

ARTICLE VIII. PEDESTRIANS

Sec. 18-95. Subject to traffic-control signals.

Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic-control signals as provided in this chapter, but at all places where there are no such signals pedestrians shall be granted those rights and be subject to those restrictions stated in sections 18-96 through 18-105.

Sec. 18-96. Right-of-way in crosswalk.

(a) When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield 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; but 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 that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

(b) When 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 such stopped vehicle.

Sec. 18-97. Use right half of crosswalk.

Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of the crosswalk.

Sec. 18-98. Crossing at right angles.

No pedestrian shall cross a roadway at any place other than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb except in a crosswalk.

Sec. 18-99. When pedestrians shall yield.

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. The foregoing rules in sections 18-96 through 18-99 have no application under the conditions stated in section 18-100 when pedestrians are prohibited from crossing at certain designated places.

Sec. 18-100. Prohibited crossing.

(a) Between adjacent intersections at which traffic-control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a crosswalk.

(b) No pedestrian shall cross a roadway other than in a crosswalk in the central traffic district or in any business district.

Sec. 18-101. Walking along roadways.

Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway. Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction. No person shall stand in the roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any vehicle.

Sec. 18-102. Drivers to exercise due care.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this article, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any confused or incapacitated person upon a roadway.

Sec. 18-103. Demonstrations on or near sidewalk.

No person shall, on any sidewalk or any premises abutting thereon, make a speech or harangue, or demonstrate, sell or offer for sale goods, wares and merchandise or display any sign, device, information or exhibition, in consequence of which there is caused such a gathering of persons on such sidewalk as to interfere with pedestrian traffic thereon.

Sec. 18-104. Pedestrian assemblies.

No person shall gather and remain in crowds or assemblies at or about any point or place, or move in crowds in such numbers and in such manner as to interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Sec. 18-105. Blind pedestrians.

Blind pedestrians, by holding out horizontally a white cane in the direction they desire to travel over crosswalks on any street, avenue, alley or other public highway, shall be given the right-of-way over all other pedestrians and over all vehicles, except the vehicles of the division of police, division of fire and emergency services, and excepting those other vehicles classified as emergency vehicles.