

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Controlling Traffic on State Highways
Adopted by the State Highway Commission,
May 25, 1920, to become effective July 24, 1920,
under provisions Sect. 4, Chap. 31, Acts of 1919.

1. It is forbidden to drive, propel or operate, or to cause to be driven, propelled or operated, over any State Highway, any implement, vehicle or contrivance having wheels provided with sharpened or roughened surfaces other than roughened pneumatic rubber tires; provided, however, that this restriction does not apply to vehicles or implements used by the State in the construction and maintenance of said State Highways, or to farm implements weighing less than one thousand (1000) pounds. Wheels of traction engines, etc., when provided with suitable filler blocks between cleats, will be considered as having smooth tires.

2. It is forbidden to drive, propel or operate, or to cause to be driven, propelled, or operated, over any State Highway, any vehicle, implement or contrivance, whose gross load on any one wheel shall exceed seven hundred (700) pounds for each inch in width of tire on same, when provided with solid tires, from the first day of May to the first day of December, and four hundred (400) pounds for each inch in width of tire, when provided with solid tires, from December first to May first, and seven hundred (700) pounds for each inch of width of tire, when provided with pneumatic rubber tires, from January first to December thirty-first; provided however, that the width of solid tires shall be considered as that portion coming in contact with an unyielding surface and the width of pneumatic tires shall be considered as the total thickness measured from outside ^{to outside} of casing at the widest point between tread and rim when fully inflated with air. Provided further, that no vehicle, implement, or contrivance whose gross load shall exceed twelve (12)

tens shall be moved or operated over any State Highway, unless a permit to do so shall first be obtained as hereinafter provided.

3. It is forbidden to allow any vehicles, implements, or contrivance or any part of the same or any load or portion of a load carried on the same to drag upon the surface of any State Highway.

4. (a) No vehicle, implement or contrivance, provided with solid tires, shall be operated over any State Highway at a rate of speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour; provided, however, that when the gross weight of the same is five (5) tons, or greater, the rate of speed shall not exceed twelve (12) miles per hour.

(b) No vehicle, implement, or contrivance, provided with pneumatic rubber tires, and whose gross weight shall be three (3) tons, or greater, shall be operated over any State Highway at a rate of speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour; provided, however, that when the gross weight of the same is five (5) tons, or greater, the rate of speed shall not exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(c) No vehicle, implement, or contrivance, drawing a trailer, or trailers, provided with solid tires, shall be operated over any State Highway at a rate of speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour; provided, however, that trailers provided with pneumatic rubber tires shall be subject to the same rules set forth in paragraph b of Rule 4.

5. No vehicle, implement, or contrivance shall be operated over or allowed to stand upon any State Highway which has a total width of more than seven (7) feet, or a total height of more than twelve (12) feet, or a total length (inclusive of trailers) or more than fifty (50) feet, unless a permit be first secured as hereinafter provided; and provided further, that in no case shall any load be of greater dimensions than above set forth unless a permit for the same be first secured.

6. (a) It is forbidden to place or allow to be placed upon any State Highway any tacks, wire, scrap metal, glass, crockery, or other substance which may be injurious to the feet of persons

or animals, or to the tires of vehicles, or in any way injurious to the surface of the highway.

(b) It is forbidden to place or allow to be placed within the right of way of any State Highway any advertising, or advertising signs, without first obtaining the permission of the State Highway Commission.

(c) It is forbidden to place or store, or allow to be placed or stored, within the right of way of any State Highway any materials or articles, unless a permit be first secured as hereinafter provided.

7. It is forbidden to obstruct, dig up, or in any way disturb any State Highway until a special permit be first obtained, as hereinafter provided, and also a cash deposit made with the person from whom said permit is obtained to cover any actual or possible damage which may result from such contemplated obstruction or disturbance.

8. It shall be the duty of the State Highway Commissioner to appoint not less than eight (8) representatives to be located in the several sections of the State and who shall have authority to issue special permits for the use of the State Highways, other than as set forth above; provided such contemplated use will not, in the judgment of the State Highway Commissioner, be injurious to the State Highway or dangerous to other persons using same. It shall also be the duty of the State Highway Commissioner to at least twice a year, post notices along all State Highways, at intervals, calling attention to these rules and regulations, and also giving the name and address of the representative who is authorized to issue such special permits as are hereinbefore provided.

9. RULES OF THE ROAD

The following is to be considered as supplementary to, but in no way conflicting with, the provisions of Chap. 522, Acts

of 1916, and must be rigidly observed by drivers of all vehicles and implements driving upon or approaching a State Highway.

(a) Vehicles and implements, propelled by other than animal power, must be provided with brakes and some suitable type of signalling device in addition to the lights on front and rear as required by Chap. 522, Acts of 1916, but no device other than an approved brake will be allowed to be used on any vehicle on a State Highway.

(b) All vehicles or implements, horse-drawn or otherwise, when being driven on State Highways, upon meeting others shall turn to the right of the center of the highway so as to pass without interference, and in rounding corners or curves shall keep as far to the right of the road as is reasonably possible; and any vehicle overtaking another going in the same direction shall pass to the left of the vehicle so overtaken, provided the way ahead is clear of approaching traffic, but no vehicle shall pass another from the rear at the top, or near the top of a hill, or on a curve where the view ahead is in anywise obstructed or while the vehicle ahead is crossing an intersecting highway; any vehicle so overtaken shall promptly, upon signal, turn as far to the right as reasonably possible without increasing speed, in order to allow free passage on the left. At the intersection of highways all vehicles shall keep to the right of the center of such highways, and close to the right hand side of the road when turning to the right, and pass to the right of the center of such intersection when turning to the left. Slow moving vehicles or implements shall at all times keep as close to the right hand side of the Highway as practicable.

(c) All vehicles about to turn from the road upon which they are travelling into any intersecting road shall gradually reduce their speed to a point not exceeding ten (10) miles per hour for a distance of not less than twenty-five (25) feet before beginning to

make such turn, and where the view of the intersecting road is obstructed, maintain such reduced speed until the turn has been completed.

(d) All vehicles and implements shall have the right of way over others approaching on intersecting roads from the left, and shall give right of way to those approaching from the right.

(e) All vehicles and implements not in motion shall stand with their right side as near the right hand side of the highway as practicable, except in incorporated towns which have special parking ordinances.

(f) All vehicles or implements carrying poles or other objects, which project more than five (5) feet from the rear end of same, shall during the period of from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise carry a red light at or near the end of the projecting object, and during the period of from ^{one} hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset display a red flag at or near the end of the projecting object.

CHAIRMAN.

SECRETARY.