

City of Vancouver

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Street Traffic  
By-law  
*and*  
Parking By-law



**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Governing Street Traffic and the Conduct of  
Persons Upon Streets, etc., and  
Parking of Vehicles in the  
City of Vancouver,  
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## CITY OF VANCOUVER

# Street Traffic By-law

### BY-LAW No. 1783 AS AMENDED

A By-law regulating the use and occupation of, and the conduct of persons in and upon streets, avenues, lanes, ways, boulevards, drives, sidewalks, squares, triangles, public places, and other rights-of-way open to the use of the public, and the space above or beneath the surface of the same, and providing for the control of the same.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the City of Vancouver in open meeting assembled enact as follows:—

1. This By-law may be cited as the "Street Traffic By-law."

#### INTERPRETATION

2. (1) The expression "Chief Constable" and "Chief of Police" shall mean and include the Chief of Police of the City of Vancouver for the time being.

(2) The word "City" shall mean the City of Vancouver.

(3) The word "Council" shall mean the Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver.

(4) The word "person" shall include any body corporate or politic, or party, and the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or the legal representatives of such person to whom the context can apply according to law.

(5) The word "street" shall include public places, highways, roads, lanes, alleys, avenues,

thoroughfares, drives, bridges, viaducts, squares, triangles, courts, courtyards, boulevards, sidewalks, rights-of-way, and all other places open to the use of the public for the purpose of traffic in the City.

(6) The word "vehicle" shall mean and include any carriage, cart, wagon, conveyance, bicycle, tricycle, auto-cycle, motor-cycle, trailer, motor-vehicle (as defined by the "Motor-vehicles act, 1920"), or any conveyance on wheels or runners, drawn or capable of being drawn or propelled by any animal or muscular power, except the cars of electric or steam railways and other motor-vehicles running only on tracks.

(7) Words importing the singular number or masculine gender only, shall include more persons, parties, or things of the same kind than one, and females as well as males, and the converse.

### BICYCLES AND MOTOR-CYCLES

3. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride any bicycle, tricycle, motor-cycle, or auto-cycle upon the sidewalk of any street.

4. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride any bicycle, tricycle, motor-cycle, or auto-cycle upon any street in the manner commonly known as "coasting" or in any other manner wherein the rider of such bicycle, tricycle, motor-cycle, or auto-cycle, shall not have absolute control thereof, so that he may immediately stop the same to avoid all possible injury or collision.

5. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride bicycles, tricycles, motor-cycles, or auto-cycles in any street more than two abreast.

6. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride any such bicycle, or tricycle in, along, or upon any street between sunset and sunrise without having attached in front thereof a light of sufficient strength and brilliancy visible at a distance of fifty feet, and a reflector or light on the rear of such bicycle

or tricycle which shall be sufficient to be visible at a distance of fifty feet.

7. It shall be unlawful for any person, in riding any bicycle or tricycle to cling onto the side or rear of any moving street-car or vehicle or to convey upon such bicycle or tricycle any other person.

### LIGHTS ON VEHICLES

8. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or drive any wagon, carriage, or truck, or other conveyance drawn by a horse or horses or any other animal between the hours of sunset and sunrise in the City without having attached to such wagon, carriage, truck, or conveyance at least one white lighted lamp of such candle power as shall enable the same to be seen for at least a distance of fifty feet in front of such wagon, carriage, truck, or conveyance; and also on the rear of such wagon, carriage, truck, or conveyance a red lighted lamp of such candle power as shall enable the same to be seen for at least a distance of fifty feet behind such wagon, carriage, truck; provided, however, that any person may use or drive any wagon, carriage, truck, or conveyance to which shall be attached only one lighted lamp if such lighted lamp be constructed so as to throw a white light to the front and a red light to the rear, and shall be of such candle power as to be visible for the aforesaid distances. If only one lighted lamp is attached to such wagon, carriage, truck, or conveyance, it shall be attached to the left side of such wagon, carriage, truck, or conveyance, and in a position in line with the rear end of such wagon, carriage, truck, or conveyance; and every person driving such wagon, carriage, truck, or conveyance shall at all times keep such lamps clean and free from dust or other blurring matter.

### SPEED OF VEHICLES

9. Every person driving or riding any horse, or driving or operating any vehicle (subject to the provisions of the "Motor-vehicles Act, 1920") shall ride, drive, and operate the same in a careful



and efficient manner and at a rate of speed not greater than is reasonable and safe, having regard to all the circumstances of the occasion, including the nature, condition, and use of the street at the time, and the traffic which actually is at the time or might reasonably be expected to be on the street; and it shall be unlawful for any person to ride or drive any horse, or drive or operate any vehicle aforesaid, on any street at such rate of speed as to endanger any person or the safety of any property.

10. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any vehicle which is closed in, in such a manner that the driver thereof cannot see readily to the right and left and the rear of such vehicle.

#### **RIDING ON OR OVER SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED**

11. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride in or on any light carriage, wagon, cart, or vehicle upon any sidewalk or street in the manner commonly known as "coasting" or when such carriage, wagon, cart, or vehicle is or are propelled by gravity or its own momentum.

12. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, drive, or lead any animal, or move, drive, run, or propel any vehicle over or across any curb unless such curb has been lowered or otherwise constructed or reconstructed to form a suitable crossing, and permission to lower, construct, or reconstruct such curb or crossing having first been obtained in writing from the City Engineer. No planks or other material shall be placed in any gutter or ditch or against any curb for the purpose of making a crossing except as a temporary expedient and with the written permission of the City Engineer; and such person shall, before obtaining such written permission of the City Engineer, furnish security to the satisfaction of the Engineer to an amount at least equal to the estimated cost of constructing such temporary crossing as aforesaid.

#### **RIDING OR DRIVING OVER SIDEWALK**

13. (a). It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, drive, or load any animal, or move, drive, run, or propel any vehicle (except light carriages or chairs for the conveyance of children and invalids) along, over, or across any sidewalk without effectually protecting the sidewalk to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, and unless such person shall have first obtained the written permission of the City Engineer so to do.

#### **PERMANENT CROSSINGS OVER SIDEWALKS**

(b). In the case of persons desiring to construct permanent crossings over sidewalks as aforesaid, such crossing shall at all times be constructed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, and such persons so desiring to construct such permanent crossings shall furnish to the City, before such written permission shall be granted, security for the due performance of the works proposed to be constructed to an amount equal to at least the estimated cost of such construction estimated by the said City Engineer.

#### **VEHICLE OR ANIMAL NOT TO STAND ON SIDEWALK**

(c). It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or allow any vehicle or animal to stand on any sidewalk.

#### **TO CUT LUMBER, ETC., MIX MORTAR, ON SIDEWALK, PROHIBITED**

(d). It shall be unlawful for any person to cut, saw, break, split, place, or pile firewood, lumber, blocks, rock, stone, debris, or other material, or to mix mortar, or to do any other act upon any sidewalk, which will obstruct or impede traffic thereon or deface or injure such sidewalk.

### VEHICLES HAVING RIGHT-OF-WAY

14. The following vehicles, in the order named, shall have the right-of-way in the use of all streets and public places; viz: apparatus of the Fire Department, Police Patrol, and City and other ambulances responding to or returning from emergency calls and funerals; and it shall be unlawful for any person to fail, neglect, or refuse to give such vehicles the right-of-way, or to block, impede, or in any way interfere with their progress.

### TURNING AROUND ON HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE STREETS PROHIBITED

15. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause any vehicle to be turned so as to proceed in an opposite direction upon the street upon which such vehicle is travelling on that part of Hastings Street between Gore Avenue and Burrard Street, and on that part of Granville Street between Cordova Street and Broadway.

### FIRE APPARATUS, AMBULANCES OR POLICE PATROL

16. (1). The driver of any vehicle in any street of the City shall immediately bring such vehicle to a standstill as near as possible to the right-hand curb of such street

(a). On the approach of any apparatus of the Fire Department of the City, or any City or other ambulance or police patrol on the sounding of any siren-horn, bell, or other contrivance on any such vehicle as a warning of its approach; or

(b). On the sounding of any siren-horn, bell, or other contrivance placed on or in, at or along, any street for the purpose of giving a warning of the approach thereon of any such fire apparatus, ambulance, or police patrol; and such driver shall keep such vehicle at a standstill until the said fire apparatus, ambulance, or police patrol shall have passed from the vicinity of such street.

(2). Where any such fire apparatus, ambulance, or police patrol is approaching upon any street or public place intersecting that upon which

any street-car is proceeding or standing, the motor-man and conductor shall bring such street-car to a standstill at a distance of at least seventy-five feet from any street intersection, and shall keep such street-car at a standstill until such apparatus, ambulance, or police patrol has passed from the vicinity of such street.

(3). The driver of every fire apparatus shall, while responding to an alarm of fire and while such fire apparatus is proceeding to such fire on or along any street in the City, sound or cause to be sounded continuously a siren-horn which shall be attached to such fire apparatus for such purpose.

### "SLOW DOWN" AND "FULL STOP" AT CERTAIN STREETS

17. The driver of every vehicle shall, before entering upon or crossing any of the following streets, slow down to not more than ten (10) miles per hour, and at points indicated by a "Stop" sign erected by the City, come to a full stop at such street intersection, and shall give the right-of-way to vehicles travelling upon such streets:

Hastings Street, between Burrard Street and Cassiar Street; Georgia Street between Main Street and Chilco Street; Pacific Street from Granville Street to Stanley Park; Granville Street between Cordova Street and Sixteenth Avenue; Howe Street from Hastings Street to Pacific Street; First Avenue from Cypress Street to Trafalgar Street; Second Avenue from Fir Street to Trafalgar Street; Third Avenue from Granville Street to Trafalgar Street; Fourth Avenue between Granville Street and Alma Road; Broadway between Alma Road and Granville Street, and between Granville Street and Main Street, and between Kingsway and Victoria Drive; Twelfth Avenue between Granville Street and Main Street, and between Kingsway and Victoria Drive; Victoria Drive between Hastings Street and Twelfth Avenue; Kingsway between