

ORDINANCE NO. 97-025

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON THE DATE MAY 06 1997

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 25.01.002, 51.02.202 AND 51.02.205, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING CITATIONS, AND TO THE OPERATION OF REGIONAL TRANSIT VEHICLES ON THE K STREET MALL

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1

Section 25.01.002 of the Sacramento City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

25.01.002 Authority of Police and Fire Officers

The police department shall: enforce the street traffic regulations of the city and all of the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in the city; shall make arrests for traffic violations; shall investigate traffic accidents; shall co-operate in the administration of the traffic laws and in developing ways and means to improve traffic conditions; and shall carry out those duties especially imposed upon the department by this chapter and other ordinances of the city. A suitable system of filing traffic accident reports shall be maintained and a copy of each report shall be made available to the city traffic engineer.

Officers of the police department, or such persons as are assigned by the chief of police, are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand, or signal in conformance with traffic laws. In the event of a fire or other emergency, or to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers of the police department may direct traffic as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws.

Officers and members of the fire department, when at the firehouse or at the scene of a fire, may direct, or assist the police in directing, traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.

Civilian employees of the city, when designated by the chief of police, shall enforce those provisions of this chapter and the vehicle code relating to the standing or parking of vehicles.

To the extent authorized by a memorandum of understanding executed by the Chief of Police in accordance with Penal Code Section 830.7, civilian employees of the Sacramento Regional Transit District shall enforce those provisions of this chapter and the vehicle code relating to the standing or parking of vehicles.

SECTION 2

Section 51.02.202 of the Sacramento City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

51.02.202 Same--Exceptions

The provisions of Section 51.02.201 shall not apply to the following:

- (a) A Fire vehicles and ambulances responding to emergency calls.
- (b) Utility vehicles engaged in the repair of hazards or the correction of disruptions of essential services.
- (c) Building services vehicles engaged in the repair of hazards or the correction of disruptions of essential services.
- (d) Shuttle buses operated by the Sacramento Regional Transit District.
- (e) Vehicles leaving the parking garage at 11th Street between the K-L alley and L Street from the exit to L Street only; provided, however, that no vehicle shall stop or stand unless in a traffic queue exiting from the garage.
- (f) Vehicles traversing the K-L alley from 12th to 10th Streets over the extension of the alley right-of-way only.
- (g) Self-propelled wheel chairs or invalid tricycles operated by persons whose physical disabilities prohibit normal walking.
- (h) City-operated maintenance vehicles not exceeding ten feet long and five feet wide.
- (i) Maintenance vehicles and equipment used between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. for maintenance of the mall, utilities and buildings which cannot be reached from adjacent streets and alleys, if authorized by a written permit issued by the city manager.

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- (j) Waste removal vehicles being used between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., or during emergencies or special events.
- (k) Construction vehicles and equipment used between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. in construction or demolition of buildings adjacent to malls or the installation of maintenance of signs thereon, if authorized by a written permit issued by the city manager.
- (l) Funeral vehicles including no more than one hearse and three vehicles, and wedding vehicles including no more than three vehicles on 11th Street from the J-K alley to north line of K Street.
- (m) Vehicles for display or operated for special events at such times and places as may be authorized by a written permit issued by the city manager.
- (n) Police vehicles.
- (o) Light rail vehicles and supervisory, maintenance and revenue collection vehicles operated by the Sacramento Regional Transit District.
- (p) Pending completion of the convention center expansion project, motor vehicles associated with loading and unloading activities at the convention center, in the area of 13th Street between the north right-of-way line of K Street and the south right-of-way line of K Street.

No person authorized to operate or park a motor vehicle on a mall shall stop, stand or park such vehicle on a mall at any time in such a manner as to block passage of any emergency vehicle or light rail vehicle or to block pedestrian movement or access to any buildings.

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SECTION 3

Section 51.02.205 of the Sacramento City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

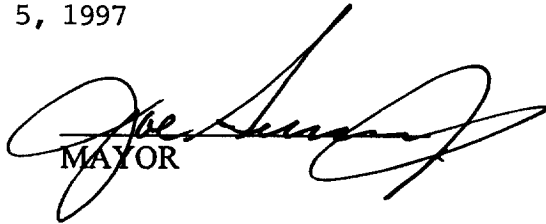
51.02.205 Speed

No person shall operate any vehicle upon any mall at a speed of more than five miles per hour; provided, however, that this speed limit shall not apply to light rail transit vehicles and shuttle buses (30 passengers or less) operated by the Sacramento Regional Transit District. It is understood that light rail transit vehicles are governed by and shall operate in compliance with the regulations of the California Public Utilities Commission relating to the speed of the light rail vehicles on pedestrian malls such as the K Street Mall. Shuttle buses shall not be operated on any mall at a speed of more than 10 mph.

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