on any park property, except for service certified animals (i.e. seeing eye dogs).  
(Ord. 12-2009. Passed 4-27-09.)

973.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).  
(Ord. 2861. Passed 5-9-60.)



CHAPTER 975  
Flood Control

975.01 Regulations for the storm water detention pool at Tuscora Park.

975.02 Drainage control in Lagoon Lake and Tuscora Park Lake.

CROSS REFERENCES

Power to construct levees, etc. - see Ohio R.C. 717.01(Q)

Flood information - see Ohio R.C. 1521.14

975.01 REGULATIONS FOR THE STORM WATER DETENTION POOL AT  
TUSCORA PARK.

(a) The operation of the gates and valves controlling the run-off from the storm water detention pool in Tuscora Park and the storm water detention pool lying north of Wabash Avenue, and adjacent to the Reeves Realty Company's Park Lane Addition to the City, shall be under the complete control and charge of the Superintendent of the Street Department. The Street Superintendent shall designate a competent man from the Department to control and operate the gates and valves in case of his absence from the City, sickness or for any other reason.

(b) In the operation of the gates and valves controlling the run-off from the pools, careful consideration shall be given to the effect of the discharge of water on the north end of the City and on Beaverdam Creek below the outlet of the four-foot brick sewer, through which the run-off is discharged into the Creek. (Ord. 2825. Passed 5-11-59. )

(c) Since each storm or flood situation presents different problems, a fixed set of detailed rules and regulations cannot be formulated for the operation of the gates and valves but the following general procedures shall be followed:

The slide gates in each pool shall normally be left open, permitting the normal flow of water through the pools into the storm sewer and thereby maintaining a normal pool level at the elevation of the lower weir in each pool.

When a heavy rainfall occurs or when a water control problem arises from any cause, an effort shall be made to discharge as much of the run-off as possible through the four-foot brick sewer outlet into Beaverdam Creek before the Creek gets bank full or before the run-off begins to flood North Avenue. When either of these conditions develops the slide gates shall be closed, permitting the water to be stored in the two pools until the water in Beaverdam Creek recedes to such a level that the stored water may be released, without causing damage, into the Creek below the storm sewer outlet.

The Street Superintendent shall keep a record of the time at which the gate or gates are opened to release the stored water and also the elevation of Beaverdam Creek at the Beaver Avenue bridge, immediately prior to the release of the stored water.

(d) In the event that an excessive rainfall occurs or any water control problems develop when the Street Superintendent is not on duty, then the desk officer at the Police Department office shall notify the Superintendent of such conditions.  
(Ord. 2825. Passed 5-11-59.)

975.02 DRAINAGE CONTROL IN LAGOON LAKE AND TUSCORA  
PARK LAKE.

(a) The Director of Public Service shall be responsible for the control and supervision of drainage of water from Lagoon Lake, located north of Wabash Avenue, and Tuscora Park Lake.

(b) The Director is hereby directed and ordered to formulate regulations and procedures to establish the method and amount of drainage of accumulated water during flood periods, and to establish a minimum level to which the lakes shall be drained during flood periods.

(c) In the event of an emergency whereby it is necessary to completely drain these artificial bodies of water during flood periods, some means of general notice of this fact shall be given to the residents of the northeast section of the City.  
(Res. 1959-8. Passed 4-27-59.)



**CHAPTER 977**  
**City Cemetery Board**

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**977.01 ESTABLISHMENT; MEMBERSHIP.**

There is hereby established a City Cemetery Board which shall consist of the following six members: the Director of Public Service, the Chairperson of the Parks and Cemetery Committee of Council and four persons, residents of the City, who shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council. (Ord. 13-2019. Passed 9-9-19.)

**977.02 TERM VACANCIES.**

The term of the three persons of the City Cemetery Board to be appointed by the Mayor shall be three years except for 2019 when each member shall be appointed for one, two or three years. In the event that a vacancy occurs during the term of any member, a successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term. (Ord. 13-2019. Passed 9-9-19.)

**977.03 SERVICE TO BE NONCOMPENSATORY.**

Members of the City Cemetery Board shall serve without compensation. (Ord. 13-2019. Passed 9-9-19.)

**977.04 POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The City Cemetery Board has power to study, investigate, plan, advise, report and recommend to Council, the Director of Public Service or the Mayor, any action, program, plan or legislation which the Board finds or determines to be necessary or advisable for the care, and preservation of the City cemeteries, and shall establish all rules and regulations governing the use and operations of the City cemeteries, a copy of which shall be posted to the City's Website, and shall also be available from the Office of the Cemetery Superintendent. (Ord. 13-2019. Passed 9-9-19.)

**977.05 ORGANIZATION; RULES; JOURNAL; QUORUM; SPECIAL REPORTS.**

(a) The City Cemetery Board shall choose its own officers, follow Modified Roberts Rules of Order, and keep minutes of its proceedings. A majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. All plans, findings, advice, reports and recommendations made by the Board shall be in writing and designate by name those members of the Board approving or concurring therein. Members who do not so approve or concur therein have the right, as a part of such report, to state their reasons for refusing to approve or concur.

(b) The Board, when requested by Council, the Mayor or Director of Public Service, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.

(c) The City Cemetery Board shall meet the 2nd Thursday of each month. A copy of the minutes of any meeting shall be submitted to City Council.  
(Ord. 13-2019. Passed 9-9-19.)

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CHAPTER 1101  
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1101.01 ESTABLISHMENT.

A Planning Commission for the City is hereby established consisting of such members as are authorized by Ohio R.C. 713.01 plus two additional citizen members. The Planning Commission shall have such powers and duties as set forth in Ohio R.C. 713.01 et seq. (Ord. 2684. Passed 10-10-55; Res. 1-77. Passed 2-28-77.)



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CHAPTER 1121  
Plat Approval and Acceptance of Streets

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**1121.01 REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS.**

No plat of any addition or allotment of lots or grounds within the limits of the City shall hereafter be submitted to Council nor will the same be received by Council for approval, until, at his own entire expense, the proprietor shall have first caused the streets and alleys in the plat to be graded, the sanitary and storm sewers and water main extensions and curbs and sidewalks to be completely installed unless a performance bond is executed as provided in Section 1121.02. Such grading and construction shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Director of Public Service and the City Engineer. The proprietor shall supply the Director of Public Service with "as built" plans upon the completion of the required improvements.  
(Ord. 14-80. Passed 4-28-80.)

**1121.02 PERFORMANCE BOND.**

The proprietor of any subdivision or the dedicator of any proposed new public street in the City is required, prior to the acceptance of the proposed street by the City, to surface the streets in accordance with the specifications on file with the Director of Public Service or to execute a performance bond in an amount to be determined by the Director. The performance bond shall be executed by the owner with such additional sureties as may be required by the Director in order to adequately insure the performance as required herein. A cashiers or certified check, or other legal instrument securing such amount, approved by the Law Director and Director

of Public Service, filed with the Director of Public Service, may be substituted for such performance bond. The proprietor is responsible for providing the Director of Public Service with construction cost estimates prepared by a registered engineer for all construction which is to be covered by the performance bond. All construction which is to be covered by a performance bond shall be completed within one year from the date of the provision of the bond, provided however, that the Service Director may extend such period of completion for good cause. In any event, the street must be graded and sewer and water main extensions must be installed prior to issuance of a building permit for the excavation for or construction of any building in the plat. Proprietor shall be financially responsible for the correction of any defects which arise within one year after completion of the required improvements except those due to acts of God. (Ord. 14-80. Passed 4-28-80.)

#### 1121.03 VARIANCES.

(a) Upon written application by the proprietor, where the Planning Commission finds that extraordinary hardship, as distinguished from an inconvenience, may result from strict compliance with these required improvements, due to exceptional topographic or other physical conditions, it may vary or modify these required improvements so as to relieve such hardship, provided such release may be granted without detriment to the public interest and without impairing the intent and purpose of these required improvements. Such variations shall not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of these required improvements or the zoning code of the City. Such variances shall insure that there is provision for adequate public space and improvements for the circulation, recreation, light, air and service needs of the tract when fully developed and populated, and which also provides such covenants or other legal provisions as will assure conformity to and achievement of the intent and purpose of these required improvements.

(b) No variance or modification shall be granted by the Planning Commission without the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members appointed to the Planning Commission. The minutes of the Planning Commission shall set forth in detail, the variance or modification granted. A copy of such minutes shall be forwarded to the person who applied for the variance. In the case of ambiguity concerning the extent of the variance or modification, such variance or modification shall be construed strictly against the applicant.

(c) In granting variances and modifications, the Planning Commission may require such conditions as will, in its judgment, secure substantially the objective of the standards or requirements so varied or modified.  
(Ord. 14-80. Passed 4-28-80.)

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1131.01 INTERPRETATION.

For the purpose of this Zoning Code, certain terms and words are defined as set forth in this chapter. Words used in the present tense include the future; the singular number includes the plural and the singular; the term "used for" includes the meaning "designed for"; the word "structure" includes the word "building".

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87. )

**1131.02 ALLEY.**

"Alley" means any roadway or public way dedicated to public use and twenty feet or less in width. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.03 CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE.**

"Certificate of zoning compliance" means a statement, signed by the Administrative Officer, setting forth either that a building or structure complies with this Zoning Code or that a building, structure or parcel of land may lawfully be employed for specified uses, or both. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87; Ord. 50-2004. Passed 11-8-04.)

**1131.04 CURB LEVEL.**

"Curb level" means the elevation of the top of the curb or the established curb grade opposite the center of the building or portion thereof under consideration. Where no curb level has been established, the elevation of the ground at the center of the traveled portion of the street in front thereof shall be considered the equivalent of the curb level and where the building does not adjoin the street, the average elevation of the proposed grade line of the ground immediately adjacent to the building, as shown on the building plans, shall be considered as the curb level. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.05 ONE-FAMILY DWELLING.**

"One-family dwelling" means a separate building designed for and occupied exclusively as a residence for one family. Trailers or mobile homes, regardless of the permanence with which they are attached to real estate, shall not be considered as one-family dwellings for the purpose of administering and enforcing this Zoning Code. Trailers and mobile homes are understood to be vehicles designed for transportation as well as for living or residential occupancy. The removal of the wheels for vehicular travel shall not permit the classification of such devices as one-family dwellings. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.06 TWO-FAMILY DWELLING.**

"Two-family dwelling" means a separate building designed for or occupied exclusively as a residence for two families. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.07 MULTIPLE DWELLING.**

"Multiple dwelling" means a dwelling designed for occupancy other than as a one-family dwelling or a two-family dwelling. "Multiple dwelling" includes apartment houses, tenement houses and all other family dwellings of similar character, but does not include hotels or apartment hotels. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.08 FAMILY.**

"Family" means an individual or two or more persons related by blood or marriage, living together, or a group of not more than six persons, not related by blood or marriage, but living together as a single housekeeping unit. In each instance, "family" shall be understood to include the necessary servants; and in addition, in the first two instances, it may be understood to include not more than four lodgers or roomers taken for hire. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.09 GARAGE.**

"Garage" means a building, structure or any portion thereof used for housing or repairing motor vehicles. This does not include rooms for storing, exhibiting or showing new cars for sale. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.10 PRIVATE GARAGE.**

"Private garage" means a garage for housing only, with a capacity for not more than two motor vehicles. A garage exceeding a two-vehicle capacity, intended primarily for housing of cars belonging to occupants of the premises, shall be considered a private garage, if the lot whereon such garage is located contains not less than 1,800 square feet for each vehicle capacity. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.11 COMMUNITY GARAGE.**

"Community garage" means a group of private garages, either detached or under one roof, arranged in a row or around a common means of access, and erected for the use of residents in the immediate vicinity. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.12 PUBLIC GARAGE.**

"Public garage" means any garage not included within the definition of a private garage or a community garage. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.13 HEIGHT OF BUILDING.**

"Height of building" means the vertical distance measured from the curb level to the highest point of the roof. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.14 LOT.**

"Lot" means a parcel of land which is or may be occupied by a building and accessory buildings, including the open spaces required under this Zoning Code. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.15 DEPTH OF LOT.**

"Depth of lot" means the mean horizontal distance between the front lot line and the rear lot line. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.16 CORNER LOT.**

"Corner lot" means a lot abutting upon two or more streets at the intersections. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.17 INTERIOR LOT.**

"Interior lot" means a lot the lines of which do not abut on a street. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.18 THROUGH LOT.**

"Through lot" means an interior lot having frontage on two streets. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.19 MIXED OCCUPANCY.**

"Mixed occupancy" means occupancy of a building or land for more than one use.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.20 NONCONFORMING USE.**

"Nonconforming use" means a use of a building or land that does not agree with the regulations of the district in which it is situated.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.21 PORCH.**

"Porch" means a roofed or unroofed open structure projecting from the front, side or rear wall of a building, and having no enclosed features of glass, wood or other material more than thirty inches above the floor thereof, except wire screening and the necessary columns to support the roof. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.22 STABLE**

"Stable" means any building, structure or portion thereof which is used for the shelter or care of horses, cattle or other similar animals, either permanently or transiently.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.23 PRIVATE STABLE.**

"Private stable" means a stable with a total capacity for not more than four animals.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.24 PUBLIC STABLE.**

"Public stable" means a stable with a capacity for more than four animals.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.25 SIGNBOARD.**

"Signboard" means any structure or part thereof on which lettered or pictorial matter is displayed for advertising or notice purposes.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.26 STORY.**

"Story" means that portion of a building included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the next floor above it, or if there is no floor above it, then the space between such floor and the ceiling next above it.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.27 HALF STORY.**

"Half story" means a story under a gabled, hipped or gambrel roof, the wall plates of which on at least two opposite exterior walls are not more than two feet above the finished floor of such story. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.28 STRUCTURE.**

"Structure" means anything constructed or erected, the use of which demands its permanent location on the land or anything attached to something having a permanent location on the land. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.29 STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS.**

"Structural alterations" means any change in the supporting members of a building or structure, such as bearing walls, columns, beams or girders.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.30 STREET.**

"Street" means any roadway or public way dedicated to public use, except an alley.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.31 TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING.**

"Telephone exchange building" means a building with its equipment used or to be used for the purpose of facilitating transmission and exchange of telephone messages between subscribers, and other business of the telephone company; but in a Residence District, as established by this Zoning Code, it does not include public business facilities, repair facilities, storage of plant materials or spare parts, other than those carried for the particular building, or storage of equipment, automobiles or trucks, housing or quarters for installation, repair or trouble crews. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.32 TERRACE.**

"Terrace" means a natural or artificial embankment between a building and its lot lines.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.33 HEIGHT OF TERRACE.**

"Height of terrace" means the difference in elevation between the curb level and the top of the terrace at the center of the building wall.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.34 YARD.**

"Yard" means an open, unoccupied space, other than a court, on the same lot with a building, unobstructed from the ground to the sky, except as otherwise provided.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.35 FRONT YARD.**

"Front yard" means a yard across the full width of the lot, extending from the front line of the building to the front line of the lot.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.36 REAR YARD.**

"Rear yard" means a yard across the full width of the lot, extending from the rear line of the building to the rear line of the lot.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.37 SIDE YARD.**

"Side yard" means a yard between the side line of the building and the adjacent side line of the lot, extending from the front yard to the rear yard. If there is no front yard, the side yard shall be considered as extending to the front line of the lot and if there is no rear yard, the side yard shall be considered as extending to the rear line of the lot.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.38 HEDGE.**

"Hedge" means any row, line or cluster of shrubs or plants placed close together so as to form a continuous and intermingled growth.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.39 HOUSE TRAILER.**

"House trailer" means any self-propelled or nonself-propelled vehicle so designed, constructed, reconstructed, or added to by means of accessories in such manner as will permit the use and occupancy thereof for human habitation, whether resting on wheels, jacks, or other foundation and used, or so constructed as to permit its being used as a conveyance upon the public streets or highways.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.40 HOUSE TRAILER PARK.**

"House trailer park" means any site, lot, field or tract of land upon which three or more house trailers used for habitation are parked either free of charge or for revenue purposes and includes any roadway, building, structure, vehicle or enclosure used or intended for use as a part of the facilities of such park. A tract of land which is subdivided and the individual lots are leased or otherwise contracted for shall constitute a house trailer park if three or more house trailers are parked thereon.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.41 ZONING CODE.**

"Zoning Code" means Ordinance 4-87, passed March 23, 1987, as amended, which is codified as Title Five of this Planning and Zoning Code.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1131.42 ZONING ORDINANCE.**

"Zoning Ordinance" means Ordinance 4-87, passed March 23, 1987.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

CHAPTER 1133  
Establishment of Districts; Provision for Official Zoning Map

1133.01 Official Zoning Map.

1133.02 Replacement of Official Zoning Map.

CROSS REFERENCES

Interpretation of district boundaries - see P.& Z. 1135.01

Nonconforming uses, etc. - see P.& Z. 1147.01 et seq.

Amendments - see P.& Z. 1151.01 et seq.

1133.01 OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.

(a) The City is hereby divided into zones, or districts, as shown on the Official Zoning Map, which, together with all explanatory matter thereon and any amendments thereto, is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this Zoning Code.

(b) The Official Zoning Map shall be identified by the signature of the Mayor, attested by the Clerk of Council, and bearing the seal of the City under the following words: "This is to certify that this is the Official Zoning Map referred to in Section 1133.01 of the Zoning Code of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio," together with the date of the adoption of the Zoning Code.

(c) If, in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Code and Ohio R.C. Chapter 713, changes are made in district boundaries or other matter portrayed on the Official Zoning Map, such changes shall be entered on the Official Zoning Map within ten days after the amendment has been approved by Council.

(d) No changes of any nature shall be made in the Official Zoning Map or matter shown thereon except in conformity with the procedures set forth in the Zoning Code.

(e) Regardless of the existence of purported copies of the Official Zoning Map which may from time to time be made or published, the Official Zoning Map which shall be located in the office of the Director of Public Service shall be the final authority as to the current zoning status of land and water areas in the City.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1133.02 REPLACEMENT OF OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.**

(a) In the event that the Official Zoning Map becomes damaged, destroyed, lost or difficult to interpret because of the nature or number of changes and additions, a new Official Zoning Map which shall supersede the prior Official Zoning Map shall be prepared. The new Official Zoning Map may correct drafting or other errors or omissions in the prior Official Zoning Map, but no such correction shall have the effect of amending the original Official Zoning Map or any subsequent amendment thereof. The new Official Zoning Map shall be identified by the signature of the Mayor, attested by the City Council Clerk, and bearing the seal of the City under the following words: "This is to certify that this Official Zoning Map supersedes and replaces the Official Zoning Map adopted (date of adoption of map being replaced) as part of Ordinance 4-87 of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio."

(b) Unless the prior Official Zoning Map has been lost, or has been totally destroyed the prior map or any significant parts thereof remaining, shall be preserved, together with all available records pertaining to its adoption or amendment.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)



CHAPTER 1135  
Interpretation of District Boundaries

## 1135.01 Rules.

CROSS REFERENCES

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1135.01 RULES.

Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of districts as shown on the Official Zoning Map, the following rules shall apply:

- (a) Boundaries indicated as approximately following the center lines of streets, highways or alleys shall be construed to follow such center lines;
- (b) Boundaries indicated as approximately following platted lot lines shall be construed as following such lot lines;
- (c) Boundaries indicated as approximately following City limits shall be construed as following such City limits;
- (d) Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed to be midway between the main tracks;
- (e) Boundaries indicated as following shore lines shall be construed to follow such shore lines, and in the event of change in the shore line, the boundary shall be construed as moving with the actual shore line. Boundaries indicated as approximately following the center lines of streams, rivers, canals, lakes or other bodies of water shall be construed to follow such center lines;
- (f) Boundaries indicated as parallel to or extensions of features indicated in subsections (a) through (e) hereof shall be so construed. Distances not specifically indicated on the Official Zoning Map shall be determined by the scale of the map;
- (g) Where none of the above rules are applicable, the Director of Public Service shall determine the location of the boundaries.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)



CHAPTER 1137  
Application of District Regulations

1137.01 District regulations.

CROSS REFERENCES

Zoning provisions to be minimum requirements - see P. & Z. 1137.01

Administration and enforcement - see P.& Z. 1141.01 et seq.

Appeals - see P.& Z. 1145.01 et seq.

1137.01 DISTRICT REGULATIONS.

The regulations set by this Zoning Code within each district shall be minimum regulations and shall apply uniformly to each class or kind of structure or land, and particularly, except as hereinafter provided:

- (a) No building, structure or land shall hereafter be used or occupied, and no building or structure or part thereof shall hereafter be erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved or structurally altered except in conformity with all of the regulations herein specified for the district in which it is located.
- (b) No building or other structure shall hereafter be erected or altered
  - (1) To exceed the height;
  - (2) To accommodate a greater number of units;
  - (3) To occupy a greater percentage of lot area;
  - (4) To have narrower or smaller rear yards, front yards, side yards or other open spaces than herein required; or in any other manner contrary to the provisions of this Zoning Code.
- (c) No yard, or other open space, lot size, or off-street parking space required about or in connection with any building for the purpose of complying with this Zoning Code, shall be included as a yard, open space lot, or off-street parking space similarly required for any other building.
- (d) No yard or lot existing at the time of passage of this Zoning Code shall be reduced in dimension or area below the minimum requirements set forth herein. Yards or lots created after the effective date of this Zoning Code shall meet at least the minimum requirements established by this Zoning Code.
- (e) All territory which may hereafter be annexed to the City shall be considered to be in the residential district until otherwise classified.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

CHAPTER 1139  
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1139.01 Minimum requirements.

CROSS REFERENCES

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Administration and enforcement - see P.& Z. 1141.01 et seq.

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1139.01 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Zoning Code shall be held to be minimum requirements, adopted for the promotion of the public health, safety, morals or general welfare. Nothing contained in this Zoning Code shall abrogate the requirements of any other lawfully adopted rules, regulations, ordinances, deed restrictions or covenants. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

CHAPTER 1141  
Administration and Enforcement;  
Building Permits and Certificates of Zoning Compliance

1141.01	Administration and enforcement.	1141.04	Construction and use to be as provided in applications, plans, permits and certificates of zoning compliance.
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Building permits - see P. & Z. 1153.01 et seq.  
Penalties - see P.& Z. 1173.99

1141.01 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

(a) The Director of Public Service shall administer and enforce this Zoning Code. He may be provided with the assistance of such other persons as the Mayor may direct.

(b) If the Director of Public Service finds that any of the provisions of this Zoning Code are being violated, he shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violations, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it. If after a reasonable effort has been made, the Director of Public Service is unable to determine the person who is responsible for such violation, notice to the owner on record will be sufficient for the purposes of this Zoning Code. The Director of Public Service shall thereafter order discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings or structures; removal of illegal buildings or structures or of illegal additions, alterations or structural changes; discontinuance of any illegal work being done, and shall take any other action authorized by this Zoning Code to ensure compliance with or to prevent violation of its provisions.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

1141.02 CERTIFICATES OF ZONING COMPLIANCE.

(a) It shall be unlawful to use or permit the use or occupancy of any building or premises, or both, or part thereof hereafter created, erected, changed, converted, or wholly or partly altered or enlarged in its use until a certificate of zoning compliance shall have been issued therefor by the Director of Public Service stating that the proposed use of the building or land conforms to the requirements of this Zoning Code.

(b) No nonconforming structure or use shall be renewed, changed or extended until a certificate of zoning compliance shall have been issued by the Director of Public Service. The certificate of zoning compliance shall state specifically wherein the nonconforming use differs from the provisions of this Zoning Code.

(c) The Director of Public Service shall maintain a record of all certificates of zoning compliance.

(d) Failure to obtain a certificate of zoning compliance shall be a violation of this Zoning Code and punishable under Section 1173.99(a).  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87; Ord. 50-2004. Passed 11-8-04.)

#### 1141.03 EXPIRATION OF BUILDING PERMIT.

(a) If the work described in any building permit has not begun within six months from the date of issuance thereof, such permit shall expire.

(b) If the work described in any building permit for residential has not been completed within one year of the date of issuance thereof, the permit shall expire. If the work described in any building permit for commercial has not been completed within two years of the date of issuance thereof, the permit shall expire. The Director of Public Service may extend the original permit for a period of one year if good cause is shown.  
(Ord. 4-2019. Passed 5-13-19.)

#### 1141.04 CONSTRUCTION AND USE TO BE AS PROVIDED IN APPLICATIONS, PLANS, PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF ZONING COMPLIANCE.

Building permits or certificates of zoning compliance issued on the basis of plans and applications approved by the Director of Public Service authorize only the use, arrangement and construction set forth in such approved plans and applications, and no other use, arrangement or construction. Minor alterations in the permit, not violating any provision of this Zoning Code, may be made upon approval by the Director of Public Service. Use, arrangement or construction at variance with that authorized shall be deemed violation of this Zoning Code, and punishable as provided by Section 1173.99(a) hereof.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87; Ord. 50-2004. Passed 11-8-04.)

#### 1141.05 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING AND STORAGE.

(a) Definitions. For the purposes of this section, words shall have the following meanings:

- (1) "Recreational vehicle" means any vehicle or equipment designed for or primarily used as a camper, motor home, horse trailer, watercraft, off road vehicle, or any non-commercial trailer used for the conveyance of the aforementioned vehicles, or any other type of trailer.
- (2) "Park" means to place a recreational vehicle for the purposes of convenient departure from or return to the vehicle in connection with a planned trip, outing or vacation, including the processes of loading or unloading the vehicle and preparation of the vehicle.
- (3) "Store" means to place a recreational vehicle for the purposes of preserving, protecting and securing it for a period in excess of twenty-four hours.

(b) Garage Parking and Storage. Any such recreational vehicle may be parked or stored in a parking garage on the "R" (residential) zoning lot if such vehicle is of such a size as to permit to be conveniently stored in such a garage with the garage door closed.

(c) Other Recreational Vehicle Storage and Parking. One recreational vehicle may be stored or seasonally parked on a lot in an “R” (Residential) Zoning District subject to the requirements of this section and the following conditions:

- (1) From April 1 to November 15 in any calendar year, one such recreational vehicle may be parked in a front yard on a vehicle access driveway or hard surfaced parking area.
- (2) If no recreational vehicle is otherwise stored on a zoning lot, then one such recreational vehicle may be stored on the zoning lot in the rear yard or the side yard.

(d) Front Yard Requirements. Any recreational vehicle parked in a front yard shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) Such vehicle shall be parked in the vehicular access driveway or hard surfaced parking area.
- (2) Such vehicle shall be parked as close to the main building line as is possible and not nearer than ten feet to any public right of way or any sidewalk or established pedestrian walkway.

(e) Rear Yard Requirements. Any recreational vehicle parked or stored in a rear yard shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) Such vehicle shall be stored no nearer than ten feet to the main structure on the lot or adjoining rear lot line, and no nearer than five feet to any side lot line.
- (2) The grading of the lot shall not be altered and the drainage of the area shall not be obstructed or altered.

(f) Side Yard Requirements. Any recreational vehicle parked or stored in a side yard or front yard in a residential district shall be no nearer than five feet to any side lot line. No recreational vehicle shall be parked on a side lot that faces the side street on a corner lot.

(g) General Requirements. Any recreational vehicle stored or parked in any zoning district shall comply with the following requirements.

- (1) No such recreational vehicle shall be parked or stored on a public or private street, alley, unopened grass alley, tree lawn or sidewalk, in violation of Chapter 351.
- (2) No such recreational vehicle shall have fixed connections to electricity, water, gas or sanitary sewer facilities, nor shall any such recreational vehicle at any time be used for living or housekeeping purposes on the zoning lot.
- (3) Any such recreational vehicle shall be kept in good repair and in working condition, with current license plate, unless stored in a parking garage.
- (4) A person shall be permitted to park a recreational vehicle on a City street on a temporary basis two times a year for a maximum two days at a time.

(Ord. 22-2013. Passed 3-10-14; Ord. 19-2023. Passed 11-13-23.)





CHAPTER 1145  
Board of Appeals

<p>1145.01 Establishment. 1145.02 Proceedings. 1145.03 Hearings; appeals; notice. 1145.04 Stay of proceedings. 1145.05 Powers and duties.</p>	<p>1145.06 Reversing decision of the Director of Public Service. 1145.07 Appeals from the Board of Appeals.</p>
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CROSS REFERENCES

Duties of City on appeals - see P. & Z. 1149.01 et seq.  
Amendments - see P.& Z. 1151.01 et seq.

1145.01 ESTABLISHMENT.

The Board of Appeals is hereby established, which shall consist of five members, residents of New Philadelphia, to be appointed by the Mayor, each for a term of three years. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

1145.02 PROCEEDINGS.

(a) The Board of Appeals shall adopt rules necessary to the conduct of its affairs and in keeping with the provisions of this Zoning Code. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the Board may determine. The chairman, or in his absence the acting chairman, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. All meetings shall be open to the public.

(b) The Board shall annually elect a chairman.

(c) The Board of Appeals shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or if absent or failing to vote indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall be a public record and be filed in the office of the Director of Public Service. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1145.03 HEARINGS; APPEALS; NOTICE.**

(a) Appeals to the Board of Appeals concerning interpretation or administration of the Zoning Code may be taken by any person aggrieved by any decision of the Director of Public Service arising under this Zoning Code. Such appeals shall be taken within a reasonable time, not to exceed sixty days or such lesser period as may be provided by the rules of the Board by filing with the Director of Public Service and with the Board of Appeals a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof. The Director of Public Service shall forthwith transmit to the Board all papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.

(b) The Board of Appeals shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of appeal, give public notice thereof as well as due notice to the parties in interest, and decide the same within a reasonable time. At the hearing, any party shall appear in person or by agent or attorney. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1145.04 STAY OF PROCEEDINGS.**

An appeal stays all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from, unless the Director of Public Service from whose decision the appeal is taken, certifies to the Board of Appeals after the notice of appeal is filed with him, that by reason of facts stated in the certificate, a stay would, in his opinion, cause imminent peril to life and property. In such case proceedings shall not be stayed other than by a restraining order which may be granted by the Board of Appeals or by a court of record on application, on notice to the Director of Public Service from whom the appeal is taken and on due cause shown. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1145.05 POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The Board of Appeals shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) Administrative Review. To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Director of Public Service in the enforcement of this Zoning Code.
- (b) Variances; Conditions Governing Applications; Procedures. To authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of this Zoning Code as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this Zoning Code would result in unnecessary hardship. A variance from the terms of this Zoning Code will not be granted by the Board of Appeals unless and until:
  - (1) A written application for a variance is submitted demonstrating:
    - A. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures or buildings in the same district;
    - B. That literal interpretation of the provisions of this Zoning Code would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of this Zoning Code;

- C. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant;
- D. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Zoning Code to other lands, structures or buildings in the same district.

No nonconforming use of neighboring lands, structures or buildings in the same district, and no permitted or nonconforming use of lands, structures or buildings in other districts shall be considered grounds for the issuance of a variance.

- (2) Notice shall be given at least five days in advance of hearing of the Appeal. The owner of the property for which variance is sought or his agent shall be notified by mail by the chairman of the Board of Appeals. Notice of such hearings shall be posted at the City Hall, at least five days prior to the hearing of the appeal.
- (3) Any party to the appeal shall appear in person, or by agent or by attorney;
- (4) The Board of Appeals shall make findings as to whether the requirements of subsection (b)(1) hereof have been met by the applicant for a variance;
- (5) The Board of Appeals shall further make a finding whether the reasons set forth in the application justify the granting of the variance, and that the variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structure;
- (6) The Board of Appeals shall further make a finding that the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Zoning Code and will not be injurious to the neighborhood, or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.
- (c) In granting any variance, the Board of Appeals may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with this Zoning Code. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this Zoning Code and punishable under Section 1173.99(b).
- (d) Under no circumstances shall the Board of Appeals grant a variance to allow a use not permissible under the terms of this Zoning Code in the district involved, or any use expressly or by implication prohibited by the terms of this Zoning Code in such district.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1145.06 REVERSING DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

- (a) The Board of Appeals may, so long as such action is in conformity with the terms of this Zoning Code, reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from and may make such order, requirement, decision or determination as ought to be made.

(b) The affirmative vote of three members of the Board shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision or determination of the Director of Public Service, or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which it is required to pass under this Zoning Code, or to effect any variation in the application of this Zoning Code.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

1145.07 APPEALS FROM THE BOARD OF APPEALS.

Any person or persons, aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Appeals may seek review by a court of record of such decision, in the manner provided by the laws of the State.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

CHAPTER 1147  
 Nonconforming Lots; Nonconforming Uses of Land;  
 Nonconforming Structures; Nonconforming Uses of  
 Structures and Premises; and Nonconforming  
 Characteristics of Use

1147.01	Intent.	1147.05	Repairs and maintenance.
1147.02	Nonconforming uses of land or land with minor structures only.	1147.06	Uses under special exception provisions not nonconforming uses.
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CROSS REFERENCES

Retroactive measures - see Ohio R. C. 713.15  
 Nonconforming use defined - see P. & Z. 1131.20  
 Variances - see P. & Z. 1145.05

1147.01 INTENT.

(a) Within the districts established by this Zoning Code or amendments that may later be adopted there exist:

- (1) Lots;
- (2) Structures;
- (3) Uses of land and structures; and
- (4) Characteristics of use

which were lawful before this Zoning Code was passed or amended, but which would be prohibited, regulated or restricted under the terms of this Zoning Code or future amendments. It is the intent of this Zoning Code to permit these nonconformities to continue until they are removed, but not to encourage their survival. It is further the intent of this Zoning Code that nonconformities shall not be enlarged upon, expanded or extended, nor be used as grounds for adding other structures or uses prohibited elsewhere in the same district.

(b) Nonconforming uses are declared by this Zoning Code to be incompatible with permitted uses in the districts involved. A nonconforming use of a structure, a nonconforming use of land, or a nonconforming use of structure and land in combination shall not be extended or enlarged after passage of this Zoning Code by attachment on a building or premises of additional signs intended to be seen from off the premises, or by the addition of other uses, of a nature which would be prohibited generally in the district involved.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1147.02 NONCONFORMING USES OF LAND OR LAND WITH MINOR STRUCTURES ONLY.

Where at the time of passage of this Zoning Code lawful use of land exists which would not be permitted by the regulations imposed by this Zoning Code, the use may be continued so long as it remains otherwise lawful provided:

- (a) No such nonconforming use shall be enlarged or increased, nor extended to occupy a greater area of land than was occupied at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this Zoning Code;
- (b) No such nonconforming use shall be moved in whole or in part to any portion of the lot or parcel other than that occupied by such use at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this Zoning Code;
- (c) If any such nonconforming use of land ceases for any reason for a period of more than one year, subsequent use of such land shall conform to the regulations specified by this Zoning Code for the district in which such land is located;
- (d) No additional structure not conforming to the requirements of this Zoning Code shall be erected in connection with such nonconforming use of land.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1147.03 NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES.

Where a lawful structure exists or a valid building permit has been issued at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this Zoning Code that could not be built under the terms of this Zoning Code by reason of restrictions on area, lot coverage, height, yards, its location on the lot, or other requirements concerning the structure, such structure may be continued so long as it remains otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions:

- (a) No such nonconforming structure may be enlarged or altered in a way which increases its nonconformity, but any structure or portion thereof may be altered to decrease its nonconformity;
- (b) Should such nonconforming structure or nonconforming portion of structure be destroyed by any means to an extent of more than fifty percent (50%) of its replacement cost at time of destruction and is not repaired or reconstructed within a period of one year from the date of destruction; it shall not be repaired or reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of this Zoning Code.
- (c) Should such structure be moved for any reason for any distance whatever, it shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district in which it is located after it is moved.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1147.04 NONCONFORMING USES OF STRUCTURES AND PREMISES IN COMBINATION.

If lawful use involving structures or involving structure and premises in combination, exists at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this Zoning Code, that would not be allowed in the district under the terms of this Zoning Code, the lawful use may be continued so long as it remains otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions:

- (a) Any nonconforming use may be extended throughout any parts of a building which were manifestly arranged or designed for such use at the time of adoption or amendment of this Zoning Code, but no such use shall be extended to occupy any land outside such buildings;
- (b) If no structural alterations are made, any nonconforming use of a structure and premises, may be changed to another nonconforming use provided that the Board of Appeals finds that the proposed use is equally appropriate or more appropriate to the district as the existing nonconforming use. In permitting such change, the Board of Appeals shall require appropriate conditions and safeguards in accord with the provisions of this Zoning Code;
- (c) Any use of structure, or use of a structure and land in combination, in or on which a nonconforming use is superseded by a permitted or conditional use, shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district, and the nonconforming use may not thereafter be resumed;
- (d) When a nonconforming use of a structure, or structure and premises in combination, is discontinued or abandoned for one year, except when government action impedes access to the premises causing such discontinuance or abandonment, the structure or structure and premises in combination, shall not thereafter be used except in conformity with the regulations of the district in which it is located.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1147.05 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

Nothing in this Zoning Code shall be deemed to prevent the strengthening or restoring to a safe condition of any building or part thereof.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1147.06 USES UNDER SPECIAL EXCEPTION PROVISIONS NOT NONCONFORMING USES.

Any use which is permitted as a conditional use in a district under the terms of this Zoning Code shall not be deemed a nonconforming use in such district, but shall be considered a conforming one.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)





CHAPTER 1149  
Duties of Administrative Official; Board of Appeals;  
Council and Courts on Matters of Appeal

1149.01 Duties.

CROSS REFERENCES  
Board of Appeals - see P.& Z. Ch. 1145  
Amendments - see P.& Z. Ch. 1151

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1149.01 DUTIES.

(a) It is the intent of this Zoning Code that all questions of interpretation and enforcement shall be first presented to the Board of Appeals only on appeal from the decision of the Director of Public Service, and that recourse from the decision of the Board of Appeals shall be to the courts as provided by law.

(b) It is further the intent of this Zoning Code that the duties of Council in connection with this Zoning Code shall not include hearing and deciding questions of interpretation and enforcement that may arise. The procedure for deciding such questions shall be as stated in this section and the Zoning Code. Under this Zoning Code, Council shall have only the duties of considering and adopting or rejecting proposed amendments or the repeal of this Zoning Code, as provided by law, and of establishing a schedule of fees and charges as stated in Section 1309.01.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)



CHAPTER 1151  
Amendments

1151.01	Initiation of zoning amendments.	1151.04	Action by Council.
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CROSS REFERENCES

Council may amend districting or zoning - see Ohio R.C. 713.10  
Council to hold public hearings - see Ohio R.C. 713.12  
Nonconforming uses - see P. & Z. Ch. 1147

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1151.01 INITIATION OF ZONING AMENDMENTS.

Council, either on petition of a property owner, recommendation of the Planning Commission, or on its own initiative, may amend or change the number, shape, area or regulations of or within any zone or district, but no such amendment or change shall be effective, unless the ordinance proposing it is first submitted to the Planning Commission for its approval, disapproval or recommendation. The Commission shall be allowed a reasonable time, to be not more than forty-five days after referral or submittal, for consideration and report. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

1151.02 PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Planning Commission to forthwith file with the Clerk of Council a report of the action and recommendation of the Commission with respect to the referral or submittal of all requested information.

(b) If a proposed changed or amendment is denied by the Planning Commission, it need not reconsider the same change or amendment if resubmitted within one year after date of decision unless the underlying conditions have substantially changed.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1151.03 PUBLIC HEARING.**

Before any ordinance, measure or regulation amending or changing the number, shape, area or regulations of or within any zone or district may be passed, Council shall hold a public hearing thereon. It shall publish notice of such hearing in the newspaper of general circulation within New Philadelphia adequately describing the nature of the pending legislation not less than thirty days prior to the public hearing. During such thirty days the text or copy of the text of such ordinance, measure, regulation or proposed change, together with the maps or plans or copies thereof forming part of or referred to in such ordinance, measure, regulation or proposed change and the maps, plans and reports submitted by the Planning Commission, shall be on file for public examination in the Mayor's office.

(Ord. 80-89. Passed 12-28-89.)

**1151.04 ACTION BY COUNCIL.**

No such ordinance, measure, regulation or proposed change, which violates, differs from or departs from the recommended plan, or report submitted by the Planning Committee, shall take effect unless passed or approved by not less than three-fourths of the membership of Council. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1151.05 NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING.**

(a) Notice shall be given to any adjacent real estate owner of any Planning Commission Zoning Board of Appeals and/or Council Committee Meeting wherein action is contemplated to change zoning for any parcels within the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, except written notice shall not be required where a zoning amendment application involves more than ten (10) individual lots.

(b) In addition the public notice hereinbefore specified, the Planning Commission shall give notice of the time, place and purpose of public hearings to be held by it on proposed amendments or supplements by mailing a postal card or letter notice not less than twenty days prior to the date of hearing to the owners of all properties lying within 200 feet of any part of the property proposed to be changed. The failure to notify as provided in this section shall not invalidate any recommendation adopted hereunder, it being the intention of this section to provide notice to the persons substantially interested in the proposed change that an application is pending, before the Commission, proposing to make a change in the Zoning District Map or the regulations set forth in this Zoning Ordinance.

(c) It shall be the obligation of those requesting modification to provide names and addresses for the property owners adjacent and within 200 feet so that notice can be given. (Ord. 17-2002. Passed 3-25-02; Ord. 19-2024. Passed 6-13-24.)

CHAPTER 1153  
Building Permits

1153.01	Permit required.	1153.04	Conditional use permits.
1153.02	Applications for permits.	1153.05	Determination of similar uses.
1153.03	Required information.		

CROSS REFERENCES

Plat approval - see P. & Z. Ch. 1121  
Expiration of building permit - see P. & Z. 1141.03  
Building permit fee - see BLDG. 1309.01

**1153.01 PERMIT REQUIRED.**

Excavation for, construction or alteration of any building, sidewalk, parking lot, driveway, curb, sign, fence, wall or other permanent exterior structural improvement as determined by the Director of Public Service, shall not be undertaken until a Building Permit has been issued by the Director of Public Service. A Building Permit shall not be required for replacement work or for repair or restoration work undertaken to eliminate the effects of decay of or damage to a structure provided such work does not alter the original configuration of such structure.

- (a) Compliance to Zoning Regulations. Building Permits shall be issued by the Director of Public Service only if the work described in an application complies with all the provisions of this Zoning Code and all the other ordinances of the City. If a proposed use does not comply, the Director of Public Service shall not have the power to grant variances or make exceptions unless specifically empowered.
- (b) Conditional Use Permits. A Building Permit for a use requiring a Conditional Use Permit shall not be issued until the Building Permit Application for such a use has been submitted to and reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Conditional Use Permit approved by the same.
- (c) Determination of Similar Uses. A Building Permit for a use which requires approval as a similar use shall not be issued until the inclusion of such a use as a permitted use has been made by the Board of Zoning Appeals.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)
- (d) Subdivision. A building permit shall be required to subdivide a lot or other parcel of land that has been previously annexed. The Director of Public Service is hereby authorized to grant such permit when the subdivision of land does not create any undersized parcels as described within these ordinances. No lot split shall be granted by the Director of Public Service which creates any undersized lot. Any such lot split creating an undersized lot shall only be approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to deed transfer by the county.  
(Ord. 42-95. Passed 10-23-95.)

- (e) Sewer; Water Systems. A Building Permit or Certificate of Zoning Compliance may be denied by the Director of Public Service if he determines that the sanitary sewer system or public water system is not adequate to handle the additional improvement(s). In no case shall the Director be required or obligated to provide new systems to handle the proposed improvement.
- (f) Drainage. A Building Permit may be denied by the Director of Public Service if he determines that the overland or concentrated drainage will be affected in such a manner that it will cause public health problems or will have a detrimental effect on the public drainage system or the public streets and alleys. The Director may require the applicant to provide detailed information regarding the drainage problem or solution thereof from a Registered Professional Engineer at the applicant's own expense. This information shall not make the applicant or Engineer liable to any greater degree than is already established by law, but also does not obligate the Director to approve the application.
- (g) Minimum Area. No tract shall be subdivided into an area less than 6,500 square feet after the effective date of this section.
- (h) Deed Restrictions. The City does not assume any responsibility for the enforcement restrictions previously set forth in the deed to the property for which application is made.
- (i) Plat Restrictions; Variances. Any plat restriction or variance governed by existing or new subdivisions shall take precedence over these rules and regulations provided they are more restrictive than these regulations.
- (j) Addresses. All addresses on new construction shall be assigned by the City Surveyor.
- (k) Violations. Any violations of these rules after issuance of a permit, without authorization are subject to the penalties as provided in Section 1173.99(a). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1153.02 APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS.

(a) Applications. Upon payment of required fees, applications shall be submitted to the Director of Public Service upon forms provided by the same. Applications which require Conditional Use Permits shall be submitted by the Director of Public Service to the Board of Zoning Appeals after the Director of Public Service determines that such applications are in general compliance with the provisions of this Zoning Code.

(b) Approval. Upon finding that a proposed use is in compliance with the provisions of this Zoning Code, and upon receiving a report of approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals regarding a proposed conditional use, the Director of Public Service shall issue a Building Permit.

(c) Disapproval. If an application for a Building Permit or a Conditional Use Permit is denied, the Director of Public Service shall indicate in writing on the permit the reasons for such disapproval.

(d) Fees. Required fees are for processing of permit applications and are nonrefundable. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1153.03 REQUIRED INFORMATION.

The following information shall be provided in conjunction with an application for a Building Permit.

- (a) All applicable questions on the application for a Building Permit shall be answered.
- (b) A site plan in duplicate, drawn to scale (the scale shall be shown on the site plan), showing the dimensions of the lot(s) to be built upon; the dimensions and locations of all proposed and existing structures except existing slab, fence, walls, sidewalks, located on the lot to be built upon; the locations of all the streets, alleys, rights of way and easements located on and contiguous to the lot to be built upon. In addition, the following information shall be provided on the site plan when the provision of such features is required by this Zoning Code:
  - (1) The locations and dimensions of all the proposed and existing off-street parking areas and driveways located on the lot(s) to be built upon.
  - (2) The locations and dimensions of all the fences and hedges which are to be used for screening, and a written description of such fences and hedges.
  - (3) The locations and dimensions of all the landscaping and trees to be provided in conjunction with a conditional use and a written description of such landscaping and trees.
  - (4) All setback dimensions shall be measured from the property line to the nearest part of the structure, i.e., overhang, porch, stoop, patio, chimney, spouting or outside air conditioning unit, etc. Sidewalks, driveways, fences and retaining walls are not subject to setback requirements.
- (c) Applicants for Building Permits shall provide other information as requested by the Director of Public Service necessary to insure that the proposal conforms to the provisions of this Zoning Code. Each application shall show the name of the building or paving contractor and the sewer and water contractor. Sewer and water contractors shall be licensed by the City and all contractors shall abide by all regulations, standards and specifications set forth by the Director of Public Service.
- (d) Where construction or physical improvement of land is involved, the lot and location of the buildings to be erected thereon shall be staked out on the ground before construction is started and all dimensions shown on the filed plans shall be subject to inspection by the Department of Public Service.

- (e) With the exception of new subdivisions or developments, all new curbs and sidewalks within the City right of way shall be staked by the City Surveyor prior to construction of such and at that time the City Surveyor shall inform the applicant of the final curb height or shall make available other pertinent information regarding the curb or walks. Determination as to whether a sidewalk or curb should be staked rests with the City Surveyor after review of the situation.
- (f) All curb and walks within the City right of way shall be built to City standards as established by the Director of Public Service and are subject to inspection by the Department of Public Service.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1153.04 CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

Conditional Use Permits shall be required for certain types of uses in Residential Districts as enumerated in Section 1161. Upon receiving an application for a Conditional Use Permit from the Director of Public Service, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall hold a hearing thereon. Notice of such a hearing shall be mailed to the owners of property contiguous to and across the street from the lot under consideration, or within two hundred feet of the lot under consideration, whichever is most inclusive, at least fourteen days before the hearing. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall take action upon such an application within forty days from the date of the public hearing on such an application.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1153.05 DETERMINATION OF SIMILAR USES.

(a) The determination as to whether a use is similar to uses permitted by right or conditional use shall be considered as an expansion of the use regulations of the district and not as a variance applying to a particular situation. Any use found similar shall thereafter be included in the enumeration of uses permitted by right.

(b) All applications for permits for a use not specifically listed in any of the districts shall be submitted to the Board of Zoning Appeals and, after approval by it, confirmed by Council in compliance with the following standards:

- (1) That such use is not listed in any other classification of permitted principal or conditional uses.
- (2) That such a use is more appropriate and conforms to the basic characteristics of the classification to which it is to be added than to any other classification.
- (3) That such a use does not create dangers to health and safety, and does not create offensive noise, vibration, dust, heat, smoke, odor, glare or other objectional influences to an extent greater than normally resulting from other uses listed in the classification.
- (4) That such a use does not create traffic to a greater extent than the other uses listed in the classification.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)



CHAPTER 1157  
Commercial Advertising Regulations

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**1157.01 PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this chapter is to regulate commercial and noncommercial signs and advertising displays designed to be visible outdoors in a manner that without significantly restricting the content thereof:

- (a) Recognizes the mass communications, advertising and marketing needs of both businesses and other parties;
- (b) Preserves the legibility of competing sign messages so that the communications effectiveness of signs is not impaired;
- (c) Protects property values and the character of both business districts and surrounding neighborhoods;
- (d) Creates a more prosperous business climate; and
- (e) Promotes pedestrian and traffic safety by reducing hazardous sign distractions and obstructions. (Ord. 1-2003. Passed 2-10-03.)

**1157.02 APPLICABILITY.**

(a) No sign as defined herein shall hereafter be located, erected, moved, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, converted, replaced or altered except in conformance with the provisions of this chapter and after issuance of a sign permit by the City, except as exempted herein.

(b) All other provisions of this chapter shall apply to such signs except as otherwise provided herein. (Ord. 1-2003. Passed 2-10-03.)

**1157.03 NONCONFORMING SIGNS.**

(a) Temporary and Portable Signs. All temporary signs and portable signs shall be either removed or brought into full conformity with the applicable requirements of this Zoning Code within forty-five days of the adoption or of any amendment to this ordinance.

- (b) Other Signs.
- (1) All other signs lawfully existing, or holding sign permits issued, prior to the date of adoption of this Code, but which are not in conformance with applicable regulations herein, may be continued as nonconforming signs.
  - (2) Nonconforming signs shall be subject to all the requirements governing the continuation of the nonconforming structures as provided in the regulation governing nonconformities in this Code.
  - (3) Copy on changeable copy signs as defined herein, whether nonconforming or not, may be changed, and faces replaced on other types of signs, provided that there has been no change in use of the premises, that the copy change involves non structural change or change in any dimension of the sign, and that the change does not create any further nonconformity. No nonconforming sign may otherwise be replaced with another nonconforming sign except as approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals under provisions for change of use within the Codified Ordinances of this City.
  - (4) No elimination or partial elimination of any nonconformity shall be required as a condition of issuance of any sign permit unless there is a change of use or other action specified within the Codified Ordinances of this City that requires such elimination or partial elimination.  
(Ord. 1-2003. Passed 2-10-03.)

#### 1157.04 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR REQUIRED.

The appearance and safety of a sign shall be maintained by the owner at all times. The sign shall be repainted as necessary to prevent rust, corrosion, rotting or other deterioration in the appearance or structural safety of the sign. The source of illumination shall be kept in safe working order at all times. The area on the same lot within ten feet in all directions from any part of a sign structure located upon the ground shall be kept clear of all debris and all undergrowth more than five inches in height. (Ord. 1-2003. Passed 2-10-03.)

#### 1157.05 VEGETATION IMPAIRING SIGN VISIBILITY.

For the purpose of enhancing the visibility of a sign, a tree, shrub or other vegetation may be trimmed, removed, damaged or destroyed only if:

- (a) The vegetation is on property within the same ownership or control as the sign and is not required under any permit issued under this Zoning Code; or
- (b) The vegetation is on other private or public property and the owner or management thereof has given express written authorization for the work.  
(Ord. 1-2003. Passed 2-10-03.)

#### 1157.06 PERMITS.

(a) Contents of Sign Permit Application. An application for a sign permit shall be made upon forms provided by the Service Director and shall include the name, address and telephone number of both the sign owner and real estate owner. Any transfer in ownership shall be provided in writing to Service Director.

(b) Issuance of Sign Permits. The Service Director shall issue a sign permit for any sign for which a complete and accurate sign permit application and sign is in compliance with this and other applicable City ordinances. The permit fee shall be doubled if the sign has been fully or partially installed prior to issuance of the permit.

(c) Suspension, Revocation and Denial.

- (1) A sign permit shall become void if the sign authorized thereby has not been completely installed within six months of the date the permit was issued, unless the Service Director has granted an extension. Such extension shall be applied for before expiration of the initial six-month period and shall be limited to a single extension of six months.
- (2) The Service Director shall give written notice to the applicant of denial of a sign permit application together with the reason for the denial.
- (3) The Service Director may suspend or revoke, in writing to the permittee, any sign permit issued on the basis of misstatement of fact.

(d) A one time permit fee shall be submitted at thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per side with the permit application. The fee is non-refundable. (Ord. 1-2003. Passed 2-10-03.)

## 1157.07 SIGN REMOVAL.

(a) Abandoned Signs.

- (1) Any on-premise sign as defined herein that no longer identifies a business, activity, event or service conducted or product, service or entertainment sold on the premises where the sign is located shall be considered abandoned and shall be removed by the sign owner within ninety days of the discontinuation of the activity, product or service.
- (2) If the message portion of any on-premise sign is removed leaving only the shell and/or support structure, the sign owner shall within ninety days of such removal either replace the entire message portion (unless this is prohibited under nonconformity provisions herein) or remove all the remaining components of the sign.

(b) Unsafe Signs. The Service Director may remove any sign or portion thereof that he or she determines to constitute an immediate threat to public health or safety. Whenever possible, a ten (10) day notice shall be provided to the sign owner.

After any such removal of a sign, the Service Director shall send a notice to the sign owner stating the nature of the removal work performed and demanding payment of the cost thereof plus ten percent (10%) for inspection and administration costs. If such amount is not paid within thirty days of the notice, it shall become a lien against the property of the sign owner.

(c) Temporary Signs. Nonexempt temporary signs shall be removed by the owner thereof within ten days of the expiration of the sign permit or of the date provided below, whichever comes first. Exempt temporary signs shall be removed within ten days of the applicable date provided below.

Type of SignRemoval DateExempt

Election campaign signs  
Real estate signs

Date of election to which sign pertains  
Consummation of sale or rental of all  
Properties to which sign pertains.

<u>Type of Sign</u>	<u>Removal Date</u>
<u>Exempt</u>	
Institution special event signs	End of special event to which sign pertains.
Yard sale signs	End of sale
<u>Nonexempt</u>	
Construction signs	Issuance of certificate of zoning compliance
Real estate signs	Consummation of sale or rental of all Properties to which sign pertains.
(Ord. 1-2003. Passed 2-10-03.)	

#### 1157.08 VIOLATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

(a) If upon inspection the Chief Building Official finds that any sign is abandoned, unsafe, or in any way not in compliance with City ordinances, he or she shall issue a written order, to the sign owner and real estate owner upon which the sign is located, stating the nature of the violation and requiring repair, replacement, or removal of the sign within thirty days of the date of the order. Any business location closed for more than a period of thirty consecutive days and having signage shall have the signs removed upon order of the Chief Building Official or his designee.

- (1) Notice shall be served by personal service, or by certified or first-class mail with receipt or certificate of mailing, to the owner of the sign and the owner of the property appearing on the current record of the county auditor and/or the last known address of the owner to be served. If the last known address of the owner cannot be ascertained, the notice shall be posted on the outside front entrance of the structure in alleged violation. If any mailed notice is returned showing that the letter was not delivered, a copy thereof shall be posed on the front entrance of the structure in alleged violation.

(b) If after thirty days of issuance, an order has not been complied with, the sign owner shall be in violation of this Zoning Code.

(c) Failure to comply with the order will allow the City to remove the signs at the expense of the property owner and/or agent/owner of the subject business.

- (1) Recovery of Costs: When it is necessary for the City to remove or repair any sign, all costs incurred shall be promptly paid by the owner of the premises. If the owner, within thirty days after the work is performed, fails, neglects, or refuses to pay such cost, the cost will become a lien upon the property on which the work and cost were incurred. The same shall be certified to the Tuscarawas County Auditor who shall place the charge upon the tax duplicate of the City with interest and penalties allowed by law and collected as other normal taxes are collected. (Ord. 2-2021. Passed 3-8-21.)

#### 1157.09 SIZE; HEIGHT.

No commercial advertising sign shall exceed 378 square feet per visible side and no sign shall exceed 40 feet in height. (Ord. 1-2003. Passed 2-10-03.)

**1157.10 STANDARDS.**

(a) All commercial advertising signs must meet Ohio Department of Transportation standards, Ohio Revised Code requirements and all City ordinances.

(b) No sign shall be erected within 600 feet of any existing off premise or commercial advertising sign. (Ord. 1-2003. Passed 2-10-03.)

**1157.11 NEAR RESIDENTIAL AREAS.**

Commercial advertising signs may only be permitted so as not to obstruct residential use in the following areas:

- (a) West High Avenue from corporation limit to 10th Street SW;
- (b) East High Avenue from corporation limit to 11th Street SE;
- (c) Front Street SW from corporation limit to 6th Drive SE;
- (d) Wabash Avenue from Logan Avenue NW to 4th Street NW;
- (e) South Broadway from Commercial Avenue to central business district;
- (f) Light industrial zones; and
- (g) Industrial zones. (Ord. 1-2003. Passed 2-10-03.)

**1157.99 PENALTY.**

Any violation of this chapter shall be considered a minor misdemeanor punishable by fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day such violation shall continue shall be treated as a separate offense. (Ord. 1-2003. Passed 2-10-03.)



CHAPTER 1161  
Residential District

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CROSS REFERENCES

Stored or abandoned junk and junk vehicles - see TRAF. 303.09,  
GEN. OFF. Ch. 543  
Interpretation of district boundaries - see P. & Z. 1135.01  
Nonconforming uses - see P. & Z. 1147.01 et seq.

**1161.01 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT OBJECTIVES.**

District regulations are established in this chapter to carry out the purposes which are stated in the preamble to this Zoning Code and especially to achieve the following objectives:

- (a) To regulate the bulk and spacing of buildings and other structures in order to assure proper light, air, privacy and usable open space.

- (b) To protect residents from nuisances and objectionable influences such as abnormal vehicular traffic, offensive noises, noxious fumes, odors and dust.
- (c) To regulate the density of population in scale with existing and proposed community facilities and services.
- (d) To promote the most desirable and beneficial use of land and structures in order to stabilize and protect the character of land development within the City.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1161.02 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

To carry out the general purposes of this Zoning Code and specifically the objectives of Section 1161.01. Except for condominiums as listed within this section, there shall be no more than one dwelling structure permitted per lot. The following principal uses are permitted in residential districts:

- (a) Single-family dwelling;
- (b) Two-family dwellings;
- (c) Condominiums, provided that such condominiums be limited to two-family dwellings and no more than six units per acre with a minimum two-acre size for such condominiums organization. For each such condominium unit all regulations within this Zoning Code and the Condominium Code and the Ohio Revised Code must be complied with and followed.  
(Ord 8-2005. Passed 4-11-05.)

#### 1161.03 LOT AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

In Residential Districts, the minimum areas of lots which may be used for permitted principal uses shall be as follows:

- (a) The minimum area of a lot for a single-family or two-family dwelling shall be 6,500 square feet.
- (b) If a lot is already built upon, then the area available for a new use shall be that remaining after all applicable yard, lot coverage, lot area and off-street parking requirements have been applied to the existing use.
- (c) Any vacant tract existing at the effective date of this section and not subdivided thereafter may be used for the erection of a single-family or two-family dwelling even though the tract area is less than the minimum requirements set forth herein, provided that all other requirements of this section are met.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1161.031 MINIMUM FRONTAGE FOR RESIDENTIAL LOT.

In a residential district the minimum front yard width shall be not less than fifty (50) feet. (Ord. 18-2004. Passed 5-10-04.)

#### 1161.04 LOT COVERAGE REGULATIONS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

In Residential Districts, the maximum building coverage of lots used for permitted principal uses shall be thirty-three percent (33%). (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1161.05 YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

In Residential Districts, the minimum required yards for permitted principal uses shall be as follows:

- (a) The minimum front yard depth shall be twenty-five feet or equal to the narrowest front yard depth of any building located on a contiguous lot and facing the same street, whichever is less.
- (b) The minimum rear yard depth shall be five feet, or ten feet where the rear lot line is adjacent to a dedicated alley, lane or drive.



- (c) The minimum side width shall be five feet on each side, or ten feet where a side lot is adjacent to a dedicated alley, lane or drive.
- (d) On a corner lot, the front yard requirements as stated above shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.
- (e) On a through lot, the front yard requirements as stated above shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1161.06 HEIGHT REGULATIONS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

Buildings located in Residential Districts shall not exceed a height of forty-five feet above grade. This height regulation does not apply to spires, belfries, cupolas, antennae, ventilators, chimneys or other appurtenances usually required to be placed above the roof level and not intended for human occupancy.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1161.07 OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

In Residential Districts, off-street parking shall be provided for all permitted principal uses as follows:

- (a) Two off-street parking spaces shall be provided for each dwelling unit.
- (b) All required off-street parking spaces shall be provided on the same lot as the use served; or on a contiguous lot owned by the same party.
- (c) If a lot is already built upon, then the required off-street parking spaces for any new use built upon the same lot shall be provided only within the area remaining after all applicable yard, lot coverage, lot area and off-street parking requirements have been applied to the existing use.
- (d) The minimum setback for a parking garage or carport which faces a dedicated street, alley, lane or drive shall be twenty feet.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1161.08 PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES; STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND INTENT.

Recognizing that certain uses are essential to the community, yet have characteristics which may be detrimental to and incompatible with other uses in Residential Districts if not properly developed, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall determine that in each case the standards and guidelines hereafter set forth are achieved before granting a Conditional Use Permit. In addition, it shall be determined that each use so permitted shall be in general accord with the Residential District objectives, shall not adversely affect the residential quality of neighborhoods, create undesirable traffic congestion or other hazards, or otherwise impair the safety and general welfare of the residents of the City.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1161.09 PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES LISTED.**

The following uses may be located within Residential Districts provided such uses conform to all regulations and requirements pertaining to conditional uses in Residential Districts and that such uses are consistent with the aforementioned Statement of Purpose and Intent.

- (a) Residential: Multiple-family dwellings.
- (b) Civic: Churches and other places of worship including rectories, convents, and monasteries; art galleries; museums; libraries; memorials; mortuaries; monuments; cemeteries; governmental buildings and attendant uses, but not including a jail, reformatory or other correctional institution.
- (c) Educational: Primary and secondary public schools, non-profit, private or parochial schools, institutions of high education, and including fraternity/sorority house or dormitory if located on the same property upon which the school is situated; auditoriums, gymnasiums and stadiums.
- (d) Social Services: General and special hospitals, health centers, institutions for the aged; family homes.
- (e) Recreational: Public parks, recreational fields and playgrounds, lakes, beaches, public gardens, golf courses, community centers.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1161.10 LOT AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES.**

In Residential Districts, the minimum areas of lots which may be used for purposes of permitted conditional uses shall be as follows:

- (a) The minimum area of a lot for a multiple-family dwelling shall be 2,000 square feet per dwelling unit, or 8,000 square feet whichever is greater.
- (b) The minimum area of a lot for a permitted conditional use other than a multiple family dwelling shall be determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals, but in no case shall be less than 6,500 square feet, and shall not be less than required to provide a site adequate for the main and accessory buildings, off-street parking, accessory uses, and yards and open spaces to accommodate the use and maintain the character of the neighborhood.
- (c) If a lot is already built upon, then the area available for a new use shall be that remaining after all applicable yard, lot coverage, lot area and off-street parking requirements have been applied to the existing use.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1161.11 LOT COVERAGE REGULATIONS FOR PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES.**

In Residential Districts, the maximum building coverage of lots used for permitted conditional uses shall be thirty-three percent (33%).  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1161.12 YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES.**

In Residential Districts, the minimum required yards for permitted conditional uses shall be as follows:

- (a) The minimum required yards for multiple-family dwellings shall be as follows:
  - (1) The minimum front yard depth shall be twenty-five feet, or equal to the narrowest front yard depth of any building located on a contiguous lot and facing the same street, whichever is less.
  - (2) The minimum rear yard depth shall be five feet, or ten feet where the rear lot line is adjacent to a dedicated alley, lane or drive.
  - (3) The minimum side yard width shall be five feet on each side, or ten feet where a side lot line is adjacent to a dedicated alley, lane or drive.
  - (4) On a corner lot, the front yard requirements as stated above shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.
  - (5) On a through lot, the front yard requirements as stated above shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.
- (b) The minimum required yards for permitted conditional uses other than multiple-family dwellings shall be as follows:
  - (1) The minimum front yard depth shall be twenty-five feet, or equal to the narrowest front yard depth of any building located on a contiguous lot and facing the same street, whichever is less.
  - (2) The minimum side yard widths and the minimum rear yard depth shall all be equal to the height of the tallest building located on the lot.
  - (3) On a corner lot, the front yard requirements as stated above shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.
  - (4) On a through lot, the front yard requirements as stated above shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1161.13 HEIGHT REGULATIONS FOR PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES.**

Buildings located in Residential Districts shall not exceed a height of forty-five feet above grade. This height regulation does not apply to spires, belfries, cupolas, antennae, ventilators, chimneys or other appurtenances usually required to be placed above the roof level and not intended for human occupancy.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1161.14 OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES.**

In Residential Districts, off-street parking shall be provided for all permitted conditional uses as follows:

- (a) Off-street parking spaces for permitted conditional uses shall be provided in quantities not less than set forth in the following schedule:

<u>Conditional Use</u>	<u>Required Spaces</u>
Multiple-family dwellings	Two for each dwelling unit
Church or other place of worship, auditoriums, gymnasiums, stadiums	One for each five seats in the main auditorium or assembly room
Art galleries, libraries, museums	Ten plus one additional for each 300 square feet of floor area in excess of 2,000 square feet
Elementary schools, junior high schools	One for each two employees, plus one for each seven seats in the main auditorium or assembly room
Senior high schools, trade and vocational schools, colleges	One for each five seats in the main auditorium or assembly room or four for each classroom, whichever is greater
Hospitals	One for each bed
Institutions for the aged, mental health hospitals, family homes	One for each three beds
Community centers	One for each two hundred fifty square feet of gross floor area
Commercial golf courses or private golf clubs	Forty for each nine holes plus one for each employee
Mortuaries	One for each 100 square feet of floor space in slumber rooms, parlors or individual funeral service room.

\* References to employees refer to the number of employees on duty during normal peak periods.

A building occupied by one use shall provide off-street parking spaces as required for that specific use. A building or a group of buildings occupied by two or more uses shall provide spaces for not less than the sum of the spaces required for each use.

- (b) Each use shall be permitted one two-way access driveway or two one-way access driveways for each seventy-five feet of street or alley frontage of the lot occupied by that use. Such access driveways shall be at least ten feet, but not more than twelve feet in width for each direction, and shall not be located less than fifteen feet from the right-of-way line of an alley which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveways, or less than twenty-five feet from the right-of-way line of a street which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveways. No access driveway shall be located less than fifteen feet from any other access driveway which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveway.
- (c) Each side of an off-street parking area which is less than ten feet from another lot located in a Residential District shall be effectively screened by a dense, evergreen hedge or a solid natural-finished wooden fence. Such hedges and fences shall not be less than four feet or more than six feet in height.
- (d) Off-street parking areas shall be so designed that all required parking spaces are accessible and that no parking or maneuvering incidental to parking shall be on any street, alley or sidewalk.
- (e) Adequate area shall be provided on each lot for the accumulation of snow which is removed from the off-street parking areas located on that lot.
- (f) If a lot is already built upon, then the required off-street parking spaces for any new use built upon the same lot shall be provided only within the area remaining after all applicable yard, lot coverage, lot area and off-street parking requirements have been applied to the existing use and provided that this tract has not been designated for parking provided under subsection (h) hereof, or otherwise restricted.
- (g) The minimum setback for a parking garage or carport which faces a dedicated street, alley, lane or drive shall be twenty feet.
- (h) All required off-street parking spaces shall be provided on the same lot as the use served, or on a contiguous lot owned by the same party.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1161.15 DESIGN AND ARRANGEMENT OF PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USE BUILDINGS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

In Residential Districts, permitted conditional use buildings shall be designed and arranged in such a manner as to enhance, rather than detract, from the overall quality of the surrounding area. All proposed developments shall conform to the following standards and guidelines:

- (a) All permitted conditional use buildings shall relate harmoniously to the terrain, other buildings, and the surrounding neighborhood with respect to location and orientation.
- (b) Adequate provision shall be made for light, air and privacy in the design and arrangement of multiple-family dwellings. Each dwelling unit shall have at least one exterior exposure, and no multiple-family main or accessory building shall be located less than ten feet from any other multiple-family main or accessory building. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1161.16 CIRCULATION SYSTEMS FOR PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES.**

In Residential Districts, on-site circulation systems serving permitted conditional uses shall be designed in such a manner as to provide for safe and convenient movement of persons and vehicles. All proposed developments shall conform to the following standards and guidelines:

- (a) Vehicular circulation systems shall allow free and safe movement within the proposed development and shall be compatible and functional with circulation systems outside the proposed development. Streets shall have suitable alignments and gradients for safety of traffic, satisfactory drainage, and proper functioning of sanitary and storm sewer systems. Street intersections shall be at right angles if possible, and intersections of more than two streets shall be prohibited.
- (b) Safe and efficient access to all areas of the proposed development shall be provided for emergency and service vehicles.
- (c) Pedestrian circulation systems shall be separated insofar as possible from vehicular circulation systems. On-site walks shall be provided for safe and convenient access to all dwellings from parking areas and project access to all dwellings from parking areas and project facilities, such as garbage collection buildings. Small jogs in the alignment of such walks shall be avoided and steps and stepped ramps shall be avoided if possible in order to facilitate servicing with wheeled vehicles.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1161.17 NATURAL FEATURES OF PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USE SITES.**

In Residential Districts, sites for permitted conditional uses shall be developed in such a manner as to preserve, perpetuate and improve existing natural features. All proposed developments shall conform to the following standards and guidelines:

- (a) At least one tree shall be provided for every 5,000 square feet of lot area. Such trees shall be at least two inch caliper and shall be planted in suitable areas of sufficient size to accommodate the future growth of the trees. Existing trees which are to be preserved shall be counted toward compliance with this requirement provided such trees are at least two inch caliper and are located in areas of sufficient size to accommodate the future growth of the trees.
- (b) Plantings such as shrubs, bushes and low ornamental trees shall be provided in such quantities and located in such areas as is necessary to insure that the proposed development is compatible and harmonious with nearby uses.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1161.18 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES.**

In Residential Districts, accessory uses, buildings or structures may be established provided such uses are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to the permitted principal or conditional use. Accessory uses in Residential Districts may include the following:

- (a) Garages, storage sheds or other similar structures.
- (b) A home occupation shall be permitted in or directly attached to any dwelling provided that:
  - (1) No person other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in such occupation.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)
  - (2) There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation other than one nonilluminated sign, provided such sign does not exceed six square feet in area, except for a change in the outside appearance of the building or premises can exist for the sale of Christmas trees which must remain neatly maintained upon the property between November 15 and December 25 of any year, so long as there exists written consent from owners or occupiers of any adjacent property. Consents do not need to be renewed yearly.  
(Ord. 16-2021. Passed 10-11-21.)
  - (3) No equipment shall be used which creates objectionable disturbances beyond the premises.
  - (4) Traffic shall not be generated by such home occupation in significantly greater volume than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood, and any need for parking generated by the conduct of such home occupation shall be met off the street.
- (c) The keeping of household pets including dogs, cats, rabbits, monkeys, canaries, parakeets and other kindred animals and fish usually and ordinarily kept as household pets is permitted. Domesticated animals including horses, mules, donkeys, cows, bulls, swine, sheep, goats, fowl and others shall not be permitted except on lots of at least two acres and any structure used for housing such animals shall be at least one hundred feet from all lot lines.
- (d) The placement, number and nature of signs shall be governed by the following regulations: (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)
  - (1) No more than one identification sign shall be permitted for each permitted principal or conditional use provided such sign does not exceed six square feet in area each. (Ord. 16-2021. Passed 10-11-21.)
  - (2) A single non-illuminated real estate sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises or part of the premises on which the sign is displayed, during the period of active, diligent effort to sell, rent or lease such premise shall be permitted provided such sign is removed within fourteen days after an agreement to sell or lease is entered into.
  - (3) Political signs shall be permitted provided they are not erected more than thirty days prior to the election for which they are intended and are removed within forty-eight hours after such election.

- (4) A single non-illuminated construction sign shall be permitted on the site of a building under construction or a subdivision under development provided such sign is used for identification purposes only and does not exceed forty square feet in area.
  - (5) Temporary signs related to a specific holiday, religious event or historical observance, or to an event conducted by a church or by a public or private non-profit school or college or to a community event, or to a porch, garage or yard sale, shall be permitted. Such signs shall not be erected more than thirty days prior to the event, holiday or observance for which they are intended and shall be removed within forty-eight hours after such event, holiday or observance.
  - (6) A multiple-family dwelling shall be permitted one non-illuminated sign facing each street provided the sign does not exceed ten square feet in area.
  - (7) A permitted conditional use other than a multiple-family dwelling shall be permitted one sign provided such sign does not exceed sixteen square feet in area each. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)
  - (8) A home professional office or home occupation shall be permitted one nonilluminated sign provided such sign does not exceed six square feet in area. (Ord. 16-2021. Passed 10-11-21.)
  - (9) No signs erected in any yard shall exceed a height of six feet above the finished grade.
  - (10) Illuminated signs shall be permitted unless specifically prohibited. No signs, other than those conveying information such as the time and the temperature, shall be illuminated by moving or flashing lights, nor shall any sign, or any part thereof, revolve, oscillate or otherwise move. Illumination used on or with respect to any sign shall not be directed or reflected outside the premises on which the sign is located to such an extent that it interferes materially with the use and enjoyment of any other premises.
  - (11) No sign or any part thereof, shall be located on or extend above a public right of way.
- (e) Fences, walls and hedges shall be permitted provided they are not electrified and that barbed wire does not constitute any part of such fences, walls and hedges. No fence, wall or hedge shall exceed a height of six feet above the finished grade. Gate should be same height as the rest of the fence. Gate should open from the inside.
- (f) "Private swimming pool" means any pool, ground level or elevated; where swimming is normally permitted, not located within a completely enclosed building and containing or normally capable of containing water to a depth at any point greater than one and one-half feet and having a surface area of 200 square feet or more. No such swimming pool shall be allowed unless it complies with the following conditions and requirements:



- (1) The pool is intended and is to be used solely for the enjoyment of the occupant and guests of the principal use of the property on which it is located.
  - (2) The pool, accessory buildings, patio or other structures shall not be located in any front yard or within any required side or rear yard setback. (Ord. 23-2008. Passed 5-12-08.)
  - (3) The swimming pool area of all pools, or the entire rear or side property on which the pool is located shall be enclosed with a secure fence not less than four feet in height. For above-ground pools, the pool wall may be a part of the four foot fence. A fence shall be erected around a swimming pool prior to its being filled with water. (Ord. 16-2017. Passed 11-13-17.)
  - (4) No lighting used on or with respect to any swimming pool shall be directed or reflected outside the premises on which the swimming pool is located to such an extent that it interferes materially with the use and enjoyment of any other premises.
  - (5) The area of the pool, elevated decks and accessory buildings will be included as part of the total lot coverage permitted in the Zoning District where the pool is located.
- (g) Accessory to each multi-family dwelling shall be a building for the collection and storage of garbage which conforms to the following regulations:
- (1) Such a building shall be located a minimum of ten feet from any such dwelling.
  - (2) Such a building shall include an entrance way which is a minimum of seven feet in height and three feet in width.
  - (3) The upper two feet of at least two of the walls of such a building shall be fully screened.
  - (4) Such a building shall include at least the following number of square feet of usable floor area for each dwelling unit served:  
  
One bedroom dwelling unit: Five square feet  
Two bedroom dwelling unit: Eight square feet  
Three bedroom dwelling unit: Eleven square feet  
Four bedroom dwelling unit: Fourteen square feet.
- Shelf area may be counted towards compliance with this requirement provided all shelves are located at least two and one-half feet, but not more than three feet, above the ground level and that no shelf is more than three feet wide.
- (5) Interior walkways shall be provided in such locations and maintained in such a manner as to permit convenient access to all garbage containers within such a building. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1161.19 SCREENING OF ACCESSORY USES.**

The Board of Zoning Appeals may require the provision of screening in the form of hedges or fences where it is deemed that such screening will make an accessory use to a permitted conditional use more compatible with the surrounding area.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1161.20 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS.**

On a corner lot, nothing shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow in such a manner as to materially impede vision between a height of three and one-half feet and ten feet above the centerline elevation of the intersecting streets or alleys in the triangular area bounded by the street right-of-way lines of such corner lot and a line joining points along such street right-of-way lines twenty-five feet from the points of their intersection.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

CHAPTER 1163  
Office District

1163.01	Office District objectives.	1163.06	Height regulations for permitted principal uses.
1163.02	Permitted principal uses.	1163.07	Off-street parking requirements for permitted principal uses.
1163.03	Lot area requirements for permitted principal uses.	1163.08	Permitted accessory uses.
1163.04	Lot coverage requirements for permitted principal uses.	1163.09	Supplementary regulations.
1163.05	Yard requirements for permitted principal uses.	1163.10	Uses, permitted conditional uses statement of purpose and intent.

CROSS REFERENCES

Interpretation of district boundaries - see P. & Z. 1135.01  
 Appeals - see P.& Z. Ch. 1145, 1149  
 Nonconforming uses - see P. & Z. Ch. 1147

**1163.01 OFFICE DISTRICT OBJECTIVES.**

District regulations are established in this section to carry out the purposes which are stated in the preamble and especially to achieve the following objectives:

- (a) To provide areas along certain major streets in which residential, office, civic, welfare, limited service and limited recreational uses are permitted, but from which more intensive commercial uses and other incompatible uses are prohibited.
- (b) To foster the continuation of existing office, civic, welfare, limited service and limited recreational uses, and to provide appropriate space for their expansion and for new development of such uses.
- (c) To prohibit development which would create conditions detrimental to public health, safety and general welfare and which would be incompatible with and detrimental to adjacent and surrounding uses.
- (d) To promote, in accordance with a well-considered plan, the most desirable and beneficial use of land and structures in order to stabilize and protect the character of land development within the City.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1163.02 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.**

To carry out the general purposes of this Zoning Code and specifically the objectives of Section 1163.01, the following principal uses are permitted in Office Districts:

- (a) Residential: Single-family dwellings and two-family dwellings
- (b) Offices: Administrative and professional offices and services including: banking, finance companies, securities sales and services, insurance sales and services, real estate sales and services, legal services, architectural services, engineering services, medical and dental services including out-patient clinics, governmental administrative offices and functions and administrative offices of businesses, utilities and other organizations.
- (c) Civic: Churches and other places of worship including rectories, convents and monasteries; art galleries; museums; libraries; memorials; mortuaries; monuments.
- (d) Welfare: General and special hospitals, health centers, institutions for the aged, group homes and similar institutions.
- (e) Services: Personal services such as beauty and barber shops and interior decorating.
- (f) Recreational: Parks.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1163.03 LOT AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.**

Office Districts, the minimum areas of lots which may be used for permitted principal uses shall be as follows:

- (a) The minimum area of a lot for a single-family or two-family dwelling shall be 6,500 square feet.
- (b) The minimum area of a lot for a multiple-family dwelling shall be 2,000 square feet per unit, or 8,000 square feet whichever is greater.
- (c) The minimum area of a lot for an office building shall be 6,500 square feet.
- (d) If a lot is already built upon, then the area available for a new use shall be that remaining after all applicable yard, lot coverage, lot area and off-street parking requirements have been applied to the existing use.
- (e) Any vacant tract existing at the effective date of this section and not subdivided thereafter may be used for the erection of a single-family or multi-family dwelling even though the tract area is less than the minimum requirements set forth herein, provided that all other requirements of this section are met.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1163.04 LOT COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

In Office Districts, the maximum building coverage of lots used for permitted principal uses shall be fifty percent (50%).  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1163.05 YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

In Office Districts, the minimum required yards for permitted principal uses shall be as follows:

- (a) The minimum front yard depth shall be twenty-five feet or equal to the narrowest front yard depth of any building located on a contiguous lot and facing the same street, whichever is less.
- (b) The minimum rear yard depth shall be five feet, or ten feet where the rear lot line is adjacent to a dedicated alley.
- (c) The minimum side yard width shall be five feet on each side, or ten feet where a side lot line is adjacent to a dedicated alley.
- (d) On a corner lot, the front yard requirements as stated in subsection (a) hereof shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.
- (e) On a through lot, the front yard requirements as stated in subsection (a) hereof shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.
- (f) At the intersection of two streets, nothing exceeding the height of three and one-half feet above the respective centerline elevations of each street shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow within the setback area as previously defined. This restriction will apply only for a distance of twenty-five feet from the right-of-way line of each street regardless of the size of the tract.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1163.06 HEIGHT REGULATIONS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

Buildings located in Office Districts shall not exceed a height of forty-five feet above grade. This height regulation does not apply to spires, belfries, cupolas, antennae, ventilators, chimneys or other appurtenances usually required to be placed above the roof level and not intended for human occupancy.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

1163.07 OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES.

In Office Districts, off-street parking shall be provided for all permitted principal uses as follows:

- (a) Off-street parking spaces for permitted principal uses shall be provided in quantities not less than set forth in the following schedule:

<u>Principal Use</u>	<u>Required Spaces</u>
Single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, multiple family dwellings	Two for each dwelling unit
Administrative and professional offices and services (except medical and dental services)	One for each 300 square feet of gross floor area
Medical and dental services	One for each 150 square feet of gross floor area
Church or other place of worship	One for each five seats in the main auditorium or assembly room
Art galleries, libraries, museums	Ten plus one additional for each 300 square feet of floor area in excess of 2,000 square feet.
Hospitals	1 ½ for each bed
Institutions for the aged, mental health hospitals, family homes and similar institutions	4 plus one for each two beds
Personal services	One for each 250 square feet of gross floor area

A building occupied by one use shall provide off-street parking spaces as required for that specific use. A building or group of buildings occupied by two or more uses shall provide spaces for not less than the sum of the spaces required for each use.

- (b) Each use shall be permitted one two-way access driveway or two one-way access driveways for each seventy-five feet of street or alley frontage of the lot occupied by that use. Such access driveways (except those access driveways serving single and two-family dwellings) shall be at least ten feet, but not more than twelve feet in width for each direction and shall not be located less than fifteen feet from the right-of-way line of an alley which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveways, or less than twenty-five feet from the right-of-way line of a street which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveways. No access driveway (except those access driveways serving single and two-family dwellings) shall be located less than fifteen feet from any other access driveway which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveway.
- (c) Each side of an off-street parking area (except those off-street parking areas accessory to single- and two-family dwellings) which is less than ten feet from a lot located in a Residential District shall be effectively screened by a dense, evergreen hedge or a solid, natural-finish wooden fence. Such hedges or fences shall not be less than four feet or more than six feet in height.
- (d) Off-street parking areas shall be so designed that all required parking spaces are accessible and that no parking or maneuvering incidental to parking shall be on any street, alley or sidewalk.
- (e) Adequate area shall be provided on each lot (except lots containing only single and two-family dwellings) for the accumulation of snow which is removed from the off-street parking areas located on that lot.
- (f) If a lot is already built upon, then the required off-street parking spaces for any new use built upon the same lot shall be provided only with the area remaining after all applicable yard, lot coverage, lot area and off-street parking requirements have been applied to the existing use and provided that this tract has not been designed for parking provided under subsection (h) or otherwise restricted.
- (g) The minimum setback for a parking garage or carport which faces a dedicated street, alley, lane or drive shall be twenty feet.
- (h) All required off-street parking spaces shall be provided on the same lot as the use service, or on a contiguous lot owned by the same party.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1163.08 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES.

In Office Districts, accessory uses, buildings or structures may be established provided such uses are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to the permitted principal or conditional use. Accessory uses in Office Districts may include the following:

- (a) Garages, storage sheds or other similar structures.
- (b) A home occupation shall be permitted in or directly attached to any dwelling provided that:
  - (1) No person other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in such occupation.
  - (2) There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation other than one non-illuminated sign, provided such sign does not exceed four square feet in area.

- (3) No equipment shall be used which creates objectionable disturbances beyond the premises.
  - (4) Traffic shall not be generated by such home occupation in significantly greater volume than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood, and any need for parking generated by the conduct of such home occupation shall be met off the street.
- (c) The keeping of household pets, including dogs, cats, rabbits, monkeys, canaries, parakeets and other kindred animals and fish usually and ordinarily kept as household pets is permitted. Domesticated animals including horses, mules, donkeys, cows, bulls, swine, sheep, goats, fowl and others shall not be permitted except on lots of at least two acres, and any structure used for housing such animals shall be at least 100 feet from all lot lines.
- (d) The placement, number and nature of signs shall be governed by the following regulations:
- (1) No more than two identification signs shall be permitted for each permitted principal use provided such signs do not exceed four square feet in area each.
  - (2) A single, non-illuminated real estate sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises or part of the premises on which the sign is displayed, during the period of active, diligent effort to sell, rent or lease such premises shall be permitted provided such sign is removed within fourteen days after an agreement to sell or lease is entered into.
  - (3) Political signs shall be permitted provided they are not erected more than thirty days prior to the election for which they are intended and are removed within forty-eight hours after such election.
  - (4) A single non-illuminated construction sign shall be permitted on the site of a building under construction or a subdivision under development provided such sign is used for identification purposes only and does not exceed forty square feet in area.
  - (5) Directional signs shall be permitted provided they do not exceed four square feet in area each.
  - (6) Temporary signs related to a specific holiday, religious event or historical observance, or to an event conducted by a church or by a public or private non-profit school or college, or to a community event, or to a porch, garage or yard sale shall be permitted. Such signs shall not be erected more than thirty days prior to the event, holiday or observance for which they are intended and shall be removed within forty-eight hours after such event, holiday or observance.



- (7) A multiple-family dwelling shall be permitted one non-illuminated sign provided such sign does not exceed ten square feet in area.
- (8) A home professional office or home occupation shall be permitted one non-illuminated sign provided such a sign does not exceed four square feet in area.
- (9) The maximum total area of all the on-site signs accessory to an office, civic, welfare or service use shall be related to the width of the building, or unit thereof, occupied by the use. The maximum permitted sign area for each use shall be determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Maximum sign area (in square feet)} = (W \times 0.5) + 10$$

The elements of such formula being defined as follows:

Maximum sign area = the sum of the areas of all the on-site signs accessory to a use.

W = the width of the street frontage of the building, or unit thereof, occupied to a use.

Example: Assume an office building fifty feet wide faces one street in an Office District. Maximum total area of on-site signs  $= (50 \times 0.5) + 10 = 35$  square feet. In no case shall the maximum permitted sign area for a use exceed fifty square feet.

- (10) No signs erected in any yard shall exceed a height of six feet above the finished grade.
  - (11) Illuminated signs shall be permitted unless specifically prohibited. No signs, other than those conveying information such as the time and the temperature, shall be illuminated by moving or flashing lights, nor shall any sign, or any part thereof, revolve, oscillate or otherwise move. Illumination used on or with respect to any sign shall not be directed or reflected outside the premises on which the sign is located to such an extent that it interferes materially with the use and enjoyment of any other premises.
  - (12) No sign, or any part thereof, shall be located on or extend above a public right of way.
- (e) Fences, walls and hedges shall be permitted provided they are not electrified and that barbed wire does not constitute any part of such fences, walls and hedges. No fence, wall or hedge shall exceed a height of six feet above the finished grade. Gate should be the same height of fence. Gate should open from the inside.

- (f) "Private swimming pool" means any pool, ground level or elevated; where swimming is normally permitted, not located within a completely enclosed building, and containing or normally capable of containing water to a depth at any point greater than one and one-half feet and having a surface area of 200 square feet or more. No such swimming pool shall be allowed unless it complies with the following conditions and requirements:
- (1) The pool is intended and is to be used solely for the enjoyment of the occupant and guests of the principal use of the property on which it is located.
  - (2) The pool, accessory buildings, patio or other structures shall not be located in any front yard or within any required side or rear yard setback.
  - (3) The swimming pool area of ground level pools, an area five feet beyond and surrounding elevated pools, or the entire rear or side property on which the pool is located shall be enclosed within a permanent fence not less than five feet in height. Such a fence shall be erected around a swimming pool before it is filled with water.
  - (4) No lighting used on or with respect to any swimming pool shall be directed or reflected outside the premises on which the swimming pool is located to such an extent that it interferes materially with the use and enjoyment of any other premises.
  - (5) The area of the pool, elevated decks and accessory buildings will be included as part of the total lot coverage permitted in the Zoning District where the pool is located.
- (g) Accessory to each multiple-family dwelling shall be a building for the collection and storage of garbage which conforms to the following regulations:
- (1) Such a building shall be located a minimum of ten feet from any dwelling.
  - (2) Such a building shall include an entrance way which is a minimum of seven feet in height and three feet in width.
  - (3) The upper two feet of at least two of the walls of such a building shall be fully screened.
  - (4) Such a building shall include at least the following number of square feet of usable floor area for each dwelling unit served:  
One bedroom dwelling unit: Five square feet  
Two bedroom dwelling unit: Eight square feet  
Three bedroom dwelling unit: Eleven square feet  
Four bedroom dwelling unit: Fourteen square feet

Shelf area may be counted towards compliance with this requirement provided all shelves are located at least two and one-half feet but not more than three, above the ground level and that no shelf is more than three feet wide.

- (5) Interior walkways shall be provided in such locations and maintained in such a manner as to permit convenient access to all garbage containers within such a building.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1163.09 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS.

On a corner lot, nothing shall be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner as to materially impede vision between a height of three and one-half feet and ten feet above the centerline elevation of the intersecting streets in the triangular area bounded by the street right-of-way lines of such corner lot and a line joining points along the street right-of-way lines twenty-five feet from the point of their intersection.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1163.10 USES, PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND INTENT.

(a) Recognizing that certain uses are essential to the community, yet have characteristics which may be detrimental to and incompatible with other uses in office districts, if not properly developed, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall determine that in each case the standards and guidelines hereafter set forth are achieved before granting a conditional use permit. In addition, it shall be determined that each use so permitted shall be in general accord with the office district objectives, shall not adversely affect the residential quality of neighborhoods, create undesirable traffic congestion or other hazards, or otherwise impair the safety and general welfare of the residents of the City.

(b) There shall be no multifamily dwellings unless a conditional use permit is granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals or as appealed pursuant to these ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code. (Ord. 31-02. Passed 5-13-02.)



**CHAPTER 1165**  
Central Business District

1165.01	Central Business District objectives.	1165.04	Off-street parking requirements for permitted principal uses.
1165.02	Permitted principal uses.	1165.05	Special regulations for driveway banking facilities.
1165.03	Height regulations for permitted principal uses.	1165.06	Permitted accessory uses.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Interpretation of district boundaries - see P. & Z. 1135.01  
 Appeals - see P.& Z. Ch. 1145, 1149  
 Nonconforming uses - see P. & Z. Ch. 1147

**1165.01 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OBJECTIVES.**

District regulations are established in this section to carry out the purposes which are stated in the preamble of this Zoning Code and especially to achieve the following objectives:

- (a) To acknowledge the existence of a unique area of the City which serves as a focal point of community life for the residents of New Philadelphia and as a symbol of the City to visitors.
- (b) To encourage compact, pedestrian-oriented development of a wide array of retail, office and service uses in the Central Business District in order to insure the continued economic health and vitality of the area.
- (c) To prohibit the development of uses which would exert detrimental or blighting influences upon the Central Business District in order to stabilize and protect the character and value of land development in this area.  
 (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1165.02 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.**

To carry out the general purposes of this Zoning Code and specifically the objectives of Section 1165.01, the following principal uses are permitted in the Central Business District:

- (a) Offices: Administrative and professional office and services including: banking, finance companies, securities sales and services, insurance sales and services, real estate sales and services, legal services, architectural services, engineering services, medical and dental services including out-patient clinics, governmental administrative offices and functions, and administrative offices of businesses, utilities and other organizations.
- (b) Retail Sales:
- (1) The sale of food and beverages; eating and drinking places.
  - (2) The sale of general merchandise and dry goods, including: drugs, gifts, antique and art goods, flowers, pets and supplies with the exclusion of kennels, periodicals, books, cameras, musical instruments and supplies, sporting and athletic goods, wearing apparel, household hardware, hand tools, paint, garden supplies, appliances, china, jewelry, furniture, floor and wall coverings, radios and equipment for reproducing music, television, bicycles.
  - (3) Wholesale offices and show rooms, provided storage is limited to samples.
- (c) Services:
- (1) Personal services such as beauty and barber shops and interior decorating.
  - (2) Custom work shops for the making of articles to be sold only at retail on the premises.
  - (3) Laundry agencies and laundromats, tailors, pressing and dry cleaning shops in which only nonexplosive and nonflammable solvents are used.
  - (4) Repair services for such items as household appliances, shoes and hats, radios and televisions.
  - (5) Photographic developing, blue printing, letter printing, job printing.
- (d) Dwelling Units: Provided they are located in the same building in which at least one of the uses in subsections (a), (b), (c) or (e) hereof is located and that such dwelling units are located only in the second story or any story above the second story.
- (e) Civic: Churches and other places of worship, art galleries, museums, libraries, memorials, monuments, fraternal organizations, private clubs.
- (f) Recreational: Parks, indoor theaters.
- (g) Similar Principal Uses: Any other general commercial use not listed above or as a permitted principal or a conditional use in any other district and determined as similar by the Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 1153.05.
- (h) Social Services: General and special hospitals, health centers, institutions, for the aged; family homes; health care facilities, to include nursing homes, medical services organizations and similar organizations as permitted businesses within the central business district. (Ord. 79-2002. Passed 10-28-02.)

In the Central Business District, all permitted principal uses, except drive-in banking facilities, which are accessory to walk-in banking facilities, shall be conducted wholly within enclosed buildings.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

### 1165.03 HEIGHT REGULATIONS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

Permitted principal main and accessory buildings in the Central Business District may not exceed a height of sixty feet. This height regulation does not apply to spires, belfries, cupolas, antennae, ventilators, chimneys or other appurtenances usually required to be placed above the roof level and not intended for human occupancy.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

### 1165.04 OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

In the Central Business District, off-street parking shall be provided for permitted principal uses as follows:

- (a) Off-street parking spaces shall not be required to be provided in conjunction with Offices, Retail Sales Establishments, Service Establishments and Dwelling Units as enumerated in Section 1165.02. Off-street parking areas which are provided in conjunction with these uses, however, must be constructed in conformance with the standards set forth in subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) below.
- (b) Off-street parking spaces for Civic and Recreational uses shall be provided in quantities not less than set forth in the following schedule:

<u>Principal Use</u>	<u>Required Spaces</u>
Church or other place of worship	One for each five seats in the main assembly room.
Art galleries, libraries, museums	Ten plus one additional for each 300 square feet of floor area in excess of 2,000 square feet.
Fraternal organizations, private clubs	One for each five seats in the main auditorium or assembly room.
Indoor theaters	One for each five seats in the main auditorium.

A building occupied by one use shall provide off-street parking as required for that specific use. A building or a group of buildings occupied by two or more uses shall provide spaces for not less than the sum of the spaces required for each use.

- (c) Each side of a parking area in the Central Business District which is less than ten feet from a street right-of-way line shall be effectively screened by dense, evergreen hedges. Such hedges shall not be less than two feet or more than six feet in height.

- (d) All required off-street parking spaces shall be provided on the same lot as the use served.
- (e) Each use shall be permitted one two-way access driveway or two one-way access driveways for each seventy-five feet of street and alley frontage of the lot occupied by that use. Such access driveways shall be at least ten feet, but not more than twelve feet, in width for each direction, and shall not be located less than fifteen feet from the right-of-way line of an alley which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveways. No access driveway shall be located less than fifteen feet from any other access driveway which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveway.
- (f) Off-street parking areas shall be so designed that all required parking spaces are accessible and that no parking or maneuvering incidental to parking shall be on any street, alley or sidewalk.
- (g) Adequate area shall be provided on each lot for the accumulation of snow which is removed from the off-street parking areas located on that lot.
- (h) If a lot is already built upon then the required off-street parking spaces for any new use built upon the same lot shall be provided only within the area remaining after all applicable yard, lot coverage, lot area and off-street parking requirements have been applied to the existing use.
- (i) A parking garage or carport which faces a street or an alley shall be located at least twenty feet from the right-of-way line of such street or alley.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)
- (j) Off street parking spaces for health care facilities including nursing homes and medical service organizations to be provided in an amount determined by the Service Director to provide parking for employees and visitors and such parking spaces to be provided not in consistent with the New Philadelphia Zoning Code.  
(Ord. 80-2002. Passed 10-28-02.)

#### 1165.05 SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR DRIVE-IN BANKING FACILITIES.

Each drive-in banking facility shall conform to the following requirements, in addition to all other applicable regulations, before being permitted in the Central Business District:

- (a) A drive-in banking facility shall only be permitted if it is an integral part of, and clearly incidental and subordinate to, a walk-in banking facility. The number of bays of a drive-in banking facility shall be less than the number of teller windows of the walk-in banking facility it is accessory to.
- (b) Five vehicle waiting spaces shall be expressly designated and provided for each bay of a drive-in banking facility.
- (c) Only one two-way access driveway or two one-way access driveways shall be permitted for each drive-in banking facility. Such access driveways shall be at least ten feet, but not more than twelve feet, in width for each direction, and shall not be located less than fifteen feet from the right-of-way line of an alley which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveways, or less than twenty-five feet from the right-of-way line of a street which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveways. No access driveway shall be located less than fifteen feet from any other access driveway which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveway.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)



**1165.06 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES.**

In the Central Business District accessory uses, buildings or structures may be established provided such uses are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to the permitted principal use. Accessory uses in the Central Business District may include the following:

- (a) Garages, or carports, storage sheds or other structures.
- (b) The placement, number and nature of signs shall be governed by the following regulations:
  - (1) No more than two identification signs shall be permitted for each permitted principal use provided such signs do not exceed four square feet in area each.
  - (2) A single non-illuminated real estate sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises or part of the premises on which the sign is displayed, during the period of active, diligent effort to sell, rent or lease such premises shall be permitted provided such sign is removed within fourteen days after an agreement to sell or lease is entered into.
  - (3) Political signs shall be permitted provided they are not erected more than thirty days prior to the election for which they are intended and are removed within forty-eight hours after such election.
  - (4) A single non-illuminated construction sign shall be permitted on the site of a building under construction or a subdivision under development provided such sign is used for identification purposes only and does not exceed forty square feet in area.
  - (5) Directional signs shall be permitted provided they do not exceed four square feet in area each.
  - (6) Temporary signs related to a specific holiday, religious event or historical observance, or to an event conducted by a church or by a public or private non-profit school or college, or to a community event, or to a porch, garage or yard sale, shall be permitted. Such signs shall not be erected more than thirty days prior to the event, holiday or observance for which they are intended and shall be removed within forty-eight hours after such event, holiday or observance.
  - (7) Temporary signs related to a sale to be held on the premises shall be permitted.
  - (8) The maximum total area of all the on-site signs located on the premises of a permitted principal use shall be related to the width of the street frontage of the building, or unit thereof, occupied by the use. The maximum permitted sign area for each use shall be determined by the following formula:

Maximum sign area (in square feet) =  $W + 25$

The elements of such formula being defined as follows:

Maximum sign area = the sum of the areas of all the on-site signs located on the premises.

$W$  = the width of the street frontage of the facade of the building, or unit thereof, occupied by the use.

Example: Assume a store twenty feet wide faces one street in the Central Business District. Maximum total area of signs =  $20 + 25 = 45$ .

In no case shall the maximum permitted sign area for a use exceed eighty square feet.

- (9) All on-site signs shall be attached to a building wall, marquee, canopy or other similar weather cover. No sign shall be attached to or project from the roof of a building, nor shall any sign extend beyond the top or end of the wall, marquee, canopy or weather cover to which it is attached. No portion of any sign shall project outward more than one foot from the face of the wall, marquee, canopy or other weather cover to which it is attached.
- (10) Illuminated signs shall be permitted unless specifically prohibited. No sign, other than those conveying information such as the time and the temperature, shall be illuminated by moving or flashing lights, nor shall any sign, or any part thereof, revolve, oscillate or otherwise move. Illumination used on or with respect to any sign shall not be directed to such an extent that it interferes materially with the use and enjoyment of any other premises.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

CHAPTER 1167  
Business District

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CROSS REFERENCES

Interpretation of district boundaries - see P. & Z. 1135.01  
 Appeals - see P. & Z. Ch. 1145, 1149  
 Nonconforming uses - see P. & Z. Ch. 1147

**1167.01 BUSINESS DISTRICT OBJECTIVES.**

District regulations are established in this section to carry out the purposes which are stated in the preamble to this Zoning Code especially to achieve the following objectives:

- (a) To provide sufficient but not excessive land area for the business and commercial needs of the community.
- (b) To foster the continuation of existing business and commercial establishments and to provide appropriate space for their expansion and for development of new business and commercial establishments.
- (c) To encourage the tendency of business and commercial establishments to group in centers for the mutual advantage of such establishments and their customers.
- (d) To prohibit development which would create detrimental or blighting influences upon the premises or the neighborhood or which would be incompatible or impair the enjoyment of neighboring premises.
- (e) To insure the availability of suitable areas for business and commercial uses by discouraging unrelated uses in such areas.

- (f) To promote in accordance with a well-considered plan, the most desirable and beneficial use of land and structures in order to stabilize and protect the character and value of land development within the City.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1167.02 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

To carry out the general purposes of this Zoning Code and specifically the objectives of Section 1167.01, the following principal uses are permitted in Business Districts:

- (a) Offices: Administrative, professional, and services offices.
- (b) Retail Sales:
- (1) The sale of food and beverages on premises and take out;
  - (2) The sale of general merchandise;
  - (3) The sale and leasing of new and used motor vehicles and recreational equipment;
  - (4) The sale of nursery stock, garden supplies and equipment, monuments;
  - (5) Wholesale offices and show rooms.
- (c) Storage and Wholesale Facilities: Commercial storage of goods, supplies or equipment and the warehousing, wholesale marketing and distribution of such goods, supplies or equipment. Storage and wholesale facilities include: warehouses; storage units; wholesale operations; moving and storage company offices and warehouses; commercial vehicle storage; building materials; brick and lumber yards.
- (d) Services:
- (1) Personal services.
  - (2) Custom work shops.
  - (3) Laundry agencies and Laundromats.
  - (4) Repair services and shops.
  - (5) Gasoline stations (provided they meet the supplementary regulations established in Section 1167.07), automobile washing facilities.
  - (6) Radio and television stations, transmittal towers, telephone exchanges and utility distribution substations.
  - (7) Hotels and motels.
  - (8) Amusement and recreational facilities.
  - (9) Mortuaries.
  - (10) Rental equipment and sales related to rental equipment.

- (e) Civic: Churches and other places of worship, art galleries, museums, libraries, memorials, monuments, fraternal organizations, private clubs.
- (f) Recreational: Parks.
- (g) Similar Principal Uses: Any other general commercial use not listed above determined as similar by the Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 1153.05.
- (h) Residential:
  - (1) Single family;
  - (2) Duplex;
  - (3) Multi-family. (Ord. 21-99. Passed 5-24-99.)

#### 1167.03 YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

In Business Districts, the minimum required yards for permitted principal uses shall be as follows:

- (a) The minimum front yard depth shall be twenty-five feet or equal to the narrowest front yard depth of any building located on a contiguous lot and facing the same street, whichever is less.
- (b) The minimum front yard depth shall be ten feet or equal to the narrowest front yard depth of any building located on a contiguous lot and facing the same alley, whichever is less.
- (c) On a corner lot, the front yard requirements as stated in subsection (a) hereof shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.
- (d) On a through lot, the front yard requirements as stated in subsection (a) hereof shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.
- (e) All corner lots shall be subject to a more restrictive setback requirement than provided for by subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) hereof, if the Director of Public Safety determines that a site distance problem is present.

- (f) At the intersection of two streets, nothing exceeding the height of three and one-half feet above the respective centerline elevations of each street shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow within the setback area as previously defined. This restriction will apply only for a distance of twenty-five feet from the right-of-way line of each street regardless of the size of the tract. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1167.04 HEIGHT REGULATIONS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

Buildings located in Business Districts shall not exceed a height of sixty feet. This height regulation does not apply to spires, belfries, cupolas, antennae, ventilators, chimneys or other appurtenances, usually required to be placed above the roof level and not intended for human occupancy. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1167.05 OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

In Business Districts, off-street parking shall be provided for all permitted principal uses as follows:

- (a) Off-street parking spaces for permitted principal uses shall be provided in quantities no less than set forth in the following schedule:

<u>Principal Use</u>	<u>Required Spaces</u>
Administrative and professional offices and services (except medical and dental services)	One for each 300 square feet of gross floor area.
Medical and dental services	One for each 150 square feet of gross floor area.
Eating and drinking places	One for each 100 square feet of gross floor area.
General retail sales (except furniture, floor coverings, and wall coverings sales)	One for each 250 square feet of gross floor area plus one for each two employees.
Furniture, floor coverings and wall coverings sales	Two plus one for each 1,500 square feet of gross floor area over 1,000 square feet.
Motor vehicle and recreational equipment sales	One for each 1,500 square feet of sales and display area.
Nursery stock, garden supplies and equipment and monument sales	One for each 1,500 square feet of sales and display area.

(Ord. 5-2012. Passed 3-26-12.)

<u>Principal Use (Cont.)</u>	<u>Required Spaces (Cont.)</u>
Wholesale offices and show rooms	One for each 700 square feet of gross floor area.
Personal services, custom work shop, laundry agencies and laundromats, repair services	One for each 300 square feet of gross floor area.
Repair shops for motor vehicles and recreational equipment	One for each 500 square feet of gross floor area.
Hotels and motels	Five plus one for each guest room.
Skating rinks	One for each 250 square feet of gross floor area.
Bowling alleys	Five for each alley.
Racquet sports facilities	Three for each court.
Theaters	One for each five seats.
Other amusements or recreational services	One for each 300 square feet of gross floor area.
Mortuaries	One for each 100 square feet of floor area in slumber rooms, parlors or individual funeral service rooms.
Church or other place of worship	One for each five seats in the main auditorium or assembly room.
Art galleries, libraries, museums	Ten plus one additional for each 300 square feet of floor area in excess of 2,000 square feet.
Fraternal organizations, private clubs	One for each five seats in the main auditorium or assembly room.
Shopping mall peripheral properties	Four for each 1,000 square feet of gross leasable area.
Rental supplies, tools, appliances and party supplies	One for each 400 square feet gross floor area.

A building occupied by one use shall provide off-street parking spaces as required for that specific use. A building or a group of buildings occupied by two or more uses shall provide spaces for not less than the sum of the spaces required for each use. References to employees refer to the number of employees on duty during normal peak periods.

- (b) Each use shall be permitted one two-way access driveway or two one-way access driveways for each seventy-five feet of street and alley frontage of the lot occupied by that use. Such access driveways shall be at least ten feet, but not more than eighteen feet, in width for each direction, and shall not be located less than fifteen feet from the right-of-way line of an alley which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveways, or less than twenty-five feet from the right-of-way line of a street which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveways. No access driveway shall be located less than fifteen feet from any other access driveway which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveway.
- (c) Off-street parking areas shall be so designed that all required parking spaces are accessible and that no parking or maneuvering incidental to parking shall be on any street, alley or sidewalk.
- (d) Adequate area shall be provided on each lot for the accumulation of snow which is removed from the off-street parking areas located on that lot.
- (e) If a lot is already built upon, then the required off-street parking spaces for any new use built upon the same lot shall be provided only within the area remaining after all applicable yard, lot coverage, lot area and off-street parking requirements have been applied to the existing use and provided that this tract has not been designated for parking provided under subsection (g) hereof otherwise restricted.
- (f) The minimum setback for a parking garage or carport which faces a dedicated street, alley, lane or drive shall be twenty feet.
- (g) All required off-street parking spaces shall be provided on the same lot as the use served, or on a contiguous lot owned by the same party.  
(Ord. 35-88. Passed 6-27-88; Ord. 25-93. Passed 5-10-93.)



#### 1167.06 SCREENING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS USES LOCATED ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIAL USES.

Each side of an occupied lot in a Business District which is contiguous to a lot located in a Residential District shall be provided with effective screening. Such screening shall consist of a dense evergreen hedge or a solid, natural-finish wooden fence, and shall not be less than four feet or more than six feet in height.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1167.07 SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR GASOLINE STATIONS.

In addition to all other applicable regulations, each gasoline station shall conform to the following regulations:

- (a) No main building or accessory structure shall be located less than fifty feet from any lot in a Residential District. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)
- (b) Each gasoline station shall be permitted a total storage of 100,000 gallons of fuel, lubricating oil and/or gasoline provided, however, that the installation and maintenance of the storage facilities must conform to the laws of the State of Ohio regulating the same. An airtight filler pipe connector made of non-sparking material so as to prevent overflowing of the filler pipe shall be used on all storage tanks used for the storage of gasoline, lubricating oil or other motor fuels. (Ord. 44-2003. Passed 9-22-03.)
- (c) The owner or occupant of any gasoline station which becomes vacant and remains vacant for a period of ninety days shall, at the discretion of the Fire Chief and the Director of Public Safety, either remove all fuel storage tanks located on the premises or fill them with an appropriate substance. Notice to remove or fill such storage tanks shall be given by certified mail to the owner or the occupant of the premises and such work shall be completed within thirty days of notification.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1167.08 SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR DRIVE-IN BUSINESS FACILITIES.

Five vehicle waiting spaces shall be expressly designed and provided for each bay of a drive-in banking facility, drive-through food and beverage store or automobile washing facility, or each serving window of a restaurant which serves food and beverages to customers in motor vehicles for consumption outside the premises.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1167.09 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES.

In Business Districts, accessory uses, buildings or structures may be established provided such uses are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to the permitted principal use. Accessory uses may include the following:

- (a) Garages, or carports, storage sheds or other structures.
- (b) The placement, number and nature of signs shall be governed by the following regulations:
  - (1) A single non-illuminated real estate sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises on which the sign is displayed, during the period of active, diligent effort to sell, rent or lease such premises shall be permitted provided such sign is removed within fourteen days after an agreement to sell or lease is entered into.
  - (2) Political signs shall be permitted provided they are not erected more than thirty days prior to the election for which they are intended and are removed within forty-eight hours after such election.
  - (3) A single non-illuminated construction sign shall be permitted on the site of a building under construction or a subdivision under development provided such sign is used for identification purposes only and does not exceed forty square feet in area.
  - (4) Directional signs shall be permitted provided they do not exceed four square feet in area each.
  - (5) Temporary signs related to a specific holiday, religious event or historical observance, or to an event conducted by a church or by a public or private non-profit school or college, or to a community event, or to a porch, garage or yard sale, shall be permitted. Such signs shall not be erected more than thirty days prior to the event, holiday or observance for which they are intended and shall be removed within forty-eight hours after such event, holiday or observance.
  - (6) Temporary signs related to a sale to be held on the premises shall be permitted.
  - (7) The maximum total area of all the on-site signs located on the premises of a permitted principal use shall be related to the width of the street frontage of the building, or unit thereof, occupied by the use. The maximum permitted sign area for each use shall be determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Maximum sign area (in square feet)} = W + 40$$

The elements of such formula being defined as follows:

Maximum sign area = the sum of the areas of all the on-site signs located on the premises.

W = the width of the street frontage of the facade of the building, or unit thereof, occupied by the use.

Example: Assume a store thirty feet wide faces one street in a Business District. Maximum total area of on-site signs =  
 $30 + 40 = 70$ .

In no case shall the maximum permitted sign area for a use exceed two hundred square feet.

- (8) No sign, or any part thereof, shall be located on or extend above a public right-of-way.
  - (c) Fences, walls and hedges shall be permitted provided they are not electrified and that barbed wire does not constitute any part of such fences, walls and hedges. No fence, wall or hedge shall exceed a height of six feet above the finished grade. Gate should be same height as the rest of the fence. Gate should open from the inside.
  - (d) "Private swimming pool" means any pool, ground level or elevated; where swimming is normally permitted, not located within a completely enclosed building, and containing or normally capable of containing water to a depth at any point greater than one and one-half feet and having a surface area of 200 square feet or more. No such swimming pool shall be allowed unless it complies with the following conditions and requirements:
    - (1) The pool is intended and is to be used solely for the enjoyment of the occupant and guests of the principal use of the property on which it is located.
    - (2) The pool, accessory buildings, patio or other structures shall not be located in any front yard or within any required side or rear yard setback.
    - (3) The swimming pool area of ground level pools, an area five feet beyond and surrounding elevated pools, or the entire rear or side property on which the property is located shall be enclosed within a permanent fence not less than five feet in height. Such a fence shall be erected around a swimming pool before it is filled with water.
    - (4) No lighting used on or with respect to any swimming pool shall be directed or reflected outside the premises on which the swimming pool is located to such an extent that it interferes materially with the use and enjoyment of any other premises.
    - (5) The area of the pool, elevated decks and accessory buildings will be included as part of the total lot coverage permitted in the Zoning District where the pool is located.
- (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1167.10 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ASSEMBLY MANUFACTURING.

(a) Light Industrial Assembly Manufacturing shall be permitted in compliance with the following standards:

- (1) That such a use is appropriate and conforms to the basic characteristics of the business district classification.
- (2) That such a use does not create dangers to health and safety, and does not create offensive noise, vibration, dust, heat, odor, glare or other objectionable influences to an extent greater than normally resulting from other uses listed within the business district classification.
- (3) That such a use does not create traffic to a greater extent than other uses listed within the business district classification.

(b) Light Industrial Assembly Manufacturing shall require a permit obtained as follows:

- (1) An application for specific property and purpose must be presented to the Planning Commission; and
- (2) Upon Planning Commission recommendation, Council may grant a "Light Industrial Assembly Manufacturing" permit by resolution.

(c) A Light Industrial Assembly Manufacturing permit shall be required for each new assembly manufacturing process.

(d) No Light Industrial Assembly Manufacturing process shall be commenced in a Business District until a permit has been approved pursuant to this section. (Ord. 3-97. Passed 1-27-97.)

#### 1167.11 DAYCARE FACILITIES.

(a) Daycare facilities shall be permitted in a business district providing all State regulations and New Philadelphia basis zoning regulations be complied with.

(b) Off street parking shall be required for each daycare center, one parking place per employee, and one parking place for each five children attending the daycare center. (Ord. 83-99. Passed 12-13-99.)

#### 1167.12 BUSINESS ZONE TYPE B.

Business Zone Type B shall contain all of the foregoing business district zoning requirements from 1167.01 through 1167.11 with the additional restrictions and modifications as follows:

- (a) Side set back from the property line for all construction shall be not less than five (5) feet.
- (b) Front set back from the property line for all construction shall be not less than fifty (50) feet.
- (c) Rear set back from the property line for all construction shall be not less than ten (10) feet.
- (d) Lot size shall be not less than ten thousand (10,000) feet.
- (e) The lot coverage shall not exceed sixty percent (60%) of the lot size. (Ord. 17-2004. Passed 5-24-04.)

#### 1167.13 SIGN LIMITATIONS WITHIN BUSINESS ZONE TYPE B.

No sign shall be located within the Business Zone Type B District within fifteen (15) feet from the front property line. All other sign restrictions and requirements set forth in Chapter 1167 and the remainder of the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio shall apply. (Ord. 42-2004. Passed 8-23-04.)

#### 1167.14 PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES LISTED.

The following uses may be located within business districts provided such use is conformed to all the regulations and requirements stated in Codified Ordinance Chapter 1167.

- (a) Educational: Primary and secondary public schools, preschools, nonprofit, private or parochial schools, institutions of higher education, and including fraternity/sorority house or dormitory if located on the same property upon which the school is situated; auditoriums, gymnasiums and stadiums. (Ord. 5-2019. Passed 3-11-19.)

**CHAPTER 1169  
Industrial District**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Interpretation of district boundaries - see P. & Z. 1135.01

Appeals - see P.& Z. Ch. 1145, 1149

Nonconforming uses - see P. & Z. Ch. 1147

**1169.01 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT OBJECTIVES.**

District regulations are established in this section to carry out the purposes which are stated in the preamble to this Zoning Code and especially to achieve the following objectives:

- (a) To provide, in appropriate and convenient locations, sufficient but not excessive land area for industrial uses in order to promote employment and strengthen the economy of the community.
- (b) To foster the continuation of existing industrial uses and to provide appropriate space for their expansion and for development of new industrial uses.
- (c) To prohibit industrial development which would create detrimental or blighting influences upon the premises or the neighborhood or which would be incompatible with and detrimental to adjacent and surrounding uses.
- (d) To insure the availability of suitable areas for industrial uses by discouraging unrelated or incompatible uses in such areas.
- (e) To promote, in accordance with a well-considered plan, the most desirable and beneficial use of land and structures in order to stabilize and protect the character of land development within the City.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1169.02 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.**

To carry out the general purposes of this Zoning Code and specifically the objectives of Section 1169.01, the following principal uses are permitted in Industrial Districts:

- (a) Commercial Service Facilities: This category refers to facilities which are primarily intended to provide services or products for commercial or industrial customers, or which generally require greater or more offensive use of machinery or equipment, than are associated with sales and service uses permitted in other districts, and which do not primarily involve retail sales for residential use. Commercial service facilities include: animal hospitals and kennels; automobile and truck washing establishments (provided they meet the regulations established in Section 1169.07); blue printing, letter printing and job printing; building material sales; contracting or trade facilities including electrical, glazing, heating, plumbing, painting, roofing, ventilating and similar contractors' establishments; crematories; dry cleaning and carpet cleaning; gasoline stations (provided they meet the supplementary regulations established in Section 1169.06); greenhouses and nurseries; laundries, linen, towel and diaper cleaning and supply; machinery sales, rental and storage; motor vehicle sales and rental; storage service and repair; photographic developing and printing; sign painting shops; soldering and welding shops.
- (b) Storage and Wholesale Facilities: This category refers to the commercial storage of goods, supplies or equipment and the warehousing, wholesale marketing and distribution of such goods, supplies or equipment. Storage and wholesale facilities include: warehouses; wholesale operations; moving and storage company offices and warehouses; commercial vehicle storage; building materials, brick and lumber yards.
- (c) Public Service and Utilities Facilities: This category refers to publicly or privately owned facilities provided or relating to the furnishing to the public of essential services including: water; sanitary sewer service; storm sewer service; parking facilities; maintenance of parks and other recreational areas and facilities; maintenance of streets; garbage and rubbish removal; electrical, gas and other fuel service; telephone service; radio and television stations and transmittal towers. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)
  - (1) Jail law enforcement facilities. This category refers to facilities furnishing housing, education and/or related facilities for prisoners, and/or facilities to house any type of law enforcement personnel and facilities for law enforcement purposes. (Ord. 34-89. Passed 4-24-89.)
- (d) Research and Development Facilities: This category refers to facilities for research, design, experimental production and testing operations.
- (e) Manufacturing Facilities: This category refers to facilities for the processing of goods, supplies and equipment. Manufacturing facilities include: apparel or other textile products from already produced textile goods; automobiles, trucks or trailers and parts and accessories thereof; beverages; boats and related products and accessories; bottling works; brushes and brooms; cameras and photographic equipment except film; carpentry, woodworking

and cabinets; carpets; canvas or canvas products; ceramic products such as pottery, small glazed tile and similar products; chemical compounding and packaging; concrete products and concrete batching; cosmetics or toiletries; electrical appliances and equipment; electrical supplies including wire or cable, switches, insulation, batteries and similar products; electrical machinery; food products and processing, except slaughtering of meat or preparation of fish for packaging; fur goods, not including hide tanning; glass products, not including glass manufacturing; hair, felt or feather products except washing, dyeing and curling; hosiery; household or office equipment machinery; ice, dry or natural; ink or inked ribbon; jute, hemp, sisal or oakum products; leather products, not including hide tanning or dyeing; luggage; light machinery such as lawn mowers; machine tools such as drills, saws; mattresses and bedding; metal finishing and plating; metal stamping or extrusion; medical supplies; mirror silvering and glass cutting; musical instruments; novelty products; optical equipment; clocks and similar precision instruments; orthopedic or medical devices; paper products and paper board products, not including paper rolling or manufacturing; perfumes, compounding only; plastic products; printing or publishing; rubber products, not including manufacture of natural or synthetic rubber; silverware and silver products; silverplating; soap and detergent packaging only; soldering and welding operations; sporting goods and athletic equipment; stationery; steel products, miscellaneous manufacturing and assembly; tobacco products; tool and die shops, pattern making and similar operations; toys; upholstering; venetian blinds, window shades and similar products; wax products; wood products.

- (f) Similar Uses: Any other industrial use not listed above or in any other use classification and determined as similar by the Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 1153.05.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1169.03 YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

In Industrial Districts, the minimum required yards for permitted principal uses shall be as follows:

- (a) The minimum front yard depth shall be twenty-five feet or equal to the narrowest front yard depth of any building located on a contiguous lot and facing the same street, whichever is less.
- (b) The minimum front yard depth shall be ten feet or equal to the narrowest front yard depth of any building located on a contiguous lot and facing the same alley, whichever is less.
- (c) On a corner lot, the front yard requirements as stated in subsection (a) hereof shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.

- (d) On a through lot, the front yard requirements as stated in subsection (a) hereof shall apply to each side of the lot adjacent to a street.
- (e) All corner lots shall be subject to a more restrictive setback requirement than provided for by subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) hereof if the Director of Public Safety determines that a site distance problem is present.
- (f) At the intersection of two streets, nothing exceeding the height of three and one-half feet above the respective centerline elevations of each street shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow within the setback area as previously defined. This restriction will apply only for a distance of twenty-five feet from the right-of-way line of each street regardless of the size of the tract. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

1169.04 OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED  
PRINCIPAL USES.

In Industrial Districts, off-street parking shall be provided for all permitted principal uses as follows:

- (a) Off-street parking spaces for industrial uses shall be provided in quantities not less than set forth in the following schedule:

<u>Principal Use</u>	<u>Required Spaces</u>
Commercial Service Facilities	One for each 500 square feet of gross floor area plus one for each 1,000 square feet of outdoor storage area.
Storage and Wholesale Facilities	One for each 1,000 square feet of gross floor area plus one for each 2,000 square feet of outdoor storage area.
Public Service and Utilities Facilities	One for each 1,000 square feet of gross floor area plus one for each 2,000 square feet of outdoor storage area.
Research and Development Facilities	One for each 400 square feet of gross floor area.
Manufacturing	One for each 500 square feet of gross floor area plus one for each 1,000 square feet of outdoor storage area.



A building occupied by one use shall provide off-street parking spaces as required for that specific use. A building or a group of buildings occupied by two or more uses shall provide spaces for not less than the sum of the spaces required for each use.

- (b) Each use shall be permitted one two-way access driveway or two one-way access driveways for each seventy-five feet of street and alley frontage of the lot occupied by that use. Such access driveways shall be at least ten feet, but not more than eighteen feet, in width for each direction, and shall not be located less than fifteen feet from the right-of-way line of an alley which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveways, or less than twenty-five feet from the right-of-way line of a street which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveways. No access driveway shall be located less than fifteen feet from any other access driveway which intersects the same street or alley as the proposed access driveway.
- (c) Off-street parking areas shall be so designed that all required parking spaces are accessible and that no parking or maneuvering incidental to parking shall be on any street, alley or sidewalk.
- (d) Adequate area shall be provided on each lot for the accumulation of snow which is removed from the off-street parking areas located on that lot.
- (e) If a lot is already built upon then the required off-street parking spaces for any new use built upon the same lot shall be provided only within the area remaining after all applicable yard, lot coverage, lot area and off-street parking requirements have been applied to the existing use and provided that this tract has not been designated for parking provided under subsection (g) hereof or otherwise restricted.
- (f) The minimum setback for a parking garage or carport which faces a dedicated street, alley, lane or drive shall be twenty feet.
- (g) All required off-street parking spaces shall be provided on the same lot as the use served, or on a contiguous lot owned by the same party.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1169.05 SCREENING REQUIREMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL USES LOCATED ADJACENT TO OTHER USES.

Each side of an occupied lot in an Industrial District which is contiguous to a lot located in any other kind of district shall be provided with effective screening. Such screening shall consist of a dense evergreen hedge or a solid, natural-finish wooden fence, and shall not be less than four feet or more than six feet in height.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1169.06 SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR GASOLINE STATIONS.**

In addition to all other applicable regulations, each gasoline station shall conform to the following regulations:

- (a) No main building or accessory structure shall be located less than fifty feet from any lot in a Residential District.
- (b) Each gasoline station shall be permitted a total storage of 50,000 gallons of fuel, lubricating oil and/or gasoline provided, however, that the installation and maintenance of the storage facilities must conform to the laws of the State regulating the same. An airtight filler pipe connecter made of nonsparking material, so as to prevent overflowing of the filler pipe shall be used on all storage tanks used for the storage of gasoline, lubricating oil or other major fuels.
- (c) The owner or occupant of any gasoline station which becomes vacant and remains vacant for a period of ninety days shall, at the discretion of the Fire Chief and the Director of Public Safety, either remove all fuel storage tanks located on the premises or fill them with an appropriate substance. Notice to remove or fill such storage tanks shall be given by certified mail to the owner or the occupant of the premises and such work shall be completed within thirty days of notification.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1169.07 SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR DRIVE-IN COMMERCIAL SERVICE FACILITIES.**

Five vehicle waiting spaces shall be expressly designed and provided for each bay of an automobile or truck washing establishment, or other drive-in commercial service facility located in an Industrial District.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1169.08 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES.**

In Industrial Districts, accessory uses, buildings or structures may be established provided such uses are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to the permitted principal use. Accessory uses may include the following:

- (a) Parking garages and off-street parking areas; storage garages and other maintenance and storage facilities.
- (b) The placement, number and nature of signs shall be governed by the following regulations:
  - (1) A single non-illuminated real estate sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises or part of the premises on which the sign is displayed, during the period of active, diligent effort to sell, rent or lease such premises shall be permitted provided such sign is removed within fourteen days after an agreement to sell or lease is entered into.

- (2) Political signs shall be permitted provided they are not erected more than thirty days prior to the election for which they are intended and are removed within forty-eight hours after such election.
- (3) A single construction sign shall be permitted on the site of a building under construction or a subdivision under development provided such sign is used for identification purposes only and does not exceed forty square feet in area.
- (4) Directional signs shall be permitted provided they do not exceed four square feet in area each.
- (5) Temporary signs related to a specific holiday, religious event or historical observance, or to an event conducted by a church or by a public or private non-profit school or college, or to a community event, or to a porch, garage or yard sale, shall be permitted. Such signs shall not be erected more than thirty days prior to the event, holiday or observance for which they are intended and shall be removed within forty-eight hours after such event, holiday or observance.
- (6) The maximum total area of all the on-site signs located on the premises of a permitted principal use that abuts a residentially zoned parcel shall be related to the width of the street frontage of the building, or unit thereof, occupied by the use. The maximum permitted sign area for each use shall be determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Maximum sign area (in square feet)} = W + 40$$

The elements of such formula being defined as follows:

Maximum sign area = the sum of the areas of all the on-site signs located on the premises.

W = the width of the street frontage of the facade of the building, or unit thereof, occupied by the use.

Example: Assume an industrial use sixty feet wide faces one street in an Industrial District. Maximum total area of signs =  
 $60 + 40 = 100$  square feet.

In no case shall the maximum permitted sign area for a use exceed two hundred square feet.

- (7) No sign, or any part thereof, shall be located on or extend above a public right of way. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

1169.09 INDUSTRIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT.

(a) The City does hereby create a Tech Industrial Overlay Zone as described and with the detail outlined in the Tech Industrial Overlay District which is attached to Ordinance 10-2011 and is hereby incorporated herein.

(b) The Tech Industrial Overlay District shall be applied to the Tuscarawas Regional Technology Park and be an additional zoning requirement for such Tuscarawas Regional Technology Park.  
(Ord. 10-2011. Passed 8-8-11.)

CHAPTER 1171  
House Trailer Park District

1171.01	House Trailer Park objectives.	1171.06	Skirting of house trailers.
1171.02	Permitted principal uses.	1171.07	Screening.
1171.03	Lot area requirements for permitted principal uses.	1171.08	Other regulations.
1171.04	Streets, alleys and sidewalks.	1171.09	Permitted accessory uses.
1171.05	Sanitary sewer, water, electricity and toilet facilities.	1171.10	House trailers in locations other than house trailer parks.

CROSS REFERENCES

House trailer parks - see OAC Ch. 3701-27

House trailer defined - see P. & Z. 1131.39

Interpretation of district boundaries - see P. & Z. 1135.01

**1171.01 HOUSE TRAILER PARK OBJECTIVES.**

District regulations are established in this section to carry out the purposes which are stated in the preamble to this Zoning Code and especially to achieve the following objectives:

- (a) To recognize house trailers in properly developed house trailer parks as important components of the City's housing stock.
  - (b) To regulate the bulk and spacing of buildings and other structures in order to assure proper light, air, privacy and usable open space.
  - (c) To protect residents from nuisances and objectionable influences such as abnormal vehicular traffic, offensive noises, noxious fumes, odors and dust.
  - (d) To regulate the density of population in scale with existing and proposed community facilities and services.
  - (e) To promote, in accordance with a well-considered plan, the most desirable and beneficial use of land and structures in order to stabilize and protect the character of land development within the City.
- (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1171.02 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.**

To carry out the general purposes of this Zoning Code and specifically the objectives of Section 1171.01, the following principal uses are permitted in House Trailer Parks:

- (a) House trailers.
  - (b) Service and laundry facilities.
  - (c) Management and sales offices.
- (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1171.03 LOT AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.**

In House Trailer Parks, the minimum areas of lots which may be used for permitted principal uses shall be as follows:

- (a) The minimum area of a lot for a house trailer shall be 4,800 square feet.
- (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87. )

**1171.04 STREETS, ALLEYS AND SIDEWALKS.**

In House Trailer Parks, streets, alleys and sidewalks shall be provided in accordance with the regulations established by both the Ohio Department of Health and the City. All such streets, alleys and sidewalks shall be constructed in accordance with the standards and specifications established by the City Engineer.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1171.05 SANITARY SEWER, WATER, ELECTRICITY AND TOILET FACILITIES.**

In House Trailer Parks, each house trailer shall be provided with City water, a sanitary sewer system connected to the City sewer system, and electrical connections, all of which shall be installed at the sole expense of the owners of the House Trailer Park. Each house trailer shall contain bathing facilities and toilet facilities.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1171.06 SKIRTING OF HOUSE TRAILERS.**

In House Trailer Parks, each house trailer shall be provided with fire resistant skirting.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1171.07 SCREENING.**

Where a House Trailer Park boundary line is contiguous with any District boundary line, the House Trailer Park shall be effectively screened by a dense, evergreen hedge or a solid, natural-finish wooden fence. Such hedges and fences shall not be less than four feet or more than six feet in height.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1171.08 OTHER REGULATIONS.**

Aspects of House Trailer Parks not covered in this chapter shall be regulated in accordance with the Ohio Department of Health provisions concerning the design, construction and maintenance of House Trailer Parks.

(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

**1171.09 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES.**

In House Trailer Parks, accessory uses, buildings or structures may be established provided such uses are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to the permitted principal use. Accessory uses in House Trailer Parks may include the following:

- (a) Garages, carports, sheds or other similar structures.
- (b) A home occupation shall be permitted in any house trailer or building accessory to a house trailer provided that:
  - (1) No person other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in such occupation.
  - (2) There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the house trailer or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation other than one non-illuminated sign, provided such sign does not exceed four square feet in area.
  - (3) No equipment shall be used which creates objectionable disturbances beyond the premises.
  - (4) Traffic shall not be generated by such home occupation in significantly greater volume than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood, and any need for parking generated by the conduct of such home occupation shall be met off the street.
- (c) The keeping of household pets including dogs, cats, rabbits, monkeys, canaries, parakeets and other kindred animals and fish usually and ordinarily kept as household pets is permitted. Domesticated animals including horses, mules, donkeys, cows, bulls, swine, sheep, goats, fowl and others shall not be permitted except on lots of at least two acres, and any structure used for housing such animals shall be at least 100 feet from all lot lines.
- (d) The placement, number and nature of signs shall be governed by the following regulations:
  - (1) No more than two identification signs shall be permitted for each permitted principal use provided such signs do not exceed two square feet in area each.
  - (2) A single non-illuminated real estate sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises or part of the premises on which the sign is displayed, during the period of active, diligent effort to sell, rent or lease such premises shall be permitted provided such sign is removed within fourteen days after an agreement to sell or lease is entered into.
  - (3) Political signs shall be permitted provided they are not erected more than thirty days prior to the election for which they are intended and are removed within forty-eight hours after such election.

- (4) A single non-illuminated construction sign shall be permitted on the site of a building under construction or a subdivision under development provided such sign is used for identification purposes only and does not exceed forty square feet in area.
  - (5) Directional signs shall be permitted provided they do not exceed four square feet in area each.
  - (6) Temporary signs related to a specific holiday, religious event or historical observance, or to an event conducted by a church or by a public or private non-profit school or college, or to a community event, or to a porch, garage or yard sale, shall be permitted. Such signs shall not be erected more than thirty days prior to the event, holiday or observance for which they are intended and shall be removed within forty-eight hours after such event, holiday or observance.
  - (7) A home professional office or home occupation shall be permitted one non-illuminated sign provided such sign does not exceed four square feet in area.
  - (8) No signs erected in any yard shall exceed a height of six feet above the finished grade.
  - (9) Illuminated signs shall be permitted unless specifically prohibited. No signs, other than those conveying information such as the time and the temperature, shall be illuminated by moving or flashing lights, nor shall any sign, or any part thereof, revolve, oscillate or otherwise move. Illumination used on or with respect to any sign shall not be directed or reflected outside the premises on which the sign is located to such an extent that it interferes materially with the use and enjoyment of any other premises.
  - (10) No sign or any part thereof, shall be located on or extend above a public right of way.
- (e) Fences, walls and hedges shall be permitted provided they are not electrified and that barbed wire does not constitute any part of such fences, walls and hedges. No fence, wall or hedge shall exceed a height of six feet above the finished grade. Gate should be same height as the rest of the fence. Gate should open from the inside.
- (f) "Private swimming pool" means any pool, ground level or elevated; where swimming is normally permitted, not located within a completely enclosed building, and containing or normally capable of containing water to a depth at any point greater than one and one-half feet and having a surface area of 200 square feet or more. No such swimming pool shall be allowed unless it complies with the following conditions and requirements:
- (1) The pool is intended and is to be used solely for the enjoyment of the occupant and guests of the principal use of the property on which it is located.



- (2) The pool, accessory buildings, patio or other structures shall not be located in any front yard or within any required side or rear yard setback.
  - (3) The swimming pool area of ground level pools, an area five feet beyond and surrounding elevated pools, or the entire rear or side property on which the pool is located shall be enclosed within a permanent fence not less than five feet in height. Such a fence shall be erected around a swimming pool before it is filled with water. Gate should be the same height as the rest of the fence. Gate should open from the inside.
  - (4) No lighting used on or with respect to any swimming pool shall be directed or reflected outside the premises on which the swimming pool is located to such an extent that it interferes materially with the use and enjoyment of any other premises.
  - (5) The area of the pool, elevated decks and accessory buildings will be included as part of the total lot coverage permitted in the Zoning District where the pool is located.
- (g) Accessory to each multi-family dwelling shall be a building for the collection and storage of garbage which conforms to the following regulations:
- (1) Such a building shall be located a minimum of ten feet from any dwelling.
  - (2) Such a building shall include an entrance way which is a minimum of seven feet in height and three feet in width.
  - (3) The upper two feet of at least two of the walls of such a building shall be fully screened. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)

#### 1171.10 HOUSE TRAILERS IN LOCATIONS OTHER THAN HOUSE TRAILER PARKS.

House trailers shall not be permitted as dwellings in the City except when located in a House Trailer Park Zone. (Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)



CHAPTER 1173  
Penalties

1173.99 Penalties.

CROSS REFERENCES

Violation of rules and regulations - see Ohio R. C. 711.102

Unlawful transfer of lots - see Ohio R. C. 711.13, 711.15

Appeals - see P. & Z. 1145.01 et seq.

Amendment procedure - see P. & Z. 1151.01 et seq.

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1173.99 PENALTIES.

(a) Whoever violates any provision of Section 1141.02, 1141.04 and 1153.01 shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

(b) Whoever violates any provision of this Zoning Code shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.  
(Ord. 4-87. Passed 3-23-87.)



CHAPTER 1175  
Condominiums

1175.02	Compliance required.	1175.06	Preparation of drawings; certification.
1175.02	Code requirements.		
1175.03	Requirements for application for permit.	1175.07	Unit owners association; bylaws.
1175.04	Filing of application and declaration.	1175.08	Rubbish and garbage disposal.
1175.05	Conveyance.	1175.09	Fees.

**1175.01 COMPLIANCE REQUIRED.**

Condominium ownership is permitted in any multifamily use district as defined in this Zoning Code, provided the requirements of this chapter are met. (Ord. 99-98. Passed 1-11-99.)

**1175.02 CODE REQUIREMENTS.**

Each condominium must meet all of the requirements of any building and housing code and all planning and zoning code requirements set out in the particular use, district, classification in which the condominium is contemplated. (Ord. 99-98. Passed 1-11-99.)

**1175.03 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR PERMIT.**

Each application for a permit for a condominium use must contain the following:

- (a) A declaration submitting the property to the provisions of Ohio R.C. Chapter 5311, signed by the owner, acknowledged in the provisions of Ohio R.C. Chapter 5311, signed by the owner, acknowledged in the presence of two witnesses and notarized;
- (b) A legal description of the land;
- (c) The name by which the condominium property shall be known, which shall include the word "condominium;"
- (d) The purpose or purposes of the condominium property and the units and commercial facilities situated therein and the restrictions, if any, upon the use or uses thereof;
- (e) The unit designation of each unit and a statement of its location, approximate area, number of rooms and the immediate common area or limited common area to which it has access, and any other data necessary for its proper identification;
- (f) A general description of the building or buildings, stating the principal material of which it is or they are constructed and the number of stories, basements and units therein.

- (g) A description of the common area and facilities and limited common area and facilities and percentage or percentages of interest therein appertaining to each unit, which percentages shall be in accordance with Ohio R.C. 5311.04;
- (h) A statement that each unit owner shall be a member of a unit owners association which shall be established for the administration of the condominium property;
- (i) The name of a person to receive service of process for the unit owners association, together with the residence or place of business of such person, which residence or place of business shall be in a county in which all or a part of the condominium property is situated;
- (j) The method by which the declaration may be amended, which shall require the affirmative vote of those unit owners exercising not less than seventy-five percent of the voting power;
- (k) Any further provisions deemed desirable. (Ord. 99-98. Passed 1-11-99.)

#### 1175.04 FILING OF APPLICATION AND DECLARATION.

All applications and declarations submitting property to the provisions of Ohio R.C. Chapter 5311, which property lies wholly or in part within the City, shall be filed with the Service Director. All original drawings shall, when filed, have attached thereto a set of drawings of the condominium property, as provided in Section 1175.06, and a true copy of the by laws of the unit owners association, provided for in Section 1175.07. Any amendment to the declaration by which changes are effected in the bylaws or drawings shall, when filed, have attached thereto a true copy of the change in the bylaws or drawings. (Ord. 99-98. Passed 1-11-99.)

#### 1175.05 CONVEYANCE.

No interest in a unit shall be conveyed until the declaration, bylaws and drawings have been filed for record with the Service Director and a permit issued by the Service Director. Errors or omissions in the declaration, bylaws or drawings or failure to file the same for record shall not, however, affect the title of a grantee of a unit. (Ord. 99-98. Passed 1-11-99.)

#### 1175.06 PREPARATION OF DRAWINGS; CERTIFICATION.

A set of drawings shall be prepared for every condominium property which show graphically all the particulars of the building or buildings, including but not limited to, the layout, location and dimensions of the common areas and facilities and the limited common areas and facilities insofar as is graphically possible. Such drawings shall bear the certified statement of a registered surveyor and licensed professional engineer that the drawings accurately show the building or buildings as constructed. Such drawings shall also be approved by the City Engineer before filing with the Service Director. (Ord. 99-98. Passed 1-11-99.)

#### 1175.07 UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION; BYLAWS.

(a) Every condominium property shall be administered by a unit owners association, which shall be governed by bylaws. No modification of or amendment to bylaws is valid unless the same is set forth in an amendment to the declaration and such amendment is filed for record.

- (b) The bylaws shall provide for the following:
- (1) Election from among the unit owners of a board or managers of the unit owners association which shall exercise all power and authority of the unit owners association; the number of persons constituting the same and that the terms of not less than one-third of the members thereof expire annually; the powers and duties of the board; the compensation of its members and the method of their removal from office; and whether or not the services of a manager or managing agent may be engaged;
  - (2) The time and place for holding meetings; the manner of and authority for calling, giving notice of and conducting meetings; and the requirement, in terms of percentage of interest in the common areas and facilities, of a quorum;
  - (3) The election by the board of managers of a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as the board of managers may desire;
  - (4) By whom and the procedure by which maintenance, repair and replacement of the common areas and facilities may be authorized;
  - (5) The common expenses for which assessments may be made and the manner of collecting from the unit owners their respective shares of common expenses;
  - (6) The method of distributing the common profits;
  - (7) By whom and the procedure by which administrative rules and regulations governing the operation and use of the condominium property or any portion thereof may be adopted and amended;
  - (8) The maintenance in a safe and orderly condition of all buildings, yards and other common areas and facilities;
  - (9) The regular collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish.  
(Ord. 99-98. Passed 1-11-99.)

#### 1175.08 RUBBISH AND GARBAGE DISPOSAL.

Before a permit is issued as provided in Section 1175.05, the permit holder shall endorse on the permit that the City will be saved and held harmless for the responsibility of any rubbish or garbage disposal from any units in the proposed condominium and that the permit seeker will accept sole responsibility for the provision of such rubbish and garbage collection and placement at public street location as determined by the Service Director.  
(Ord. 99-98. Passed 1-11-99.)

#### 1175.09 FEES.

A fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per unit shall be paid upon application for the permit and filing of the declaration as set forth herein. (Ord. 99-98. Passed 1-11-99.)

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PART THIRTEEN - BUILDING CODE

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- Chap. 1307. Ohio Basic Building Code. (Repealed)
- Chap. 1309. Building Permit Fees.
- Chap. 1311. Moving of Buildings.
- Chap. 1313. Licensing Plumbers.
- Chap. 1321. Unsafe Structures.
- Chap. 1323. International Property Maintenance Code.
- Chap. 1329. Flood Damage Reduction.
- Chap. 1333. Downtown Design Standards.
- Chap. 1335. Housing Code.
- Chap. 1337. Rodent and Insect Control.
- Chap. 1339. Wind Energy Facilities.
- Chap. 1343. Vacant Property Registration.





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CHAPTER 1307  
Ohio Basic Building Code (Repealed)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Chapter 1307 was repealed  
by Ordinance 15-2007, passed May 31, 2007.

CHAPTER 1309  
Building Permit Fees

1309.01 Permit fees.

1309.99 Penalty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Fees for plan approval - see Ohio R.C. 3791.07

Permits and licenses required for trees and shrubs - see BUS. REG.

Ch. 777; S.U. & P.S. Ch. 905

Building permits and certificates of occupancy - see P. & Z. 1135.01, 1135.02

1309.01 PERMIT FEES.

(a) The following fee schedule shall be used to determine the amount that shall accompany each application, and such moneys shall be deposited to the credit of the Department of Public Service to off-set material, filing, office, and inspection costs.

Use	Fee
(1) Single-family dwelling	\$80.00
(2) Two-family dwelling	\$160.00
(3) Residential Upgrades:	
A. Addition, garage	\$40.00
B. Siding, Deck and Wood Porch	\$30.00
C. Sheds (excludes plastic playhouses)	\$30.00
D. Fence	\$30.00
E. Concrete porch, patio, sidewalk, curb, slab, driveway	\$30.00
F. Curb cut	\$30.00
G. Excavation	\$30.00
H. Lot split and combine lot	\$40.00
I. Swimming pool, tennis court, and any other outdoor recreational facility	\$40.00
J. There will be a \$10.00 fee for each additional upgrade added to permit application at the time of filing.	

(4)	Demolition:	
	A. Residential Home, Duplex/Multi Family, Garage, etc.	\$30.00
	B. Commercial bldg., Comm. Garage, Institutional Bldg., School	\$50.00
(5)	Certificate of Zoning Compliance	\$30.00
(6)	Erection of a sign per sign face	\$20.00
(7)	New commercial, industrial, institutional, bldg., and school	\$225.00
(8)	Commercial, industrial, institutional bldg., and school upgrades	\$125.00
(9)	Hearing Fee for Board of Zoning Appeals	\$35.00

(b) Every building permit shall state that the building or the proposed use of a building or land complies with all provisions of law.  
(Ord. 4-2019. Passed 5-13-19.)

**1309.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord.4-2019. Passed 5-13-19.)

**CHAPTER 1311  
Moving of Buildings**

1311.01	Permit required.	1311.04	Utility wires and obstructions.
1311.02	Bond or insurance.	1311.99	Penalty.
1311.03	Supervision.		

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to license house movers - see Ohio R. C. 715.27  
Lights on slow-moving vehicles - see TRAF. 337.10

**1311.01 PERMIT REQUIRED.**

A permit shall be obtained from the Mayor before any house, structure or other type of building is moved over or upon any street, alley, lane or thoroughfare within the corporate limits of the City. (Ord. 2382. Passed 10-25-49.)

**1311.02 BOND OR INSURANCE.**

Prior to the issuance of the permit required under Section 1311.01 a good and sufficient bond must be given with two sureties or liability insurance from a reputable insurance company authorized to do business in Ohio, for five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for property damage and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for personal injury or death liability before any house, structure or other type of building shall be moved over any of the streets, alleys, lanes or thoroughfares within the City. The insurance or bond shall be acceptable to and approved by the Mayor. The insurance or bond shall be conditioned as follows:

- (a) In the event any person is injured or damaged in person or property as a result of carelessness or negligence in such moving of any structure as aforesaid, the person so injured or damaged in person or property shall have the right of action thereon directly against the insured or sureties upon such bond.
- (b) The insurer, or the sureties in such bond shall pay all valid claims and judgments against the insured or the principle on the bond as the case may be, to the amount of such policy or bond accruing to any person by reason of damage to persons or property, arising from neglect or carelessness while engaged in such moving of any building as aforesaid. Such bond or insurance shall be in full force and effect for the full period of such moving.  
(Ord. 2382. Passed 10-25-49.)

**1311.03 SUPERVISION.**

The supervision of the moving of any building over any of the streets, alleys, lanes or thoroughfares of the City shall be under the jurisdiction and direction of the Director of Public Service and the Police Department.  
(Ord. 2382. Passed 10-25-49.)

**1311.04 UTILITY WIRES AND OBSTRUCTIONS.**

Prior to moving a building, permission must be obtained from the owner or his agent

of any telephone, telegraph, electric wires or any other wires or obstructions if the same need to be moved, cut or removed and the same shall be moved, cut or removed in accordance with the owner's wishes and replaced or repaired according to the owner's instructions, at the mover's expense.

(Ord. 2382. Passed 10-25-49.)

1311.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter, shall be fined for the first offense not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), and for the second or subsequent offense not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)

**CHAPTER 1313**  
**Licensing Plumbers**

1313.01	License required.	1313.05	Supervision of work.
1313.02	Application.	1313.06	Sewer seals.
1313.03	Fee and bond; exceptions.	1313.99	Penalty.
1313.04	Revocation of license; additional bond may be required.		

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to license plumbers and sewer tappers - see Ohio R.C. 715.27(C)  
Regulations to control house sewers and connections to sewerage system -  
see Ohio R.C. 729.51  
Sewer regulations - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 931  
Water regulations - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 935

**1313.01 LICENSE REQUIRED.**

No person shall engage in the work or business of plumbing and pipe fitting in connection with the waterworks or sewer system of the City, either as a master or employing plumber, or journeyman plumber, without first obtaining a license.  
(Ord. 1993. Passed 1-17-38.)

**1313.02 APPLICATION.**

The Director of Public Service shall adopt such rules and regulations as he deems necessary and expedient to ascertain the fitness and qualifications of a person desiring a license for plumbing and pipe fitting. Any person desiring a license shall make written application to the Director and shall submit to such an examination as to fitness and qualifications as the Director requires. (Ord. 1993. Passed 1-17-38. )

**1313.03 FEE AND BOND; EXCEPTIONS.**

For each individual the Director of Public Services finds to be qualified and fit for such business under this chapter, the Director of Public Service shall issue a license for a period of one year expiring December 31 of each year as follows:

Type I - Water and Sewer License in the amount of \$50.00;

Type II - Water License in the amount of \$35.00;

Type III - Sewer License in the amount of \$35.00;

And, upon applicant entering into a bond payable to the City of New Philadelphia of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) which sureties are to be approved by the Director of Public Service. Such bonds shall contain a condition that the applicant will indemnify and save the City harmless from all loss and damages that may be occasioned in anyway by the negligence of the applicant or his employees in the prosecuting of such work or business.  
(Ord. 54-2003. Passed 12-22-03.)

1313.04 REVOCATION OF LICENSE; ADDITIONAL BOND MAY BE REQUIRED.

The holder of a license for plumbing and pipe fitting shall at all times observe and comply with the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Service and the ordinances of the City in the prosecution of his work or business, and upon failure to do so shall forfeit his license, and thereupon the Director of Public Service is authorized to revoke the license. The Director is also authorized to revoke any license issued hereunder when it is found that a licensee is no longer fit or qualified to carry on such work or business and the Director is authorized to require additional security upon any such bonds whenever he deems it necessary for the proper protection of the City.

(Ord. 1993. Passed 1-17-38.)

1313.05 SUPERVISION OF WORK.

No connection, extension, alteration or repair shall be made to or in any of the water mains or service pipes of the waterworks or in any main or branch sewer by any person except a licensed plumber, under the supervision of the Department of Public Service, and in accordance with the ordinances of the City pertaining thereto. Exceptions from this provision are work being done by the City and work being done by a contractor who gave bond for the faithful performance of his duties under such contract, and persons who may desire to make repairs, changes, alterations or additions within their own premises, in which case such owner must do the work to the satisfaction of the Director.

(Ord. 1993. Passed 1-17-38.)

1313.06 SEWER SEALS.

All sewers shall be laid with slip-seal or some similar material approved by the Public Service Director.

(Ord. 1993. Passed 1-17-38.)

1313.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(Ord. 2838. Passed 12-28-59.)



CHAPTER 1321  
Unsafe Structures

1321.01	Definition.	1321.06	Right of City to demolish, repair or secure.
1321.02	Inspection; notice to owner.	1321.07	Unsafe conditions; reports.
1321.03	Service of notice.	1321.08	Conflict of laws.
1321.04	Posting of notices.	1321.99	Penalty.
1321.05	Permits.		

CROSS REFERENCE

Removal of unsafe structures - see Ohio R.C. 715.26(b), 715.261

1321.01 DEFINITION.

(a) "Nuisance". All buildings or structures which are structurally unsafe or not provided with adequate egress, or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life or which in relation to existing use constitute a hazard to health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation or obsolescence, are for the purpose of this chapter, "unsafe buildings." All such unsafe buildings are declared to be public nuisances and shall be abated by repair and rehabilitation or by demolition in accordance with the procedure of this chapter.

(b) "Code Administrator" means the Service Director of the City and/or his designees who shall serve as Code Administrator for the purposes of this chapter. (Ord. 62-79. Passed 10-8-79; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

1321.02 INSPECTION; NOTICE TO OWNER.

The Code Administrator shall examine or cause to be examined every building or structure or portion thereof reported as an unsafe building as defined in Section 1321.01. He shall give written notice to the owner or owners of record, including any purchasers under a recorded land contract and to the persons occupying the building if they are not the owners thereof. The written notice shall specifically state the defects that cause the building to be unsafe and shall state that work shall commence within thirty days and continue work, either to complete the specified repairs or improvements, or to demolish and remove the building or structure, or portion thereof, leaving the premises in a clean, safe and sanitary condition, such condition being subject to the approval of the Code Administrator; excepting in cases of emergency, making immediate repairs necessary, the Code Administrator may order the changes or demolition to be made within a shorter period. The notice shall also require the building or portion thereof to be vacated forthwith by the occupants thereof. (Ord. 62-79. Passed 10-8-79; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

### 1321.03 SERVICE OF NOTICE.

Proper service of such notice shall be by personal service, residence service, or by certified mail, return receipt requested; provided, however, that such notice shall be deemed to be properly served, if a copy thereof is sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the tax mailing address, as shown for that parcel on the current tax duplicate at the office of the Auditor of Tuscarawas County, Ohio. If any of the parties cannot be located, nor can his address be ascertained, this notice shall be deemed to be properly served if a copy thereof is placed in a conspicuous place in or about the building or structure affected by this notice. If such notice is by certified mail, return receipt requested, the thirty-day period within which such owner is required to comply with the order of the Code Administrator shall begin as of the date he received such notice.

(Ord. 62-79. Passed 10-8-79; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

### 1321.04 POSTING OF NOTICES.

The Code Administrator shall cause to be posted at each entrance to such building a notice to read: "DO NOT ENTER, UNSAFE TO OCCUPY, CODE ADMINISTRATOR, CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO." Such notice shall remain posted until the required repairs are made or demolition is completed. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove such notice without permission of the Code Administrator or for any person to enter the building, except for the purpose of making the required repairs or of demolishing same.

(Ord. 62-79. Passed 10-8-79; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

### 1321.05 PERMITS.

In all cases of construction or repair pursuant to orders of the Code Administrator, permits covering such work shall be obtained as required by other sections of the Codified Ordinances of the City.

(Ord. 62-79. Passed 10-8-79; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

### 1321.06 RIGHT OF CITY TO DEMOLISH, REPAIR OR SECURE.

(a) In case the owner of record, or the purchaser under a land contract, if that be the case, shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the notice to repair, rehabilitate or demolish and remove such building or structure or portion thereof, such party, either the owner of record or the purchaser under a land contract shall be subject to the penal provisions of this chapter and the Code Administrator, after first giving notice as provided in Ohio R.C. 715.26, shall proceed to have the building or structure or portion thereof demolished and removed from the premises, or repaired or secured, leaving the premises in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition and the cost of such work shall be paid by the City. If the City is not immediately reimbursed for their total cost, the City may collect the total cost incurred herein by any of the following methods:

- (1) The Clerk of Council may certify the total costs, together with a proper description of the lands to the County Auditor who shall place the costs upon the tax duplicate. The costs are a lien upon such lands from and after the date of entry. The costs shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the City.

- (2) The City may commence a civil action to recover the total costs from the owner.

(b) Section 1321.06 applies to any action taken by the City pursuant to Ohio R.C. 715.26 or pursuant to Section 3 of Article 18, the Ohio Constitution.  
(Ord. 62-79. Passed 10-8-79; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

#### 1321.07 UNSAFE CONDITIONS; REPORTS.

Any owner, manager, lessee, occupant of a building or any other person who discovers or who has reason to believe that there exists, on the premises, a condition which may endanger other property or the life or limb of any person shall, within twenty-four hours after such discovery, report the existence of such dangerous condition to the Code Administrator, who shall forthwith take such steps as may be necessary to protect the public safety and welfare. If the Code Administrator cannot be located, such report shall be made to the office of the Director of Public Service. Weekends and holidays shall not be counted in determining above described twenty-four hour period.  
(Ord. 62-79. Passed 10-8-79; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

#### 1321.08 CONFLICT OF LAWS.

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the National Building Code as adopted in Chapter 1307 and the provisions of this chapter, the provisions of this chapter shall apply. (Ord. 62-79. Passed 10-8-79.)

#### 1321.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).  
(Ord. 62-79. Passed 10-8-79.)

CHAPTER 1323  
International Property Maintenance Code

1323.01 International Property Maintenance Code.	1323.99 Penalty.
1323.02 Applicability.	

**1323.01 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.**

Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 731.231, there is hereby adopted as the property maintenance code of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, for the control of building and structures as therein provided, the most recent edition of the International Property Maintenance Code (hereinafter referred to as IPMC), all as the same may be amended or revised and the same is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully rewritten.  
(Ord. 23-2018. Passed 11-26-18.)

**1323.02 APPLICABILITY.**

The IPMC is hereby adopted for the purposes of establishing the minimum regulations governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical items and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures. The IPMC shall be in full force and effect within the City and shall apply to all existing Residential and Non-Residential premises, structures, equipment, and facilities for light, ventilation, space, heating, sanitation, protection from the elements, life safety, safety from fire and other hazards, and for safe and sanitary maintenance, the responsibility of owners, operators and occupants; the occupancy of existing structures and premises, and for administration, enforcement and penalties.  
(Ord. 23-2018. Passed 11-26-18.)

**1323.99 PENALTY.**

(a) Whoever violates any provision of the International Property Maintenance Code, as adopted in Section 1323.01, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned not more than six months, or both, for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions of such Code.

(b) The application of the penalty provided for in subsection (a) hereof shall not be deemed to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.  
(Ord. 23-2018. Passed 11-26-18.)



CHAPTER 1329  
Flood Damage Reduction

1329.01	General provisions.	1329.05	Appeals and variances.
1329.02	Definitions.	1329.06	Enforcement.
1329.03	Administration.		
1329.04	Use and development standards for flood hazard reduction.		

CROSS REFERENCES

Flood control bonds; public capital improvement - see Ohio Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 21; Ohio R.C. 129.70 et seq.  
 Basis of zoning districts - see Ohio R.C. 713.10  
 Levees - See Ohio R.C. 717.01  
 Marking flood areas - see Ohio R.C. 1521.14  
 Conservancy districts; purpose - see Ohio R.C. 6101.04

1329.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) Statutory Authorization. Article XVIII, Section 3, of the Ohio Constitution grants municipalities the legal authority to adopt land use and control measures for promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens. Therefore, the City Council of New Philadelphia, State of Ohio, does ordain as follows:

(b) Findings of Fact. The City has special flood hazard areas that are subject to periodic inundation which may result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base. Additionally, structures that are inadequately elevated, floodproofed, or otherwise protected from flood damage also contribute to the flood loss. In order to minimize the threat of such damages and to achieve the purposes hereinafter set forth, these regulations are adopted.

(c) Statement of Purpose. It is the purpose of these regulations to promote the public health, safety and general welfare, and to:

- (1) Protect human life and health;
- (2) Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- (3) Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- (4) Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- (5) Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets and bridges located in areas of special flood hazard;

- (6) Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the proper use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to protect property and minimize future flood blight areas;
- (7) Ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions;
- (8) Minimize the impact of development on adjacent properties within and near flood prone areas;
- (9) Ensure that the flood storage and conveyance functions of the floodplain are maintained;
- (10) Minimize the impact of development on the natural, beneficial values of the floodplain;
- (11) Prevent floodplain uses that are either hazardous or environmentally incompatible; and
- (12) Meet community participation requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

(d) Methods of Reducing Flood Loss. In order to accomplish its purposes, these regulations include methods and provisions for:

- (1) Restricting or prohibiting uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water hazards, or which result in damaging increases in flood heights or velocities;
- (2) Requiring that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- (3) Controlling the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which help accommodate or channel flood waters;
- (4) Controlling filling, grading, dredging, excavating, and other development which may increase flood damage; and,
- (5) Preventing or regulating the construction of flood barriers, which will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards in other areas.

(e) Lands to Which These Regulations Apply. These regulations shall apply to all areas of special flood hazard within the jurisdiction of the City of as identified in Section 1329.01(f), including any additional areas of special flood hazard annexed by City.

(f) Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard. For the purposes of these regulations, the following studies and/or maps are adopted:

- (1) Flood Insurance Study Tuscarawas County, Ohio and Incorporated Areas and Flood Insurance Rate Map Tuscarawas County, Ohio and Incorporated Areas both effective July 22, 2010.
- (2) Other studies and/or maps, which may be relied upon for establishment of the flood protection elevation, delineation of the 100-year floodplain, floodways or delineation of other areas of special flood hazard.
- (3) Any hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analysis authored by a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio which has been approved by the City as required by Section 1329.04(c) Subdivisions and Large Developments.

Any revisions to the aforementioned maps and/or studies are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of these regulations. Such maps and/or studies are on file at the City Hall at 150 East High Avenue New Philadelphia, Ohio.

(g) Abrogation and Greater Restrictions. These regulations are not intended to repeal any existing ordinances including Subdivision Regulations, Zoning or Building Codes. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and any other ordinance, the more restrictive shall be followed. These regulations shall not impair any deed restriction, covenant or easement but the land subject to such interests shall also be governed by the regulations.

(h) Interpretation. In the interpretation and application of these regulations, all provisions shall be:

- (1) Considered as minimum requirements;
- (2) Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and,
- (3) Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes. Where a provision of these regulations may be in conflict with a state or Federal law, such state or Federal law shall take precedence over these regulations.

(i) Warning and Disclaimer of Liability. The degree of flood protection required by these regulations is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions. Flood heights may be increased by man made or natural causes. These regulations do not imply that land outside the areas of special flood hazard or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damage. These regulations shall not create liability on the part of the City, any officer or employee thereof, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency, for any flood damage that results from reliance on these regulations or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

(j) Severability. Should any section or provision of these regulations be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the regulations as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid. (Ord. 10-2010. Passed 6-14-10.)

#### 1329.02 DEFINITIONS.

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in these regulations shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give these regulations the most reasonable application.

- (1) Accessory Structure. A structure on the same lot with, and of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to, the principal structure.
- (2) Appeal. A request for review of the Floodplain Administrator's interpretation of any provision of these regulations or a request for a variance.
- (3) Base Flood. The flood having a one percent (1%) chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The base flood may also be referred to as the one percent (1%) chance annual flood or one hundred (100) year flood.



- (4) Base (100-Year) Flood Elevation (BFE). The water surface elevation of the base flood in relation to a specified datum, usually the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 or the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, and usually expressed in Feet Mean Sea Level (MSL). In Zone AO areas, the base flood elevation is the natural grade elevation plus the depth number (from 1 to 3 feet).
- (5) Basement. Any area of the building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides.
- (6) Development. Any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.
- (7) Enclosure Below the Lowest Floor. See "Lowest Floor."
- (8) Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management). Issued by President Carter in 1977, this order requires that no federally assisted activities be conducted in or have the potential to affect identified special flood hazard areas, unless there is no practicable alternative.
- (9) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The agency with the overall responsibility for administering the National Flood Insurance Program.
- (10) Fill. A deposit of earth material placed by artificial means.
- (11) Flood or Flooding. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:
  - A. The overflow of inland or tidal waters, and/or
  - B. The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.
- (12) Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM). Usually the initial map, produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for a community depicting approximate special flood hazard areas.
- (13) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). An official map on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has delineated the areas of special flood hazard.
- (14) Flood Insurance Risk Zones. Zone designations on FHBMs and FIRMs that indicate the magnitude of the flood hazard in specific areas of a community. Following are the zone definitions:
  - A. Zone A:  
Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; base flood elevations are not determined.
  - B. Zones A1-30 and Zone AE:  
Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; base flood elevations are determined.
  - C. Zone AO:  
Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; with flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths are determined.
  - D. Zone AH:  
Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); base flood elevations are determined.

- E. Zone A99:  
Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood to be protected from the 100-year flood by a Federal flood protection system under construction; no base flood elevations are determined.
- F. Zone B and Zone X (shaded):  
Areas of 500-year flood; areas subject to the 100-year flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with contributing drainage area less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from the base flood.
- G. Zone C and Zone X (unshaded):  
Areas determined to be outside the 500-year floodplain.
- (15) Flood Insurance Study (FIS). The official report in which the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has provided flood profiles, floodway boundaries (sometimes shown on Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps), and the water surface elevations of the base flood.
- (16) Flood Protection Elevation. The Flood Protection Elevation, or FPE, is the base flood elevation plus two feet of freeboard. In areas where no base flood elevations exist from any authoritative source, the flood protection elevation can be historical flood elevations, or base flood elevations determined and/or approved by the Floodplain Administrator.
- (17) Floodway. A floodway is the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that have been reserved in order to pass the base flood discharge. A floodway is typically determined through a hydraulic and hydrologic engineering analysis such that the cumulative increase in the water surface elevation of the base flood discharge is no more than a designated height. In no case shall the designated height be more than one foot at any point within the community.  
The floodway is an extremely hazardous area, and is usually characterized by any of the following: Moderate to high velocity flood waters, high potential for debris and projectile impacts, and moderate to high erosion forces.
- (18) Freeboard. A factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for the purposes of floodplain management. Freeboard tends to compensate for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions, such as wave action, obstructed bridge openings, debris and ice jams, and the hydrologic effect of urbanization in a watershed.
- (19) Historic structure. Any structure that is:
- A. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the U.S. Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listings on the National Register;
  - B. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district; or
  - C. Individually listed on the State of Ohio's inventory of historic places maintained by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.
  - D. Individually listed on the inventory of historic places maintained by City of New Philadelphia's historic preservation program, which program is certified by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

- (20) Hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analysis. An analysis performed by a professional engineer, registered in the State of Ohio, in accordance with standard engineering practices as accepted by FEMA, used to determine flood elevations and/or floodway boundaries.
- (21) Letter of Map Change (LOMC). A Letter of Map Change is an official FEMA determination, by letter, to amend or revise effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps, and Flood Insurance Studies. LOMCs are broken down into the following categories:
- A. Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA).  
A revision based on technical data showing that a property was incorrectly included in a designated special flood hazard area. A LOMA amends the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and establishes that a specific property is not located in a special flood hazard area.
  - B. Letter of Map Revision (LOMR).  
A revision based on technical data that, usually due to manmade changes, shows changes to flood zones, flood elevations, floodplain and floodway delineations, and planimetric features. One common type of LOMR, a LOMR-F, is a determination concerning whether a structure or parcel has been elevated by fill above the base flood elevation and is, therefore, excluded from the special flood hazard area.
  - C. Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR).  
A formal review and comment by FEMA as to whether a proposed project complies with the minimum National Flood Insurance Program floodplain management criteria. A CLOMR does not amend or revise effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps, or Flood Insurance Studies.
- (22) Lowest floor. The lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement) of a structure. This definition excludes an "enclosure below the lowest floor" which is an unfinished or flood resistant enclosure usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage, in an area other than a basement area, provided that such enclosure is built in accordance with the applicable design requirements specified in these regulations for enclosures below the lowest floor.
- (23) Manufactured home. A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle". For the purposes of these regulations, a manufactured home includes manufactured homes and mobile homes as defined in Chapter 3733 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (24) Manufactured home park. As specified in the Ohio Administrative Code 3701-27-01, a manufactured home park means any tract of land upon which three or more manufactured homes, used for habitation are parked, either free of charge or for revenue purposes, and includes any roadway, building, structure, vehicle, or enclosure used or intended for use as part of the facilities of the park. A tract of land that is subdivided and the individual lots are not for rent or rented, but are for sale or sold for the purpose of installation of manufactured homes on the lots, is not a manufactured home park, even though three or more manufactured homes are parked thereon, if the roadways are dedicated to the local government authority.

- (25) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP is a Federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance protection against losses from flooding. This insurance is designed to provide an insurance alternative to disaster assistance to meet the escalating costs of repairing damage to buildings and their contents caused by floods. Participation in the NFIP is based on an agreement between local communities and the Federal government that states if a community will adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations to reduce future flood risks to all development in special flood hazard areas, the Federal government will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood loss.
- (26) New construction. Structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the initial effective date of the City of New Philadelphia Flood Insurance Rate Map, January 2, 1987, and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.
- (27) Person. Includes any individual or group of individuals, corporation, partnership, association, or any other entity, including state and local governments and agencies. An agency is further defined in the Ohio R.C. 111.15 as any governmental entity of the State and includes, but is not limited to, any board, department, division, commission, bureau, society, council, institution, state college or university, community college district, technical college district, or state community college. "Agency" does not include the General Assembly, the Controlling Board, the Adjutant General's Department, or any court.
- (28) Recreational vehicle. A vehicle which is:
- A. Built on a single chassis,
  - B. 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection,
  - C. Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck, and
  - D. Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.
- (29) Registered Professional Architect. A person registered to engage in the practice of architecture under the provisions of Ohio R.C. 4703.01 to 4703.19.
- (30) Registered Professional Engineer. A person registered as a professional engineer under Chapter 4733 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (31) Registered Professional Surveyor. A person registered as a professional surveyor under Chapter 4733 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (32) Special Flood Hazard Area. Also known as "Areas of Special Flood Hazard", it is the land in the floodplain subject to a one percent (1%) or greater chance of flooding in any given year. Special flood hazard areas are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Insurance Studies, Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps and Flood Hazard Boundary Maps as Zones A, AE, AH, AO, A1 30, and A99. Special flood hazard areas may also refer to areas that are flood prone and designated from other federal, state or local sources of data including but not limited to historical flood information reflecting high water marks, previous flood inundation areas, and flood prone soils associated with a watercourse.

- (33) Start of construction. The date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading, and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of a building.
- (34) Structure. A walled and roofed building, manufactured home, or gas or liquid storage tank that is principally above ground.
- (35) Substantial Damage. Damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.
- (36) Substantial Improvement. Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures, which have incurred "substantial damage", regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include:
- A. Any improvement to a structure that is considered "new construction,"
  - B. Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified prior to the application for a development permit by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
  - C. Any alteration of a "historic structure," provided that the alteration would not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure".
- (37) Variance. A grant of relief from the standards of these regulations consistent with the variance conditions herein.
- (38) Violation. The failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with these regulations.  
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#### 1329.03 ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Designation of the Floodplain Administrator. The Director of Public Service is hereby appointed to administer and implement these regulations and is referred to herein as the Floodplain Administrator.

(b) Duties and Responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator. The duties and responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator shall include but are not limited to:

- (1) Evaluate applications for permits to develop in special flood hazard areas.
- (2) Interpret floodplain boundaries and provide flood hazard and flood protection elevation information.
- (3) Issue permits to develop in special flood hazard areas when the provisions of these regulations have been met, or refuse to issue the same in the event of noncompliance.
- (4) Inspect buildings and lands to determine whether any violations of these regulations have been committed.
- (5) Make and permanently keep all records for public inspection necessary for the administration of these regulations including Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Letters of Map Amendment and Revision, records of issuance and denial of permits to develop in special flood hazard areas, determinations of whether development is in or out of special flood hazard areas for the purpose of issuing floodplain development permits, elevation certificates, variances, and records of enforcement actions taken for violations of these regulations.
- (6) Enforce the provisions of these regulations.
- (7) Provide information, testimony, or other evidence as needed during variance hearings.
- (8) Coordinate map maintenance activities and FEMA follow-up.
- (9) Conduct substantial damage determinations to determine whether existing structures, damaged from any source and in special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA, must meet the development standards of these regulations.

(c) Floodplain Development Permits. It shall be unlawful for any person to begin construction or other development activity including but not limited to filling; grading; construction; alteration, remodeling, or expanding any structure; or alteration of any watercourse wholly within, partially within or in contact with any identified special flood hazard area, as established in Section 1329.01(f), until a floodplain development permit is obtained from the Floodplain Administrator. Such floodplain development permit shall show that the proposed development activity is in conformity with the provisions of these regulations. No such permit shall be issued by the Floodplain Administrator until the requirements of these regulations have been met.

(d) Application Required. An application for a floodplain development permit shall be required for all development activities located wholly within, partially within, or in contact with an identified special flood hazard area. Such application shall be made by the owner of the property or his/her authorized agent, herein referred to as the applicant, prior to the actual commencement of such construction on a form furnished for that purpose. Where it is unclear whether a development site is in a special flood hazard area, the Floodplain Administrator may require an application for a floodplain development permit to determine the development's location. Such applications shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Site plans drawn to scale showing the nature, location, dimensions, and topography of the area in question; the location of existing or proposed structures, fill, storage of materials, drainage facilities, and the location of the foregoing.

- (2) Elevation of the existing, natural ground where structures are proposed.
  - (3) Elevation of the lowest floor, including basement, of all proposed structures.
  - (4) Such other material and information as may be requested by the Floodplain Administrator to determine conformance with, and provide enforcement of these regulations.
  - (5) Technical analyses conducted by the appropriate design professional registered in the State of Ohio and submitted with an application for a floodplain development permit when applicable:
    - A. Floodproofing certification for non-residential floodproofed structure as required in Section 1329.04(e).
    - B. Certification that fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor of a structure not meeting the design requirements of Section 1329.04(d)(5) are designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces.
    - C. Description of any watercourse alteration or relocation that the flood carrying capacity of the watercourse will not be diminished, and maintenance assurances as required in Section 1329.04(i)(3).
    - D. A hydrologic and hydraulic analysis demonstrating that the cumulative effect of proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood by more than one foot in special flood hazard areas where the Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided base flood elevations but no floodway as required by Section 1329.04(i)(2).
    - E. A hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analysis showing impact of any development on flood heights in an identified floodway as required by Section 1329.04(i)(1).
    - F. Generation of base flood elevation(s) for subdivision and large-scale developments as required by Section 1329.04(c).
  - (6) A floodplain development permit application fee set by the schedule of fees adopted by City.
- (e) Review and Approval of a Floodplain Development Permit Application.
- (1) Review.
    - A. After receipt of a complete application, the Floodplain Administrator shall review the application to ensure that the standards of these regulations have been met. No floodplain development permit application shall be reviewed until all information required in Section 1329.03(d) has been received by the Floodplain Administrator.
    - B. The Floodplain Administrator shall review all floodplain development permit applications to assure that all necessary permits have been received from those federal, state or local governmental agencies from which prior approval is required. The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining such permits as required including permits issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

- (2) Approval. Within thirty days after the receipt of a complete application, the Floodplain Administrator shall either approve or disapprove the application. If an application is approved, a floodplain development permit shall be issued. All floodplain development permits shall be conditional upon the commencement of work within one year. A floodplain development permit shall expire one year after issuance unless the permitted activity has been substantially begun and is thereafter pursued to completion.

(f) Inspections. The Floodplain Administrator shall make periodic inspections at appropriate times throughout the period of construction in order to monitor compliance with permit conditions.

(g) Post-Construction Certifications Required. The following as-built certifications are required after a floodplain development permit has been issued:

- (1) For new or substantially improved residential structures, or nonresidential structures that have been elevated, the applicant shall have a Federal Emergency Management Agency Elevation Certificate completed by a registered surveyor to record as-built elevation data. For elevated structures in Zone A and Zone AO areas without a base flood elevation, the elevation certificate may be completed by the property owner or owner's representative.
- (2) For all development activities subject to the standards of Section 1329.03(j)(1), a Letter of Map Revision.

(h) Revoking a Floodplain Development Permit. A floodplain development permit shall be revocable, if among other things, the actual development activity does not conform to the terms of the application and permit granted thereon. In the event of the revocation of a permit, an appeal may be taken to the Appeals Board in accordance with Section 1329.05.

(i) Exemption from Filing a Development Permit. An application for a floodplain development permit shall not be required for:

- (1) Maintenance work such as roofing, painting, and basement sealing, or for small nonstructural development activities (except for filling and grading) valued at less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
- (2) Development activities in an existing or proposed manufactured home park that are under the authority of the Ohio Department of Health and subject to the flood damage reduction provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code Section 3701.
- (3) Major utility facilities permitted by the Ohio Power Siting Board under Chapter 4906 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (4) Hazardous waste disposal facilities permitted by the Hazardous Waste Siting Board under Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (5) Development activities undertaken by a federal agency and which are subject to Federal Executive Order 11988 - Floodplain Management.

Any proposed action exempt from filing for a floodplain development permit is also exempt from the standards of these regulations.



(j) Map Maintenance Activities. To meet National Flood Insurance Program minimum requirements to have flood data reviewed and approved by FEMA, and to ensure that City flood maps, studies and other data identified in Section 1329.01(f) accurately represent flooding conditions so appropriate floodplain management criteria are based on current data, the following map maintenance activities are identified:

- (1) Requirement to submit new technical data.
  - A. For all development proposals that impact floodway delineations or base flood elevations, the community shall ensure that technical data reflecting such changes be submitted to FEMA within six months of the date such information becomes available. These development proposals include:
    1. Floodway encroachments that increase or decrease base flood elevations or alter floodway boundaries;
    2. Fill sites to be used for the placement of proposed structures where the applicant desires to remove the site from the special flood hazard area;
    3. Alteration of watercourses that result in a relocation or elimination of the special flood hazard area, including the placement of culverts; and
    4. Subdivision or large scale development proposals requiring the establishment of base flood elevations in accordance with Section 1329.04(c).
  - B. It is the responsibility of the applicant to have technical data, required in accordance with Section 1329.03(j)(1), prepared in a format required for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision or Letter of Map Revision, and submitted to FEMA. Submittal and processing fees for these map revisions shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
  - C. The Floodplain Administrator shall require a Conditional Letter of Map Revision prior to the issuance of a floodplain development permit for:
    1. Proposed floodway encroachments that increase the base flood elevation; and
    2. Proposed development which increases the base flood elevation by more than one foot in areas where FEMA has provided base flood elevations but no floodway.
  - D. Floodplain development permits issued by the Floodplain Administrator shall be conditioned upon the applicant obtaining a Letter of Map Revision from FEMA for any development proposal subject to Section 1329.03(j)(1)A.
- (2) Right to submit new technical data. The Floodplain Administrator may request changes to any of the information shown on an effective map that does not impact floodplain or floodway delineations or base flood elevations, such as labeling or planimetric details. Such a submission shall include appropriate supporting documentation made in writing by the Mayor, and may be submitted at any time.

- (3) Annexation/Detachment. Upon occurrence, the Floodplain Administrator shall notify FEMA in writing whenever the boundaries of the City have been modified by annexation or the community has assumed authority over an area, or no longer has authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area. In order that the City Flood Insurance Rate Map accurately represent the City boundaries, include within such notification a copy of a map of the City suitable for reproduction, clearly showing the new corporate limits or the new area for which the City has assumed or relinquished floodplain management regulatory authority.

(k) Data Use and Flood Map Interpretation. The following guidelines shall apply to the use and interpretation of maps and other data showing areas of special flood hazard:

- (1) In areas where FEMA has not identified special flood hazard areas, or in FEMA identified special flood hazard areas where base flood elevation and floodway data have not been identified, the Floodplain Administrator shall review and reasonably utilize any other flood hazard data available from a federal, state, or other source.
- (2) Base flood elevations and floodway boundaries produced on FEMA flood maps and studies shall take precedence over base flood elevations and floodway boundaries by any other source that reflect a reduced floodway width and/or lower base flood elevations. Other sources of data, showing increased base flood elevations and/or larger floodway areas than are shown on FEMA flood maps and studies, shall be reasonably used by the Floodplain Administrator.
- (3) When Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps and/or Flood Insurance Study have been provided by FEMA:
  - A. Upon the issuance of a Letter of Final Determination by the FEMA, the preliminary flood hazard data shall be used and replace all previously existing flood hazard data provided from FEMA for the purposes of administering these regulations.
  - B. Prior to the issuance of a Letter of Final Determination by FEMA, the use of preliminary flood hazard data shall only be required where no base flood elevations and/or floodway areas exist or where the preliminary base flood elevations or floodway area exceed the base flood elevations and/or floodway widths in existing flood hazard data provided from FEMA. Such preliminary data may be subject to change and/or appeal to FEMA.
- (4) The Floodplain Administrator shall make interpretations, where needed, as to the exact location of the flood boundaries and areas of special flood hazard. A person contesting the determination of the location of the boundary shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation as provided in Section 1329.05, Appeals and Variances.
- (5) Where a map boundary showing an area of special flood hazard and field elevations disagree, the base flood elevations or flood protection elevations (as found on an elevation profile, floodway data table, established high water marks, etc.) shall prevail.

(1) Substantial Damage Determinations. Damages to structures may result from a variety of causes including flood, tornado, wind, heavy snow, fire, etc. After such a damage event, the Floodplain Administrator shall:

- (1) Determine whether damaged structures are located in special flood hazard areas;
- (2) Conduct substantial damage determinations for damaged structures located in special flood hazard areas; and
- (3) Make reasonable attempt to notify owners of substantially damaged structures of the need to obtain a floodplain development permit prior to repair, rehabilitation, or reconstruction.

Additionally, the Floodplain Administrator may implement other measures to assist with the substantial damage determination and subsequent repair process. These measures include issuing press releases, public service announcements, and other public information materials related to the floodplain development permits and repair of damaged structures; coordinating with other federal, state, and local agencies to assist with substantial damage determinations; providing owners of damaged structures materials and other information related to the proper repair of damaged structures in special flood hazard areas; and assist owners of substantially damaged structures with Increased Cost of Compliance insurance claims. (Ord. 10-2010. Passed 6-14-10.)

#### 1329.04 USE AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION.

The following use and development standards apply to development wholly within, partially within, or in contact with any special flood hazard area as established in Section 1329.01(f) or 1329.03(k)(1):

(a) Use Regulations.

- (1) Permitted uses. All uses not otherwise prohibited in this section or any other applicable land use regulation adopted by City are allowed provided they meet the provisions of these regulations.
- (2) Prohibited uses.
  - A. Private water supply systems in all special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA, permitted under Chapter 3701 of the Ohio Revised Code.
  - B. Infectious waste treatment facilities in all special flood hazard areas, permitted under Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(b) Water and Wastewater Systems. The following standards apply to all water supply, sanitary sewerage and waste disposal systems not otherwise regulated by the Ohio Revised Code:

- (1) All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems;
- (2) New and replacement sanitary sewerage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharge from the systems into flood waters; and,
- (3) On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to or contamination from them during flooding.

- (c) Subdivisions and Large Developments.
- (1) All subdivision proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage and are subject to all applicable standards in these regulations;
  - (2) All subdivision proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage;
  - (3) All subdivision proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood damage; and
  - (4) In all areas of special flood hazard where base flood elevation data are not available, the applicant shall provide a hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analysis that generates base flood elevations for all subdivision proposals and other proposed developments containing at least fifty lots or five acres, whichever is less.
  - (5) The applicant shall meet the requirement to submit technical data to FEMA in Section 1329.03(j)(1)A.4. when a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis is completed that generates base flood elevations as required by Section 1329.04(c)(4).
- (d) Residential Structures.
- (1) New construction and substantial improvements shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy. Where a structure, including its foundation members, is elevated on fill to or above the base flood elevation, the requirements for anchoring (1329.04(d)(1)) and construction materials resistant to flood damage (1329.04(d)(2)) are satisfied.
  - (2) New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with methods and materials resistant to flood damage.
  - (3) New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or elevated so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.
  - (4) New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure, including manufactured homes, shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above the flood protection elevation. Where flood protection elevation data are not available, the structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least two feet above the highest adjacent natural grade.
  - (5) New construction and substantial improvements, including manufactured homes, that do not have basements and that are elevated to the flood protection elevation using pilings, columns, posts, or solid foundation perimeter walls with openings sufficient to allow unimpeded movement of flood waters may have an enclosure below the lowest floor provided the enclosure meets the following standards:
    - A. Be used only for the parking of vehicles, building access, or storage; and

- B. Be designed and certified by a registered professional engineer or architect to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters;  
or
  - C. Have a minimum of two openings on different walls having a total net area not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area, and the bottom of all such openings being no higher than one foot above grade. The openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.
- (6) Manufactured homes shall be affixed to a permanent foundation and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over the top or frame ties to ground anchors.
  - (7) Repair or rehabilitation of historic structures upon a determination that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure, shall be exempt from the development standards of Section 1329.04(d).
  - (8) In AO Zones, new construction and substantial improvement shall have adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes to guide floodwaters around and away from the structure.
- (e) Nonresidential Structures.
- (1) New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial or other nonresidential structure shall meet the requirements of Section 1329.04(d)(1) - (3) and (5) - (8).
  - (2) New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial or other non-residential structure shall either have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above the level of the flood protection elevation; or, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall meet all of the following standards:
    - A. Be dry floodproofed so that the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water to the level of the flood protection elevation;
    - B. Have structural components capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy; and,
    - C. Be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect, through the use of a Federal Emergency Management Agency Floodproofing Certificate, that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with Section 1329.04(e)(2)A. and B.
  - (3) Where flood protection elevation data are not available, the structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least two feet above the highest adjacent natural grade.

(f) Accessory Structures. Relief to the elevation or dry floodproofing standards may be granted for accessory structures containing no more than 600 square feet. Such structures must meet the following standards:

- (1) They shall not be used for human habitation;
- (2) They shall be constructed of flood resistant materials;
- (3) They shall be constructed and placed on the lot to offer the minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters;
- (4) They shall be firmly anchored to prevent flotation;
- (5) Service facilities such as electrical and heating equipment shall be elevated or floodproofed to or above the level of the flood protection elevation; and
- (6) They shall meet the opening requirements of Section 1329.04(d)(5)C.

(g) Recreational Vehicles. Recreational vehicles must meet at least one of the following standards:

- (1) They shall not be located on sites in special flood hazard areas for more than 180 days, or
- (2) They must be fully licensed and ready for highway use, or
- (3) They must meet all standards of Section 1329.04(d).

(h) Above Ground Gas or Liquid Storage Tanks. All above ground gas or liquid storage tanks shall be anchored to prevent flotation or lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads.

(i) Assurance of Flood Carrying Capacity. Pursuant to the purpose and methods of reducing flood damage stated in these regulations, the following additional standards are adopted to assure that the reduction of the flood carrying capacity of watercourses is minimized:

- (1) Development in floodways.
  - A. In floodway areas, development shall cause no increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge. Prior to issuance of a floodplain development permit, the applicant must submit a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, conducted by a registered professional engineer, demonstrating that the proposed development would not result in any increase in the base flood elevation; or
  - B. Development in floodway areas causing increases in the base flood elevation may be permitted provided all of the following are completed by the applicant:
    1. Meet the requirements to submit technical data in Section 1329.03(j)(1);
    2. An evaluation of alternatives, which would not result in increased base flood elevations and an explanation why these alternatives are not feasible;
    3. Certification that no structures are located in areas that would be impacted by the increased base flood elevation;
    4. Documentation of individual legal notices to all impacted property owners within and outside the community, explaining the impact of the proposed action on their property; and

5. Concurrence of the Mayor of City of New Philadelphia and the Chief Executive Officer of any other communities impacted by the proposed actions.
- (2) Development in riverine areas with base flood elevations but no floodways.
- A. In riverine special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA where base flood elevation data are provided but no floodways have been designated, the cumulative effect of any proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, shall not increase the base flood elevation more than one foot at any point. Prior to issuance of a floodplain development permit, the applicant must submit a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, conducted by a registered professional engineer, demonstrating that this standard has been met; or,
  - B. Development in riverine special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA where base flood elevation data are provided but no floodways have been designated causing more than one foot increase in the base flood elevation may be permitted provided all of the following are completed by the applicant:
    1. An evaluation of alternatives which would result in an increase of one foot or less of the base flood elevation and an explanation why these alternatives are not feasible;
    2. Section 1329.04(i)(1)B., items 1. and 3. - 5.
- (3) Alterations of a watercourse. For the purpose of these regulations, a watercourse is altered when any change occurs within its banks. The extent of the banks shall be established by a field determination of the "bankfull stage." The field determination of "bankfull stage" shall be based on methods presented in Chapter 7 of the USDA Forest Service General Technical Report RM-245, Stream Channel Reference Sites: An Illustrated Guide to Field Technique or other applicable publication available from a Federal, State, or other authoritative source. For all proposed developments that alter a watercourse, the following standards apply:
- A. The bankfull flood carrying capacity of the altered or relocated portion of the watercourse shall not be diminished. Prior to the issuance of a floodplain development permit, the applicant must submit a description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of the proposed development, and certification by a registered professional engineer that the bankfull flood carrying capacity of the watercourse will not be diminished.
  - B. Adjacent communities, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, must be notified prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse. Evidence of such notification must be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

- C. The applicant shall be responsible for providing the necessary maintenance for the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse so that the flood carrying capacity will not be diminished. The Floodplain Administrator may require the permit holder to enter into an agreement with City of New Philadelphia specifying the maintenance responsibilities. If an agreement is required, it shall be made a condition of the floodplain development permit.
- D. The applicant shall meet the requirements to submit technical data in Section 1329.03(j)(1)A.3. when an alteration of a watercourse results in the relocation or elimination of the special flood hazard area, including the placement of culverts.  
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#### 1329.05 APPEALS AND VARIANCES.

(a) Appeals Board Established.

- (1) The New Philadelphia Board of Zoning Appeals is hereby appointed to serve as the Appeals Board for these regulations as established by City Code.
- (2) Records of the Appeals Board shall be kept and filed in City Hall at 150 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio.

(b) Powers and Duties.

- (1) The Appeals Board shall hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Floodplain Administrator in the administration or enforcement of these regulations.
- (2) Authorize variances in accordance with Section 1329.05(d).

(c) Appeals. Any person affected by any notice and order, or other official action of the Floodplain Administrator may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Appeals Board provided that such person shall file, within fourteen days of the date of such notice and order, or other official action, a brief statement of the grounds for such hearing or for the mitigation of any item appearing on any order of the Floodplain Administrator's decision. Such appeal shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, and be filed with the Floodplain Administrator. Upon receipt of the appeal, the Floodplain Administrator shall transmit said notice and all pertinent information on which the Floodplain Administrator's decision was made to the Appeals Board.

Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the Appeals Board shall fix a reasonable time for the appeal, give notice in writing to parties in interest, and decide the appeal within a reasonable time after it is submitted.

(d) Variances. Any person believing that the use and development standards of these regulations would result in unnecessary hardship may file an application for a variance. The Appeals Board shall have the power to authorize, in specific cases, such variances from the standards of these regulations, not inconsistent with Federal regulations, as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions of the lot or parcel, a literal enforcement of the provisions of these regulations would result in unnecessary hardship.



- (1) Application for a variance.
  - A. Any owner, or agent thereof, of property for which a variance is sought shall make an application for a variance by filing it with the Floodplain Administrator, who upon receipt of the variance shall transmit it to the Appeals Board.
  - B. Such application at a minimum shall contain the following information: Name, address, and telephone number of the applicant; legal description of the property; parcel map; description of the existing use; description of the proposed use; location of the floodplain; description of the variance sought; and reason for the variance request.
  - C. All applications for a variance shall be accompanied by a variance application fee set in the schedule of fees adopted by the City.
- (2) Public hearing. At such hearing the applicant shall present such statements and evidence as the Appeals Board requires. In considering such variance applications, the Appeals Board shall consider and make findings of fact on all evaluations, all relevant factors, standards specified in other sections of these regulations and the following factors:
  - A. The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands to the injury of others.
  - B. The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage.
  - C. The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner.
  - D. The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community.
  - E. The availability of alternative locations for the proposed use that are not subject to flooding or erosion damage.
  - F. The necessity to the facility of a waterfront location, where applicable.
  - G. The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development.
  - H. The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for that area.
  - I. The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles.
  - J. The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise, and sediment transport of the floodwaters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site.
  - K. The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions, including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems, and streets and bridges.
- (3) Variations shall only be issued upon:
  - A. A showing of good and sufficient cause.
  - B. A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship due to the physical characteristics of the property. Increased cost or inconvenience of meeting the requirements of these regulations does not constitute an exceptional hardship to the applicant.

- C. A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights beyond that which is allowed in these regulations; additional threats to public safety; extraordinary public expense, nuisances, fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws.
- D. A determination that the structure or other development is protected by methods to minimize flood damages.
- E. A determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.

Upon consideration of the above factors and the purposes of these regulations, the Appeals Board may attach such conditions to the granting of variances, as it deems necessary to further the purposes of these regulations.

(4) Other conditions for variances.

- A. Variances shall not be issued within any designated floodway if any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge would result.
- B. Generally, variances may be issued for new construction and substantial improvements to be erected on a lot of one half acre or less in size contiguous to and surrounded by lots with existing structures constructed below the base flood level, providing items in Section 1329.05(d)(2)A. to K. have been fully considered. As the lot size increases beyond one half acre, the technical justification required for issuing the variance increases.
- C. Any applicant to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice that the structure will be permitted to be built with a lowest floor elevation below the base flood elevation and the cost of flood insurance will be commensurate with the increased risk resulting from the reduced lowest floor elevation.

(e) Procedure at Hearings.

- (1) All testimony shall be given under oath.
- (2) A complete record of the proceedings shall be kept, except confidential deliberations of the Board, but including all documents presented and a verbatim record of the testimony of all witnesses.
- (3) The applicant shall proceed first to present evidence and testimony in support of the appeal or variance.
- (4) The administrator may present evidence or testimony in opposition to the appeal or variance.
- (5) All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination by the adverse party or their counsel.
- (6) Evidence that is not admitted may be proffered and shall become part of the record for appeal.
- (7) The Board shall issue subpoenas upon written request for the attendance of witnesses. A reasonable deposit to cover the cost of issuance and service shall be collected in advance.
- (8) The Board shall prepare conclusions of fact supporting its decision. The decision may be announced at the conclusion of the hearing and thereafter issued in writing or the decision may be issued in writing within a reasonable time after the hearing.

(f) Appeal to the Court. Those aggrieved by the decision of the Appeals Board may appeal such decision to the Tuscarawas County Court of Common Pleas, as provided in Chapter 2506 of the Ohio Revised Code.  
(Ord. 10-2010. Passed 6-14-10.)

#### 1329.06 ENFORCEMENT.

(a) Compliance Required.

- (1) No structure or land shall hereafter be located, erected, constructed, reconstructed, repaired, extended, converted, enlarged or altered without full compliance with the terms of these regulations and all other applicable regulations which apply to uses within the jurisdiction of these regulations, unless specifically exempted from filing for a development permit as stated in Section 1329.03(i).
- (2) Failure to obtain a floodplain development permit shall be a violation of these regulations and shall be punishable in accordance with Section 1329.06(c).
- (3) Floodplain development permits issued on the basis of plans and applications approved by the Floodplain Administrator authorize only the use, and arrangement, set forth in such approved plans and applications or amendments thereto. Use, arrangement, or construction contrary to that authorized shall be deemed a violation of these regulations and punishable in accordance with Section 1329.06(c).

(b) Notice of Violation. Whenever the Floodplain Administrator determines that there has been a violation of any provision of these regulations, he shall give notice of such violation to the person responsible therefore and order compliance with these regulations as hereinafter provided. Such notice and order shall:

- (1) Be put in writing on an appropriate form;
- (2) Include a list of violations, referring to the section or sections of these regulations that have been violated, and order remedial action, which, if taken, will effect compliance with the provisions of these regulations;
- (3) Specify a reasonable time for performance;
- (4) Advise the owner, operator, or occupant of the right to appeal;
- (5) Be served on the owner, occupant, or agent in person. However, this notice and order shall be deemed to be properly served upon the owner, occupant, or agent if a copy thereof is sent by registered or certified mail to the person's last known mailing address, residence, or place of business, and/or a copy is posted in a conspicuous place in or on the dwelling affected.

(c) Violations and Penalties. Violation of the provisions of these regulations or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall be deemed to be a strict liability offense, and shall constitute a fourth degree misdemeanor. Any person who violates these regulations or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall upon conviction thereof be fined or imprisoned as provided by the laws of the City. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation. The City shall prosecute any violation of these regulations in accordance with the penalties stated herein.  
(Ord. 10-2010. Passed 6-14-10.)

CHAPTER 1333  
Downtown Design Standards

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1333.01 PURPOSES.

(a) The Downtown New Philadelphia Design Review Board hereinafter created shall serve to protect and preserve the value and appearance of property on which buildings are constructed or altered, to maintain a high character of community development, to protect the public health, safety, convenience and welfare and to protect real estate within the geographic area identified as "Downtown New Philadelphia" (established by Resolution #14-86 establishing a community reinvestment area) from impairment or destruction of value. Such purposes shall be accomplished by the Board by recommending, according to accepted and recognized architectural principles, the design, use of materials, color scheme, finished grade lines, dimensions, orientation and location of all main and accessory buildings to be created, moved, altered, remodeled or repaired, subject to the provisions of the Zoning and Building Codes and other applicable ordinances of the Municipality and State. In reviewing and making recommendations on proposed building plans and alterations, the Board shall consider and take cognizance of the development of adjacent, contiguous and neighboring buildings and properties for the purpose of achieving safe, harmonious and integrated development of related properties.

- (1) The purpose of such recommendation shall be to help increase property values and commerce in general.
- (2) The Board shall act in an advisory capacity to any officer, board or commission of the Municipality.
- (3) In order to review and make recommendations on any proposed exterior alterations to real estate within "Downtown New Philadelphia", the Board may require drawings, plans, specifications or studies to be submitted according to the provisions of this chapter for its evaluation.

(b) Council hereby finds and determines that the establishment of guidelines for the construction, erection, alteration, removal, moving or demolition of buildings and structures in "Downtown New Philadelphia" is vital to the preservation of the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of "Downtown New Philadelphia" and of the residents of the Municipality. Council further finds that the following purposes will be served by the establishment of such guidelines by this chapter:

- (1) Promotion of the preservation of buildings, structures and sites which reflect the cultural, social, economic, political or architectural heritage of "Downtown New Philadelphia" for the education and general welfare of the residents of the Municipality;
- (2) Protection and enhancement of the attractiveness of "Downtown New Philadelphia" as it relates to residents, tourists and visitors, serving as a support and stimulant to business and thereby strengthening the economy of the Municipality and its residents;
- (3) Stabilization and increase of property values within "Downtown New Philadelphia";
- (4) Compatibility of any and all construction of new improvements and buildings and modifications of existing structures with the architectural character of "Downtown New Philadelphia";
- (5) Enhancement of the visual and aesthetic character, diversity and interests of "Downtown New Philadelphia";
- (6) Preservation and further enhancement of civic pride of the residents of the Municipality in the beauty of "Downtown New Philadelphia"; and
- (7) Protection of the property rights of owners whose property lies within areas of "Downtown New Philadelphia".

(Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

#### 1333.02 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- (a) "Alteration" means change to the external architectural features of any structure or building, visible from a public way or from adjoining property.
- (b) "Applicant" means any person, association, partnership, or corporation or other similar entity who intends to undertake any external construction, painting, erection, alteration or removal, moving or demolition of real estate within "Downtown New Philadelphia".
- (c) "Board" means the City of New Philadelphia Downtown Design Review Board established under the provisions of this chapter.
- (d) "Certificate of Appropriateness" means the official document issued by the Downtown New Philadelphia Design Review Board regarding proposed construction and exterior alteration, exterior painting and the removal, relocation or demolition of any structure or building in "Downtown New Philadelphia".
- (e) "Council" means the Council of the City of New Philadelphia.
- (f) "Exterior architectural feature" means the architectural style and general arrangement of the exterior of a structure, including the type and texture of building materials, the color scheme, all windows, doors, lights and signs and other fixtures appurtenant thereto.
- (g) "Historic and/or architectural significance" means that which has a special historic or aesthetic interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural character of the Municipality, region, State or Nation.
- (h) "Municipality" means the City of New Philadelphia as now or hereafter constituted.

- (i) "Owner" means the owner of record, and the term includes the plural as well as the singular.
- (j) "Change" means any alteration, demolition, removal or construction involving any property subject to the provisions of this chapter including signs, landscaping and tree removal. "Change" shall include any new construction. "Change" shall not relate to ordinary maintenance or repair of any property, provided such work involves no change in material, design, texture, color or outer appearance. (Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

#### 1333.03 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD.

There is hereby established a Design Review Board, hereinafter and hereinbefore referred to as the Board, with the powers and duties as hereinafter set forth. (Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

#### 1333.04 BOARD MEMBERSHIP.

(a) The Board shall consist of five members appointed by the Mayor with the approval of Council. Members shall be residents or business property owners of the Municipality, unless otherwise specified below. At least one member shall be the owner of property in "Downtown New Philadelphia", one a downtown business person who shall act as a representative of the New Philadelphia Business and Professional organization and/or Downtown Improvement Corporation, two at-large members drawn from the general citizenry of the Municipality, and one member shall act as the Board's professional design "Consultant". The "Consultant" Board member need not be a resident of New Philadelphia or a registered architect, but must have design experience. Such members shall hold no other Municipal public office. Members shall be appointed for three-year terms to serve without compensation. Members may succeed themselves. The Service Director shall be Secretary to the Board.

(b) In the initial appointment of Board members, one shall be appointed for a one-year term, two for a two-year term, and two for a three-year term. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for three-year terms. (Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

#### 1333.05 MEETINGS AND RULES.

(a) The Downtown New Philadelphia Design Review Board shall meet within the first fifteen days of January of each year and shall elect one of its members as Chairman, and a second member as Vice Chairman. The Board shall meet bi-monthly and more frequently at the call of the Chairman. A scheduled meeting may be canceled, by action of the Chairman, if it can be determined that there are no applications or issues for the Board to address.

(b) The elected Chairman, who shall serve until a successor is elected, shall be responsible for the proper administration of the Board's work. In the absence of the Chairman, that responsibility shall fall to the Vice Chairman. The Service Director shall keep, or cause to be kept, in the Municipal Offices, a complete and accurate record of all meetings and proceedings of the Board.

(c) All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and three members thereof shall constitute a quorum. A vote of three members shall be required to take any action. In order to better carry out the provisions of this chapter, the Board by formal motion may adopt rules for the conduct of its business.  
(Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

#### 1333.06 ACTIONS REQUIRING BOARD REVIEW.

(a) All proposed actions within "Downtown New Philadelphia" that fall under the purview of the Board as defined below must be reviewed by the Board prior to their enactment. Such action includes the construction, erection, alteration, removal, moving or demolition of buildings and structures in "Downtown New Philadelphia".

(b) The Design Board shall file with the City a certificate of its approval, modification or rejection of all applications and plans submitted to it for review. Work shall not be commenced on any such project until such a certificate of approval has been filed. The owner, lessee or tenant of property and premises shall not commence the proposed work or change until and unless he or it has received the building permit. The Board of Review shall respond in writing to an application within thirty days from the date the application was filed.

(c) When the Service Director receives documents submitted for a building permit within "Downtown New Philadelphia", the applicant shall satisfy the Service Director that the Downtown New Philadelphia Design Review Board has reviewed the proposal, if it falls under the purview of the Board as herein defined, and has made its recommendation concerning the proposal's conformance to the guidelines as contained herein. Such official recommendation shall be in the written form of the "Certificate of Appropriateness". The Service Director shall reject any application which involves public funding that does not comply with the recommendation of the Board. Recommendation shall not be binding upon those applications which do not include funding through the RLF.  
(Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

#### 1333.07 GUIDELINES.

The Board shall follow the guidelines established by Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation (as outlined below) in reviewing plans for changes or alterations to historic structures and for sites in the project area. The Board shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little value or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding structures of the surrounding area.

- (a) Every reasonable effort shall be made to provide a compatible use for a property which requires minimal alteration of the building, structure or site and its environment, or to use a property for its originally intended purpose.
- (b) The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible.
- (c) All buildings, structures and sites shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations that have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance shall be discouraged.

- (d) Changes which may have taken place in the course of time are evidence of the history and development of a building, structure or site and its environment. These changes may have acquired significance in their own right, and this significance shall be recognized and respected.
- (e) Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure or site shall be treated with sensitivity.
- (f) Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced, wherever possible. (In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities.) Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historic, physical or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.
- (g) The surface cleaning of structures shall be undertaken with the gentlest means possible. Sandblasting and other cleaning methods that damage the historic building materials shall not be undertaken.
- (h) Every reasonable effort shall be made to protect and preserve archeological resources affected by, or adjacent to any project.
- (i) Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material, and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material and character of the property, neighborhood or environment.
- (j) Whenever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure would be unimpaired. (Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

#### 1333.08 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS.

(a) The Downtown New Philadelphia Design Review Board shall issue a written recommendation in the form of a "Certificate of Appropriateness" for all projects it reviews. Issuance of such a recommendation shall be by affirmative vote of three members of the Board present and voting. The certificate will be issued and filed with the Service Director by the Board.

(b) In making its recommendation and issuing a "Certificate of Appropriateness", the Board shall consider whether the proposed change will affect adversely or destroy any significant historic or architectural feature of the structure, whether it is inappropriate or inconsistent with the spirit and purpose of this chapter and whether it will affect adversely or destroy the general historic and architectural significance of the district. With respect to proposed demolition, the Board shall determine whether or not preservation or rehabilitation is economically feasible, or shall make its recommendation in consideration of practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship that would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or building involved. The Board's recommendation may advise the applicant of any changes necessary, in its opinion, to comply with the Guidelines.



(c) When the Board has issued its "Certificate of Appropriateness", the applicant may proceed to implement its action as presented to the Board, or subsequently modified during Board review. Such action must be in conformance with the Board's recommendation, or the applicant will be in violation of City law and subject to penalty as set forth below. Such decision shall not be binding except upon those applicants seeking or using public funding. (Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

#### 1333.09 APPEAL PROCESS.

Any person or persons, firm or corporation aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Review has a right to appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals within thirty days of the decision date. (Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

#### 1333.10 EXCEPTIONS.

(a) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to one-family residential dwellings located within "Downtown New Philadelphia" as defined in Resolution #14-86. In the event of removal or demolition of such dwellings, however, plans for any new building or structure erected shall be reviewed by the Downtown New Philadelphia Design Review Board to make recommendations concerning appropriateness and compatibility of that new construction with the character of the district.

(b) Ordinary maintenance will not be affected; nor will completion of work under prior permit. Nothing in this section shall be taken or construed to prevent work or repairs on any structure coming under the heading of ordinary maintenance. Nothing in this section affects the right to complete any work authorization issued prior to the creating of the Board. (Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

#### 1333.11 APPLICATION FOR REPAIR, ALTERATION, ETC., OF STRUCTURE OF UNUSUAL IMPORTANCE.

(a) If an application is submitted for repairs or alterations affecting the exterior appearance of a structure or for the moving or demolition of a structure, the preservation of which the Commission deems of unusual importance to the City of New Philadelphia, the County, the State, or the Nation, the Board shall attempt with the owner of the structure to formulate an economically feasible plan for the preservation of the structure.

(b) In the case of a structure deemed to be valuable for the period of architecture it represents and important to the neighborhood within which it exists, the Commission may approve the proposed repair or alteration despite the fact the changes come within the above provisions if:

- (1) The structure is deterrent to a major improvement program which will be of substantial benefit to the City of New Philadelphia;
  - (2) Retention of the structure would cause undue financial hardship to the owner;
  - (3) The retention of the structure would not be to the best interest of a majority of persons in the community.
- (Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

#### 1333.99 PENALTY; EQUITABLE REMEDY.

Whoever violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation or noncompliance occurs or continues. Notwithstanding the foregoing penalty provision, the Director of Public Service shall have the authority to institute appropriate proceedings to prevent the continued violation of this chapter. (Ord. 36-89. Passed 7-24-89.)

CHAPTER 1335  
Housing Code

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Ohio Basic Building Code - see BLDG. Ch. 1307

Extermination responsibility - see BLDG. 1337.01

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**1335.01 TITLE.**

The provisions embraced within this chapter shall constitute and be known as and may be cited as “The Housing Code”, hereinafter referred to as “this Code”.  
(Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.02 CODE REMEDIAL.**

This Code is declared to be remedial, and shall be construed to secure the beneficial interests and purposes thereof, which are public safety, health and general welfare, thorough structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards incident to the construction, alteration, repair, removal, demolition, use and occupancy of dwellings, apartment houses and rooming houses, or buildings, structures or premises used as such. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.03 SCOPE.**

(a) The provisions of this Code shall apply to the construction, alteration, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures.

(b) No provision of this Code shall be held to deprive any Federal or State agency, or municipal authority having jurisdiction, of any power or authority which it had on the effective date of this Code or of any remedy then existing for the enforcement of its orders, nor shall it deprive any individual or corporation of its legal rights as provided by law.  
(Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.04 EXISTING BUILDINGS.**

The provisions of this Code shall apply to any dwelling, apartment, apartment houses, rooming houses or buildings, irrespective of when such building was constructed, altered or repaired. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.05 MAINTENANCE.**

All buildings or structures, both existing and new, and all parts thereof, shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. All devices or safeguards which are required by this Code in a building when erected, altered or repaired, shall be maintained in good working order. The owner, or his designated agent, shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings, structures and premises to the extent set out in this Code. The tenant shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings, structures and premises to the extent set out in the applicable sections of this Code. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.06 DEFINITIONS GENERALLY.**

For the purpose of this Code, certain abbreviations, terms, phrases, words and their derivatives shall be construed as set forth in this chapter. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

## 1335.07 DEFINITIONS.

(a) Words used in the present tense include the future. Words in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter. Words in the feminine and neuter genders include the masculine. The singular number includes the plural, and the plural number includes the singular.

- (1) Alter or Alterations means any charge or modification in construction or occupancy.
- (2) Apartment means a room or a suite of rooms occupied, or which is intended or designed to be occupied, as the home or residence of one individual, family or household, for housekeeping purposes.
- (3) Apartment House means any building, or portion thereof, which is designed, built, rented, leased, let or hired out to be occupied, or which is occupied as the home or residence of more than two families living independently of each other and doing their own cooking in such building, and shall include flats and apartments.
- (4) Approved means approved by the Building Official.
- (5) Area as applied to the dimensions of a building, means the maximum horizontal projected area of the building.
- (6) Area, Floor (See Floor Area).
- (7) Attic Story means any story situated wholly or partly in the roof, so designated, arranged or built as to be used for business, storage or habitation.
- (8) Basement means that portion of a building between floor and ceiling whose ceiling is above grade.
- (9) Building means any structure built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or property of any kind. The term "building" shall be construed as if followed by the words "or part thereof".
- (10) Existing Building means a building erected prior to the adoption of this Code, or one for which a legal building permit has been issued.
- (11) Code Administrator means the officer, or other person, charged with the administrations and enforcement of this Code or his duly authorized representative, and includes Housing Inspector.
- (12) Cellar means that portion of a building, ceiling of which is entirely below grade. (See also Story.)
- (13) City means the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.
- (14) Dwelling, when used in this Code without other qualifications, means a structure occupied exclusively for residential purposes by not more than two families.
- (15) Dwelling Unit means any room or group of rooms located within a dwelling and/or apartment house and forming a single habitable unit with facilities which are used or intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking and eating.
- (16) Existing Building (See Building; Existing Building).
- (17) Exit Corridor means any corridor or passageway used as an integral part of the exit system. That portion of a corridor or passageway which exceeds that allowable distance of travel to an exit becomes an exit corridor or passageway.

- (18) Exit Passageway means an enclosed hallway or corridor connecting a required exit to a street.
- (19) Extermination means the control and elimination of insects, rodents or other pests by eliminating their harborage places; by removing or making inaccessible materials that may serve as their food; by poisoning, spraying, fumigating or trapping, or by any other recognized and legal pest elimination methods approved by the Building Official.
- (20) Family means one or more persons living together, whether related to each other or not, and having common housekeeping facilities.
- (21) Floor Area means the area included within surrounding walls of a building, excluding of vent shafts and courts.
- (22) Garbage means the animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.
- (23) Grade, with reference to a building, means, when the curb level has been established, the mean elevation of the curb level opposite those walls that are located on or parallel with and within fifteen feet of street lines, or when the curb level has not been established, or all the walls of the building are more than fifteen feet from the street lines, "grade" means the average of the finished ground level at the center of all walls of a building.
- (24) Habitable Room means a room occupied by one or more persons for living, eating or sleeping purposes. It does not include toilets, laundries, serving and storage pantries, corridors, cellars and spaces that are not used frequently or during extended periods.
- (25) Heating. The definitions following under this paragraph shall apply to heating installations:
- A. Central Heating Boilers and Furnaces. Heating furnaces and boilers shall include warm air furnaces, floor mounted direct-fired unit heaters, hot water, boilers, and steam boilers operating at not in excess of fifteen pounds of gauge pressure, used for heating of buildings or structures.
  - B. Chimney. Chimney means a vertical shaft of masonry, reinforced concrete or other approved noncombustible, heat resisting material enclosing one or more flues, for the purpose of removing products of combustion from solid, liquid or gas fuel.
  - C. Flue. Flue means a vertical passageway for products of combustion.
  - D. Vent Pipe. Vent pipe means, as applied to heating, a pipe for removing products of combustions from gas appliances.
  - E. Water Heater. Water heater means a device for the heating and storage of water to be used for other than heating or industrial purposes.
- (26) Infestation means the presence, within or around a dwelling, of any insects, rodents or other pests.
- (27) Inner Court means an open, unoccupied space bounded by the walls of a building, but located within the exterior walls of the building.
- (28) Multiple Dwelling has the same meaning as Apartment House.

- (29) Occupant means any person, over one year of age, living, sleeping, cooking or eating in, or having actual possession of, a dwelling unit or rooming unit.
- (30) Operator means any person who has charge, care or control of a building, or part thereof, in which dwelling units or rooming units are left.
- (31) Ordinary Minimum Winter Conditions means the temperature twenty degrees Fahrenheit above the lowest recorded temperature for the previous fifteen-year period.
- (32) Owner includes his duly authorized agent or attorney, a purchaser, devisee, fiduciary and a person having a vested or contingent ownership interest in the property in question.
- (33) Person means a natural person, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, and also includes a firm, partnership or corporation, its or their successors or assigns, or the agent of any of the aforesaid.
- (34) Plumbing means the practice, materials and fixtures used in the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of all piping, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in connection with any of the following: sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities, the venting system and the public or private water supply system, within or adjacent to any building, structure or conveyance; also the practice and material used in the installation, maintenance, extension or alteration of storm water, liquid waste or sewage, and water supply systems of any premise to their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable terminal.
- (35) Public Place, as used in this Code, means an unoccupied open space adjoining a building and on the same property, that is permanently maintained accessible to the Fire Department and free of all encumbrances that might interfere with its use by the Fire Department.
- (36) Repair means the replacement of existing work with the same kind of material used in the existing work, not including additional work that would change the structural safety of the building, or that would affect or change required exit facilities, a vital element of an elevator, plumbing, gas piping, wiring or heating installation, or that would be in violation of a provision of law or ordinance. The term “repair” or “repairs” shall not apply to any change of construction.
- (37) Required means required by some provision of this Code.
- (38) Residential Occupancy means buildings in which families or households live or in which sleeping accommodations are provided, and all dormitories. Such buildings include, among others, the following: dwellings, multiple dwellings and lodging houses.
- (39) Rooming Unit means any room or group of rooms forming a single habitable unit used or intended to be used for living and sleeping, but not for cooking or eating purposes.
- (40) Rooming House means any dwelling, or that part of any dwelling containing one or more rooming units in which space is let by the owner or operator to three or more persons who are not husband and wife, son or daughter, mother or father, or sister or brother of the owner or operator.

- (41) Rubbish means combustible and noncombustible waste materials, except garbage; the term shall include the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible material, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches, yard trimmings, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass crockery and dust.
- (42) Supplied means paid for, furnished or provided by or under the control of the owner or operator.
- (43) Meaning of Certain Words. Whenever the words “apartment,” “apartment house,” “dwelling unit”, “rooming house”, “rooming unit” or “premises” are used in this Code, they shall be construed as though they were followed by the words “or any part thereof.”
- (44) Stairway means one or more flights of stairs and the necessary landings and platforms connecting them, to form a continuous and uninterrupted passage from one story to another in a building or structure.
- (45) Story means that portion of a building including between the upper surface and any floor and the upper surface of the floor next above, except that the topmost story shall be that portion of a building included between the upper surface of the topmost floor and the ceiling or roof above.
- (46) Structure means that which is built or constructed, an edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner. The term “structure” shall be construed as if followed by the words “or part thereof.”
- (47) Valuation or Value, as applied to a building, means the estimated cost to replace the building in kind.
- (48) Walls.
- A. Bearing Wall means a wall which supports any vertical load in addition to its own weight.
  - B. Cavity Wall means a wall built of masonry units or of plain concrete, or a combination of these materials, so arranged as to provide an air space within the wall, and in which the inner and outer parts of the wall are tied together with metal ties.
  - C. Curtain Wall means a nonbearing wall between columns or piers and which is not supported by girders or beams, but is supported on the ground.
  - D. Faced Wall means a wall in which the masonry facing and backing are so bonded as to exert common action under load.
  - E. Exterior Wall means a wall, bearing or nonbearing, which is used as an enclosing wall for a building, but which is not necessarily suitable for use as a party wall or fire wall.
  - F. Fire Wall means a wall of incombustible construction which subdivides a building or separates buildings to restrict the spread of fire and which starts at the foundation and extends continuously through all stories to and above the roof, except where the roof is of fireproof or fire-resistive construction and the wall is carried up tightly against the underside of the roof slab.

- G. Foundation Wall means a wall below the first floor extending below the adjacent ground level and serving as support for a wall, pier, column or other structural part of a building.
  - H. Hollow Wall of Masonry means a wall built of masonry units so arranged as to provide an air space within the wall, and in which the inner and outer parts of the wall are bonded together with masonry unities or steel.
  - I. Nonbearing Wall means a wall which supports no load other than its own weight.
  - J. Panel Wall means a nonbearing wall in skeleton or framed construction, built between columns or piers and wholly supported at each story.
  - K. Parapet Wall means that part of any wall entirely above roof line.
  - L. Party Wall means a wall used or adapted for joint Service between two buildings.
  - M. Retaining Wall means any wall used to resist the lateral displacement of any material.
- (49) Writing includes printing and typewriting.  
(Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

#### 1335.08 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

The provisions of this housing code shall be enforced by all employees of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and the Mayor shall designate those employees within the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to act as building official, building inspector or enforcement officer. The individual or individuals so designated by the Mayor shall have the power and authority of the Code Administrator, building official or enforcement official as used within this Chapter and such name-labels shall be interchangeable for any individual exercising authority granted by the Mayor as the enforcement officer for this chapter.  
(Ord. 15-2004. Passed 5-10-04; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

#### 1335.09 RECORDS.

The Code Administrator of the City, shall keep or cause to be kept, a record of the business of the Housing Code. The records of the Department shall be open to public inspection. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

#### 1335.10 RIGHT OF ENTRY.

The Code Administrator shall enforce the provisions of this Housing Code, and he, or his designee, may enter any building covered by this Housing Code, when such entry is to investigate a citizen's written or verbal complaint on unsafe buildings or to inspect an abandoned building. Inspections may be made of any buildings or structures in the City.  
(Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

#### 1335.11 UNSAFE BUILDINGS.

All dwellings, apartment houses or rooming houses, or buildings or structures used or intended to be used as such, whether occupied or unoccupied, which are unsafe, unsanitary, unfit for human habitation, or not provided with adequate egress, or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life, or which in relation to existing use, constitute a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment, are severally in contemplation of this section, unsafe buildings. All such unsafe buildings are declared illegal and shall be abated by repair and rehabilitation or by demolition in accordance with the following procedure:



- (a) Whenever the Code Administrator shall find any building or structure or portion thereof to be unsafe, unsanitary or unfit for human habitation, he shall give written notice to the owner or his agent or the person and/or persons in possession of such building. The notice shall be served personally or by leaving a true copy thereof at the last known address of the owner or his agent or the person and/or persons in possession, or by sending a true copy by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner or agent at the address to which real estate tax bills are sent, and by posting a true copy of such notice on the building. In the event of failure of service by any of the above methods, service by publication on the owner may be made by insertion of such notice once weekly for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. This notice shall require the owner within not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days to complete specified repairs or improvements or to demolish and remove the building or structure or portion thereof. A lesser time limit may be ordered by the Code Administrator if there are emergency repairs that are necessary for safety reasons. Any notice given under this section shall contain notice of right to hearing as outlined in subsection (d) herein.
- (b) Whenever the Code Administrator determines that a building or structure covered by this Housing Code is unsafe or unsanitary and by reason thereof unfit for human habitation, he shall cause to be posted at each entrance of such building or structure a notice: "THIS BUILDING IS UNSAFE AND ITS USE OR OCCUPANCY IS PROHIBITED". Such notice shall be in red and carry the signature of the Code Administrator or his representative. Such notice shall remain posted until the required repairs are made and satisfactory inspection by the Code Administrator is made, or demolition is completed.
- (c) No person, or his agent, shall remove such notice without written permission of the Code Administrator or use or occupy such building, except for the purpose of making the required repairs or demolishing the same, from and after the date of posting such notice. When the sign provided in this section is posted, the tenant shall be required to vacate the premises within a thirty day period.
- (d) If the owner, lessee, agent, operator or occupant or persons receiving a notice as set out in subsection (a) of his section, that a building or portion thereof is unsafe, unsanitary or unfit for human habitation, is aggrieved by such order and desires a hearing, he may complain or appeal in writing to the Housing Appeals Board as established in Section 1335.62 within ten days from the service of the order. The Housing Appeals Board shall at once investigate such complaint and fix a place and a time, not less than ten days and not more than twenty days, for hearing such complaint. The Housing Appeals Board, upon the presentation of the facts by testimony of the parties, who may be represented by counsel and have a record of the proceedings taken by a reporter, may affirm, modify, revoke or vacate such order given in the notice as set out in subsection (a) of this section. During such determination by the Housing Appeals Board the order given in the notice as provided in this section shall be stayed by the Housing Appeals Board. The decision of the Housing Appeals Board may be appealed to the Court of Common Pleas, to correct any errors of law. Such appeal shall be perfected by filing a petition in the Court of Common Pleas within thirty days of service of the findings of the Board in the same manner as service provided in subsection (a) of this section.

- (e) In case the owner, agent or person in control shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with a notice to repair, rehabilitate or demolish and remove such building or structure or portion thereof within the stated time of the order contained in the notice in subsection (a) herein from which no appeal has been taken, or with the order as finally affirmed or modified by the Housing Appeals Board or by the Court in the event of a further appeal, within the time fixed in such order or order of affirmance or modification thereof, the Code Administrator, after having ascertained the costs, shall cause such building or structure or portion thereof to be demolished, secured, repaired or required to remain vacant.
- (f) Costs incurred under subsection (e) hereof shall be charged to the owner of the premises involved and shall be collected in the manner provided by law. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

#### 1335.12 LIABILITY.

Any officer or employee, or member of the Board of Appeals, charged with the enforcement of this Code, acting for the City in the discharge of his duties, shall not thereby render himself liable personally, and he is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his duties. Any suit brought against any officer or employee because of this Code shall be defended by the Law Director until the final determination of the proceedings. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

#### 1335.13 REPORTS.

The Code Administrator shall annually submit a report to the Mayor covering the work of the Department during the preceding year. He shall incorporate in such report a summary of the decisions of the Board of Appeals during such year. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

#### 1335.14 INSPECTIONS.

(a) The Code Administrator shall, upon a citizen's written or verbal complaint or when a building or structure covered by this Housing Code is abandoned, cause an inspection to be made to determine the fitness of the building or structure for human occupancy. The Building Inspector, of his own volition, may cause an inspection to be made of hotels, motels, apartment houses or rooming houses or any other building in the City to determine their fitness for human occupancy.

(b) The Code Administrator may make, or cause to be made by his assistants the inspections called for by these requirements. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

#### 1335.15 PLUMBING REQUIRED.

No person shall occupy as owner-occupant or let to another for occupancy any dwelling or dwelling unit, for the purpose of living therein, which does not comply with the requirements of the following subsections. Every dwelling unit shall contain not less than the following:

- (a) Each dwelling unit shall be connected to a potable water supply to the public sewer or other approved sewage disposal system.
- (b) Each dwelling unit shall contain not less than a kitchen sink, lavatory, tub or shower, and a water closet, all in good working condition and installed in accordance with the Plumbing Code.

- (c) All plumbing fixtures shall meet the standards of the Plumbing Code and shall be in a state of good repair and in good working order.
- (d) All required plumbing fixtures shall be located within the dwelling unit and be accessible to the occupants of the same. The water closet, and tub or shower, shall be located in a room or rooms affording privacy to the user.
- (e) Every dwelling unit shall have connected to the kitchen sink, lavatory and tub or of heating water to not less than 120 degrees Fahrenheit. All water shall be supplied through an approved pipe distribution system connecting to a potable water supply. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

#### 1335.16 WINDOW AREA.

Every habitable room shall have at least one window or skylight facing directly to the outdoors. The minimum total window area, measured between stops, for every habitable room shall be ten percent (10%) of the floor area of such room. Whenever walls or other portions of structures face a window of any such room and such light-obstruction structures are located less than five feet from the window and extend to a level above that of the ceiling of the room, such a window shall not be deemed to face directly to the outdoors and shall not be included as contributing to the required minimum total area. Whenever the only window in a room is a skylight-type window in the top of such room the total window area of such skylight shall equal at least fifteen percent (15%) of the total floor area of such room. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

#### 1335.17 VENTILATION.

Every habitable room shall have at least one window or skylight which can easily be opened, or such other device as will adequately ventilate the room. The total of openable window area in every habitable room shall be equal to at last forty-five percent (45%) of the minimum window area size or minimum skylight size as required, or shall have other approved, equivalent ventilation. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

#### 1335.18 BATHROOMS AND WATER CLOSET ROOMS.

Every bathroom and water closet compartment shall comply with the light and ventilation requirements for habitable rooms, except that no window or skylight shall be required in adequately ventilated bathrooms and water closet rooms equipped with an approved ventilation system. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

#### 1335.19 ELECTRIC SERVICE.

(a) Every dwelling and/or apartment house shall be wired for electric lights and convenience receptacles. Every habitable room shall contain floor or wall-type electric convenience receptacles. There shall be installed in every bathroom, water closet room, laundry room, kitchen and furnace room at least one supplied ceiling or wall-type electric light fixture.

(b) Every public hall and stairway in every multiple dwelling shall be adequately lighted by electric lights at all times when natural daylight is not sufficient. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

#### 1335.20 ELECTRIC INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE.

All fixtures, receptacles, equipment and wiring shall be maintained in a state of good repair, safe, capable of being used, and installed in accordance with the Electrical Code. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.21 HEATING REQUIREMENTS.**

Every dwelling unit shall have provisions for providing heat in accordance with Sections 1335.22 and 1335.23. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.22 CENTRAL AND ELECTRIC HEATING SYSTEMS.**

Every central or electric heating system shall be of sufficient capacity so as to heat each dwelling unit to which it is connected with a minimum temperature of seventy degrees Fahrenheit, measured at a point three feet above the floor during ordinary minimum winter conditions. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.23 OTHER HEATING FACILITIES.**

Where a central or electric heating system is not provided, each dwelling unit shall be provided with sufficient fireplaces, chimneys, flues or gas vents whereby heating appliances may be connected so as to furnish minimum temperature of seventy degrees Fahrenheit measured at a point three feet above the floor during ordinary minimum winter conditions. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.24 HEATING INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE.**

Heating appliances and facilities shall be installed in accordance with the Building Code and shall be maintained in a safe and good working condition. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.25 FLOOR AREA REQUIRED.**

Every dwelling unit shall contain at least 140 square feet of habitable floor area for the first occupant and at least eighty square feet of additional habitable floor area for each additional occupant. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.26 ROOMS OCCUPIED FOR SLEEPING PURPOSES.**

In every dwelling unit and in every rooming unit, every room occupied for sleeping purposes by one occupant shall contain at least seventy square feet of floor area, and every room occupied for sleeping purposes by more than one occupant shall contain at least forty square feet of floor area for each occupant thereof. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.27 FLOOR AREA CALCULATION.**

Floor area shall be calculated on the basis of habitable room area. However, closet area and hall area within the dwelling unit, where provided, may count for not more than ten percent (10%) of the required habitable floor area. At least one-half of the floor area of every habitable room shall have a ceiling height of at least seven feet, and the floor area of any part of any room where the ceiling height is less than four and one-half feet shall not be considered as part of the floor area in computing the total floor area of the room to determine maximum permissible occupancy. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.28 OCCUPANT.**

For the purpose of this section a person under one year of age shall not be counted as an occupant. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.29 CELLAR PROHIBITED AS DWELLING UNIT.**

No cellar shall be used as a dwelling unit. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.30 BASEMENTS AS DWELLING UNITS.**

No basement shall be used for a dwelling unit unless:

- (a) The floor and walls are substantially watertight;
  - (b) The total window area, total openable area and ceiling height are equal to those required for habitable rooms;
  - (c) The required minimum window area of every habitable room is entire above the grade adjoining such window area, not including stairwells or accessways.
- (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.31 EXTERIOR FOUNDATION, WALLS AND ROOFS.**

Every foundation wall, exterior wall and exterior roof shall be substantially weather-tight and rodentproof, shall be kept in sound condition and good repair, and shall be safe to use and capable of supporting the load which normal use may cause to be placed thereon.

(Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.32 INTERIOR FLOOR, WALLS AND CEILINGS.**

Every floor, interior wall and ceiling shall be substantially rodentproof, shall be kept in sound condition and good repair, and shall be safe to use and capable of supporting the load which normal use may cause to be placed thereon. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.33 WINDOWS AND DOORS.**

Every window, exterior door and basement or cellar door and hatchway shall be substantially whethertight, watertight, and rodentproof, and shall be kept in sound working condition and in good repair. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.34 STAIRS, PORCHES AND APPURTENANCES.**

Every inside and outside stair, porch and any appurtenance thereto shall be safe to use and capable of supporting the load that normal use may cause to be placed thereon, and shall be kept in sound condition and in good repair. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.35 SUPPLIED FACILITIES.**

Every supplied facility, piece of equipment or utility, which is required under this Code, shall be so constructed and installed that it will function safely and effectively, and shall be maintained in sound working condition. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.36 DRAINAGE.**

Every yard shall be properly graded so as to obtain thorough drainage and so as to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.37 EGRESS.**

Every dwelling unit shall be provided with means of egress as required by the Building Code. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.38 SCREENS.**

In every dwelling unit, for protection against mosquitoes, flies and other insects, every door opening directly from a dwelling unit to outdoor space shall have supplied and installed screens and a self-closing device, and every window or other device with openings to outdoor space, used or intended to be used for ventilation, shall likewise be supplied with screens installed. All required screening shall be maintained in good condition.

(Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.39 RODENT CONTROL.**

Every basement or cellar window used or intended to be used for ventilation, and every other opening to a basement which might provide an entry for rodents, shall be supplied with screens installed or such other approved device as will effectively prevent their entrance. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.40 INFESTATION.**

(a) Every occupant of a dwelling containing a single dwelling unit shall be responsible for the extermination of any insects, rodents or other pests therein or on the premises. Every occupant of a dwelling unit in a dwelling containing more than one dwelling unit shall be responsible for such extermination whenever his dwelling unit is the only one infested.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, whenever infestation is caused by failure of the owner to maintain a dwelling in a ratproof or reasonably insectproof condition, extermination shall be the responsibility of the owner. Whenever infestation exists in two or more of the dwelling units in any dwelling, or in the shared or public parts of any dwelling containing two or more dwelling units, extermination thereof shall be the responsibility of the owner. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.41 RUBBISH STORAGE, DISPOSAL.**

(a) Every dwelling unit shall be supplied with adequate rubbish storage facilities.

(b) Every occupant of a dwelling or dwelling unit shall dispose of all his rubbish in a clean and sanitary manner by placing it in the rubbish storage facilities. In all cases the owner shall be responsible for the availability of rubbish storage facilities. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.42 GARBAGE STORAGE, DISPOSAL.**

(a) Every dwelling unit shall have adequate garbage disposal facilities or garbage storage containers, having a capacity of not more than thirty gallon for each container.

(b) Every occupant of a dwelling or dwelling unit shall dispose of all his garbage, and any other organic waste which might provide food for rodents, in a clean and sanitary manner, by placing it in the garbage disposal facilities or garbage storage containers. In all cases the occupants shall be responsible for the availability of garbage storage containers. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.43 PUBLIC AREAS.**

Every owner of a dwelling containing two or more dwelling units shall be responsible for maintaining in a clean and sanitary condition the shared or public areas of the dwelling and premises thereof. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.44 DWELLING UNIT.**

Every occupant of a dwelling or dwelling unit shall keep in a clean and sanitary condition that part of the dwelling, dwelling unit and premises thereof which he occupies and controls. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)

**1335.45 PLUMBING FIXTURES.**

Every occupant of a dwelling unit shall keep all plumbing fixtures therein in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be responsible for the exercise of reasonable care in the proper use and operation thereof. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)

**1335.46 CARE OF FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, STRUCTURE.**

No occupant shall willfully destroy, deface or impair any of the facilities, equipment or any part of the structure of a dwelling unit, dwelling, multiple dwelling or apartment. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 6-13-22.)

**1335.47 LICENSE REQUIRED.**

No person shall operate a rooming house unless he hold a valid rooming house license issued by the Code Administrator in the name of the operator and for the specific rooming house. The operator shall apply to the Code Administrator for such license which shall be issued by the Code Administrator on the condition that the applicable provisions of this Housing Code and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto are complied with. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

**1335.48 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP; TERM OF LICENSE.**

Every person holding a rooming house license shall give notice in writing to the Code Administrator within five days after having sold, transferred, given away or otherwise disposed of ownership or interest in control of any rooming house. Such notice shall include the name and address of the person succeeding to the ownership or control of such rooming house. Every rooming house license shall expire at the end of one year following its date of issuance and on subsequent years on the date of expiration unless sooner suspended or revoked as hereinafter provided. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

**1335.49 LICENSE FEES; DENIAL OF LICENSE.**

The fee for a rooming house license shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus five dollars (\$5.00) per room for all rental rooms in excess of ten rooms to defray the expenses of inspection and necessary administration. If, upon inspection, it is found that the rooming house does not meet the necessary requirements of his Housing Code, the operator shall be informed in writing of the deficiencies and a date set forth compliance and reinspection. If the reinspection reveals that the deficiencies have not been corrected, the license shall be denied and the fee not returned. In such event a new application must be applied for and fee paid for each inspection required before the premises are found to meet all rules and regulations set forth in this Housing Code. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)

**1335.50 ROOMING HOUSE INSPECTIONS.**

Whenever, upon inspection of any rooming house, the Code Administrator finds that conditions or practices exist which are in violation of any provision of this Housing Code or of any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto, the Code Administrator shall give notice in writing to the operator of such rooming house that unless such conditions or practices are corrected within a reasonable period, to be determined by the Code Administrator, the operator's license will be suspended. At the end of such period, the Code Administrator shall reinspect such rooming house, and if he finds that such conditions or practices have not been corrected, he shall suspend the operator's license and give notice in writing to the operator that such license has been suspended. Operation shall post conspicuously all notices received under this section in a common area for all tenants to view. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

#### 1335.51 HEARING ON LICENSE SUSPENSION OR DENIAL; EFFECT OF SUSPENSION.

Any person whose license to operate a rooming house has been suspended, or who has received written notice from the Housing Inspector that his license is to be suspended unless existing conditions or practices at his rooming house are corrected, may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Housing Appeals Board, under procedure provided for in Chapter 1145. Provided that no petition for such hearing is filed within ten days following the date on which such license was suspended or such notice received or such application denied, such action on such license shall be deemed to have been automatically effected. Upon receipt of notice of suspension, such operator shall immediately cease operation of such rooming house and no person shall occupy for sleeping or living purposes any rooming unit therein. A copy of all notices shall be given to all occupants. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)

#### 1335.52 BATHROOM FACILITIES.

At least one flush water closet, lavatory basin and bathtub or shower, properly connected to a public potable water and sewer system or to a potable water and sewer system approved by the Health Commissioner and in good working condition, shall be supplied for each eight persons or fraction thereof, residing within a rooming house, including members of the operator's family wherever they share the use of such facilities. In a rooming house where rooms are let only to males, flush urinals may be substituted for not more than one-half of the required number of water closets. All such facilities shall be so located within the dwelling as to be reasonably accessible from a common hall or passageway to all persons sharing such facilities. Every lavatory basin and bathtub or shower shall be supplied with 120 degrees Fahrenheit minimum hot and cold water at all times. All plumbing fixtures shall meet the standard of the applicable Plumbing Code and shall be in a state of good repair and in good working order. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)

#### 1335.53 BEDDINGS AND LINENS.

The operator of every rooming house shall change bed linens and towels, where supplied by the operator, at least once each week prior to the letter of any room to any occupant. The operator shall be responsible for the maintenance of all supplied bedding in a clean and sanitary manner. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)

#### 1335.54 FLOOR SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

Every room occupied for sleeping purposes by one person shall contain at least seventy square feet of floor space and every room occupied for sleeping purposes by more than one person shall contain at least forty square feet in addition to the seventy square feet prescribed above for the initial occupant. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)

#### 1335.55 FLOOR AREA CALCULATION.

Floor area shall be calculated on the basis of habitable room area. However, closet area and hall area within the dwelling unit, where provided, may count for not more than ten percent of the required habitable floor area. At least one-half of the floor area of every habitable room shall have a ceiling height of at least seven feet and the floor area of any part of a room where the ceiling height is less than four and one-half feet shall not be considered as part of the floor area in computing the total floor area of the room to determine maximum permissible occupancy. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)



**1335.56 SANITARY MAINTENANCE.**

The operator of every rooming house shall be responsible for the sanitary maintenance of all walls, floors and ceiling and for the maintenance of a sanitary condition in every part of a rooming house, and he shall be further responsible for the sanitary maintenance of the entire premises where the entire structure of building is leased or occupied by the operator. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)

**1335.57 EGRESS; STAIRWAYS.**

(a) In every structure used for rooming house purposes, where more than twelve persons are accommodated on the second floor or more than six persons are accommodated above the second floor, there shall be not less than two stairways for egress from each floor above the first floor. One of such stairways shall be constructed and enclosed with one hour fire resistive material with at least one hand rail, unless such stairway is an outside masonry or concrete stairway with hand rails leading to grade level. Such outside stairway shall be accessible through a door, unlockable from within, located in a hallway or in a room which is not occupied, directly reached from a hall through a door without a locking device or bolt of any kind and shall be located as remotely as possible from the inside stairways.

(b) Such outside stairway shall be constructed to conform to Ohio Building Code specifications. All wells and areaways shall be protected with guard rails. In addition to a required outside concrete stairway or metal fire escape, a metal ladder integral and securely fastened to the structure or building and leading from a proper exitway will be acceptable as a required exit from a second or third floor.

(Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)

**1335.58 HEATING.**

Any space heater having an open and exposed flame that can be touched is prohibited. A completely enclosed cabinet or similar completely enclosed type space heater is acceptable. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)

**1335.59 ATTIC, CELLAR UNITS.**

The use of attic or cellar rooming unit occupancy is prohibited. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2022. Passed 6-13-22.)

**1335.60 EXIT SIGNS.**

In rooming houses of over ten people, an illuminated exit sign shall be installed over each door, stairway and emergency means of exit. Such exit signs shall remain burning at all times. The circuit which supplies exit signs shall not supply other lights, receptacles or appliances and shall be so connected that there will be only one set of fuses between same and service fuses. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.61 COMPLIANCE REQUIRED.**

No person shall operate a rooming house or shall rent to another for occupancy any room unless such rooming house or room shall comply with the provisions of every section of the Housing Code, except the provisions of Sections 1335.27 and 1337.38. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.62 HOUSING APPEALS BOARD CREATED; MEMBERS.**

There is created a Housing Appeals Board of seven members qualified by experience and training to conduct hearings and exercise the functions authorized by this Housing Code and Chapter 510 of the New Philadelphia Codified Ordinances. Membership shall include at least three of the following fields or groups: Real estate, building construction, property management, finance, public health, law, homeowners, Tuscarawas County Landlord Association and tenants. The Code Administrator shall serve as non-voting exofficio member of the Housing Appeals Board.

(Ord. 11-2022. Passed 7-11-22; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

**1335.63 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS; TERM.**

The Housing Appeals board shall be appointed by the Mayor for overlapping terms of three years. Two of the first members shall be appointed for one year, two members for two years and three members for three years, respectively, and they shall serve until a successor is appointed. Thereafter, terms of appointment shall be for three years each. To be eligible for appointment to the Board a person shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the City. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.64 ADOPTION OF RULES; OFFICERS; QUORUM.**

No member of the Board shall take part in any hearing or determination in which he has a personal or financial interest. Four members of the Board in attendance at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.65 POWERS OF INTERPRETATION.**

The Housing Appeals Board shall interpret the intent of this Housing Code and any rules or regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

(Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 11-2022. Passed 7-11-22.)

**1335.66 VARIANCES.**

The Housing Appeals Board may permit a reasonable minimum variance from the applicable section of the Housing Code upon appeal if:

- (a) A literal application of the Housing Code section(s) would cause an unnecessary financial hardship; and
- (b) The public health, safety, or welfare; the health, safety or welfare of any occupant of the dwelling; or the living environment of the community may not reasonable be expected to be materially threatened by failure to correct the violation(s) being appealed.

All decisions to permit a variance under this section shall require at least the affirmative vote of four members of the Board.

(Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 11-2022. Passed 7-11-22.)

**1335.67 DECISIONS.**

(a) Every decision of the Housing Appeals Board shall be final, subject, however, to such remedy as any aggrieved party might have at law or in equity. It shall be in writing and shall indicate the vote upon the decision. Every decision shall be promptly filed in the office of the Code Administrator and shall be open to public inspection. A certified copy shall be sent by mail or otherwise to the parties to the appeal.

(b) The Board of Appeals shall in every case reach a decision without unreasonable or unnecessary delay.

(c) If a decision of the Housing Appeals reverses or modified a refusal, order or disallowance of the Code Administrator, or varies the application of any provision of this Housing Code, the Code Administrator shall immediately take action in accordance with such decision. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

**1335.68 APPEALS FROM THE HOUSING APPEALS BOARD.**

Any person or entity aggrieved by any decision of the Housing Appeals Board may seek review in a court of record in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

**1335.69 EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This chapter shall not be effective until a full time Code Administrator is appointed by the Mayor. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01; Ord. 8-2024. Passed 3-25-24.)

**1335.99 PENALTY.**

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Each day a violation continues shall be a separate offense. (Ord. 30-01. Passed 7-23-01.)

CHAPTER 1337  
Rodent and Insect Control

1337.01 Extermination responsibility.

CROSS REFERENCES  
Housing Code requirements - see BLDG. 1335.39, 1335.40

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1337.01 EXTERMINATION RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) The owner of a property shall be responsible for the immediate extermination by a Pest Control Operator licensed in the State of Ohio of insects and/or rodents on the premises when infestation exists. Such extermination shall take place within fourteen days of the receipt of the notice to exterminate.

(b) The Director of Environmental Health for the New Philadelphia City Health Department shall be responsible for enforcement of this section.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. 7-97. Passed 3-24-97.)



CHAPTER 1339  
Wind Energy Facilities

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1339.01 PURPOSE.

This Chapter is adopted in order to provide for the construction and operation of Wind Turbine and Wind Energy Facilities now existing or hereafter acquired within the City of New Philadelphia subject to reasonable conditions that will protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

1339.02 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Applicant" means the person or entity filing an application under this Chapter.
- (b) "Facility Owner" means the person(s) or entity(ies) having an equity interest in the wind energy facility, including their respective successors and assigns.
- (c) "Hub Height" means the distance measured from the surface of the tower foundation to the height of the wind turbine hub, to which the blade is attached.
- (d) "Non-Participating Landowner" means any landowner except those on whose property all or a portion of a wind energy facility is located pursuant to an agreement with the facility owner.
- (e) "Operator" means the person or entity responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the wind energy facility.
- (f) "Occupied Building" means any structure used as a residence or other public, private or commercial building used for public gathering that is occupied or in use when the permit application is submitted.
- (g) "Shadow Flicker" means the on-and-off flickering effect of a shadow caused when the sun passes behind the rotor of a wind turbine.

- (h) "Turbine Height" means the distance measured from the surface of the tower foundation to the highest point of the turbine rotor blade.
- (i) "Wind Turbine" means a wind energy conversion system that converts wind energy into electricity through the use of a wind turbine generator, and includes the nacelle, rotor, tower, and pad transformer, and may be of the following categories:
  - (1) Commercial Wind Turbine: A wind turbine in which the total height exceeds 150 feet and generates 100 kw or more.
  - (2) Personal Wind Turbine: A wind turbine in which the total height is less than 150 feet.
  - (3) Hobbyist Wind Turbine: A wind turbine that is less than 50 feet in height and has a blade diameter less than 12 feet.
- (j) "Wind Energy Facility" means an electric generating facility, whose main purpose is to supply electricity, consisting of one wind turbine and other accessory structure and building, including substations, meteorological towers, electrical infrastructure, transmission lines and other appurtenant structures and facilities. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.03 APPLICABILITY.

No person shall construct, erect, maintain, extend or remove a wind energy facility in the City without compliance with the provisions of this Chapter. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.04 USE REGULATIONS.

Conditionally permitted use. A wind energy facility may only be permitted as a conditional use, and only be located within Industrial Zoned Properties. The Planning Commission may approve such use provided the applicant demonstrates compliance with the requirements of this Chapter. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.05 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.

(a) No wind energy facility, or wind turbine shall be constructed or located within the City unless a conditional use permit has been issued by the Planning Commission to the facility owner or operator approving construction of the facility for compliance with the applicable sections of this Chapter and all other applicable provisions of the Code.

(b) Any physical modification to an existing conditionally permitted wind energy facility or wind turbine that materially alters its size, type or function, shall require conditional use approval by the Planning Commission. Like-kind replacements as determined by the Director of Public Service shall not require review by Planning Commission.

#### (c) Submission Requirements.

- (1) All requests for permits shall be accompanied by a completed application, all required information, and a twenty-five hundred dollar (2500.00) fee for each wind turbine. No refund of any part of a permit application fee shall be made to an applicant in cases of a denial of a permit by the City. Permit shall be on a form approved by the Director of Public Service, and shall contain at least the following information:
  - A. The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant.
  - B. The address and zoning district of the subject property.

- C. A narrative description of the existing use.
  - D. A narrative describing the proposed wind energy facility or wind turbine, including an overview of the project; the project location, the approximate generating capacity of the wind energy facility or wind turbine; the representative type and height or range of height of the wind turbine to be constructed, including its generating capacity, dimensions and respective manufacturer, and a description of ancillary facilities.
  - E. An affidavit or similar evidence of agreement between the property owner and the facility owner or operator demonstrating that the facility owner or operator has the permission of the property owner to apply for necessary permits for construction and operation of the wind energy facility or wind turbine.
  - F. Identification of the properties on which the proposed wind energy facility or wind turbine will be located, and all the properties adjacent to where the wind energy facility will be located, and all other properties that are within two (2) times the hub height.
  - G. A site plan showing the planned location of the wind energy facility or wind turbine, property lines, setback lines, access road and turnout locations, substation(s), electrical cabling from the wind energy facility to the substation(s), ancillary equipment, buildings, and structures, including permanent meteorological towers, associated transmission lines, and layout of all structures within the geographical boundaries of any applicable setback, a lighting plan, a plan showing areas impacted by shadow flicker.
  - H. Documents related to decommissioning.
  - I. Aesthetics impact study. A visual simulation showing 360 degree view points around the wind energy facility or wind turbine.
  - J. Environmental impact study.
  - K. Sound study set forth in Section 1339.12.
  - L. Proof of Insurance as set forth in Section 1339.16.
  - M. Other relevant documents, information, studies, reports, certifications and approval as may be reasonably requested by the Director of Public Service or Planning Commission to ensure compliance with this Chapter and the Code. Costs associated with obtaining any of the above information will be the sole responsibility of the applicant.
- (2) Upon receipt of a complete application for a Conditional Use Permit, the Director of Public Service shall, no later than sixty (60) business days, make a preliminary review of the application to determine compliance with the requirements of subsection (c)(1) hereof. If the Director of Public Service determines that the application is not complete, the Director of Public Service shall immediately notify the applicant; otherwise, the Director of Public Service shall forward the application to the Planning Commission for review at its next regularly scheduled meeting.



- (3) The Planning Commission shall schedule a public hearing. The applicant shall participate in the hearing and be afforded an opportunity to present the project to the public and municipal officials, and answer questions about the project. The public shall be afforded an opportunity to ask questions and provide commitment on the proposed project.
- (4) After the close of any public hearing, the Planning Commission shall make a determination whether to issue or deny the conditional use permit at its next regular meeting, unless the applicant requests for the decision to be postponed by the Planning Commission to a mutually agreeable date.
- (5) Throughout the permit process, the applicant shall promptly notify the City of any changes to the information contained in the permit application.
- (6) Changes to the pending application that do not materially alter the initial site plan may be adopted without a renewed public hearing as determined by the Director of Public Service. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.06 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION.

(a) Design Safety Certification. The design of the wind energy facility shall conform to applicable industry standards, including those of the American National Standards Institute. The applicant shall submit certificates of design compliance obtained by the equipment manufacturers from Underwriters Laboratories, Det Norske Veritas, Germanischer Lloyd Wind Energies, or other similar certifying organizations.

(b) Uniform Construction Code. To the extent applicable, the wind energy facility shall comply with the Ohio Uniform Construction Code.

(c) Controls and Brakes. All wind energy facilities shall be equipped with a redundant braking system. This includes both aerodynamic over speed controls (including variable pitch, tip, and other similar systems) and mechanical brakes. Mechanical brakes shall be operated in a fail-safe mode. Stall regulation shall not be considered a sufficient braking system for over speed protection.

Wind turbines shall have an automatic safety mechanism that will shut down wind turbine when icing of the wind turbine blades occurs.

(d) Electrical Components. All electrical components of the wind energy facility shall conform to relevant and applicable local, state and national codes, and relevant and applicable international standards.

(e) Visual Appearance.

- (1) Wind turbines shall be a non-reflective painted steel finish with non-obtrusive color such as white, off-white or gray as determined by the Director of Public Service.
- (2) Wind energy facilities shall not be artificially lighted, except to the extent required by the Federal Aviation Administration or other applicable authority that regulates air safety.
- (3) Wind turbines shall not display advertising, except for reasonable identification of the turbine manufacturer, facility owner and operator. Wind Turbines shall be erected on monopoles only.

(f) Power Lines. On-site transmission and power lines between wind turbines shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be placed underground.

(g) Warnings.

- (1) Clearly visible warning signs concerning voltage must be placed at the base of all transformers and substations.
- (2) Visible, reflective, colored objects, such as flags, reflectors, or tape shall be placed on the anchor

(h) Climb Prevention/Locks:

- (1) Wind turbines shall not be climbable up to fifteen (15) feet above ground surface.
- (2) All access doors to wind turbines and electrical equipment shall be locked or fenced, as appropriate, to prevent entry by non-authorized persons. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

1339.07 SETBACKS.

(a) Occupied Buildings:

- (1) Wind turbines shall be set back from the nearest occupied building, a distance not less than the normal setback requirements for that zoning classification or one and one-half (1.5) times the turbine height plus blade diameter; whichever is greater. The setback distance shall be measured from the center of the wind turbine base to the nearest point on the foundation of the occupied building.
- (2) Wind turbines shall be set back from the nearest occupied building located on a nonparticipating landowner's property a distance of not less than one and one-half (1.5) times the turbine height plus blade diameter, as measured from the center of the wind turbine base to the nearest point on the foundation of the occupied building.

(b) Property Lines: All wind turbines shall be set back from the nearest property line a distance of not less than the normal setback requirements for that zoning classification or one and one-half (1.5) times the turbine height plus blade diameter, whichever is greater. The setback distance shall be measured to the center of the wind turbine base to the nearest property line.

(c) Public Roads: All wind turbines shall be set back from the nearest public road a distance not less than one and one-half (1.5) times the turbine height plus blade diameter, as measured from the right-of-way line of the nearest public road to the center of the wind turbine base. No Wind Turbine or Wind Energy Facility shall be erected in the front yard or side yards of any property or within 20 feet of any lot line.

(d) Waiver of Setbacks:

- (1) Non-participating landowners may waive the setback requirements in subsection (a)(2) and subsection (b) above by signing a waiver that sets forth the applicable setback provision(s) and the proposed changes.

- (2) The written waiver shall be in a form approved by the City's Law Director and shall notify the property owner(s) of the setback requirement by this Chapter, describe how the proposed wind energy facility or wind turbine is not in compliance, and state that consent is granted for the wind energy facility to not be set back as required by this Chapter.
- (3) Any such waiver shall be recorded in the Recorder of Deeds Office for the County where the property is located at applicant's sole cost. The waiver, in a form approved by the Law Director, shall describe the properties benefited and burdened, and advise all subsequent purchasers of the burdened property that the waiver of setback shall run with the land and may forever burden the subject property.
- (4) Upon application, the City may waive the setback requirement for public roads for good cause. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.08 HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) Excluding the wind turbine, wind energy facilities' height shall be limited to the extent permitted by the Zoning District where the wind generation facility is located.
- (b) The turbine height shall be further limited by the provisions set forth in 1339.07 Setbacks. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.09 USE OF PUBLIC ROADS.

- (a) The applicant shall identify all state and local public roads to be used within the City to transport equipment and parts for construction, operation or maintenance of the wind energy facility.
- (b) The City Engineer or a qualified third party engineer hired by the City and paid for solely by the applicant, shall document road conditions prior to construction. The City Engineer, or the qualified third party engineer, shall document road conditions again thirty (30) days after construction is complete or as weather permits.
- (c) The City may request a bond for the road in compliance with the City's Code, and in an amount as determined by the City's Engineer.
- (d) Any road damage caused by the applicant or its contractors shall be promptly repaired at the applicant's expense.
- (e) The applicant shall demonstrate that it has appropriate financial assurance to ensure the prompt repair of damaged roads. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.10 LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES.

- (a) The applicant shall provide a copy of the project summary and site plan to local emergency services, including the City Fire Department and Police Department.
- (b) Upon request, the applicant shall cooperate with emergency services to develop and coordinate implementation of an emergency response plan for the wind energy facility.

(c) Any cost for training associated with safety procedure at the wind facility or wind turbines shall be paid solely by applicant. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.11 SHADOW FLICKER.

(a) The facility owner and operator shall make reasonable efforts to minimize shadow flicker to any occupied building on a non-participating landowner's property.

(b) The applicant shall provide a reasonable analysis of potential shadow flicker impacts for the entire site and the adjacent properties, as requested by the Planning Commission. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.12 NOISE.

(a) Audible sound from a wind energy facility or wind turbine shall not exceed limits set forth by Chapter 531 of the Codified Ordinances.

(b) Audible sound due to wind turbine or wind energy facility operations shall not exceed 5dba increase over existing background noise level (L90) or exceed 40dba for any period of time, when measured at any structure used as a residence, school, church, place of employment, or public library existing on the date of application for a wind turbine or a wind energy facility. All measurements should be taken using American National Standard Procedures. Measurements must be taken with qualified acoustical testing instruments meeting ANSI 1 standards.

(c) A Pre-construction Background Noise Survey shall be conducted at the applicant's sole expense by an independent noise consultant contractor approved by the City. Measurements shall be sampled for each residence, school, church, place of employment, or public library within 1 mile of proposed siting.

(d) A Sound Impact Study shall be made available prior to approval of a wind turbine or wind energy facility. The Sound Impact Study could be made by a computer modeling using data specific to the wind turbine make and model. The Sound Impact Study will be conducted at the Applicant's expense by an independent noise consultant contractor approved by the City. The Planning Commission may evaluate noise studies when ruling on applications for conditional use of wind generation facilities. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.13 WAIVER OF NOISE AND SHADOW FLICKER.

(a) Non-participating landowners may waive the noise and shadow flicker provisions of this Chapter by signing a waiver of their rights.

(b) The written waiver shall notify the property owner(s) of the sound or flicker limits in this Chapter, describe the impact on the property owner(s), and state that the consent is granted for the wind energy facility to not comply with the sound or flicker limit in this Chapter. The form shall be approved by the City's Law Director.

(c) Any such waiver shall be recorded in the Recorder of Deeds Office of the County where the property is located at applicant's expense. The waiver shall describe the properties benefited and burdened, and advise all subsequent purchasers of the burdened property that the waiver of sound or flicker limit shall run with the land and may forever burden the subject property. The form shall be approved by the City's Law Director. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

**1339.14 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.**

The applicant, within five (5) days of filing the application with the City, shall notify state and federal agencies in writing of possible environmental impacts. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

**1339.15 SIGNAL INTERFERENCE.**

The applicant shall make reasonable efforts to avoid any disruption or loss of radio, telephone, television or similar signals, and shall mitigate any harm caused by the wind energy facility. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

**1339.16 LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

There shall be maintained a current general liability policy covering bodily injury and property damage with limits of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in the aggregate for all personal and hobbyist wind turbines and three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per occurrence and five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in the aggregate for commercial wind turbines. Certificates shall be made annually to the Director of public service without request. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

**1339.17 DECOMMISSIONING.**

- (a) The facility owner and operator shall, at its sole expense, complete decommissioning of the wind energy facility, or individual wind turbines, within three (3) months after the end of the useful life of the facility or individual wind turbines.
- (b) The wind energy facility or wind turbines will presume to be at the end of its useful life if no electricity is generated for a continuous period of three (3) months.
- (c) Decommissioning shall include removal of wind turbines, buildings, cabling, electrical components, roads, foundations to a below grade depth of thirty-six (36) inches, and any other associated facilities.
- (d) Disturbed earth shall be graded and re-seeded, unless the landowner requests in writing that the access roads or other land surface areas not be restored.
- (e) At the sole cost of the facility owner, an independent and Ohio certified - SEI structural engineer shall certify the total cost of decommissioning without regard to the salvage value of the equipment ("Decommissioning Costs").
- (f) The facility owner or operator shall post and maintain with the City an amount equal to one hundred fifteen percent (115 %) of the original Decommissioning costs. In the alternative, the one hundred fifteen percent (115 %) of the Decommissioning Costs may be in the form of a performance bond, surety bond, letter of credit, corporate guarantee or other form of financial assurance as may be acceptable to the City Law Director.
- (g) If the facility owner or operator fails to complete decommissioning within the period prescribed by subsection (a) above, then the landowner shall have three (3) months to complete decommissioning.

(h) If neither the facility owner or operator, nor the landowner complete decommissioning within the periods prescribed by subsection (a) and (g) above, then the City may take such measures as necessary to complete decommissioning and use the posted funds for such purpose. The entry into and submission of evidence of a participating landowner agreement to the City shall constitute agreement and consent of the parties to the agreement, their respective heirs, successors and assigns that the City may take such action as necessary to implement the decommissioning plan as set forth herein, including upon the property and removal of all decommissioned structures.

(i) The City shall release the Decommissioning Funds when the facility owner or operator has demonstrated and the City concurs that decommissioning has been satisfactorily completed, or upon written approval of the Municipality in order to implement the decommissioning plan. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.18 PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND REMEDIES.

(a) The facility owner and operator shall maintain a telephone number and identify a responsible person for the public to contact with inquiries and complaints throughout the life of the project

(b) The facility owner and operator shall make reasonable efforts to respond to the public's inquiries and complaints. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.19 PROHIBITIONS.

(a) There shall be no co-location on any wind turbine or wind energy facility for any other use.

(b) There shall be permitted only one wind turbine or wind energy facility on any property. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.20 SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES.

Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the Planning Commission from prescribing supplementary conditions and safeguards in addition to these requirements, or where no specific conditions are stated herein. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.21 VARIANCES.

The Planning Commission may, in specific cases, vary or permit exceptions to any of the provisions of this chapter if it finds the applicant presents evidence of practical difficulties and that such variances will not violate the spirit or intent of this chapter and that a more harmonious and useful development will result. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)

#### 1339.99 PENALTY.

In addition to the express provisions and remedies set forth in this chapter and Zoning Code, whoever violates or fails to comply with any provision of the chapter shall be guilty of a third degree misdemeanor which shall be punishable by not more than sixty (60) days in jail and a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750. 00) per offense. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 5-2018. Passed 4-23-18.)



CHAPTER 1343  
Vacant Property Registration

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1343.01 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish a program for identifying and registering vacant residential, commercial and industrial buildings and structures; to determine the responsibilities of the owners of vacant buildings and structures; to preserve and protect the City of New Philadelphia's residential and commercial districts from becoming blighted through the lack of adequate maintenance; and to speed the rehabilitation of the vacant buildings and structures. The City of New Philadelphia finds that the presence of properties exhibiting evidence of vacancy poses special risks to the health, safety, and welfare of the community and therefore require heightened regulatory attention. Shifting the cost of burden from the general citizenry to the owners of the vacant buildings and structures will be the result of this chapter. (Ord. 9-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

1343.02 DEFINITIONS.

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following terms shall for the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings indicated in this section:

- (a) "City Building Code" means Part 13 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia.
- (b) "Days" means consecutive calendar days.
- (c) "Evidence of vacancy" means any condition that on its own or combined with other conditions present would lead a reasonable person to believe the property is vacant. Such conditions include, but are not limited to, significantly below standard utility usage, overgrown and/or dead vegetation, accumulation of newspapers, circulars, flyers and/or mail, accumulation of trash, junk, and/or debris, broken or boarded up windows, abandoned vehicles, auto parts or materials, the absence of window coverings, such as curtains, blinds, and/or shutters, the absence of furnishings and/or personal items consistent with habitation or occupation, statement(s) by neighbors, delivery agents, or governmental agency employee(s) that the property is vacant.



- (d) "Government agency" means any public entity having authority over property or residents of the City, including but not limited to the City of New Philadelphia Service Director or designee, the East Central Ohio Building Authority, the New Philadelphia City Health Department, the New Philadelphia Police Department, the New Philadelphia Fire Department, or the Tuscarawas County Sheriffs Office.
- (e) "Commercial and/or Industrial" means any structure, or part thereof, that is used, or designed to be used for any private or public manufacturing, industrial, or commercial business purposes whether or not legally zoned for such use. There is a rebuttable presumption that a structure located on a parcel of real property classified by the Tuscarawas County Auditor according to its principal use as "commercial" or "industrial" pursuant to Ohio R.C. § 5713.041 and O.A.C. 5703-25-10 is non-residential property.
- (f) "Owner" Any person or company, in whose name the property is titled, and any person, agent, servicing company, firm, third party, financial institution or bank that has an interest in the property as a result of an assignment, sale, mortgage, transfer of a mortgage, or similar instrument or having an agreement with any one of the above for the purpose of securing and/or managing the property, and includes any lienholder or assignee whether the title record indicates ownership and includes all lessors, or land installment contract sellers or buyers.
- (g) "Private residential property" means private property on which is located one or more structures that are used as a home, residence or sleeping place by one or more persons, if no more than three (3) separate households are maintained in the structure or structures. "Private residential property" does not include any private property on which is located one or more structures that are used as a home, residence or sleeping place by two (2) or more persons, if more than three (3) separate households are maintained in the structure or structures.
- (h) "Residential dwelling" means a structure or shelter or the portion of a structure or shelter that is used by one or more humans for the purpose of a habitation.
- (i) "Secured by other than normal means" means a structure secured by means other than those used in the design of the building.
- (j) "Unoccupied" means a building that is not being used for occupancy authorized by the owner. The term, "unoccupied" shall only be applicable to multi-unit structures when more than half (½) of the units or more than half (½) of the available space are not currently occupied by a tenant or tenants. The term "unoccupied" shall apply to structures being used for storage purposes that are not designated a warehousing facility with a document of title.
- (k) "Unsecured" means a building or portion of a building which is open to entry by unauthorized persons without the use of tools or ladders.
- (l) "Utilities" means water, sanitation, natural or propane gas, and electricity services.
- (m) "Vacant" means residential, commercial or industrial building (excluding government-owned buildings) that is:
- (1) Unoccupied and unsecured; or
  - (2) Unoccupied and secured by other than normal means; or
  - (3) Unoccupied and an unsafe building as determined by any government agency; or
  - (4) Unoccupied and having utilities disconnected; or
  - (5) Unoccupied and having an existing violation of the City Building Code;
- or

- (6) Illegally occupied, other than during a pending dispute between land lord and tenant, but including loitering and vagrancy; or
- (7) Unoccupied for a period of time over thirty (30) days and having an existing violation of any provision of the New Philadelphia Codified Ordinances, the Ohio Revised Code, or the Ohio Administrative Code issued by any Government Agency. The Service Director or designee may provide an additional thirty (30) days if positive discernible steps are being taken to eliminate the unoccupied status, and in no instance beyond ninety (90) days, if positive discernible progress is being made to occupy the premises. During any extensions granted by any subsection of this ordinance, the property shall be maintained by the owner. That maintenance includes the roof, windows, doors, all exterior and the grounds. The owner shall maintain the entire premises, keeping the bushes and trees trimmed, the lawn mowed, the tree lawn mowed, bushes and hedges, and other plants trimmed and maintained in a non-overgrown status, and all other necessary maintenance to alleviate any nuisance, hazard, or unkempt appearance, or
- (8) Unoccupied for a period of time over sixty (60) days; or
- (9) Unoccupied and abandoned by the property owner for any period of time. (Ord. 9-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

#### 1343.03 VACANT PROPERTY/BUILDING REGISTRATION.

(a) An owner of a structure which meets the definition of "vacant" residential, commercial, or industrial property as set forth in this chapter shall register such structure with the New Philadelphia Service Director or designee upon the earliest of the following events:

- (1) Not later than ninety (90) days after it becomes vacant; or
- (2) Not later than thirty (30) days of being notified by the New Philadelphia Service Director or designee of the requirement to register based on evidence of vacancy; or
- (3) Not later than thirty (30) days of the issuance of an order to vacate by the New Philadelphia Service Director or designee under New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance Section 1355.07.

(b) The registration shall be submitted on forms provided by the New Philadelphia Service Director or designee and shall include the following information provided by the owner:

- (1) The name(s), address(es), phone number(s) and email address(es) of the owner or owners;
- (2) If the owner does not reside in New Philadelphia or within forty-five (45) miles of the City of New Philadelphia corporate limits, a property agent, manager or caretaker residing in or doing business within the State and within said forty-five (45)-mile radius shall be designated and identified by name, address, email address, and telephone number. By designating an authorized agent under the provisions of this section, the owner is consenting to the service of any and all notices required or allowed under this Chapter upon said agent;
- (3) The names and addresses of all known lien holders and all other parties known or believed upon information to have a claim of ownership interest in the building;

- (4) A telephone number where a responsible party can be reached at all times during business and non-business hours; and

(c) All applicable laws and codes shall be complied with by the owner. The owner shall notify the Department of Public Service of any changes in the information of their vacant building registration within thirty (30) days of the change. If the plan or timetable for the vacant building is revised in any way, the revision(s) must be in writing and must meet the approval of the New Philadelphia Service Director or designee.

(d) The owner and subsequent owners or banks/agents shall keep the building secure and safe and the building and grounds properly maintained in accordance with all applicable Property Maintenance Codes set forth in Chapter 1327 of the New Philadelphia Codified Ordinances.

(e) A new owner(s) shall register or re-register the vacant building with the Department of Public Service within ninety (90) days of any transfer of an ownership interest in the vacant building if the building continues to remain vacant after transfer. If fees were paid upon or prior to the transfer of an ownership interest, the new owner(s) will not be required to pay for re-registering the property until such time that the registration fee is due based on the original date of vacancy. This does not mean they do not have to register within ninety (90) days as specified above.

(f) The failure of the owner of the vacant building to obtain a deed for the property or to file the deed with the County Recorder shall not excuse the property owner from registering the property.

(g) Failure of the owner or any subsequent owners to maintain the building and premises that result in remedial action taken by the City shall be subject to any applicable penalties provided by the law.

(h) The registration and all associated processes must be completed in its entirety annually for as long as the property remains vacant.

(i) The registration required by this Chapter shall be for the period January 1 through December 31 of each year and shall be renewed annually for as long as the residential, commercial or industrial property remains subject to the registration requirement of this Chapter.

(j) Failure to register any vacant residential, commercial or industrial property pursuant to subsection (a) hereof, or failure to renew any registration by March 1 pursuant to subsection (i) hereof, will result in a late fee in an amount that is one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) the required registration fee of the respective year, which shall be in addition to the required registration fee for the vacant residential, commercial or industrial property.  
(Ord. 9-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

#### 1343.04 INSPECTIONS.

(a) In accordance with New Philadelphia Codified Ordinances Chapter 1355, the City of New Philadelphia shall have the authority and the duty to inspect residential, commercial and industrial properties externally subject to this Chapter for compliance and to issue citations for any violations of the City Building Code.

(b) The New Philadelphia Service Director or designee shall make all of the required inspections, or shall accept reports of inspection by approved agencies or individuals. All reports of such inspections shall be in writing and be certified by a responsible individual. The Service Director or designee is authorized to engage such expert opinion as deemed necessary to report upon unusual technical issues that arise, subject to the approval of the appointing authority.

- (1) External inspections of vacant residential, commercial or industrial property shall be conducted a minimum of twice per year to ensure the compliance of property maintenance codes.
- (2) Any inspection that is to take place within thirty (30) days of a previous inspection may or may not be conducted at the discretion of the Service Director or designee. (Ord. 9-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

#### 1343.05 VACANT BUILDING FEES.

The fees shall be reasonably related to the administrative costs for registering and processing the vacant building owner registration form and for the costs incurred by the City in monitoring the vacant building site. The annually increased fee amounts shall be reasonably related to the costs incurred by the City for demolition and hazard abatement of or repairs to vacant buildings, as well as the continued normal administrative costs stated above.

- (a) The owner of a vacant residential building shall pay an annual fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for the first year the building remains vacant. For every consecutive year that the building remains vacant, the annual fee will be assessed at double the previous year's fee amount for a maximum annual fee equaling the five (5)-year fee of two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00) to be used for the fifth and for all consecutive, subsequent years of vacancy.
- (b) The owner of a vacant commercial building shall pay an annual fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the first year the building remains vacant. For every consecutive year that the building remains vacant, the annual fee will be assessed at double the previous year's fee amount for a maximum annual fee equaling the five (5)-year fee of four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00) to be used for the fifth and for all consecutive, subsequent years of vacancy.
- (c) The first annual fee shall be paid at the time the building is registered. If the fee is not paid, the owner shall be subject to prosecution as prescribed in Section 1343.08 of this Chapter.
- (d) The fee shall be paid in full prior to the issuance of any building permits unless the property owner is granted an exemption.
- (e) All delinquent fees shall be paid by the owner prior to any transfer of an ownership interest in the vacant building. A hold may be placed on the activation of utilities (water, sewer and electric) until all delinquent fees have been paid.
- (f) Late fees shall be paid in addition to the annual registration fee and will be equal to one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the respective annual fee for the vacant residential, commercial or industrial property.  
(Ord. 9-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

#### 1343.06 ENFORCEMENT.

(a) Whenever the Service Director or designee determines that there has been a violation of this chapter or has grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, a notice of violation shall be given to any owner of the vacant residential, commercial or industrial property in the following form:

- (1) In writing;
- (2) Including a description of the real estate sufficient for identification;
- (3) Including a statement of the violation or violations and why the notice is being issued;
- (4) Include a correction order allowing a reasonable time to make the repairs and improvements required to bring the vacant residential, commercial or industrial property into compliance with the provisions of this chapter; and
- (5) Inform the owner of the right to appeal pursuant to this section.

(b) If the notice of violation or order is not complied with, the Service Director or designee in conjunction with the Law Director may institute the appropriate proceeding at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate such violation, or to require the removal or termination of the unlawful condition of the property in violation of the provisions of this chapter or of the order or direction made pursuant thereto.

(c) Any notice or order issued pursuant this chapter may be appealed to the City's Board of Zoning Appeals pursuant to New Philadelphia Codified Ordinances Chapter 1355 upon the payment to the New Philadelphia Service Director or designee of a thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) deposit for each property requested for appeal. Checks shall be made payable to the City of New Philadelphia. The appeal must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days of service of the notice of the assessment of the fee or fine, and any appeal received after this period will not be accepted.

(d) The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation, or authorize the continuance of the violation.

(e) Any charge levied pursuant to this Chapter is hereby made a lien upon the property charged therewith shall be certified to the Tuscarawas County Auditor, who shall place the same on the tax duplicate with the interest, costs, and penalties allowed by law, and shall be collected as other normal taxes are recovered.

(f) Any violation of this chapter shall be deemed a strict liability offense.  
(Ord. 9-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

#### 1343.07 EXEMPTIONS.

(a) A building under active construction/renovation and having a valid building permit(s) shall be exempt from registration until the expiration of the longest running, currently active building permit(s).

(b) A building which has suffered fire damage or damage caused by extreme weather conditions shall be exempt from registration requirements for a period of ninety (90) days after the date of the fire or extreme weather event if the property owner submits a request for exemption in writing to the Department of Public Service. If active and ongoing efforts are being made to rehabilitate the property, and those efforts continue in a discernible and improving fashion, the Department of Public Service may grant two (2) ninety (90)-day extensions. This request shall include the names and addresses of the owner or owners, and a statement of intent to repair and reoccupy the building in an expedient manner, or the intent to demolish the building.

(c) A building that is for sale and listed with a licensed State of Ohio realtor shall be exempted for a period of six (6) months for residential properties and twelve (12) months for commercial and industrial properties, from the start of vacancy, provided that the owner or owner's representative submits proof to the Department of Public Service of such listing and for sale status. These periods may be extended for an additional six (6) months for residential property and twelve (12) months for commercial or industrial properties, as long as the properties are well maintained and meet all the Part 13 requirements and the curb strip and mowing requirements.

(d) Any owner of a vacant building that has been served a notice of vacant property registration may, within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of such notice, apply for an exemption or appeal the findings of the Department of Public Service to the City's Board of Zoning Appeals pursuant to New Philadelphia Codified Ordinances Chapter 1355 upon the payment to the New Philadelphia Service Director or designee of a thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) deposit for each property requested for appeal.  
(Ord. 9-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

#### 1343.08 METHOD OF SERVICE.

(a) Any notice or order issued pursuant to this Chapter shall be deemed to be properly served if a copy thereof is:

- (1) Delivered personally to an owner of vacant residential, commercial or industrial property, with service completed upon delivery; or
- (2) Sent by standard, certified or first-class mail addressed to the last known address of any owner of vacant residential, commercial or industrial property, with service completed upon the date of mailing; or
- (3) If the notice or order is returned showing that the mailing was not delivered, a copy shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the vacant residential, commercial or industrial property, with service completed upon the date of posting; or
- (4) By a posting on the premises or fence or other enclosure.

The Service Director or designee or Department of Public Service shall post said notice physically at same time as the notices in subsection (a)(1), (2) and (3) above. Other notices shall also be posted by the same means by this department including curb strips, mowing and upkeep ordinances or requirements.

(Ord. 9-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

#### 1343.09 CONSTRUCTION.

(a) This Chapter shall not, in any manner, abrogate any other provisions of the New Philadelphia Codified Ordinances pertaining to the abatement of public nuisances or unsafe buildings. The provisions in this Chapter shall not be construed to abolish or impair existing remedies of the City of New Philadelphia or its officers or departments relating to the remediation, removal, demolition of any structure which is dangerous, unsafe or unsanitary.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to waive, relieve or otherwise excuse an owner of property from compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances, statues, or laws and the owner shall at all times remain responsible and liable therefore. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the enforcement of other provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia, New Philadelphia Building Code, or the Ohio Revised Code and nothing in this chapter shall be construed to relieve an owner or interested party from duties imposed pursuant to any regulatory code, ordinance, statute, or law of the City or State of Ohio.

(c) Should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Chapter be determined or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Chapter shall remain in full force and effect.  
(Ord. 9-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)

#### 1343.99 PENALTIES.

(a) Any person failing to comply with a notice of violation or order issued in pursuant to this Chapter shall be deemed liable for a civil infraction as follows:

- (1) If a notice or order is not complied with within thirty (30) days, a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine will be assessed.
- (2) If a second notice or order for the same violation within a one (1) year period is not complied with within thirty (30) days, a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) fine will be assessed.
- (3) If a third notice or order for the same violation within a one (1) year period is not complied with within thirty (30) days of the notice, the violator will be charged with a first degree misdemeanor and/or a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine will be assessed.
  - A. The time restraints may be modified by the Service Director or designee due to inclement weather or type of violation.
  - B. Fines can be suspended if the owner(s) submit a plan to the Department of Public Service within thirty (30) days to actively market the property to sell and a maximum of twelve (12) months on the market to have the property sold.  
(Ord. 9-2023. Passed 12-28-23.)





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CHAPTER 1511  
New Philadelphia Fire Code

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CROSS REFERENCES

Power to regulate elevators, stairways and fire escapes - see Ohio R.C. 715.26

Adoption of technical codes - see Ohio R.C. 731.231

Power to regulate against fires - see Ohio R.C. 737.21, 737.37

Investigation of fires - see Ohio R.C. 737.27, 3737.08

Right to examine buildings - see Ohio R.C. 737.34 et seq., 3737.14

Petroleum liquids and gases - see Ohio R.C. 3737.17 et seq.

Dry cleaning and dyeing - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 3739

Gasoline, oils and paints - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 3741

Vehicles transporting explosives - see TRAF. 339.06

Fireworks - see GEN. OFF. 549.11, 549.12

Sale of explosives to minors - see GEN. OFF. 549.09

**1511.01 CODE ADOPTED.**

There is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if set out at length herein, for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, explosion, or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures and premises, that certain code shall be at minimum, the current Ohio Fire Code as duly adopted by the authority of the State Fire Marshal.

(Ord. 16-2007. Passed 6-11-07.)

**1511.02 FILE AND DISTRIBUTION.**

A complete copy of the Ohio Fire Code adopted herein is on file at the New Philadelphia Fire Department and available on the Ohio Fire Marshal's website.

(Ord. 16-2007. Passed 6-11-07.)

**1511.03 DEFINITIONS.**

The following terms as used in the Fire Prevention Code adopted herein shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

- (a) "Municipality" means the City of New Philadelphia.
  - (b) "Corporation counsel" means the City Director of Law.
  - (c) "Bureau of Fire Prevention" means the Fire Department of the City.
  - (d) "Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention" means the Fire Chief of the City.
  - (e) "AHJ" means authority having jurisdiction.
- (Ord. 16-2007. Passed 6-11-07.)

**1511.04 ENFORCEMENT INSPECTORS.**

(a) The Ohio Fire Code adopted herein shall be enforced by the State Fire Marshal, Fire Chief of the authority of having jurisdiction, or certified Fire Safety Inspectors of the AHJ.

(b) The Fire Chief shall train and oversee certified Fire Safety Inspectors. No new hiring shall be done without the consent of Council.

(Ord. 16-2007. Passed 6-11-07.)

**1511.05 NEW MATERIALS, PROCESSES OR OCCUPANCIES WHICH MAY REQUIRE PERMITS.**

Copies of applications, drawings and plans shall be submitted to fire code official of AHJ.

(Ord. 16-2007. Passed 6-11-07.)

**1511.06 APPEALS.**

Any appeal filed herein shall be processed and heard pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3737 before the Ohio Board of Building Appeals.

(Ord. 16-2007. Passed 6-11-07.)

**1511.07 FIRE DAMAGED STRUCTURES; REMOVAL OR REPAIR SECURING FUND.**

(a) The Municipality hereby authorizes the procedure described in Ohio R.C. 3929.86(C) and (D) to be implemented whereby no insurance company doing business in the state shall pay a claim of a named insured for fire damage to a structure located within the Municipality, unless the applicable provisions of Ohio R.C. 3929.86 are fully complied with. The Fire Chief is hereby designated as the officer authorized to carry out the duties of Ohio R.C. 3929.86. The Fire Chief shall file a certified copy of this section with the State Superintendent of Insurance.

(b) The Fire Chief shall cause all fire damaged structures to be inspected and provide for the removal or repair of insecure, unsafe or structurally defective fire damaged structures and buildings pursuant to Ohio R.C. 715.26.

(Ord. 9-2022. Passed 6-27-22.)

**1511.99 PENALTIES.**

Whoever violates any division of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(Ord. 16-2007. Passed 6-11-07.)

CHAPTER 1515  
Open Burning

1515.01	Definitions.	1515.04	Permission to individuals and notification to the Ohio EPA.
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CROSS REFERENCES

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Air pollution control - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 3704  
 Permit to burn construction debris - see Ohio R.C. 3704.11(C)  
 Spreading fire through negligence - see Ohio R.C. 3737.62  
 Open burning - see OAC Ch. 3745

1515.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in Chapter 3745-19 of the Ohio Administrative Code and this chapter:

- (a) "Agricultural waste" means any waste material generated by crop, horticultural, or livestock production practices, and includes such items as woody debris and plant matter from stream flooding, bags, cartons, structural materials, and landscape wastes that are generated in agricultural activities, but does not include land clearing waste; buildings (including dismantled/fallen barns); garbage; dead animals; animal waste; motor vehicles and parts thereof; nor economic poisons and containers thereof, unless the manufacturer has identified open burning as a safe disposal procedure.
- (b) "Economic poisons" include but are not restricted to pesticides such as insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, miticides, nematocides and fumigants; herbicides; seed disinfectants; and defoliant.
- (c) "Garbage" means any waste material resulting from the handling, processing, preparation, cooking and consumption of food or food products.
- (d) "Landscape waste" means any plant waste material, except garbage, including trees, tree trimmings, branches, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, yard trimmings and crop residues.

- (e) "Land clearing waste" means plant waste material which is removed from land, including plant waste material removed from stream banks during projects involving more than one property owner, for the purpose of rendering the land useful for residential, commercial, or industrial development. Land clearing waste also includes the plant waste material generated during the clearing of land for new agricultural development.
- (f) "Ohio EPA" means the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director or agencies delegated authority by such Director pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3704.03 or the Chief of any Ohio Environmental Protection Agency district office.
- (g) "Open burning" means the burning of any materials wherein air contaminants resulting from combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney. Open burning includes the burning of any refuse or salvageable material in any device not subject to or designed specifically to comply with the requirements of Ohio Administrative Code 3745-17-09 or 3745-17-10.
- (h) "Residential waste" means any waste material, including landscape waste, generated on the property of a one-, two- or three-family residence as a result of residential activities, but not including garbage, rubber, grease, asphalt, liquid petroleum products, or plastics.
- (i) "Restricted area" means the area within the boundary of any municipal corporation established in accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the Ohio Revised Code, plus a zone extending 1,000 feet beyond the boundaries of any such municipal corporation having a population of 1,000 to 10,000 persons and a zone extending one mile beyond any such municipal corporation having a population of 10,000 persons or more according to the latest federal census.
- (j) "Unrestricted area" means all areas outside the boundaries of a restricted area as defined in subsection (i) hereof.  
(OAC 3745-19-01)
- (k) "Bonfire" means an outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.
- (l) "Recreational fire" means an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.  
(OAC 1301:7-7-03)

#### 1515.02 RELATIONS TO OTHER PROHIBITIONS.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-19, no open burning shall be conducted in an area where an air alert, warning or emergency under Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-25 is in effect.

(b) No provisions of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-19, permitting open burning, and no permission to open burn granted by the Ohio EPA, shall exempt any person from compliance with any section of the Ohio Revised Code, or any regulation of any State department, or any local ordinance or regulation dealing with open burning.  
(OAC 3745-19-02)

#### 1515.03 OPEN BURNING IN RESTRICTED AREAS.

(a) No person or property owner shall cause or allow open burning in a restricted area except as provided in subsections (b) to (d) hereof; in Ohio R.C. 3704.11 and in compliance with Section 1515.05 of this chapter.

(b) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes without notification to or permission from the Ohio EPA:

- (1) Heating tar, welding, acetylene torches, highway safety flares, heating for warmth of outdoor workers and strikers, smudge pots and similar occupational needs.
- (2) Bonfires, campfires and outdoor fireplace equipment, whether for cooking food for human consumption, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth, recreational, or similar purposes, if the following conditions are met:
  - A. They are fueled with clean seasoned firewood, natural gas, or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood;
  - B. They are not used for waste disposal purposes; and
  - C. They shall have a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.
- (3) Disposal of hazardous explosive materials, military munitions or explosive devices that require immediate action to prevent endangerment of human health, public safety, property or the environment and that are excluded from the requirement to obtain a hazardous waste permit pursuant to paragraph (D)(1)(d) of Rule 3745-50-45 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- (4) Recognized training in the use of fire extinguishers for commercial or industrial fire prevention.
- (5) Fires set at the direction of federal, state, and local law enforcement officials for the purpose of destruction of cannabis sativa (marijuana) plant vegetation, processed marijuana material and/or other drugs seized by federal, state or local law enforcement officials.

Fires allowed by subsections (b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(4) hereof shall not be used for waste disposal purposes and shall be of minimum size sufficient for their intended purpose; the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants.

(c) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes with prior notification to the Ohio EPA in accordance with subsection (b) of Section 1515.04:

- (1) Prevention or control of disease or pests, with written or oral verification to the Ohio EPA from the Ohio Department of Health or local health department, the centers for disease control and prevention, cooperative extension service, Ohio Department of Agriculture, or U.S. Department of Agriculture, that open burning is the only appropriate disposal method.
- (2) Bonfires or campfires used for ceremonial purposes that do not meet the requirements of subsection (b)(2) hereof, provided the following conditions are met:
  - A. They have a total fuel area no greater than five feet in diameter by five feet in height and burn no longer than three hours;
  - B. They are not to be used for waste disposal purposes; and
  - C. They are fueled with clean seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood.
- (3) Disposal of agricultural waste generated on the premises if the following conditions are observed:

- A. The fire is set only when atmospheric conditions will readily dissipate contaminants;
- B. The fire does not create a visibility hazard on the roadways, railroad tracks, or air fields;
- C. The fire is located at a point on the premises no less than one thousand feet from any inhabited building not located on said premises;
- D. The wastes are stacked and dried to provide the best practicable condition for efficient burning; and
- E. No materials are burned which contain rubber, grease, asphalt, liquid petroleum products, plastics or building materials.

(d) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes upon receipt of written permission from the Ohio EPA, in accordance with subsection (a) of Section 1515.04, provided that any conditions specified in the permission are followed:

- (1) Disposal of ignitable or explosive materials where the Ohio EPA determines that there is no practical alternate method of disposal, excluding those materials identified in subsection (b)(3) hereof;
- (2) Instruction in methods of fire fighting or for research in the control of fire as recognized by the State Fire Marshal Division of the Ohio Department of Commerce and the guidelines set forth in the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) publication 1403: "Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, Chapter 4, Acquired Structures", provided that the application required in subsection (a)(1) of Section 1515.04 is submitted by the commercial or public entity responsible for the instruction;
- (3) In emergency or other extraordinary circumstances for any purpose determined to be necessary by the Director and, if required, performed as identified in the appendix to Rule 3745-19-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code. If deemed necessary, the open burning may be authorized with prior oral approval by the Director followed by the issuance of a written permission to open burn within seven working days of the oral approval;
- (4) Recognized horticultural, silvicultural (forestry), range or wildlife management practices; and
- (5) Fires and/or pyrotechnic effects, for purposes other than waste disposal, set as part of commercial film-making or video production activities for motion pictures and television. (OAC 3745-19-03)

#### 1515.04 PERMISSION TO INDIVIDUALS AND NOTIFICATION TO THE OHIO EPA.

##### (a) Permission.

- (1) An application for permission to open burn shall be submitted in writing to Ohio EPA. The applicant shall allow Ohio EPA at least ten working days to review the permit. Applicant may proceed with burn upon receipt of written permission from Ohio EPA. Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays shall not be considered working days. The application shall be in such form and contain such information as required by the Ohio EPA.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (a)(6) and (a)(7) hereof, such applications shall contain, as a minimum, information regarding:
  - A. The purpose of the proposed burning;



- B. The quantity or acreage and the nature of the materials to be burned;
  - C. The date or dates when such burning will take place;
  - D. The location of the burning site, including a map showing distances to residences, populated areas, roadways, air fields, and other pertinent landmarks; and
  - E. The methods or actions which will be taken to reduce the emissions of air contaminants.
- (3) Permission to open burn shall not be granted unless the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Ohio EPA that open burning is necessary to the public interest; will be conducted in a time, place and manner as to minimize the emission of air contaminants, when atmospheric conditions are appropriate; and will have no serious detrimental effect upon adjacent properties or the occupants thereof. The Ohio EPA may impose such conditions as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of Chapter 3745-19 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- (4) Except as provided in subsection (a)(6) hereof, permission to open burn must be obtained for each specific project. In emergencies where public health or environmental quality will be seriously threatened by delay while written permission is sought, the fire may be set with oral permission of the Ohio EPA.
- (5) Violations of any of the conditions set forth by the Ohio EPA in granting permission to open burn shall be grounds for revocation of such permission and refusal to grant future permission, as well as for the imposition of other sanctions provided by law.
- (6) The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal, may request permission to open burn on an annual basis for the purpose of training firefighters on pre-flashover conditions using the Ohio fire academy's mobile training laboratory at either the academy or at other training sites in Ohio. The annual application required pursuant to subsection (a)(1) hereof shall contain information as required in paragraph (a)(2) of this rule, except the information required in subsections (a)(2)C. and (A)(2)D. hereof need not be provided unless it is available at the time of submittal of the application. The academy shall contact the appropriate Ohio EPA district office or local air agency at least five working days before each training session of the date or dates when the training session will take place and its location. Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays shall not be considered working days.
- (7) For open burning defined under subsection (d)(2) of Section 1515.03, and paragraph (C)(2) of Rule 3745-19-04 of the Administrative Code, permission to open burn shall not be granted unless the applicant provides proof of written notice of intent to demolish received by the appropriate Ohio EPA field office in accordance with Rule 3745-20-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- (b) Notification.
- (1) Notification shall be submitted in writing at least ten working days before the fire is to be set. Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays shall not be considered working days. It shall be in such form and contain such information as shall be required by the Ohio EPA.

- (2) Such notification shall inform the Ohio EPA regarding:
  - A. The purpose of the proposed burning;
  - B. The nature and quantities of materials to be burned;
  - C. The date or dates when such burning will take place; and
  - D. The location of the burning site.
- (3) The Ohio EPA, after receiving notification, may determine that the open burning is not allowed under Chapter 3745-19 of the Administrative Code and the Ohio EPA shall notify the applicant to this effect.  
(OAC 3745-19-05)

1515.05 OPEN BURNING; RECREATIONAL FIRES; PORTABLE  
OUTDOOR FIREPLACES.

(a) General. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section.

(b) Prohibited Open Burning. Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

(c) Permit Required. A permit shall be obtained from the Fire Code Official in accordance with Rule 1301:7-7-01 of the Ohio Fire Code prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or a bonfire. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled.

(d) Authorization. Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.

(e) Extinguishment Authority. The Fire Code Official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder, another person responsible or the Fire Department of open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

(f) Location. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (15,240 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15,240 mm) of any structure.

(g) Exceptions.

- (1) Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure.
- (2) The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (7620 mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.
  - A. Bonfires. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15,240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15,240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
  - B. Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

- C. Portable outdoor fireplaces. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.  
Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one- and two-family dwellings.

(h) Attendance. Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with paragraph (F)(906) of rule 1301:7-7-09 of the Administrative Code with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization. (OAC 1301:7-7-03)

1515.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both.



CHAPTER 1519  
Fireworks

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Council of the City of New Philadelphia, as per Ordinance 10-2022, passed May 9, 2022, expressly opts-out of the provisions set forth in H.B. 172, and reaffirms the ban on discharging, igniting or exploding fireworks as set forth in Chapter 1519 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia.)

<p>1519.01 Definitions.</p> <p>1519.02 Public exhibition permit required; fee; bond; records.</p> <p>1519.03 Unlawful conduct by exhibitor.</p>	<p>1519.04 Possession, sale or discharge prohibited; exceptions.</p> <p>1519.05 Application.</p> <p>1519.06 Use of fireworks to control nuisance wildlife.</p> <p>1519.99 Penalty.</p>
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CROSS REFERENCES

Manufacturers to comply with building and zoning ordinances - see Ohio R.C. 3743.06(F)

Wholesalers to comply with building and zoning ordinances - see Ohio R.C. 3743.19(G)

Arrests, seizure of fireworks by certified fire safety inspector - see Ohio R.C. 3743.68

Conflict of Fire Marshal's rules with rules of Ohio Board of Building Standards - see Ohio R.C. 3781.11(D)

1519.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Beer" and "intoxicating liquor" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4301.01.
- (b) "Booby trap" means a small tube that has a string protruding from both ends, that has a friction-sensitive composition and that is ignited by pulling the ends of the string.
- (c) "Cigarette load" means a small wooden peg that is coated with a small quantity of explosive composition and that is ignited in a cigarette.
- (d) (1) "1.3 G fireworks" means display fireworks consistent with regulations of the United States Department of Transportation as expressed using the designation "Division 1.3" in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

- (2) "1.4 G fireworks" means consumer fireworks consistent with regulations of the United States Department of Transportation as expressed using the designation "Division 1.4" in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.
- (e) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (f) "Fireworks" means any composition or device prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, deflagration or detonation, except ordinary matches and except as provided in Section 1519.05.
- (g) "Licensed exhibitor of fireworks" or "licensed exhibitor" means a person licensed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55.
- (h) "Licensed manufacturer of fireworks" or "licensed manufacturer" means a person licensed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.02 to 3743.08.
- (i) "Licensed wholesaler of fireworks" or "licensed wholesaler" means a person licensed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.15 to 3743.21.
- (j) "Novelties and trick noisemakers" include the following items:
- (1) Devices that produce a small report intended to surprise the user, including, but not limited to, booby traps, cigarette loads, party poppers and snappers;
  - (2) Snakes or glow worms;
  - (3) Smoke devices;
  - (4) Trick matches.
- (k) "Party popper" means a small plastic or paper item that contains not more than sixteen milligrams of friction-sensitive explosive composition, that is ignited by pulling string protruding from the item, and from which paper streamers are expelled when the item is ignited.
- (l) "Railroad" means any railway or railroad that carries freight or passengers for hire, but does not include auxiliary tracks, spurs and sidings installed and primarily used in serving a mine, quarry or plant.
- (m) "Smoke device" means a tube or sphere that contains pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces white or colored smoke as the primary effect.
- (n) "Snake or glow worm" means a device that consists of a pressed pellet of pyrotechnic composition that produces a large, snake-like ash upon burning, which ash expands in length as the pellet burns.
- (o) "Snapper" means a small, paper-wrapped item that contains a minute quantity of explosive composition coated on small bits of sand, and that, when dropped, implodes.
- (p) "Trick match" means a kitchen or book match that is coated with a small quantity of explosive composition and that, upon ignition, produces a small report or a shower of sparks.
- (q) "Wire sparkler" means a sparkler consisting of a wire or stick coated with a non-explosive pyrotechnic mixture that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition and that contains no more than one hundred grams of this mixture. (ORC 3743.01)

1519.02 PUBLIC EXHIBITION PERMIT REQUIRED; FEE; BOND;  
RECORDS.

- (a) A licensed exhibitor of fireworks who wishes to conduct a public fireworks exhibition within the Municipality shall apply for approval to conduct the exhibition to the Fire Chief and from the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer.

The required approval shall be evidenced by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, signing a permit for the exhibition, the form for which shall be prescribed by the State Fire Marshal. Any exhibitor of fireworks who wishes to conduct a public fireworks exhibition may obtain a copy of the form from the Fire Marshal or, if it is available, from the Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer.

(b) Before a permit is signed and issued to a licensed exhibitor of fireworks, the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall inspect the premises on which the exhibition will take place and shall determine that, in fact, the applicant for the permit is a licensed exhibitor of fireworks. Each applicant shall show the applicant's license as an exhibitor of fireworks to the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer.

The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall give approval to conduct a public fireworks exhibition only if satisfied, based on the inspection, that the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted allow the exhibitor to comply with the rules adopted by the Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.53(B) and (E) and that the applicant is, in fact, a licensed exhibitor of fireworks. The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, may inspect the premises immediately prior to the exhibition to determine if the exhibitor has complied with the rules, and may revoke the permit for noncompliance with the rules.

(c) The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall not issue a permit until the applicant pays a permit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus any necessary costs of investigation of the applicant and of inspecting the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted.

Each exhibitor shall provide an indemnity bond in the amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000), with surety satisfactory to the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and to Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, conditioned for the payment of all final judgments that may be rendered against the exhibitor on account of injury, death or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition, or proof of insurance coverage of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for liability arising from injury, death or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition. The Legislative Authority may require the exhibitor to provide an indemnity bond or proof of insurance coverage in amounts greater than those required by this subsection. The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall not issue a permit until the exhibitor provides the bond or proof of the insurance coverage required by this subsection.

(d) (1) Each permit for a fireworks exhibition issued by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall contain a distinct number, designate the

- Municipality, and identify the certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer who will be present before, during, and after the exhibition, where appropriate. A copy of each permit issued shall be forwarded by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, issuing it to the Fire Marshal, who shall keep a record of the permits received. A permit is not transferable or assignable.
- (2) The Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer and Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall keep a record of issued permits for fireworks exhibitions. In this list, the Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall list the name of the exhibitor, the exhibitor's license number, the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted, the date and time of the exhibition and the number of the permit issued to the exhibitor for the exhibition.

(e) The governing authority having jurisdiction in the location where an exhibition is to take place shall require that a certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief, or Fire Prevention Officer be present before, during, and after the exhibition, and shall require the certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief, or Fire Prevention Officer to inspect the premises where the exhibition is to take place and determine whether the exhibition is in compliance with this chapter and Ohio R.C. Chapter 3743. (ORC 3743.54)

#### 1519.03 UNLAWFUL CONDUCT BY EXHIBITOR.

- (a) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall fail to comply with the applicable requirements of the rules adopted by the Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.53(B) and (E) or to comply with Divisions (C) and (D) of that section.
- (b) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall conduct a fireworks exhibition unless a permit has been secured for the exhibition pursuant to Section 1519.02 or if a permit so secured is revoked by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement official or a designee of such Police Chief or other similar law enforcement official pursuant to that section.
- (c) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall acquire fireworks for use at a fireworks exhibition other than in accordance with Ohio R.C. 3743.54 and 3743.55.
- (d) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks or other person associated with the conduct of a fireworks exhibition shall have possession or control of, or be under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer or controlled substance while on the premises on which the exhibition is being conducted.
- (e) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall permit an employee to assist the licensed exhibitor in conducting fireworks exhibitions unless the employee is registered with the Fire Marshal under Ohio R.C. 3743.56. (ORC 3743.64)



**1519.04 POSSESSION, SALE OR DISCHARGE PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS.**

(a) No person shall possess fireworks in this Municipality or shall possess for sale or sell fireworks in this Municipality, except a licensed manufacturer of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.02 to 3743.08, a licensed wholesaler of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.15 to 3743.21, a shipping permit holder as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.40, an out-of-state resident as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.44, a resident of this State as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.45, or a licensed exhibitor of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 1519.02 and except as provided in Section 1519.05.

(b) Except as provided in Section 1519.05 and except for licensed exhibitors of fireworks authorized to conduct a fireworks exhibition pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 1519.02, no person shall discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks in this Municipality.

(c) No person shall use in a theater or public hall, what is technically known as fireworks showers, or a mixture containing potassium chlorate and sulphur.

(d) No person shall sell fireworks of any kind to a person under eighteen years of age. No person under eighteen years of age shall enter a fireworks sales showroom unless that person is accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult. No person under eighteen years of age shall touch or possess fireworks on a licensed premises without the consent of the licensee. A licensee may eject any person from a licensed premises that is in any way disruptive to the safe operation of the premises.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. 3743.44, no person, other than a licensed manufacturer, licensed wholesaler, licensed exhibitor, or shipping permit holder, shall possess 1.3 G fireworks.  
(ORC 3743.65)

**1519.05 APPLICATION.**

This chapter does not prohibit or apply to the following:

- (a) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use in emergency situations, of pyrotechnic signaling devices and distress signals for marine, aviation or highway use;
- (b) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of fuses, torpedoes or other signals necessary for the safe operation of railroads;
- (c) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of blank cartridges in connection with theaters or shows, or in connection with athletics as signals or for ceremonial purposes;
- (d) The manufacture for, the transportation, storage, possession or use by, or sale to the Armed Forces of the United States and the militia of this State of pyrotechnic devices;
- (e) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper or plastic caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive material are used, provided that they are constructed so that a hand cannot come into contact with a cap when it is in place for explosion, or apply to the manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of those caps;
- (f) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of novelties and trick noisemakers, auto burglar alarms or model rockets and model rocket motors designed, sold and used for the purpose of propelling recoverable aero models;

- (g) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of wire sparklers.
  - (h) The conduct of radio-controlled special effect exhibitions that use an explosive black powder charge of not more than one-quarter pound per charge, and that are not connected in any manner to propellant charges, provided that the exhibition complies with all of following:
    - (1) No explosive aerial display is conducted in the exhibition;
    - (2) The exhibition is separated from spectators by not less than two hundred feet;
    - (3) The person conducting the exhibition complies with regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the United States Department of the Treasury and the United States Department of Transportation with respect to the storage and transport of the explosive black powder used in the exhibition.
- (ORC 3743.80)

#### 1519.06 USE OF FIREWORKS TO CONTROL NUISANCE WILDLIFE.

This chapter does not prohibit the use of fireworks to control nuisance wildlife under the following conditions:

- (a) A permit must be obtained pursuant to Chapter 1519 before using such fireworks;
- (b) Fireworks to control nuisance wildlife shall only be used on property which exceeds 158 acres within the City of New Philadelphia;
- (c) Any use of fireworks must first be determined acceptable and proper by the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife;
- (d) All sections of the Ohio Revised Code must be followed and complied with. (Ord. 47-2008. Passed 11-24-08.)

#### 1519.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree for a first offense and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned not more than six months or both. (ORC 3743.99(C))

