



## ORDINANCE NO. 28479

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to traffic; amending Title 11 of the Tacoma Municipal  
2 Code (“TMC”), to revise City regulations applicable to street traffic.

3 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 28404, passed on December 13, 2016,  
4 amended Chapters 11.05 and 11.55 of the Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”), and  
5 several revisions were inadvertently omitted from the amendments, and

6 WHEREAS Chapter 11.05 of the Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”), relating  
7 to the Model Traffic Ordinance, includes street traffic regulations of the City and all  
8 state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in the City, and

9 WHEREAS proposed amendments to Title 11 include the following:

10 (1) TMC 11.05, relating to the parking of commercial vehicles in certain zoning  
11 districts and one-way streets; (2) TMC 11.55, relating to the Heavy Haul Industrial  
12 Corridor, to identify designated arterial streets within the Port of Tacoma that may  
13 be used to haul overweight freight with a heavy haul permit; and (3) TMC 11.60,  
14 relating to Automated Traffic Camera Systems, to update current language to meet  
15 state law, and

16 WHEREAS, with the exception of the proposed amendments to TMC 11.55,  
17 Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor, the proposed revisions were presented to the  
18 Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee on September 27, 2017, and  
19 were recommended for consideration by the City Council, and

20 WHEREAS the proposed revisions will reflect existing conditions and create  
21 consistency with the Transportation Master Plan, and will provide a means to  
22 improve and address traffic conditions; Now, Therefore,

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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That Title 11 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, entitled "Traffic," is hereby amended as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney

# EXHIBIT “A”

## TITLE 11

## TRAFFIC

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### Chapter 11.05

### MODEL TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

#### Sections:

- 11.05.010 Model Traffic Ordinance adopted.
- 11.05.020 Sections not adopted.
- 11.05.030 Statutes not adopted.
- 11.05.035 *Repealed.*
- 11.05.040 Amendment of WAC 308-330-555.
- 11.05.050 Additional statutes adopted.
- 11.05.060 Scope and construction of terms.
- 11.05.070 Curb defined.
- 11.05.080 Driveway defined.
- 11.05.090 Driveway return defined.
- 11.05.100 Fire line defined.
- 11.05.110 Fire zone defined.
- 11.05.120 Leaving minors unattended.
- 11.05.130 Driving while eating or drinking.
- 11.05.131 Automotive Sound Systems – Excessive Noise Prohibition.
- 11.05.135 Unlawful to park or stand unlicensed vehicle.
- 11.05.136 Presumption and reference to illegal parking.
- 11.05.140 Taxicabs – Prohibited parking areas.
- 11.05.150 One-way streets designated.
- 11.05.160 Construction work – Special permit required.
- 11.05.170 Illegal parking – Exceeding parking time limit.
- 11.05.180 Illegal parking – Removal of mark.
- 11.05.190 Illegal parking – Move vehicle to avoid time limit.
- 11.05.200 Parking of commercial vehicles in ~~residential neighborhood~~certain zoning districts prohibited.

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#### **11.05.150 One-way streets designated.**

Portions of the following streets, hereinafter more particularly set forth, are hereby designated and declared to be one-way streets, and it shall be unlawful for any person to drive, operate, or otherwise move any vehicle thereover except in the direction indicated herein, when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and maintained at every intersection when movement in the opposite direction is prohibited:

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South 13th Street from Pacific Avenue to South A Street, eastbound only.

South 14th Street from South A Street to Court A, westbound only.

South 17th Street from Commerce Street to Pacific Avenue, eastbound only.

South 32nd Street from South C Street to Pacific Avenue, westbound only.

East 25th Street from East D Street to East G Street, eastbound only.

East 27th Street from Bay Street to East L Street, westbound only.

East 8th Street from Bay Street to East L Street, eastbound only.

~~South 8th Street to Court A, westbound only.~~

South A Street from South ~~7th~~<sup>8th</sup> Street to South 15th Street, northbound only.

South A Street from South 27th Street to South 23rd Street, northbound only.

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**11.05.200 Parking of commercial vehicles in ~~residential neighborhood~~ certain zoning districts prohibited.**

A. It shall be unlawful for any owner, ~~agent, operator,~~ or person in ~~control~~<sup>charge</sup> of any ~~bus, commercial truck, truck-tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, trailer, motor truck, tractor, and/or truck tractor~~<sup>bus or any other "commercial vehicle," as that term is defined by RCW 46.04.140, as previously defined, or any commercial vehicle over 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight,</sup> to park, store, or keep such ~~motor vehicle(s), which exceeds 10,000 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight,~~ on any ~~residential property or on any public street, avenue, alley, or other thoroughfare, or any right-of-way in any residential district~~<sup>public street, avenue, alley, or other thoroughfare, or right-of-way in a Residential District or Mixed-Use Center District as defined in Tacoma Municipal Code Title 13 for a period in excess of one hour unless engaged in legitimate in the City of Tacoma for a period in excess of one hour unless engaged in legitimate loading or unloading activities, or while engaged in the provisions of goods or services to an abutting property owner or tenant in such districts.</sup>

Such acts shall be punishable by a penalty in an amount not less than those amounts set forth below:

| <b>Type of Vehicle</b>                                 | <b>Minimum Amount</b> |
|--|-----------------------|
| Commercial vehicle - overtime parking - first offense  | \$150                 |
| Commercial Vehicle - overtime parking - second offense | \$200                 |

~~B. It shall be unlawful for any owner of property in any residential district in the City of Tacoma to park on, cause to be parked on, or allow to be parked on his or her residential property more than two vehicles of 12,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight which are used for commercial purposes.~~

~~Such acts shall be punishable by a penalty in an amount not less than those amounts set forth below:~~

| <b>Type of Vehicle</b>   | <b>Minimum Amount</b> |
|--|-----------------------|
| <del>Commercial vehicle — too many parked — first offense</del>  | <del>\$150</del>      |
| <del>Commercial Vehicle — too many parked — second offense</del> | <del>\$200</del>      |
| <del>Commercial Vehicle — too many parked — third offense</del>  | <del>\$250</del>      |

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**11.05.500 Yield right-of-way intersections designated.**

The Director of Public Works shall post and maintain "yield" signs at the following intersections, and drivers of vehicles traveling on the street first named shall yield the right-of-way to traffic on the intersecting street named.

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South 14th Street and L Street

~~South 14th Street and M Street~~

South 14th Street and Tyler Street

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East 43rd Street and East R Street

~~South 45th Street and Lawrence Street~~

East 46th Street and East Q Street

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South 50th Street and South Fawcett Avenue

~~South 50th Street and South G Street~~

South 54th Street and Sheridan Avenue

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Jefferson Avenue and Market Street

~~Junett Street and South 45th Street~~

K Street and East 40th Street

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**11.05.520 Thirty miles per hour limit – Streets designated.**

The maximum rate of speed on the following streets and portions of streets shall be designated 30 miles per hour:

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South J Street from Division Avenue to Center Street.

Jefferson Avenue from ~~South 17th Street~~Broadway to Center Street.

M Street from Center Street to South 56th Street.

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**11.05.530 Thirty-five miles per hour limit – Streets designated.**

The maximum rate of speed on the following streets and portions of streets shall be designated 35 miles per hour:

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Pearl Street from North 42nd Street to South 19th Street.

Port of Tacoma from East 11th Street to South City Limits.

South Pine Street from Center Street to South 38th Street.

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**11.05.605 Parking penalties.**

The following tabular list of penalties shall be provided for each violation of the Model Traffic Ordinance sections under RCW 46.61 and WAC 308.330:

| <b>TMC Reference</b> | <b>Description</b>                                   | <b>Penalty</b>              |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 11.05.135            | Expired Vehicle License Under 2 Months - Parked      | \$86                        |
| 11.05.135            | Expired Vehicle License Over 2 Months - Parked       | \$171                       |
| 11.05.135            | No Month/Year License Tab - Parked                   | \$86                        |
| 11.05.135            | Altered/Illegible License Plate(s) - Parked          | \$171                       |
| 11.05.135            | Missing License Plate(s) - Parked                    | \$86                        |
| 11.05.140            | Taxicabs - Prohibited parking areas.                 | \$25                        |
| 11.05.160            | Construction - Special Permit Required               | \$50                        |
| 11.05.170            | Overtime Parking                                     | \$25                        |
| 11.05.190            | Move Vehicle to Avoid Time Limit                     | \$50                        |
| 11.05.230            | Parking for Extended Periods                         | \$35                        |
| 11.05.236            | Residential Zone - Parking Restricted                | <del>\$30</del> <u>\$30</u> |
| <del>11.05.240</del> | <del>No Parking – School Zone 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</del> | <del>\$30</del>             |
| 11.05.245            | Parked Within 2' of Another Vehicle                  | \$30                        |

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**Chapter 11.55**  
**HEAVY HAUL INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR**

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**11.55.020 Defined terms.**

For purposes of this chapter, the below-stated terms and phrases shall have the following meaning:

A. Container Chassis. "Container Chassis" shall mean a semitrailer of skeleton construction limited to a bottom frame, one or more axles, specially built and fitted with locking devices for the transport of cargo containers, so that when the container chassis and container are assembled, the units serve the same function as an over-the-road trailer.

B. Director. "Director" shall mean and refer to the Director of Public Works or successor department or his or her designee.

C. Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor. "Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor" shall mean and refer to such sections of public highways as are included in the following description:

| <b>Street</b>                                  | <b>Extent</b>  |
|--|--|
| East 11th Street                               | Alexander Avenue to Taylor Way                                   |
| East 11th Street                               | Port of Tacoma Road to Milwaukee Way                             |
| East 11th Street                               | Portland Avenue to the 900 Block                                 |
| East 15th Street                               | East 'D' Street to Saint Paul Avenue                             |
| East 19th Street                               | East 'D' Street to East 18th Street                              |
| Alexander Avenue                               | From the north end to the south end of public right-of-way       |
| East 'D' Street                                | East 15th Street to East 19th Street                             |
| Lincoln Avenue                                 | Portland Avenue to Port of Tacoma Road                           |
| Lincoln Avenue                                 | Alexander Avenue to Taylor Way                                   |
| <a href="#"><u>Lincoln Loop Road South</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Lincoln Avenue to Lincoln Loop Road North</u></a> |
| Marshall Avenue                                | Milwaukee Way to Port of Tacoma Road                             |
| Maxwell Way                                    | Thorne Road to Port of Tacoma Road                               |
| Milwaukee Way                                  | Lincoln Avenue to <del>East</del> Eells Street                   |
| Portland Avenue                                | East 11th Street to Lincoln Avenue                               |
| Port of Tacoma Road                            | East 11th Street to SR 509                                       |
| Saint Paul Avenue                              | East 15th Street to Portland Avenue                              |
| Taylor Way                                     | East 11th Street to SR 509                                       |
| Thorne Road                                    | East 11th Street to Lincoln Avenue                               |

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**Chapter 11.60**  
**AUTOMATED TRAFFIC CAMERA SYSTEMS**

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**11.60.010 Authorized use of automated traffic safety cameras.**

A. Law enforcement officers of the City and persons commissioned by the police chief are authorized to use automated traffic safety cameras and related automated systems to detect one or more of the following infractions:

1. Stop light infractions.
2. Railroad crossing violations.
3. School speed zone violations.
4. Speed zone violations, as authorized in [Chapter 470, Laws of 2009, section 201RCW 46.63.170](#).

B. The use of automated traffic safety cameras is subject to the following restrictions:

1. The use of automated traffic safety cameras is restricted to “two arterial intersections” (the intersection of two arterial streets), railroad crossings, school speed zones, and as authorized in [Chapter 470, Laws of 2009, section 201RCW 46.63.170](#).
2. Automated traffic safety cameras may only take pictures of the vehicle and the vehicle license plate and only while the infraction is occurring. Pictures taken by the automated traffic safety camera may not reveal the face of the driver or of the passengers in the vehicle.

C. The City shall clearly mark all locations where automated traffic safety cameras are in use by placing signs in locations that clearly indicate to a driver that he or she is entering a zone where traffic laws are enforced by automated traffic safety camera.

D. For the purpose of this chapter, “automated traffic safety camera” means a device that uses a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with an intersection traffic control system; a railroad grade crossing control system, or a speed measuring device; and a camera synchronized to automatically record one or more sequential photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images of the rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle:

1. fails to stop when facing a steady red traffic control signal; or
2. fails to stop when facing an activated railroad grade crossing control signal; or
3. exceeds a speed limit in a school speed zone as detected by a speed measuring device; or
4. exceeds a speed limit as detected by a speed-measuring device, authorized by [Chapter 470, Laws of 2009, section 201in RCW 46.63.170](#).

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