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ARTICLE I. TRAFFIC ORDERS AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 17-10. Purpose of chapter

The purposes of this chapter are to:

- (a) Establish a procedure for the adoption of traffic regulations applying to particular streets, highways, intersections and certain grounds and private roads.
- (b) Establish a procedure with respect to the use of non-regulatory traffic control devices and both regulating and non-regulating striping and pavement markings.

(Ord. No. 539, §1; Ord. No. 1438, §1)

Sec. 17-11. Delegation of power to director of transportation

The board of supervisors delegates those statutory powers granted to the position of county road commissioner to the director of transportation, pursuant to provisions of Streets and Highways Code § 2006.1.

(Ord. No. 1438, §1; Ord. No. 1711, §3)

Sec. 17-12. Traffic orders--Authority of director of transportation

The director of transportation of the county may make traffic orders establishing any of the following regulations:

- (a) Regulating traffic by means of semaphores or other official traffic-control devices.
- (b) Designating particular highways as one-way highways and requiring that all vehicles thereon be moved in one specified direction.
- (c) Closing any highway or a portion of it, when in the opinion of the director of transportation the highway is no longer needed or cannot safely be used for vehicular traffic.
- (d) Designating any highways as a through highway and requiring that all vehicles stop before entering or crossing the highway.
- (e) Designating any intersection as a stop intersection and requiring all vehicles to stop at one or more entrances to the intersections.
- (f) Prohibiting the use of particular highways by certain vehicles, except as otherwise provided by the public utilities commission pursuant to article 2, chapter 5, part 1, division 1, of the Public Utilities Code of this state.

No ordinance which is adopted pursuant to this provision hereafter shall apply to any state highway which is included in the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, except an ordinance which has been approved by the California Transportation Commission by a four-fifths vote.

(g) Temporarily close a portion of any street for celebrations, parades, local special events, and other purposes, when, in the opinion of the director of transportation, the closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closure.

(h) Closing particular streets during regular school hours for the purpose of conducting automobile driver training programs in the secondary schools and colleges in the county.

(i) Closing to vehicular traffic that portion of any street or highway crossing or dividing any school grounds when in the opinion of the road commissioner the closing is necessary for the protection of persons attending the school or using the school grounds. The closing to vehicular traffic may be limited to the hours and days that the road commissioner may specify.

(j) Prohibiting entry to, or exit from, or both from any street by means of islands, curbs, traffic barriers, or other road way design features to implement the circulation element of a general plan adopted pursuant to Government Code ' 65350, consistent with public health and safety of the citizens of the county.

(k) Establishing crosswalks between intersections.

(l) Directing that pedestrians shall not cross in a crosswalk indicated at an intersection.

(m) Regulating vehicular traffic on private owned and maintained roads or ways within the boundaries of a privately owned airport, when the roads or ways are expressly open to the general public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

(n) Regulating vehicular and pedestrian traffic in subways, tubes and tunnels or on bridges or viaducts.

(o) Requiring that all vehicles stop before entering or crossing the tracks at any highway railroad grade crossing.

(p) Regulating vehicular traffic on privately owned and maintained roads or ways within the boundaries of any housing project or within the site of any housing owned or operated by a housing authority created under and by virtue of the Housing Authorities Law, section 34200 et seq., of the Health and Safety Code of the state, on privately owned and maintained roads or ways within areas which would be a residence district if the road or way were a public highway, or

with the consent of the owner, on publicly owned and maintained roads and ways within areas not owned by this county.

(q) Prohibiting the making of any turning movement by any vehicle at any intersection or between any designated intersections.

(r) Prohibiting the parking or standing of vehicles on certain streets or highways, or portions thereof, during all or certain hours of the day.

(s) Declaring a prima facie speed limit of thirty, thirty-five, forty, forty-five, fifty, or a maximum speed limit of fifty-five on any street other than a state highway otherwise subject to a prima facie speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour.

(t) Declaring a prima facie speed limit of fifty, forty-five, forty, thirty-five, thirty, or twenty-five miles per hour on any portion of any street other than a state highway where the street is subject to a speed limit of fifty-five miles per hour.

(u) Regulating the installation and operation of mechanical devices for the control of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

(v) Establishing weight limitations for vehicles traveling over county roads and bridges.

(w) Regulating public grounds of county property as provided for in section 21113, State Vehicle Code.

(x) Find and declare, after a public hearing, that there is a privately owned and maintained road, within the county, as described in an ordinance or resolution, that is generally held open for use by the public for vehicular travel and which so connect with highways that the public cannot determine that the road is not highway, and therefore the provisions of the Vehicle Code should apply to that private road.

(y) Find and declare, after a public hearing, that there is a privately owned and maintained road, within the county, as described in an ordinance or resolution, that is not generally held open for use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel but, by reason of its proximity to or connection with highways, the interests of any residents residing along the road and the motoring public will best be served by application of the provisions of the Vehicle Code to the road.

(z) Any other traffic regulations not mentioned in subsections (a) through (y) above, but contained in the latest amendments to the California Vehicle Code.

(Ord. No. 539, §2; Ord. No. 760, §2; Ord. No. 1438, §1; Ord. No. 1711, §4)

Sec. 17-13. Same--Traffic and engineering survey required; standards generally

Every traffic order made under section 17-11 shall be based on a traffic and engineering survey and shall conform with accepted principles and practices of traffic engineering.

(Ord. No. 539, §3; Ord. No. 1438, §1)

Sec. 17-14. Same--Adoption by resolution of board of supervisors; placement of signs and markings

No traffic order shall be effective until:

- (a) It has been adopted by resolution of the board of supervisors; and
- (b) Appropriate signs or markings, meeting the requirements of the Vehicle Code of the state, are placed to give notice of the regulation to the traveling public unless the regulation itself constitutes notice.

(Ord. No. 539, §4; Ord. No. 1438, §1)

Sec. 17-15. Resolutions adopting traffic orders

(a) Resolutions adopting traffic orders shall be numbered consecutively, in a numerical series separate from that applied to other resolutions of the board of supervisors.

(b) A copy of each resolution adopting a traffic order shall be filed with the director of transportation.

(Ord. No. 539, §5; Ord. No. 1438, §1; Ord. No. 1711, §5)

Sec. 17-16. Penalties

A violation of traffic orders adopted under this chapter shall constitute an offense and on conviction thereof, shall be punished as a misdemeanor or an infraction as provided in section 42001 of the State Vehicle Code.

(Ord. No. 539, §6; Ord. No. 760, §2; Ord. No. 1438, §1)

Sec. 17-17. Non-regulatory traffic control devices and striping of any kind

Based on sound traffic engineering principles and consistent with the latest traffic manual of the State of California and the latest manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways published by the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, the county shall place on county roads appropriate warning signs, construction signs, guide signs, pavement delineations and markings, flashing beacons, safety lighting and non-regulatory traffic control devices without requiring a traffic order.

(Ord. No. 1438, §1)

Sec. 17-18. Enforcement

Enforcement of this chapter shall be performed by the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, except on such private roads and property where the California Highway Patrol by law is prohibited from providing traffic law enforcement.

(Ord. No. 760, §3; Ord. No. 1438, §1)

Sec. 17-19. Speed Limits

(a) It is hereby determined upon the basis of engineering and traffic surveys that the speeds permitted by state law upon the highways hereafter designated in this chapter are greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon such highways, and it is hereby declared that the prima facie speed limits shall be as designated in this article, effective when signs are erected giving notice thereof, pursuant to the provisions of section 22357 and 22358 of the California Vehicle Code and any amendments or successors thereto.

(b) Fifteen miles per hour speed limit. The speed limit for the highways or portions thereof designated in this section is hereby determined and declared to be fifteen miles per hour.

(1) Grizzly Island Road from 150 feet south of Hill Slough bridge to 350 feet north of Hill Slough bridge.

(2) Suisun Valley Road from 200 feet south of bridge near Twin Sisters Road to 450 feet north of bridge near Twin Sisters Road.

(c) Twenty-five miles per hour speed limit. The speed limit for the highways or portions thereof designated in this section is hereby determined and declared to be twenty-five miles per hour.

(1) A Street from Elmira Road to Holdener Road.

(2) Blossom Road from Railroad Avenue to Suisun city limits.

(3) Bridgeport Avenue from Ramsey Road to Cordelia Road.

(4) Carquinez Street from Thomas Avenue to Benicia Road.

(5) Gates Canyon Road from Peasants Valley Road to end.

(6) Holdener Road from A Street to 800 feet east of B Street.

- (7) Idora Avenue from Lemon Street to Pine Street.
 - (8) Kildeer Road from Scally Road to end.
 - (9) Mankas Corner Road from 650 feet west of Gordon Valley Rod to 1350 feet southeast of Gordon Valley Road.
 - (10) Phillip Street from Thomas Avenue to end.
 - (11) Pine Street from Woodrow Avenue to Idora Avenue.
 - (12) Reis Avenue from Woodrow Avenue to end.
- (d) Thirty miles per hour speed limit. The speed limit for the highways or portions thereof designated in this section is hereby determined and declared to be thirty miles per hour.

- (1) B & R Lane from Liberty Island Road to end.
- (2) Green Valley Road from Rockville Road north to end.
- (3) Maple Road from Vacaville city limits to end.
- (4) Peaceful Glen Road from English Hills Road to Solano Road.
- (5) Poplar Road from Vacaville city limits to end.
- (6) Prosperity Lane from Tolenas Road to Solano Road.
- (7) Rockville Road from Green Valley Road west to end.
- (8) Walnut Road from Vacaville city limits to end.
- (9) Willow Road from Maple Road to Vacaville city limits.

(e) Thirty-five miles per hour speed limit. The speed limit for the highways or portions thereof designated in this section is hereby determined and declared to be thirty-five miles per hour.

- (1) Azevedo Road from Emigh Road to Highway 12.
- (2) Benicia Road from Interstate 80 west to Vallejo city limits.
- (3) Benicia Road from Homeacres Avenue west to Vallejo city limits.
- (4) Bryant Road from Leisure Town Road to Meridian Road North.

- (5) Clement Road from Midway Road to Udell Road.
- (6) Cordelia Road from Fairfield city limits at Interstate 680 east to Fairfield city limits at Green Valley creek.
- (7) Dixon Avenue East from Dixon city limits to 900 feet east of Doyle Lane.
- (8) Elizabeth Road from Vacaville city limits to Meridian Road North.
- (9) Gaddini Road from 9.23 miles north of Bowman Road to Putah Creek Road.
- (10) Green Valley Road from 900 feet south of De Leu Drive to Rockville Road.
- (11) Lemon Street from Vallejo city limits to Benicia Road.
- (12) Locke Road from Midway Road to Store Road.
- (13) Mason Road from Green Valley Road to end.
- (14) Olivas Lane from Peaceful Glen Road to end.
- (15) Olive School Lane from 250 feet north to McCune Creek bridge to end.
- (16) Paddon Road from Midway Road to Udell Road.
- (17) Putah Creek Road from the west intersection with Winters Road to the east intersection with Winters Road.
- (18) Putnam Road from Midway Road to Udell Road.
- (19) Rockville Road from Fairfield city limits to 2000 feet west of Ledgewood Creek.
- (20) Rockville Road from 1400 feet west of Suisun Valley Road to 0.22 miles east of the west Willotta Drive intersection.
- (21) Store Road from Locke Road to Hartley Road.
- (22) Suisun Valley Road from Fairfield city limits to 500 feet north of Rockville Road.
- (23) Udell Road from Timm Road to Hartley Road.

(24) Winters Road from the west intersection with Putah Creek Road to 700 feet south.

(25) Winters Road from the east intersection with Putah Creek Road to the Yolo County line.

(26) Robinson Road from Timm Road to Hartley Road

(27) Cantelow Road from Pleasants Valley Road to English Hills Road.

(28) Clayton Road from Gordon Valley Road to 0.32 miles north.

(29) Gordon Valley Road from Mankas Corner Road to 0.25 miles north.

(30) Griffin Lane from Meridian Road North to end.

(31) Liberty Island Road from 2.6 miles north of B & R Lane north to end and from 3.0 miles south of Swan Road south to end.

(f) Forty miles per hour speed limit. The speed limit for the highways or portions thereof designated in this section is hereby determined and declared to be forty miles per hour.

(1) Brown Valley Road from Vacaville city limits south of McMurtry Lane to Vacaville city limits near Rice Lane.

(2) Brown Valley Road from Vacaville city limits northeast of Rice Lane to Cantelow Road.

(3) Holdener Road from 800 feet east of B Street to Lewis Road.

(4) Morrison Lane from Suisun Valley Road to end.

(5) Peaceful Glen Road from Olivas Lane to Timm Road.

(6) Shelton Lane from Brown Valley Road to end.

(7) Timm Road from Peaceful Glen Road to 500 feet south of Longs Trail.

(g) Forty-five miles per hour speed limit. The speed limit for the highways or portions thereof designated in this section is hereby determined and declared to be forty-five miles per hour.

(1) Abernathy Road from Rockville Road to 0.8 miles south.

(2) Boyce Road from Wolfskill Road to Putah Creek Road.

- (3) Cantelow Road from Gibson Canyon Road to Timm Road.
- (4) Emigh Road from Montezuma Hills Road to 0.32 miles west of Currie Road.
- (5) Gaddini Road from Wolfskill Road to 0.23 miles north of Bowman Road.
- (6) Gibson Canyon Road from Vacaville city limits to Cantelow Road.
- (7) Green Valley Road from 900 feet south of De Leu Drive to Fairfield city limits.
- (8) Midway Road from Timm Road to Vacaville city limits.
- (9) Old Davis Road from 0.66 miles north of Becker Road to the south right-of-way line of Interstate 80.
- (10) Olive School Lane from 250 feet north of McCune Creek to Putah Creek Road.
- (11) Peabody Road from Fairfield city limits at Cement Hill Road to Fairfield city limits south of Putah South Canal.
- (12) Peabody Rod from Fairfield city limits north of Putah South Canal to Vacaville city limits.
- (13) Railroad Avenue from Suisun city limits west of Blossom Road to Suisun city limits east of Blossom Road.
- (14) Rockville Road from 0.22 miles east of the west Willotta Drive intersection to 2000 feet west of Ledgewood Creek.
- (15) Timm Road from Cantelow Road to Peaceful Glen Road.
- (16) Vanden Road from Fairfield city limits to 0.75 miles north.
- (17) Midway Road from Vacaville City Limit at Leisure Town Road to Vacaville City Limit at Meridian Road North.
- (18) Abernathy Road from 0.8 miles north of Rockville Road to Mankas Corner Road.
- (19) Cantelow Road from English Hills Road to Gibson Canyon Road.
- (20) English Hills Road from Cantelow Road to end.

(21) Ledgewood Road from Suisun Valley Road to Mankas Corner Road.

(22) Mankas Corner Road from Fairfield City Limit to 1.19 miles west of Abernathy Road.

(h) Fifty miles per hour speed limit. The speed limit for the highways or portions thereof designated in this section is hereby determined and declared to be fifty miles per hour.

(1) North Gate Road from Fairfield city limits to Canon Road.

(2) Wolfskill Road from Tubbs Road to 200 feet east of Boyce Road.

Meridian Road North from Midway Road to 300 feet north of Elizabeth Road.

(Ord. No. 1580, §1; Ord. No. 1586, §1; Ord. No. 1588, §1; Ord. No. 1594, §1; Ord. No. 1614, §1)

**FORMER ARTICLE II PERTAINING TO ABANDONED AND WRECKED
VEHICLES NOW IN CHAPTER 6.5**

**ARTICLE II. ASSEMBLIES OR PARADES
ON COUNTY ROADS**

Sec. 17-20. Assemblies or parades.

This article shall be applicable to assemblies, parades, footraces, bicycle touring and similar events involving sponsored, advertised or published activities hereinafter referred to as an "event" occurring on Solano County roads other than sidewalks which involve more than twenty-five participants.

(Ord. No. 1231, §2; Ord. No. 1438, §1; Ord. No. 1711, §6)

Sec. 17-21. Permit required

It is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, company, corporation, association, society, or organization of any kind, to conduct an event as described in section 17-20 above, along or upon any county maintained road in the unincorporated area of the county without first obtaining a permit from the director of transportation, to do so.

(Ord. No. 1438, §1; Ord. No. 1711, §6)

Sec. 17-22. Permit--Application

A person seeking issuance of a permit shall file an application with the director of transportation on forms provided by the director for such purpose. A complete application for a permit must be filed at least thirty days before the date on which

it is proposed to conduct the event. The director of transportation, where good cause is shown therefore, shall have the authority to consider any late application hereunder which is filed at least five working days before the date such event is proposed to be conducted.

(Ord. No. 1438, §1; Ord. No. 1711, §6)

Sec. 17-23. Permit--Contents

Each event permit application, submitted on a form adopted by the Director of Transportation, shall contain the following information:

- (a) Starting time;
- (b) Minimum and maximum speed;
- (c) Maximum interval of space to be maintained between the units of the event;
- (d) The portions of the streets, parkways or property to be traversed that may be occupied in connection with the event;
- (e) The maximum length of the route in miles, or fractions thereof;
- (f) Contain a map and detailed description of the route and/or location of the event;
- (g) Be accompanied by a certificate of insurance, in a minimum amount to be approved by the Risk Manager, on which the County and the State are named as additional insureds; and
- (h) Such other information as the director of transportation finds necessary or advisable.

(Ord. No. 1438, §1; Ord. No. 1711, §6)

Sec. 17-24. Permit--Insurance provisions

(a) The applicant or sponsor of an event must possess or obtain public insurance to protect against loss from liability imposed by law for damages on account of bodily injury and property damage arising from the event. Such insurance shall name on the policy or by endorsement as additional insureds the county and the State of California, their officers, employees and agents. Insurance coverage must be maintained for the duration of the event.

- (b) Coverage shall be a comprehensive general liability insurance policy.

(c) Minimum limits required shall be five hundred thousand dollars each person bodily injury, five hundred thousand dollars each occurrence bodily injury, one hundred thousand dollars each occurrence property damage.

(d) A copy of the policy or a certificate of insurance along with all necessary endorsements must be filed with the risk manager of the county at least 10 working days before the date of the event unless the risk manager for good cause waives the filing deadline. The event permit shall not be issued by the director of transportation until after the insurance policy or certificate of insurance along with necessary endorsements have been filed by the applicant or sponsor and approved by the risk manager.

(e) The insurance requirements of (a) through (d) of this section shall be waived by the director of transportation for events if the following conditions are satisfied: The applicant or sponsor signs a verified statement that it is believed the event's purpose is First Amendment expression, and that it has been determined that the cost of obtaining insurance is so financially burdensome that it would constitute an unreasonable burden on the right of First Amendment expression, or that it has been impossible to obtain insurance coverage. The statement shall include the name and address of one insurance agent or other source for insurance coverage contacted to determine insurance premium rates for insurance coverage.

(Ord. No. 1438, §1)

Sec. 17-25. Permit--Other reviewing agencies

The California Highway Patrol, affected fire protection districts, sheriff, risk manager or any other department, agency or private party affected by the proposed event shall be contacted for comments as determined by the director of transportation.

(Ord. No. 1231, §2; Ord. No. 1438, §1)

Sec. 17-26. Permit--Issuance conditions

The director of transportation shall issue a permit as provided for hereunder when, from a consideration of the application and from such other information as may otherwise be obtained, the director finds that:

(a) The conduct of the event will not substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its routes;

(b) The conduct of the event will not require the diversion of so great a number of law enforcement personnel to properly police the line of movement and the areas contiguous thereto as to prevent normal law enforcement protection in the county;

(c) The conduct of such event will not require the diversion of so great a number of ambulances as to prevent normal ambulance service to portions of the county other than that to be occupied by the proposed line of march and areas contiguous thereto;

(d) The concentration of persons, animals and vehicles at assembly points or the location of the event will not unduly interfere with proper fire and police protection of, or ambulance service to areas contiguous to such assembly areas;

(e) The conduct of such event will not unduly interfere with the movement of fire-fighting equipment en route to a fire;

(f) The conduct of the event is not reasonably likely to cause injury to persons or property, to provoke disorderly conduct or create a disturbance;

(g) The event is scheduled to move from its point of origin to its point of termination expeditiously and without unreasonable delays en route; or

(h) The route has not already been scheduled for another event at the requested time; and

(i) The California Highway Patrol, sheriff, and the risk manager have approved the event.

(Ord. No. 1438, §1; Ord. No. 1711, § 6)

Sec. 17-27. Permit--action on application

The director of transportation shall act upon a complete application for a permit at least ten days before the event, except for a late application which shall be acted upon at least two days before the event. If the application is rejected, the director shall immediately notify the applicant by telephone of the rejection, stating the reasons for denial.

(Ord. No. 1438, §1; Ord. No. 1711, §6)

Sec. 17-28. Permit--denial of application--alternate permit

In denying an application for a permit, the director of transportation shall be empowered to authorize the conduct of the event on a date, at a time, or over a route different from that named by the applicant. An applicant desiring to accept an alternate permit shall, within five days after notice of such decision, file a written acceptance with the director. An alternate permit shall conform to the requirements of, and shall have the effect of a permit.

(Ord. No. 1438, §1; Ord. No. 1711, §6)

Sec. 17-29. Permit--exemptions

The provisions of this article shall not apply to:

- (a) Funeral processions;
- (b) Students going to and from school classes or participating in educational activities, provided such is under the immediate direction and supervision of proper school authorities; or
- (c) A governmental agency acting within the scope of its functions.

(Ord. No. 1438, §1)

Sec. 17-30. Litter removal--prohibited acts

Applicant shall remove all litter and debris from the area used by the event. In addition, trespassing on or interference with private property, including fences, is prohibited. The use of open fires by any participants while on county roads is prohibited and smoking is prohibited during the fire season (June through October).

(Ord. No. 1231, §2; Ord. No. 1438, §1; Ord. No. 1711, §6)

ARTICLE III. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION RESTRICTIONS

Sec. 17-40. Alcoholic beverage defined

For the purposes of this section, alcoholic beverage includes alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine, beer and every other liquid which is fit for beverage purposes and which contains more than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume.

(Ord. No. 1576, §1)

Sec. 17-41. Consumption of alcoholic beverage in public places

It is unlawful for any person to consume any alcoholic beverage in or upon any of the following places in the unincorporated area of Solano County:

- (a) Any public highway or street;
- (b) Any public sidewalk or way;
- (c) Any public place, except beaches and parks; and
- (d) Any place open to the public.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the consumption of alcoholic beverages may be allowed on public property and public places in conformity with such rules as are adopted by resolution of the board of supervisors when notice is posted of such

exception; and the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public school property is regulated by Business and Professions Code section 25608 rather than this section.

(Ord. No. 1576, §1)

Sec. 17-42. Possession of open alcoholic beverage containers

It is unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession any can, bottle, or other receptacle containing any alcoholic beverage which has been opened, or a seal broken, or the contents partially removed, on any public property or in any public place if the consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in such areas by Section 17-41.

(Ord. No. 1576, §1)

Sec. 17-43. Penalties for offenses

Any person who violates any of the provisions of Section 17-41 is guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not more than \$1000 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both; and any person who violates any of the provisions of Section 17-42 is guilty of an infraction and punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.

(Ord. No. 1576, §1)

(Ord. No. 971, §1; Ord. No. 1134, §1; Ord. No. 1231A, §2)