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ORDINANCE NO. 35-26

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY TO CONFORM TO CURRENT STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing is preparing its annual updating and revision of the Codified Ordinances of the City; and

WHEREAS, numerous changes have been made in State law since the date of the last updating and revision of the Codified Ordinances (December 16, 2024), which changes affect the Traffic Code of the City (Part Three of the Codified Ordinances); and

WHEREAS, now is the opportune time to take account of these changes so that they may be integrated into the Codified Ordinances of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the following sections of the Traffic Code of the City (Part Three of the Codified Ordinances of the City) are hereby amended, as specifically set forth below:

- 301.02 Definition of agricultural tractor; multi-wheel agricultural tractor; traction engine.
- 301.04 Definition of bicycle.
- 301.09 Definition of crosswalk.
- 301.10 Definition of driver or operator.
- 301.13 Definition of expressway.
- 301.165 Definition of highway traffic signal.
- 301.167 Definition of hybrid beacon.
- 301.17 Definition of intersection.
- 301.187 Definition of median.
- 301.22 Definition of pedestrian.
- 301.257 Definition of private road open to public travel. (Repealed)
- 301.26 Definition of private road.
- 301.28 Definition of railroad.
- 301.29 Definition of railroad sign or signal.
- 301.33 Definition of roadway.
- 301.37 Definition of sidewalk.
- 301.42 Definition of street or highway.
- 301.45 Definition of traffic.
- 301.46 Definition of traffic control device.
- 301.47 Definition of traffic control signal.
- 301.61 Definition of arterial street or highway.
- 301.73 Definition of auticycle.
- 301.74 Definition of bicycle box.
- 301.75 Definition of bicycle lane.
- 301.76 Definition of bicycle signal face.
- 301.77 Definition of bicycle signal sign.
- 301.78 Definition of bikeway.
- 301.79 Definition of busway.
- 301.80 Definition of cab-enclosed motorcycle.
- 301.81 Definition of driveway.
- 301.82 Definition of electronic.
- 301.83 Definition of farm machinery.
- 301.84 Definition of in-road warning light.
- 301.85 Definition of lane-use control signal.
- 301.86 Definition of limited driving privileges.
- 301.87 Definition of motor-driven cycle or motor scooter.
- 301.88 Definition of roundabout.

- 301.89 Definition of shoulder.
- 301.90 Definition of site roadway open to public travel.
- 301.91 Definition of state.
- 301.92 Definition of train.
- 301.93 Definition of two-stage bicycle turn box.
- 313.03 Traffic control signal terms and lights.
- 313.04 Signal to control lane direction of travel.
- 313.12 Signal preemption devices; prohibitions.
- 313.13 Bicycle symbol signal indications.
- 331.25 Driving across grade crossings.
- 331.26 Stopping at grade crossings.
- 331.47 Texting while driving prohibited.
- 333.01 Operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – OVI.
- 333.03 Maximum speed limits; assured clear distance ahead.
- 333.10 Operation restricted for mini-trucks and low-speed, under-speed, or utility vehicles.
- 335.081 Driving under suspension or in violation of license restriction.
- 335.084 Driving under financial responsibility law suspension or cancellation; driving under a nonpayment of judgment suspension.
- 337.24 Motor vehicle stop lights.
- 337.29 Use of child restraints.
- 371.03 Right-of-way yielded by pedestrian; crossing roadways.
- 375.08 Registration of vehicles.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that it is necessary to update the Traffic Code of the City to conform to current State law, and this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO