

AN ORDINANCE NO. _____

Amending Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by amending certain provisions of the Traffic and General Offenses Code.

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WHEREAS, certain provisions within the Codified Ordinances should be amended to conform with current State law as required by the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City has heretofore entered into a contract with the Walter H. Drane Company to prepare and publish such revision which is before the Commission;

WHEREAS, there exists an imperative necessity for the earliest publication and distribution of current replacement pages to the officials and residents of the City, so as to facilitate administration, daily operation and avoid practical and legal entanglements; NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Ohio:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, is hereby amended by the amendment of the following sections of the Traffic and General Offenses Codes as respectively indicated in order to comply with current State law.

Traffic Code

301.35	School Bus. (Amended)
303.01	Compliance with Lawful Order of Police Officer; Fleeing. (Amended)
303.991	Committing an Offense While Distracted Penalty. (Amended)
331.38	Stopping for School Bus; Discharging Children. (Amended)
331.45	Restrictions on the Operation of School Buses. (Added)
333.03	Maximum Speed Limits; Assured Clear Distance Ahead. (Amended)
333.07	Street Racing, Stunt Driving and Street Takeovers Prohibited. (Amended)
333.11	Electronic Wireless Communication Device Use Prohibited While Driving. (Amended)
337.16	Number of Lights; Limitations on Flashing, Oscillating or Rotating Lights. (Amended)
337.26	Child Restraint System Usage. (Amended)
337.31	Lights and Sign on Transportation for Preschool Children. (Added)
341.01	Commercial Drivers Definitions. (Amended)
341.04	Prohibitions for Commercial Drivers. (Amended)
341.05	Criminal Offenses. (Amended)
351.18	Parking Near Curb; Handicapped Locations on Public and Private Lots and Garages. (Amended)

General Offenses Code

501.01	General Provisions and Penalty Definitions. (Amended)
505.14	Rights of Blind, Deaf or Hearing Impaired, or Mobility Impaired Person, or Trainer with Assistance Dog. (Added)
509.06	Inducing Panic. (Amended)
509.15	Impeding Public Passage of an Emergency Service Responder. (Added)
513.01	Drug Abuse Control Definitions. (Amended)
513.02	Gift of Marihuana. (Amended)
513.09	Adult Use Cannabis Control; Limitations on Conduct by Individuals. (Added)
529.07	Open Container Prohibited. (Amended)
537.03	Illegal Distribution of Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, or Alternative Nicotine Products; Transaction Scans. (Amended)

Section 2. That the complete text of the Traffic and General Offenses Code sections listed above are set forth in full in the current replacement pages to the Traffic and General Offenses Codes. A summary of the changes contained therein is set forth in Exhibit A. The listing above of each new section by reference to its title shall constitute sufficient publication of new matter contained therein.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after fourteen (14) days from the date of passage.

Passed this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. _____ was duly published in the Springfield News-Sun on _____, _____, 2025.

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

EXHIBIT A

Traffic Code

301.35 School Bus Definition. (Amended) Changes made to terms “child care center” and “type A family child care home”.

303.01 Compliance with Lawful Order of Police Officer; Fleeing. (Amended) (Amends violation provisions.)

303.991 Committing an Offense While Distracted Penalty. (Amended) Includes time limit for fine payment and written evidence. Adds law enforcement officer requirements when ticket or citation issued.

331.38 Stopping for School Bus; Discharging Children. (Amended) Includes reference to municipal ordinance; changes heading of state agency.

331.45 Restrictions on the Operation of School Buses. (Added) Adds restrictions for operating a vehicle used for pupil transportation.

333.03 Maximum Speed Limits; Assured Clear Distance Ahead. (Amended) Changes heading of state agency.

333.07 Street Racing, Stunt Driving and Street Takeovers Prohibited. (Amended) (Adds “stunt driving” and “street takeover” prohibitions.)

333.11(d) Electronic Wireless Communication Device Use Prohibited While Driving. (Amended) Adjusts penalty provisions including license suspension.

337.16 Number of Lights; Limitation on Flashing, Oscillating or Rotating Lights. (Amended) Includes exception for a vehicle used for emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

337.26 Child Restraint System Usage. (Amended) Changes term “day-care center” to “child care center”.

337.31 Lights and Sign on Transportation for Preschool Children. (Added) Adds requirements for vehicles transporting preschool children.

341.01(b) Commercial Drivers Definitions. (Expands definition of Commercial Drivers License to include “enhanced commercial driver’s license.”)

341.04 Prohibitions for Commercial Drivers. (Amended) Adds additional prohibitions. Addresses out-of-state convictions; proper endorsements on licenses; and strict liability offenses.

341.05 Criminal Offenses for Commercial Drivers. (Amended) Adds additional prohibition. Addresses strict liability offenses.

351.18 Parking Near Curb; Handicapped Locations on Public and Private Lots and Garages. (Amended) Deletes the term “temporary removable windshield placard”.

General Offenses Code

501.01(r) General Provisions and Penalty Definitions. (Amended) Changes heading of state agency.

505.15 Rights of Blind, Deaf or Hearing Impaired, or Mobility Impaired Person, or Trainer with Assistance Dog. (Added) Provides rights for persons with assistance dog.

509.06 Inducing Panic. (Amended) Changes heading of state agencies.

509.08(d) Impeding Public Passage of an Emergency Service Responder. (Amended) Changes reference to ORC section.

513.01 Drug Abuse Control Definitions. (Amended) Changes reference to ORC section and changes heading of state agency.

513.02 Gift of Marihuana. (Former Ohio R.C. 2925.03 from which Section 513.02 was derived was superseded by the changes made to Ohio R.C. 3780.36 enacted by Initiative Petition. See "Section 513.16 Adult Use Cannabis Control; Limitations on Conduct by Individuals" for relevant provisions.)

513.16 Adult Use Cannabis Control; Limitations on Conduct by Individuals. (Added) Adds the new law on cannabis use.

529.07 Open Container Prohibited. (Amended) Adds exception for open container in outdoor area. Adds provisions for F-9 permit.

537.16(a) Illegal Distribution of Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, or Alternate Nicotine Products; Transaction Scans. (Amended) Amends violation provisions and raises age limit to twenty-one.

537.16(a) Illegal Distribution of Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, or Alternate Nicotine Products; Transaction Scans. (Amended) Amends "authorized recipient of tobacco products" and "motor carrier" definitions.