

**ORDINANCE NO. 135-22**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO.**

**WHEREAS:** Various ordinances of a general and permanent nature have been passed which should be included in the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS:** Certain traffic and misdemeanor ordinances should be revised to comply with current State law; and

**WHEREAS:** The codification of such ordinances, together with the new matter to be adopted, the matters to be amended and those to be repealed are before the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO:**

**SEC. 1:** That the ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio, of a general and permanent nature, as revised, recodified, rearranged and consolidated into component codes, titles, chapters and sections within the 2022 Replacement Pages to the Codified Ordinances, which are hereby attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A, are hereby approved and adopted.

**SEC. 2:** The following sections of the Traffic and General Offenses Codes, as amended, are hereby approved and adopted as amended or enacted so as to conform to enactments of the Ohio General Assembly:

**Administrative Code**

101.03 Rules of Construction. (Amended)

**Traffic Code**

- 303.082 Private Tow-Away Zones. (Amended)
- 303.083 Impounding Vehicles on Public Property. (Added)
- 331.211 Report of Vehicle Failing to Yield Right of Way to Public Safety Vehicle. (Amended)
- 333.03 Maximum Speed Limits. (Amended)
- 335.02 Permitting Operation Without Valid License; One License Permitted. (Amended)
- 335.021 Ohio Driver's License Required for In State Residents. (Amended)
- 335.09 Display of License Plates or Validation Stickers; Temporary License Placard. (Amended)
- 371.13 Operation of Personal Delivery Device on Sidewalks and Crosswalks. (Added)



**General Offenses Code**

- 513.15 Sale of Dextromethorphan. (Added)
- 517.01 Gambling Definitions. (Amended)
- 517.02 Gambling. (Amended)
- 517.06 Methods of Conducting a Bingo Game; Prohibitions. (Amended)
- 517.08 Raffles. (Amended)
- 517.09 Charitable Instant Bingo Organizations. (Amended)
- 517.11 Bingo or Game of Chance Records. (Amended)
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- 517.15 Skill-Based Amusement Machines. (Amended)
- 517.16 Electronic Instant Bingo; Prohibited Conduct. (Added)
- 525.13 Interfering with Civil Rights. (Amended)
- 529.01 Liquor Control Definitions. (Amended)
- 529.07 Open Container Prohibited. (Amended)
- 537.22 Hazing Prohibited. (Added)
- 545.03 Property Exceptions as Felony Offense. (Amended)
- 545.09 Passing Bad Checks. (Amended)

**Fire Prevention Code**

- 1519.01 Fireworks Definitions. (Amended)
- 1519.05 Application. (Amended)
- 1519.06 Safety Requirements for Fireworks Showroom Structures. (Added)

**SEC. 3:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage 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 the law.

**SEC. 4:** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

<b>PASSED:</b> <u>July 11, 2022</u>	<b>SIGNED:</b> <u>John M. Coyne, III</u> President of Council
<b>ATTEST:</b> <u>Kathy Patton</u> Clerk of Council	<b>APPROVED:</b> <u>July 12, 2022</u>
	<b>SIGNED:</b> <u>Dennis Hanwell</u> Mayor





ORD 135-22  
Exh. A

**CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES  
OF  
MEDINA  
OHIO**

Local legislation current through May 23, 2022

State legislation current through December 31, 2021

CERTIFICATION

We, Dennis Hanwell, Mayor and Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council of the City of Medina, Ohio, pursuant to the City Charter and Ohio R.C. 731.23 and 731.42, hereby certify that the general and permanent ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio, as revised, rearranged, compiled, renumbered as to sections, codified and printed herewith in component codes are correctly set forth and constitute the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio, 1977, as revised to May 23, 2022.

/s/ Dennis Hanwell  
Mayor

/s/ Kathy Patton  
Clerk of Council

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 (2022)**

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122-19	8-26-19	Authorizing the Mayor to accept four (4) easements necessary for the West Smith Road Reconstruction, Phase 3 project.
173-19	11-12-19	Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amended declaration of mutual easements and cooperation agreement with the Board of Education of the Medina City School District, and repealing Ordinance 94-19.
20-21	2-8-21	Authorizing the Mayor to accept three (3) easements necessary for the East Liberty Storm Sewer Installation Project.
67-21	4-26-21	Authorizing the Mayor to accept two (2) easements necessary for the Spring Grove Street Bridge Replacement Project.
77-21	5-10-21	Authorizing the Mayor to accept one (1) easement necessary for the North Broadway Street Bridge Replacement Project.
84-21	5-24-21	Authorizing the Mayor to accept two (2) easements necessary for the North Broadway Bridge Replacement Project.
116-21	7-12-21	Authorizing the Mayor to accept one (1) easement necessary for the Spring Grove Street Bridge Replacement Project.
123-21	7-12-21	Authorizing the Mayor to accept two (2) easements necessary for the Lindenwood Headwall Replacement Project.
208-21	12-13-21	Authorizing the Mayor to accept two (2) easements necessary for the Gates Mills Bridge Replacement Project.
47-22	3-14-22	Authorizing the Mayor to accept seven (7) easements necessary for the West Smith Reconstruction Project.
55-22	3-28-22	Authorizing the Mayor to accept one (1) easement necessary for the West Smith Reconstruction Project.
84-22	4-25-22	Authorizing the Mayor to grant a Fiber Equipment easement for Medina Fiber to Locate their facilities on City owned property.
87-22	4-25-22	Authorizing the Mayor to accept easements and contracts for right of entry necessary for the West Smith Reconstruction Project.
97-22	5-9-22	Authorizing the Mayor to accept a temporary easement and right of entry contract necessary for the West Smith Reconstruction Project.



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101-00	6-26-00	Accepts plat of Fairfax Meadows Subdivision, Phase 7 (part of Medina City Lot 5762); creates new City Lots 8498-8514 and 8564.
117-00	11-13-00	Accepts plat of Liberty Woods Subdivision, Phase 5 (part of Medina City Lot 4486); creates new City Lots 8224-8239.
118-00	10-23-00	Accepts plat of Abbey Wood Subdivision, Phase 1 (part of Medina City Lot 4468); creates new City Lots 8240-8295 and 8476 and 8477.
72-01	4-9-01	Accepts dedication plat for Shorewood Drive extension.
89-01	8-27-01	Accepts plat of Dover Heights Estates, Phase 4 (Medina City Lot 6912); creates new City Lots 8527-8563.
159-01	9-24-01	Accepts plat of Sweetbriar Estates Subdivision (Medina City Lot 8697); creates new Medina City Lots 8610-8697.
10-17	1-23-17	Accepts the plat vacating and re-dedicating Fair Road and dedicating a portion of Lafayette Road and creating new City Lots 9178 and 9179.
97-18	6-11-18	Authorizing the Mayor to sign the plat of survey creating New Medina City Lots.
176-18	11-26-18	Approving and accepting the plat of South Court Village Subdivision, known as being Medina City Lots 9082 and 9083, and creating New Medina City Lots 9224 through 9230.
22-19	2-11-19	Accepting the Kensington Pointe Subdivision Final Plat known as being the Whole of Medina City Lots 8240 and 8827, and also known as the Whole of Medina City Lot 8896 and creating New Medina City Lots 9239 through 9266.
93-19	6-24-19	Authorizing the Mayor to sign the plat of survey to create a new parcel at 625 Bowman Lane.
169-19	10-28-19	Accepting a street dedication plat dedicating Commerce Drive and creating New Medina City Lots 9105, 9106, and 9107.
11-21	1-25-21	Approving the replat of the City Hall and abutting City property (City Lots #9372, #9373, #9374).
56-22	3-28-22	Accepting a dedication plat of real estate for street and all other utility purposes for Woodside Green Subdivision, Phase II.
86-22	4-25-22	Accepting a right-of-way dedication plat of part of Smith Road and Medina Street.



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<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
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179-19	11-12-19	Authorizing the Mayor to execute a real estate purchase agreement with Leon and Ella Mae Brown for the purchase of the house and land at 364 Foundry Street.
196-19	12-9-19	Authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase and sale agreement between the Medina County Park District and the City for the purchase of three (3) acres of real property known as being a part of Permanent Parcel No. 028-19C-23-001.
29-20	2-10-20	Amending Ordinance No. 196-19.
35-22	2-28-22	Authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase agreement with Vern Frega and Danielle Frega, for the purchase of the property located at 368 Foundry Street.
51-22	3-14-22	Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a right-of-way purchase agreement with JMJ Holdings, Corp., an Ohio Corporation, for the purpose of completing the West Smith Reconstruction Project.
85-22	4-25-22	Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for sale and purchase of real property and a contract for right of entry relative to the West Smith Reconstruction Project.





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204-96	12-16-96	711 and 725 Lafayette Rd. (Medina City Lot 1765) from R-3 High Density Urban Residential to C-2 Retail Office District.
37-97	2-24-97	119 and 125 N. Elmwood Ave. from R-3 High Density Urban Residential to M-U Multi-Use District.
82-97	4-14-97	Properties on Broadway St. and Wadsworth Rd. from R-4 Multi-Family Urban Residential to R-3 High Density Urban Residential District.
83-97	4-14-97	Medina City Lots 6033, 6459 and 4309 on N. Jefferson St. from R-3 High Density Urban Residential to R-4 Multi-Family Urban Residential District.
245-98	11-23-98	Various parcels of City-owned park land from their current zoning to O-C Open Space-Conservation District.
56-99	4-26-99	Various properties on W. Liberty St. and 111 S. Elmwood Ave. from C-2 Retail Office to M-U Multi-Use District.
105-99	5-24-99	593 N. State Rd. from I-2 Industrial to R-2 Medium Density Urban Residential District.
164-00	10-9-00	Property at 595 Lake Rd., recently annexed (Medina City Lot 8668) from Township zoning to I-2 Industrial District.
106-04	5-24-04	273.18 acres recently annexed from York Twp. zoned I-1 Industrial District.
191-04	9-27-04	Property at 800 Lafayette Rd. (Medina City Lot 8884) from R-3 High Density Urban Residential to C-2 Retail Office District.
106-06	6-12-06	137.0962 acres recently annexed from Lafayette Twp. L-M Light Manufacturing and Research to I-1 Industrial District.
121-06	6-26-06	Various land parcels containing school/library facilities from various existing zoning to P-F Public Facilities District.
122-06	6-26-06	Various land parcels containing public facilities from various existing zoning to P-F Public Facilities District.
123-06	6-26-06	Various land parcels containing hospital facilities from C-B Commercial Business and R-1 Low Density Urban Residential to P-F Public Facilities District.
185-07	11-26-07	31.8318 acres annexed from York Twp. zoned I-1 Industrial District.
10-08	1-28-08	689 Lafayette Road from I-1, Industrial District to C-1, Local Commercial District.
63-08	4-14-08	Rezoning Medina City Lot 9073 located on East Reagan Parkway from O-C Open Space Conservation District to P-F Public Facilities District, the site for the new elementary school.
64-08	4-14-08	Rezoning Medina City Lot 9074 located on Weymouth Rd. from R-1 Low Density Urban Residential District and P-F Public Facilities District to O-C Open Space Conservation District.
136-08	4-13-09	Rezoning Parcel Nos. 028-19B-22-061 and 028-19B-22-060 on East Washington Street from R-1, Low Density Urban Residential District, to P-F, Public Facilities District and repealing Ord. 176-06.
185-08	11-10-08	Rezoning Parcel Nos. 029-19A-20-005, 029-19A-20-006, 029-19A-20-007, and 029-19A-20-016 located on West Liberty Street from I-1, Industrial District to C-3, Commercial District.

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198-12	11-13-12	Rezoning 406 South Broadway Street from R-3, High Density Urban Residential District to O-C, Open Space-Conservation District.
177-14	11-10-14	Rezoning various parcels on W. Smith Road from R-3 High Density Urban Residential to C-2 Central Business District.
36-15	3-23-15	Rezoning Parcel Nos. 028-19A-13-108, 028-19A-17-001, and 028-19A-16-047 located in the 600 Block of N. Huntington Drive from R-3 High Density Urban Residential to SPD-2 Special Planning District.
119-15	10-13-15	Rezoning Parcel No. 028-19A-17-150 located at 110 W. Union Street from R-3, High Density Urban Residential to M-U, Multi-Use.
120-15	10-13-15	Rezoning Parcel No. 028-19A-21-376 located at 139 W. Liberty St. from C-2, Central Business to P-F, Public Facilities.
163-16	11-28-16	Rezoning Parcel No. 028-19D-09-087 located at 1011 Wadsworth Road, from R-2, Medium Density Residential to R-4, Multi-Family Residential.
15-18	1-22-16	Rezoning Parcels Nos. 028-19B-09-073 and 028-19B-09-048 located at 124 and 126 Harding Street from R-3, High Density Residential to C-3, General Commercial.
93-18	6-13-18	Rezoning 120 N. Court Street and 125 E. Liberty Street from C-2 to P-F, and 360 Foundry St. from R-3 to O-C.
174-18	11-26-18	Rezoning a portion of the property located at 137 W. Liberty Street, part of Parcels Nos. 028-19A-21-376, 083, and 084, from P-F Public Facilities to C-2, Central Business.
101-20	5-26-20	Rezoning 205 S. Prospect Street from R-3, High Density Urban Residential to P-F, Public Facilities.
70-21	4-26-21	Rezoning a portion of 123 W. Liberty St., from P-F Public Facilities to C-2 Central Business, and 364 Foundry St., & 347 N. Huntington St, from R-3 High Density Urban Residential to O-C, Open Space Conservation.
93-22		Rezoning 881 Lafayette Road from I-1, Industrial to C-3, General Commercial.

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Sick leave - see Ohio R.C. 124.38  
Public Employees Retirement System - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 145  
Expenses for attendance at conference or convention - see Ohio R.C. 733.79  
Strikes by public employees - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 4117

**133.01 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS.**

Council hereby authorizes memberships in associations and the payment of dues therefor by the City as follows:

City

The Ohio Municipal League  
Medina County Economic Development Corporation  
National League of Cities  
Medina County Municipal Association  
Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc.  
Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce  
Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure  
Community University Purchasing Association (CUE)  
MEC (Metropolitan Educational Council)  
Health & Wellness Alliance  
Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce  
Heritage Ohio  
National Joint Powers Alliance  
Main Street Medina  
Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce  
The Ohio Aviation Association  
Healthy Business Council of Ohio

Mayor/Safety Director	National League of Cities The Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association Northeast Ohio Mayor's Association Ohio Association of Public Safety Directors International Assoc. of Chiefs of Police, Inc. Ohio Municipal Attorney's Assoc. International Municipal Lawyer's Assoc. Northeast Ohio Law Director's Assoc.
Director of Law and/or designee	
Director of Public Service	American Public Works Assoc./ Street Maintenance and Sanitation Officials Northern Ohio Service Directors Assoc. American Waterworks Assoc. (and Section membership) North Central Ohio Municipal Finance Officers' Assoc. Municipal Finance Officers' Assoc. of Ohio Municipal Finance Officers' Assoc. of United States and Canada Ohio Municipal Finance Officers' Assoc. Government Finance Officers Assoc. American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants
Director of Public Service and/or designee	
Director of Finance and/or designee(s)	
Clerk of Council	Ohio Association of Public Treasurers International Institute of Municipal Clerks Ohio Municipal Clerks' Assoc. Northeast Ohio Municipal Clerks Assoc. Tri County Municipal Clerks Assoc. Ohio Building Officials' Assoc. Five County Building Officials
Deputy Clerk of Council	
Building Official/ Assistant Building Inspector and/or designee(s)	
Economic Development Director and/or designee	International Council of Shopping Centers Envirocert International, Inc. Building Officials Conference of NE Ohio International Code Council International Economic Development Council International Assoc. of Administrative Professionals Ohio Economic Development Assoc.

## 133.02 CITY OWNED ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY.

(a) A Travel Policy is hereby adopted for the City of Medina, Ohio.

(b) A copy of said Policy is marked Exhibit A, attached to original Ordinance 215-21 and made a part thereof. (Ord. 215-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

## 133.03 TRAVEL POLICY.

(a) A Travel Policy is hereby adopted for the City of Medina, Ohio.

(b) A copy of said Policy is marked Exhibit A, attached to original Ordinance 215-21 and made a part hereof.  
(Ord. 215-21. Passed 12-13-21.)





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**CHAPTER 137**

**Storm Water Advisory Committee**

- 137.01 Establishment; committee.
- 137.02 Terms.
- 137.03 Purpose.

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**137.01 ESTABLISHMENT; MEMBERSHIP.**

There is hereby established a Storm Water Advisory Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the one (1) member of Council, the City Service Director, the City Engineer, two (2) residents and one (1) local professional familiar with storm water management appointed by the Mayor. (Ord. 16-09. Passed 2-9-09.)

**137.02 TERMS.**

The term of the members of the Storm Water Advisory Committee shall be four years.  
(Ord. 16-09. Passed 2-9-09.)

**137.03 PURPOSE.**

The purpose of the Storm Water Advisory Committee is to monitor and advise in the implementation of the goals of the City's current Storm Water Management Plan.  
(Ord. 16-09. Passed 2-9-09.)

CHAPTER 138  
The Emerging Technology Advisory Committee

138.01 Establishment; membership; powers and duties.

CROSS REFERENCES

Administrative Departments and Commissions - see CHTR. Art. V, Sec. 1

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138.01 ESTABLISHMENT; MEMBERSHIP; POWERS AND DUTIES.

(a) Membership. The Emerging Technology Advisory Committee shall consist of the following members: City of Medina Director of IT, Municipal Court Senior IT Technician, Medina City Schools Director of Technology, General Manager of Medina TV, and a minimum of not less than three (3) members appointed by the Mayor with the approval of Council demonstrating knowledge or training in a technology related field. Members shall be residents of the City of Medina; professional members may include non-residents if no qualified residents are available.

(b) Term. The term of the members shall be three (3) years and they shall serve without financial consideration. The Committee shall choose its own officers, make its own rules and regulations, and keep a journal of its proceedings. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(c) Powers and Duties. The Emerging Technology Advisory Committee shall make recommendations regarding future technological needs of the city and the optimal implementation process of said needs. The function of the committee shall be advisory only.

(d) Council to Review; Approve Recommendations. Any recommendation of the Emerging Technology Advisory Committee relative to its functions shall be subject to review and approval by Council.  
(Ord. 178-21. Passed 10-25-21.)



**CHAPTER 145**  
**Historic Preservation Board**

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**CROSS REFERENCE**

Authority to establish - see CHTR. Art. V, Sec. 1

**145.01 ESTABLISHMENT.**

In recognition of the need for the establishment of a public body with authority to act upon changes to buildings and structures in the Historic Districts, and in other parts of the City as established by Council, and in order to encourage changes that are compatible with the restoration movement now in progress, the Historic Preservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, is hereby established. (Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

**145.02 PURPOSE.**

Council, being mindful of the proud history of this community and of the importance of beauty in the everyday lives of Medina residents, hereby declares as a matter of public policy that the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and overall aesthetic improvement of this community are matters of public necessity involving the health, safety, welfare, and prosperity of the people. The purpose of this chapter is to:

- (a) Promote the use and preservation of historic buildings, structures and sites which reflect the cultural, social, economic or architectural heritage of this Municipality for the education and general welfare of the residents of the Municipality.

- (b) Consider and take cognizance of the development of adjacent, contiguous and neighboring buildings and properties for the purpose of achieving safe, harmonious and integrated development of related properties;
- (c) Protect and enhance the attractiveness of the area as it relates to residents, tourists and visitors, serving as a support and stimulant to business, and thereby strengthen the economy for the Municipality and its residents;
- (d) Strive to achieve compatibility of any and all new construction with any and all modifications of existing structures with the historic architectural character of the Municipality;
- (e) Preserve and enhance civic pride of the residents in the beauty of the Municipality and in the notable accomplishments of the past.  
(Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

#### 145.03 BOARD MEMBERSHIP.

The Historic Preservation Board shall consist of five members who shall demonstrate a special interest, knowledge, or training in preservation, architecture, history, planning, conservation, landscape architecture, archeology, urban design or closely related field as follows:

- (a) Two (minimum) preservation related professional or academic members to the extent that they are available;
- (b) Two property or business owners from within the district;
- (c) One resident of the City.

Members shall be residents of the City of Medina; professional or academic members may include non-residents if no qualified residents are available. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council and shall serve for four-year terms. Members shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair, each to serve a one-year term. A staff member or designee of the Planning Department shall act as the Board Secretary.  
(Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

#### 145.04 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD.

The Historic Preservation Board, in conjunction with City Planning staff, shall make recommendations to Council regarding design guidelines, rules, and procedures for use in reviewing applications. (Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

#### 145.05 HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND LANDMARKS.

The Historic Preservation Board will review and act on all proposed changes to the exterior architectural appearance and demolition of all buildings or structures in any Historic District in the City of Medina, any Historic Landmarks, and any areas as established by Council.

- (a) Public Square bounded by Smith Road, Jefferson Street, Friendship Street and Elmwood Avenue is hereafter established as and called the Public Square Historic District.
- (b) Refer to Sections 145.08 and 145.09 for designation of districts and landmarks.  
(Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

#### 145.06 RULES AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Preface. The purpose of the City of Medina's Historic Preservation Board is to maintain the architectural integrity of the City's Historic Districts and Historic Landmarks by:
  - (1) Encouraging the preservation and rehabilitation of existing buildings or structures;

- (2) Influencing any changes made to them so their inherent character continues to flourish;
- (3) Encouraging the continuous success of the Historic Landmarks and Historic Districts by averting demolition by neglect and purposeful demolition without just cause.

The Board will not establish any single style of architectural features as being preferable but will view all architectural proposals as part of the whole design of the building or structure within the context of the Historic District. The Board will work with property owners to ensure that Medina retains its unique character. Refer to Section 145.07, Appendix A, and The City of Medina Guidelines for Historic Properties and Districts for criteria and procedures.

(b) Definitions. The following definitions shall apply to the provisions of this chapter and the Historic Preservation Board Rules, Procedures, Design Guidelines, and Demolition Criteria:

- (1) "Alter" or "alteration" means any change in the external architectural features of any building or structure.
- (2) "Board" means the Historic Preservation Board established under Chapter 145 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio.
- (3) "Certificate of Appropriateness" means a certificate issued by the City to authorize any new construction, demolition, or exterior alteration to any building or structure.
- (4) "Demolition" means the complete razing or removal of any structure or portion of a structure.
- (5) "Guidelines" means the supplemental information in The City of Medina Design Guidelines for Historic Properties and Districts (current issue.)
- (6) "Historic District" means a grouping of structures as determined by the Board and approved by Council as a historically or architecturally significant group and located within the limits of the City of Medina. Buildings or structures within this group may or may not be individually so designated. Listings of said structures will be kept for public record by the City Council and available through the Planning Department.
- (7) "Historic Landmark" means any individual building or structure determined by the Board and approved by Council as historically or architecturally significant and located within the limits of the City of Medina. Listings of said structures will be kept for public record by the City Council and available through the Planning Department.
- (8) "National Register of Historic Places" is the national listing of significant buildings, structures, or districts. Listings must have architectural, archeological, or historical significance. Owners of local historic landmarks shall be encouraged to seek listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- (9) "Maintenance" - general maintenance information is provided in The City of Medina Guidelines for Historic Properties and Districts and specific City requirements are in the City of Medina Property Maintenance Code.
- (10) "Member" means any person serving on the Historic Preservation Board.
- (11) "Planning Director" means the person holding the position of Director of Planning and Community Development of the City of Medina.

(c) General Provisions. The rules of the Board and its procedures are governed by the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina and its Charter. The rules and procedures to process applications for Certificates of Appropriateness are the following:

- (1) Exclusions. Nothing in these Rules, Procedures, or Guidelines shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance or repair of any building or structure within the Historic District, provided such work involves no alteration to exterior architectural features.
- (2) Geographic area. The geographic area within which a Certificate of Appropriateness is required includes any Historic District or Historic Landmark in the City of Medina and as described or defined in this Chapter 145.
- (3) When a Certificate of Appropriateness is required. A Certificate of Appropriateness is required for exterior alterations or additions to the exterior of any building or structure that is designated as a Historic Landmark or is located within an Historic District for the construction of a new building or structure within an Historic District, or for the demolition of an existing building or structure within an Historic District.
- (4) Amendments to a Certificate of Appropriateness. At any time prior to completion of work under the Certificate of Appropriateness, an applicant may apply for an amendment to the Certificate. An applicant must apply for an amendment if the design for which the Certificate was issued is altered.
- (5) Expiration. Once a Certificate of Appropriateness has been granted, all other permits must be obtained and construction commenced within one year unless the applicant applies for and receives an extension from the Board.

(d) Application Procedures.

- (1) Submission requirements. In order for an application to be reviewed and approved, the applicant shall submit drawings, photographs, specifications, and material samples as required by the Procedures delineated in the Appendix Chapter II "Certificate of Appropriateness." An application along with supporting documents shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board as outlined. Submission shall accurately represent the proposed alterations or additions and new construction. The Secretary will schedule the applicant's submission for consideration at the next Historic Preservation Board meeting and forward the submission copies to all Members. Each application shall be accompanied by the payment of the fee established in Chapter 1108 of the Planning and Zoning Code.
- (2) Informal review. The applicant is encouraged to review the Medina Design Guidelines (current edition) to be familiar with design review for historic buildings and structures. The applicant is encouraged to discuss a project and Certificate of Appropriateness with the Planning Director. The Planning Director may provide a list of sources from which applicant may seek guidance prior to formal submission to the Historic Preservation Board. Likewise, an applicant may request an informal review with the Board prior to formal submission.
- (3) Review process. The applicant shall attend the scheduled Board meeting to present the proposed project and to be given the opportunity to respond to any questions from Members. The Board will then act upon the submission as prescribed herein:



- A. The applicant shall briefly present the proposed project describing the objectives and demonstrating good design principles for historic properties. Guidelines may be used to illustrate the applicant's effort.
  - B. The Planning Director shall make recommendations to the Board, providing support for said recommendations.
  - C. The Chair of the Board shall invite statements from other City Officials and from the public.
  - D. The board shall review and discuss the proposed project and take the following action, as applicable:
    - i. For alterations or additions to existing buildings or the construction of a new building, the Board shall approve the application, deny the application, or approve the applications with conditions, unless the applicant requests a time extension in order to modify the application. If the application is approved, a Certificate of Appropriateness will be issued. If the application is denied or is approved with conditions that the applicant does not accept, the applicant may modify the documents and resubmit them for Board approval, may appeal the decision under Section 145.06(f), or may wait one (1) year to resubmit an unmodified request for further consideration.
    - ii. For demolitions of buildings and structures, the Board shall approve the application, deny the application, or approve the application with conditions, unless the applicant request a time extension in order to modify the application. If the application is approved, a Certificate of Appropriateness will be issued. If the application is denied or is approved with conditions that the applicant does not accept, the applicant may modify the documents and resubmit them for Board approval, may appeal the decision under Section 145.06(f), or may wait one (1) year to resubmit an unmodified request for further consideration.
    - iii. The Board may impose such reasonable conditions on the approval of an application that are reasonably related to the purpose of this Chapter as set forth in Section 145.02.
- (e) Penalty.
- (1) Violation, order. If it is found that any of the provisions of this chapter are being violated, all work shall cease upon notification to the applicant or its contractor(s) by the City and no work shall be performed except to correct the violation. All violations shall be corrected within ten (10) days or within an approved extended period from the Planning Director. Any violations not corrected within the specified time may be prosecuted for a criminal violation.
  - (2) Failure to comply. Whoever constructs, reconstructs or alters any exterior architectural feature or demolishes all or part of any building or structure within an Historic District or any Historic Landmark without a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Board shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per offense. Each day of violation shall be considered a separate offense. Whoever violates this section shall be required to restore and reconstruct such features in full detail. Restoration or reconstruction shall be in addition to any criminal penalty and not in lieu thereof.

- (3) Failure to perform. Whoever receives a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Board and constructs, reconstructs, or alters any exterior architectural feature other than in accordance with the requirements of the Certificate, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per offense. Each day of violation shall be considered a separate offense. Whoever violates this section shall be required to make all changes and additions needed to comply with the Certificate. Changes and additions shall be in addition to any criminal penalty and not in lieu thereof.

(f) Appeals. Any applicant aggrieved by the enforcement of these Rules, Procedures and Design Guidelines and the provisions of this chapter or by a final decision of the Board may appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals within fourteen (14) days of notification in writing of the decision of the Planning Director or Historic Preservation Board.  
(Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

#### 145.07 DESIGN GUIDELINES/DEMOLITION CRITERIA.

(Refer also to The City of Medina Guidelines for Historic Properties and Districts.)

Preface. The purpose of this chapter and of The City of Medina Guidelines for Historic Properties and Districts is to preserve the architectural history and integrity of existing buildings or structures and to ensure the procedures and materials used are compatible with the existing building or structure and help to ensure its preservation into the future. These Guidelines are meant to give architects and property owners design direction consistent with Chapter 145 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina. In principle, the Board adopts the United States of America, Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

- (a) Preservation/Rehabilitation/Renovation. With respect to preservation/rehabilitation/renovation generally it is the interest of the Board that buildings within the Historic District be preserved, thus maintaining the character of the Historic District. Consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, the intent of these Guidelines is to preserve and restore the features which establish a building's architectural character while making alterations and renovations necessary for the efficient and contemporary use of the building.

The rehabilitation process assumes that some alterations may be necessary to meet the needs of the building owner and the health, safety, and welfare of the building occupants. Such alterations should be done so as not to destroy the materials and features which help to define a building's historic, cultural and/or architectural character. The historic materials, features and/or craftsmanship are important in defining the building character and should be retained, protected, and repaired when possible.

When the preservation of architectural features is not possible, alterations should be done in a manner respectful of the existing character, but done in a manner that is representative of architectural design and construction of contemporary times.

- (b) Additions/New Construction. With respect to additions/new construction to existing buildings and all new buildings or structures within Historic Districts, it is generally the interest of the Board that such additions/new construction shall be designed to enhance the character of the Historic District. Consistent with the preface of this Chapter, new buildings and additions should be representative of architectural design and construction of contemporary times.

Additions to existing buildings in the Historic District should be designed so as not to detract from the original character of the building. Whenever possible, additions should be located away from the primary or street face of the building. The addition should be designed so as not to destroy existing architectural features, such that the addition can be removed and the building restored to its original condition.

New buildings in the Historic District shall be designed to be compatible with other structures in the Historic District while still reflecting work of contemporary times. Proximity of existing buildings to the new building will affect the latitude in design constraints. An infill design should be more consistent with adjoining buildings than a freestanding structure.

- (c) Demolition and Relocation. With respect to demolition and relocation of buildings and structures, it is the interest of the Board that Historic Landmark buildings and buildings and structures within Historic Districts be preserved and restored for economically productive uses. The Board encourages the saving and adaptive re-use of buildings and structures significant to the character of the Historic Districts and the history of the City. Consistent with this intent, the Board also realizes the Historic District is not a static environment, but an ever changing and developing entity. Applications for demolition shall be reviewed based on the overall impact the demolition will have on adjacent Historic Landmarks, the Historic District, and the community, as well as whether preservation is economically feasible and whether the denial would result in unnecessary financial hardship that would deprive the applicant of all reasonable use of the land or building involved.

For applications proposing the demolition or relocation of a building or structure in a Historic District or a Historic Landmark, other than for emergency demolition of a building or structure ordered by the Planning Director or other authorized Medina City administrative officials that poses an immediate danger to human life or health, the following provisions apply:

- (1) Factors to be Considered. In reviewing an application to demolish or relocate a building or other structure located within the Historic District or a Historic Landmark, the Historic Preservation Board shall consider the following factors in making its decision to approve or deny the request:
- A. The architectural and historic significance of the subject building or structure;
  - B. The significance of the building or structure in contributing to the architectural or historic character of its environs;
  - C. In the case of a request to relocate a building or structure, the relationship between the current location of the subject building or structure and its overall significance to the Historic District;
  - D. The presence of conditions on the subject property that are dangerous or are detrimental to the immediate area and cannot be reasonably remedied other than by the proposed demolition;
  - E. The degree to which the applicant proposes to salvage and facilitate reuse of buildings or structures proposed for demolition; and
  - F. The quality of design, significance and appropriateness of the proposed re-use of the property in the Historic District.

- (2) Standards for Demolition and Relocation. The Board may approve or approve with conditions an application for the demolition or relocation of a building or structure that is a Historic Landmark or in a Historic District when, based on the Board's consideration and analysis of the following standards, it finds that the applicant has demonstrated by credible evidence that the applicant will suffer an unnecessary financial hardship if the application is denied:
- A. Whether all economically viable use of the property will be deprived without approval of the application or approval with conditions;
  - B. Whether the reasonable investment-backed expectations of the property owner will be maintained with approval of the application; and
  - C. Whether the economic hardship was created or exacerbated by the property owner.

In evaluating the foregoing standards for unnecessary economic hardship, the Board may consider any or all of the following:

- A. The property owner's current level of economic return from the property;
  - B. Any listing of the property for sale or rent, the price asked, and offers received, if any, within the two (2) previous years, including testimony thereof and any relevant documents;
  - C. The feasibility of alternative uses for the property that could earn a reasonable return and whether it would be feasible to obtain authorization for an alternative use that may not comply with the current zoning regulations applicable to the property;
  - D. Any evidence of self-created hardship through deliberate neglect or inadequate maintenance and/or repair of the property;
  - E. The property owner's knowledge of the building's or structure's landmark designation, or potential designation, or its inclusion within a Historic District at the time of the acquisition of the property; provided, however, that the property owner will be deemed to have had constructive knowledge of the property's inclusion in a Historic District if the property was located within a Historic District at the time of the owner's acquisition of the property; and/or
  - F. The availability of economic incentives and/or funding available to the applicant through federal, state, city or private sources.
- (3) Timing and Nature of Action. The Board may delay action, for a period of not more than six (6) months for the demolition or relocation of a building or structure in order to allow any economic viability studies to be conducted, as well as to allow interested parties the opportunity to explore alternatives to the proposed action. At the end of the six (6)-month period, the Board shall either approve, disapprove, or approve with conditions the request to demolish or relocate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Board determines that an additional delay of up to six (6) months may be useful in securing an alternative to the proposed demolition or relocation, the Board may delay action for a second and final period of not more than six (6) months. At the end of such second and final period, the Board shall either approve, deny, or approve with conditions the application.
- (d) The Board has the authority to engage professional consultants for advice and recommendations with respect to the foregoing design guidelines, criteria, factors, and standards. (Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

#### 145.08 DESIGNATION CRITERIA FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS OR LANDMARKS.

In considering the designation of any place, building, structure, work of art, or similar object in the City as a Historic District or Historic Landmark, the Historic Preservation Board shall apply the following criteria with respect to such property:

- (a) Its character, interest or value shall be part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, State or the United States;
  - (b) Its location shall be a site of a significant historical event;
  - (c) Its identification shall be with a person who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the City;
  - (d) Its exemplification shall be of the cultural, economic, social or historic heritage of the City;
  - (e) Its portrayal shall be of the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style;
  - (f) Its embodiment shall be of elements or architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represents architecture of significant character, charm, or grandeur;
  - (g) Its relationship shall be to other distinctive areas which are eligible for preservation or conservation;
  - (h) Its unique location or singular physical characteristics shall be representative of an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood or of the City.
- (Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

#### 145.09 DESIGNATION PROCEDURES FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND HISTORIC LANDMARKS.

(a) A property (building, structure, place, or object) may be nominated as a Historic Landmark or a group of properties may be nominated as a Historic District by an individual, group, or by the Historic Preservation Board. For individual buildings or structures, the property owner shall approve the nomination. For the disapproval of a Historic District, disapproval by property owners in the District shall be greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the property owners. Each owner of private property in a District has one (1) vote regardless of how many properties or what part of one (1) property that party owns and regardless of whether the property contributes to the significance of the District.

(b) When a proposal to establish a Historic District or to designate an individual property or site as a Historic Landmark for protection is received by or initiated by the Historic Preservation Board, the owner or owners of included properties shall be notified.

(c) The Historic Preservation Board shall consider the proposal in terms of the criteria provided in Section 145.08. Properties shall be documented to meet at least one of the criteria listed. The Board shall make a recommendation to City Council.

(d) City Council shall give due consideration to the findings and recommendations of the Historic Preservation Board in making its determination with respect to the designation of a place, building, structure, or object as an Historic Landmark or to establish a Historic District.

(Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

**145.10 SEVERABILITY.**

If a court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge any provision of this chapter invalid or unenforceable, then the remaining provisions of this chapter shall not be affected thereby and shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.  
(Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

**145.11 WAYFINDING EVENT CABINETS.**

The purpose of the City of Medina Wayfinding Event Cabinets is to promote downtown events and festivals. The postings are intended for viewing by pedestrians in the immediate vicinity of the kiosks.

- (a) The event cabinets will be used for the posting of events and festivals open to the general public occurring within the nine block Historic District.
- (b) The City of Medina will maintain a general calendar of events within a portion of the cabinet throughout the year.
- (c) Event postings are limited to a two week period prior to the scheduled event and shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the close of the event.
- (d) The Mayor or designee and Main Street Medina Executive Director or designee are the only representatives permitted to access and update the event posting cabinets.
- (e) Requested postings shall be submitted to the City of Medina for placement in the cabinets by City staff or Main Street Medina.
- (f) All postings shall be graphically printed in a professional manner subject to the approval of the Planning Director.  
(Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

**APPENDIX A**  
**Procedural Manual**  
**for**  
**Historic Preservation Board**

Chapter I	Introduction and Organization
Chapter II	Certificate of Appropriateness
Chapter III	Conditional Sign Permit

**CHAPTER I**  
**INTRODUCTION AND ORGANIZATION**

**1. INTRODUCTION.**

This Procedural Manual is a public document and is adopted by the Historic Preservation Board of Medina, Ohio to describe its organization and the procedures which govern its activities. The Manual, together with the Design Guidelines and Rules and Procedures for use in reviewing applications found in Chapter 145 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, its Charter and the laws of the State of Ohio, shall be the official policies of the Board.

**2. ORGANIZATION.**

The organization, terms of office and vacancies of the Board are established in accordance with Chapter 145 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina.

**3. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD.**

The Board shall hold an organizational meeting annually during the month of January and elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson by majority vote of the members present. The term of office of each shall be for the current calendar year and consistent with Chapter 145. The Chairperson shall preside at the meetings and decide all points of order and procedures. The Vice-Chairperson shall preside as Acting Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. In the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order and a Chair Pro Tempore shall be elected by the Board to preside at the meeting.

A staff member or designee of the Planning Department shall act as the Board Secretary. The Secretary, subject to the direction of the Chair of the Board, shall keep all records, conduct all correspondence of the Board and generally supervise the clerical work of the Board. The Secretary shall not be eligible to vote upon any matter. The Secretary shall also arrange the agenda of each meeting, prepare and keep minutes of each meeting and shall prepare for public inspection an annual report of the Board's activities, cases, decisions, special projects, attendance of the Board members and qualifications of members.

**4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

Prior to the beginning of the discussion of any application, any Board member whose participation would constitute a conflict of interest shall disclose the nature of the conflict, shall remove himself/herself from any discussion concerning the application and shall not vote on said application. Board Members shall be subject to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 102, Section 2921.42 and all opinions issued by the Ohio Ethics Commission.

5. COMMITTEES.

Unless otherwise provided, and subject to approval by the Board, the Chairperson of the Board may appoint special committees. The Board shall determine the size, the duties, and the duration of service of such committees at the time of their establishment.

6. FILLING A BOARD VACANCY.

Any vacancy caused by resignation, death or other means shall be filled for the unexpired term within sixty (60) days by Mayoral appointment and approval of City Council.

7. DUTIES OF THE BOARD.

The Historic Preservation Board shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. Board will promote interest in, and aid and educate Medina citizens in historic preservation by conducting or supporting educational sessions on an annual basis and preparing informational material as appropriate.
- B. Board shall issue Certificates of Appropriateness for construction, preservation, restoration, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation, and/or demolition of any building, structure, or object within the City's Historic Districts and other areas as established by City Council, according to the procedures set forth for such matters in Section 145.06 and 145.07 of the Codified Ordinances.
- C. Board shall advise other officials and departments in Medina City government regarding the protection of local historic resources.
- D. Board shall act as a liaison on behalf of the local government to individuals and organizations concerned with historic preservation.
- E. Board shall encourage its members to attend workshops, seminars and other educational programs on historic preservation to stay abreast of design, enforcement, funding, and other issues relevant to the proper performance of their duties.
- F. Board shall review proposed National Register nominations for properties within the jurisdiction.
- G. When the Board considers a National Register nomination, or other action, which is normally evaluated by a professional in a specific discipline, and that discipline is not represented on the Board, the Board may, upon authorization of City Council, seek expertise in this area before rendering its decision. It may be advised by technical consultants, under contract executed by the City as City finances permit, to assist it in performing its functions.
- H. Board shall be responsible for maintaining a system (Ohio Historic Inventory Form) for the survey and inventory of historic properties and cultural resources within the City of Medina. All inventory material shall be recorded according to Ohio Historic Preservation Office guidelines, maintained securely, and made accessible to the public. The inventory shall be updated periodically to reflect alterations and demolitions.

8. AGENDA.

The Board shall consider no application or report unless it has been received by the Secretary and placed on the agenda. Copies of the agenda shall be mailed or otherwise sent by the Secretary to each Board member, the local newspaper, and other parties as may be determined by the Secretary or Board. Applicants shall be sent a notice of hearing. Any item placed on the agenda shall be heard and action taken, unless the applicant requests that the issue be removed from the Agenda.



9. QUORUM.

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum, and such quorum shall be capable of conducting any business before the Board. However, an affirmative vote by a majority of the quorum is necessary to act on an application.

10. MEETING.

The Board shall hold a regular public meeting once each month in the Medina Municipal Building or other public place if so directed by the Chairperson and the Secretary. The regular monthly meeting will be held on the dates established by the Board at its annual organizational meeting.

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairperson, provided a notice of and the agenda for such meetings are mailed to or otherwise sent and received by the Members and the local newspaper not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to time and place of the special meeting.

Whenever there is no business for the Board, the Chairperson may dispense with a regular meeting by giving notice to all Members not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

11. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The business of the Board shall be considered in the following order:

- A. Call to order
- B. Approval of minutes of last meeting
- C. Announcements
- D. Committee reports
- E. Old business
- F. New business
- G. Adjournment

12. ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board shall prepare and submit an annual report of Board activities, cases, decisions and special projects to the Planning Commission, the Mayor, and City Council. The Annual Report shall be kept on file for public inspection.

13. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to Chapter 145 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Medina shall be recommended to City Council by a majority vote of the entire Board at any regular or special meeting, providing notice and contents of the proposed change are mailed, or otherwise disseminated to, and received by each Member of the Board by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. The proposed amendments shall not be included in the Ordinance until approved by City Council.

Amendments to The City of Medina Guidelines for Historic Properties and Districts (supplemental document) may be made by majority vote of the Board after open discussion in a minimum of two meetings of the Historic Preservation Board. Amendments to the Guidelines shall be presented to the City Council for information, review and acceptance.

14. REPEALER.

This Manual shall supersede all rules and statements of the Board or Secretary heretofore adopted, or in effect by practice, which are in conflict with the Manual.

15. ADOPTION DATE.

This Manual is hereby adopted by the Board and shall take effect thirty (30) days following passage by City Council. (Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

**CHAPTER II**  
**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

Certificates of Appropriateness shall be issued by the Historic Preservation Board, in accordance with the standards and regulations of Chapter 145 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina.

**1. REQUIRED DATA.**

To accomplish the Board's review of an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, copies of all data specified in Chapter 145 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina and the application shall be required. Number of copies and samples required shall be listed on the procedural information provided by the City.

- A. Alterations and change of color.
  - 1. Photographs of existing conditions.
  - 2. Drawings indicating any changes to the physical appearance.
  - 3. An outline describing work and the procedures to be performed.
  - 4. Material samples and manufacturer's literature for major materials and products to be incorporated in the building.
- B. New buildings.
  - 1. Photographs (8"x 10") of the proposed site and context including adjacent structures.
  - 2. Site plan and elevation drawings showing the design, indicating drives, road, parking, walks, walls, fences, landscaping, doors, windows, decoration, materials, finishes and other features accurately representing the proposed design.
  - 3. Material samples and manufacturer's literature for major materials and products to be incorporated in the proposed design.
- C. Additions to existing buildings.
  - 1. Photographs (8"x 10") of the existing building and adjacent buildings or structures.
  - 2. Site plan and elevation drawings showing the design, indicating drives, road, parking, walks, walls, fences, landscaping, doors, windows, decoration, materials, finishes and other features accurately representing the proposed design.
  - 3. Material samples and manufacturer's literature for major materials and products to be incorporated in the proposed design.
- D. Demolition, partial demolition, or moving.
  - 1. Photographs (8"x 10"), of the existing building in detail including context and site.
  - 2. A Site Plan depicting the site of the subject building and its context.
  - 3. A written request from the Owner indicating reasons for the demolition, partial demolition, or moving.

4. Include the following information:
  - Status - National Historic Landmark, National Landmark Historic District;
  - Status - Listing on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places or determination of eligibility for the National Register;
  - Status - Historic Landmark (Medina), Historic District (Medina);
  - Form of Ownership of the property, amount paid for property, date of purchase, party from whom it was purchased, and description of relationship between owner and applicant;
  - Cost of proposed Demolition;
  - The fair market value for the property and the anticipated market value after rehabilitation;
  - An analysis of the feasibility of rehabilitation, including the costs of rehabilitation, and the income and expense likely to be produced by the property after rehabilitation;
  - A list of alternatives that were considered and reasons why alternatives were dismissed;
  - Board may request other information specific to the project.
5. The applicant may provide additional financial information supporting the case for demolition. This information may include:
  - In the case of income-producing properties, provide the annual gross income from the previous two years and itemized expenses for the same time period;
  - Price asked and offers received within the previous two years.
6. If applicant claims lack of structural or architectural integrity as the reason for demolition, he/she must offer evidence prepared by a licensed engineer or architect as to the structural soundness of the building or structure.

## 2. APPLICATION.

The applicant shall complete the application and submit all required data to the Secretary. The official date of the application shall be the date of the next regular Board meeting after all required data and fees have been submitted to the Secretary and at which the applicant is scheduled to appear.

## 3. REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION.

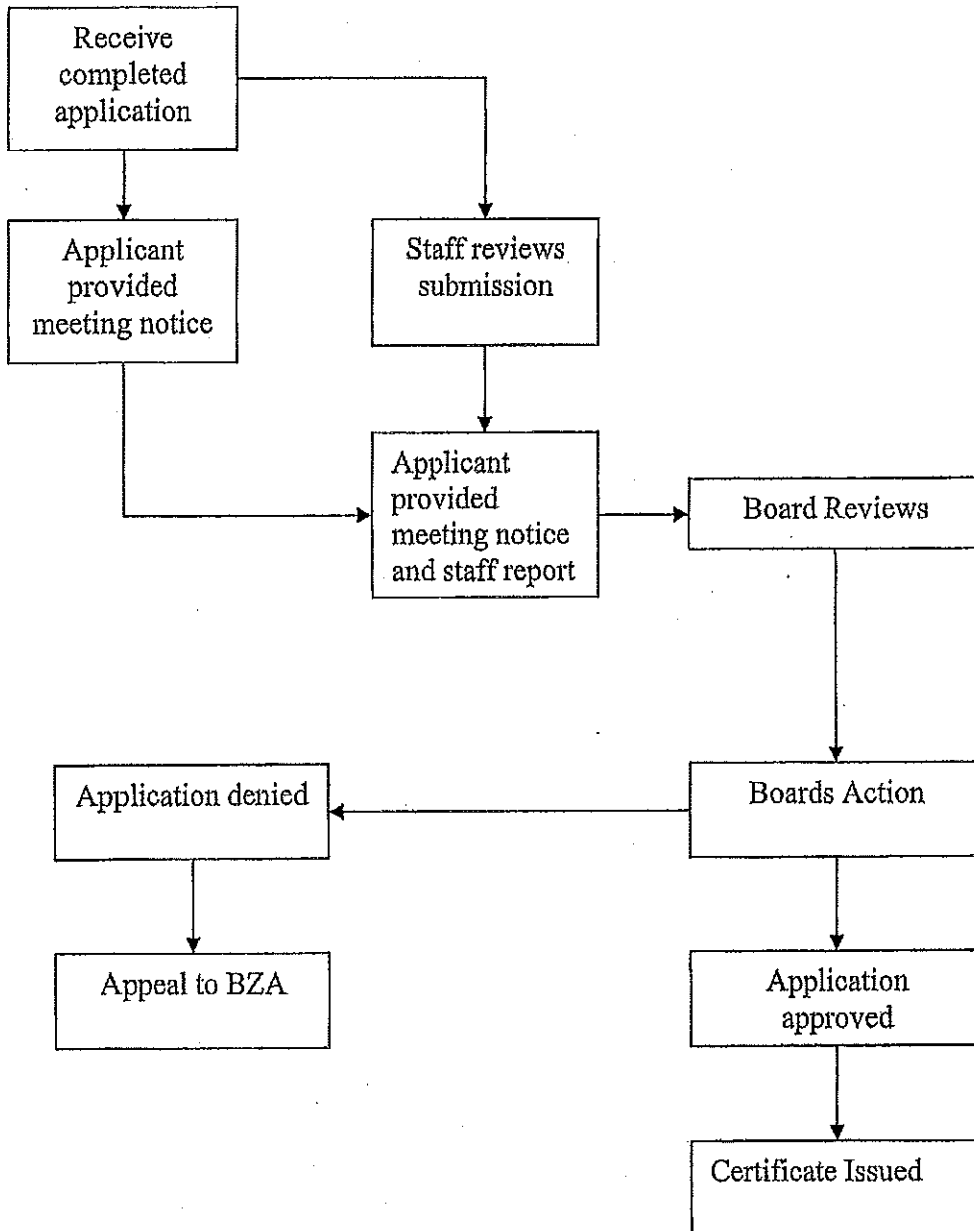
Upon completion of the application, the Secretary shall place the application on the agenda of the next regular Board meeting and notify the applicant in writing. The Board shall review the application as it appears on the agenda.

The Board shall act on the application by resolution and shall vote to approve, approve with amendment, approve with conditions or disapprove the application. The applicant shall be advised in writing of the Board's decision. Such action shall be taken immediately following the review of the application, unless the applicant requests a time extension to modify or elaborate upon his/her proposal. When the applicant indicates to the Secretary that the modifications are complete, the extended proposal shall be deliberated at the next regular Board meeting or a special meeting called for this purpose. If more than one year has passed, applicant must file a new application. If the Board denies the application wholly or in part, the applicant shall be notified of the reason.

4. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS.

Upon approval of the application by the Board, the Secretary shall issue a Certificate of Appropriateness. This Certificate of Appropriateness, however, does not exempt the applicant from provisions of the Building Code, Sign Code or other applicable laws of the City, County or State. The Certificate of Appropriateness shall become void if construction has not commenced within one (1) year after the date of approval. (Chapter 145 of the Codified Ordinances).

**Historic Preservation Board  
Certificate of Appropriateness**



(Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

CHAPTER III  
CONDITIONAL SIGN PERMIT

Conditional sign permits may be issued by the Historic Preservation Board in accordance with the standards and regulations of Chapter 1147 of the Zoning Code.

1. REQUIRED DATA.

To accomplish the Board's review of an application for a Conditional Sign Permit, copies of all data specified in Chapter 1147 of the Zoning Code and the application shall be provided. Number of copies and samples required shall be listed on the procedural information provided by the City.

2. APPLICATION.

The applicant shall complete the application and submit all required data and fees to the Secretary. The official date of the application shall be the date of the next regular Board meeting after all required data and fees have been submitted to the Secretary.

Submission requirements include:

- A. Photographs of existing conditions.
- B. Elevation drawings depicting the proposed signage of the building with sign and building dimensions noted.
- C. Color and material samples for the proposed sign.

3. REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION.

Upon completion of the application, the Secretary shall place the application on the agenda of the next regular Board meeting and notify the applicant. The Board shall review the application as it appears on the agenda.

The Board shall act on the application by resolution and shall vote to approve, approve with amendment, or disapprove the application. The applicant shall be advised in writing of the Board's decision. Such action shall be taken immediately following the review of the application, unless the applicant requests a time extension to modify or elaborate upon his/her proposal. When the applicant indicates to the Secretary that the modifications are complete, the extended proposal shall be deliberated at the next regular Board meeting or a special meeting called for this purpose. If more than one year has passed, applicant must file a new application. If the Board denies the application wholly or in part, the applicant shall be notified of the reason.

4. CONDITIONAL SIGN PERMIT.

Upon approval by the Board of the application, the Secretary shall issue a Conditional Sign Permit. This Conditional Sign Permit, however, does not exempt the applicant from provisions of the Building Code, Sign Code or other applicable laws of the City, County or State. The Conditional Sign Permit shall become void if construction has not begun within six (6) months after the date of the permit. (Section 1147.20 of the Zoning Code). (Ord. 179-21. Passed 12-13-21.)





(d) Any person dissatisfied with any ruling or decision of the Administrator which is made under the authority conferred by this chapter may appeal therefrom to the Board of Review within thirty days from the announcement of such ruling or decision by the Administrator, and the Board shall, on hearing, have jurisdiction to affirm, reverse or modify any such ruling or decision, or any part thereof.  
(Ord. 160-03. Passed 10-14-03.)

(e) The Administrator shall have the authority to determine issues regarding a municipal income tax obligation that is subject to appeal and to waive disputed amounts up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The Administrator shall notify the taxpayer of their right to appeal a decision and the manner in which they may appeal in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 212-08. Passed 12-8-08.)

#### 161.13 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS .

The funds collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be distributed as following beginning January 1, 2022:

- (a) Such part thereof which is necessary to defray all costs of collecting the taxes and the cost of administering and enforcing the provisions thereof shall be paid into the General Fund.
- (b) Twenty percent (20%) of the balance shall be paid into the newly created Special Revenue Fund (2004) to be used for street, storm water, and utility construction, maintenance, repair and improvements.
- (c) After the costs of collecting the taxes and administering and enforcing the provisions thereof and the required street, storm water, and utility construction, maintenance, repair and improvements are provided for as set forth in subsection (a) and (b) above, the remaining funds shall be distributed as follows:
  - (1) Forty-three and one-half percent (43.5%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray operating and capital expenses of the Police Department.
  - (2) Seven percent (7%) of the net available income tax receipt received annually shall be used to defray operating and annual capital expenses of the Fire Department of the City.
  - (3) One and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be set aside in a growth fund to be used to defray major capital expenses of the Fire Department of the City.
  - (4) Nine and one-half percent (9.5%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray operating expenses for the Parks and Recreation Department of the City.
  - (5) Twenty-five and one-half percent (25.5%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray operating and capital expenses of the General Fund of the City.
  - (6) Three percent (3%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray general purpose capital expenses.
  - (7) One- and three-quarter percent (1.75%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray Electronic Technology capital replacement expenses.
  - (8) Seven and one quarter percent (7.25%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray operating and annual capital expenses of the Recreation Center of the City.

- (9) One half percent (0.5%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray operating and capital expenses of the Street M&R Fund of the City.
- (10) One half percent (0.5%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray unanticipated capital expenses.
- (d) Except of Receipts from the Medina-Montville Joint Economic Development District.
  - (1) After the costs of collecting the taxes and administering and enforcing the provisions thereof and the required street, storm water, and utility construction, maintenance, repair and improvements are provided for as set forth in subsections (a) and (b) above, the remaining funds shall be distributed as follows:
    - A. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray Economic Development expenses.
    - B. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be distributed in accordance with the distribution laid out in subsection (c) above.
- (e) That effective January 1, 2023, (H) shall be amended to read as follows:
  - (1) Two- and one-quarter percent (2.25%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray operating and annual capital expenses of the Recreation Center of the City.
- (f) That effective January 1, 2023, (E) shall be amended to read as follows:
  - (1) Thirty-one percent (31%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray operating and capital expenses of the General Fund of the City.
- (g) That effective January 1, 2023, (F) shall be amended to read as follows:
  - (1) Two- and one-half percent (2.5%) of the net available income tax receipts received annually shall be used to defray general purpose capital expenses. (Ord. 203-21. Passed 12-13-21.)

#### 161.14 CREDIT FOR TAX PAID TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY.

When the taxable income of a resident of the City of Medina is subject to a municipal income tax in another municipality on the same income taxable under this chapter, effective January 1, 2004, such resident shall be allowed a credit of the amount of income tax paid on such taxable income to such other municipality, equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the City of Medina income tax in excess of 0.50 percent. For the purposes of this section, "taxable income" includes the distributive share of net profits of a resident partner or owner of an unincorporated business entity. (Ord. 114-03. Passed 7-28-03.)

**CHAPTER 303**  
**Enforcement, Impounding and Penalty**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
Disposition of unclaimed vehicles - see Ohio R.C. 737.32, 4513.62 et seq.  
Citations for minor misdemeanors - see Ohio R.C. 2935.26 et seq.  
Power of trial court of record to suspend or revoke license for certain violations - see Ohio R.C. 4507.16, 4507.34  
State point system suspension - see Ohio R.C. 4507.40  
Uniform application of Ohio Traffic Law - see Ohio R.C. 4511.06  
Marking motor vehicles used by traffic officers - see Ohio R.C. 4549.13  
Distinctive uniform required for traffic officers - see Ohio R.C. 4549.15  
Exceptions for emergency or public safety vehicles - see TRAF. 331.20, 333.06

**303.01 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWFUL ORDER OF POLICE OFFICER; FLEEING.**

- (a) No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer invested with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic.
- (b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle so as willfully to elude or flee a police officer after receiving a visible or audible signal from a police officer to bring the person's motor vehicle to a stop.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer. A violation of subsection (a) is a misdemeanor of the first degree. A violation of subsection (b) is a misdemeanor of the first degree, unless the jury or judge as trier of fact finds any one of the following by proof beyond a reasonable doubt:

- (1) In committing the offense, the offender was fleeing immediately after the commission of a felony;
- (2) The operation of the motor vehicle by the offender was a proximate cause of serious physical harm to persons or property;
- (3) The operation of the motor vehicle by the offender caused a substantial risk of serious physical harm to persons or property.

(d) In addition to any other sanction imposed for a violation of subsection (a) of this section or a misdemeanor violation of subsection (b) of this section, the court shall impose a class five suspension from the range specified in Ohio R.C. 4510.02(A)(5). If the offender previously has been found guilty of an offense under this section, in addition to any other sanction imposed for the offense, the court shall impose a class one suspension as described in division (A)(1) of that section. The court may grant limited driving privileges to the offender on a suspension imposed for a misdemeanor violation of this section as set forth in Ohio R.C. 4510.021. No judge shall suspend the first three years of suspension under a class two suspension of an offender's license, permit or privilege required by this division on any portion of the suspension under a class one suspension of an offender's license, permit, or privilege required by this subsection. (ORC 2921.331)

### **303.02 TRAFFIC DIRECTION IN EMERGENCIES; OBEDIENCE TO SCHOOL GUARD.**

(a) Police officers shall direct or regulate traffic in accordance with the provisions of this Traffic Code, provided that, in the event of fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, they are authorized to direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of this Traffic Code. Firemen, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity. The direction of traffic may be by word or audible signal, by gesture or visible signal or by any combination thereof. No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer or fireman issued pursuant to this section.

(b) No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order or direction of any school crossing guard invested with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic in the vicinity of the school to which such guard may be assigned.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

### **303.03 OFFICER MAY REMOVE IGNITION KEY.**

A law enforcement officer may remove the ignition key left in the ignition switch of an unlocked and unattended motor vehicle parked on a street or highway, or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking. The officer removing such key shall place notification upon the vehicle detailing his name and badge number, the place where such key may be reclaimed and the procedure for reclaiming such key. The key shall be returned to the owner of the motor vehicle upon presentation of proof of ownership. (ORC 4549.05)

- D. The telephone number and the address of the place from which a towed vehicle may be recovered at any time during the day or night;
- E. A statement that the failure to recover a towed vehicle may result in the loss of title to the vehicle as provided in division (B) of Ohio R.C. 4505.101.

In order to comply with the requirements of subsection (a)(1) of this section, the owner of a private property may modify an existing sign by affixing to the existing sign stickers or an addendum in lieu of replacing the sign.

- (2) A towing service ensures that a vehicle towed under this section is taken to a location from which it may be recovered that complies with all of the following:
  - A. It is located within twenty-five linear miles of the location of the private tow-away zone, unless it is not practicable to take the vehicle to a place of storage within twenty-five linear miles.
  - B. It is well-lighted.
  - C. It is on or within a reasonable distance of a regularly scheduled route of one or more modes of public transportation, if any public transportation is available in the municipal corporation or township in which the private tow-away zone is located.
- (b) (1) If a vehicle is parked on private property that is established as a private tow-away zone in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, without the consent of the owner of the private property or in violation of any posted parking condition or regulation, the owner of the private property may cause the removal of the vehicle by a towing service. The towing service shall remove the vehicle in accordance with this section. The vehicle owner and the operator of the vehicle are considered to have consented to the removal and storage of the vehicle, to the payment of the applicable fees established by the Public Service Commission in rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 4921.25, and to the right of a towing service to obtain title to the vehicle if it remains unclaimed as provided in Ohio R.C. 4505.101. The owner or lienholder of a vehicle that has been removed under this section, subject to subsection (c) of this section, may recover the vehicle in accordance with subsection (g) of this section.
- (2) If a municipal corporation requires tow trucks and tow truck operators to be licensed, no owner of a private property located within the municipal corporation shall cause the removal and storage of any vehicle pursuant to subsection (b) of this section by an unlicensed tow truck or unlicensed tow truck operator.
- (3) No towing service shall remove a vehicle from a private tow-away zone except pursuant to a written contract for the removal of vehicles entered into with the owner of the private property on which the private tow-away zone is located.

(c) If the owner or operator of a vehicle that is being removed under authority of subsection (b) of this section, arrives after the vehicle has been prepared for removal, but prior to the actual removal from the property, the towing service shall give the vehicle owner or operator oral or written notification at the time of such arrival that the vehicle owner or operator may pay a fee of not more than one-half of the fee for the removal of the vehicle established by the Public Service Commission in rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 4921.25, in order to obtain release of the vehicle. That fee may be paid by use of a major credit card unless the towing service uses a mobile credit card processor and mobile service is not available at the time of the

transaction. Upon payment of that fee, the towing service shall give the vehicle owner or operator a receipt showing both the full amount normally assessed and the actual amount received and shall release the vehicle to the owner or operator. Upon its release the owner or operator immediately shall move the vehicle so that the vehicle is not parked on the private property established as a private tow-away zone without the consent of the owner of the private property or in violation of any posted parking condition or regulation.

- (d) (1) Prior to towing a vehicle under subsection (b) of this section, a towing service shall make all reasonable efforts to take as many photographs as necessary to evidence that the vehicle is clearly parked on private property in violation of a private tow-away zone established under subsection (a) of this section.  
The towing service shall record the time and date of the photographs taken under this section. The towing service shall retain the photographs and the record of the time and date, in electronic or printed form, for at least thirty days after the date on which the vehicle is recovered by the owner or lienholder or at least two years after the date on which the vehicle was towed, whichever is earlier.
- (2) A towing service shall deliver a vehicle towed under subsection (b) of this section to the location from which it may be recovered not more than two hours after the time it was removed from the private tow-away zone, unless the towing service is unable to deliver the motor vehicle within two hours due to an uncontrollable force, natural disaster, or other event that is not within the power of the towing service.
- (e) (1) If an owner of a private property that is established as a private tow-away zone in accordance with subsection (a) of this section causes the removal of a vehicle from that property by a towing service under subsection (b) of this section, the towing service, within two hours of removing the vehicle, shall provide notice to the Police Department concerning all of the following:
- A. The vehicle's license number, make, model and color;
  - B. The location from which the vehicle was removed;
  - C. The date and time the vehicle was removed;
  - D. The telephone number of the person from whom the vehicle may be recovered;
  - E. The address of the place from which the vehicle may be recovered.
- (2) The Chief of Police shall maintain a record of any vehicle removed from private property in the Chief's jurisdiction that is established as a private tow-away zone of which the Chief has received notice under this section. The record shall include all information submitted by the towing service. The Chief shall provide any information in the record that pertains to a particular vehicle to a person who, either in person or pursuant to a telephone call, identifies self as the owner, operator or lienholder of the vehicle, and requests information pertaining to the vehicle.
- (f) (1) When a vehicle is removed from private property in accordance with this section, within three business days of the removal, the towing service or storage facility from which the vehicle may be recovered shall cause a search to be made of either of the following to ascertain the identity of the owner and any lienholder of the vehicle:

- A. The records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles;
  - B. The records of any vendor or vendors, approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, that are capable of providing real-time access to owner and lienholder information.
- (2) The towing service or storage facility may search the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System in order to determine the state in which the vehicle is titled. The entity that provides the record of the owner and any lienholder under this division shall ensure that such information is provided in a timely manner.
- (3) Subject to subsection (f)(6) of this section, the towing service or storage facility shall send notice to the vehicle owner and any known lienholder as follows:
- A. Within five business days after the applicable entity provides the identity of the owner and any lienholder of the motor vehicle, if the vehicle remains unclaimed, to the owner's and lienholder's last known address by certified or express mail with return receipt requested, by certified mail with electronic tracking, or by a commercial carrier service utilizing any form of delivery requiring a signed receipt.
  - B. If the vehicle remains unclaimed thirty days after the first notice is sent, in the manner required under subsection (f)(3)A. of this section.
- (4) Sixty days after any notice sent pursuant to subsection (f)(3) of this section is received, as evidenced by a receipt signed by any person, or the towing service or storage facility has been notified that delivery was not possible, the towing service or storage facility, if authorized under Ohio R.C. 4505.101(B), may initiate the process for obtaining a certificate of title to the motor vehicle as provided in that section.
- (5) A towing service or storage facility that does not receive a signed receipt of notice, or a notification that delivery was not possible, shall not obtain, and shall not attempt to obtain, a certificate of title to the motor vehicle under Ohio R.C. 4505.101(B).
- (6) With respect to a vehicle concerning which a towing service or storage facility is not eligible to obtain title under Ohio R.C. 4505.101, the towing service or storage facility need only comply with the initial notice required under subsection (f)(3)A. of this section.
- (g) (1) The owner or lienholder of a vehicle that is removed under subsection (b) of this section may reclaim it upon both of the following:
- A. Presentation of proof of ownership, which may be evidenced by a certificate of title to the vehicle, a certificate of registration for the motor vehicle or a lease agreement;
  - B. Payment of the following fees:
    - 1. All applicable fees established by the Public Utilities Commission in rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 4921.25, except that the lienholder of a vehicle may retrieve the vehicle without paying any storage fee for the period of time that the vehicle was in the possession of the towing service or storage facility prior to the date the lienholder received the notice sent under subsection (f)(1)A. of this section;
    - 2. If notice has been sent to the owner and lienholder as described in subsection (f) of this section, a processing fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

- (2) A towing service or storage facility in possession of a vehicle that is removed under authority of subsection (b) of this section shall show the vehicle owner, operator or lienholder who contests the removal of the vehicle all photographs taken under subsection (d) of this section. Upon request, the towing service or storage facility shall provide a copy of all photographs in the medium in which the photographs are stored, whether paper, electronic, or otherwise.
- (3) When the owner of a vehicle towed under this section retrieves the vehicle, the towing service or storage facility in possession of the vehicle shall give the owner written notice that if the owner disputes that the motor vehicle was lawfully towed, the owner may be able to file a civil action under Ohio R.C. 4513.611.
- (4) Upon presentation of proof of ownership, which may be evidenced by a certificate of title to the vehicle, a certificate of registration for the motor vehicle or a lease agreement, the owner of a vehicle that is removed under authority of subsection (b) of this section may retrieve any personal items from the vehicle without retrieving the vehicle and without paying any fee. The owner of the vehicle shall not retrieve any personal items from a vehicle if it would endanger the safety of the owner, unless the owner agrees to sign a waiver of liability. For purposes of subsection (g)(4) of this section, "personal items" do not include any items that are attached to the vehicle.

(h) No person shall remove, or cause the removal of any vehicle from private property that is established as a private tow-away zone under this section, or store such a vehicle other than in accordance with this section, or otherwise fail to comply with any applicable requirement of this section.

(i) This section does not affect or limit the operation of Ohio R.C. 4513.60 or Ohio R.C. 4513.61 to 4613.65 as they relate to property other than private property that is established as a private tow-away zone under subsection (a) of this section.

(j) Whoever violates subsection (h) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(k) As used in this section, "owner of a private property" or "owner of the private property" includes, with respect to a private property, any of the following:

- (1) Any person who holds title to the property;
- (2) Any person who is a lessee or sublessee with respect to a lease or sublease agreement for the property;
- (3) A person who is authorized to manage the property;
- (4) A duly authorized agent of any person listed in subsections (k)(1) to (3) of this section. (ORC 4513.601)

### **303.083 IMPOUNDING VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.**

(a) The County Sheriff or Chief of Police, within the Sheriff's or Chief's respective territorial jurisdiction, or a state highway patrol trooper, upon notification to the Sheriff or Chief of Police of such action and of the location of the place of storage, may order into storage any motor vehicle, including an abandoned junk motor vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4513.63, that:

- (1) Has come into the possession of the Sheriff, Chief of Police, or state highway patrol trooper as a result of the performance of the Sheriff's, Chief's or trooper's duties; or



- (2) Has been left on a public street or other property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel, or upon or within the right-of-way of any road or highway, for forty-eight hours or longer without notification to the Sheriff or Chief of Police of the reasons for leaving the motor vehicle in such place. However, when such a motor vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic it may be ordered into storage immediately unless either of the following applies:
- A. The vehicle was involved in an accident and is subject to Ohio R.C. 4513.66, or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance;
  - B. The vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle. If the vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle, the Sheriff, Chief of Police, or state highway patrol trooper shall allow the owner or operator of the vehicle the opportunity to arrange for the removal of the motor vehicle within a period of time specified by the Sheriff, Chief of Police, or state highway patrol trooper. If the Sheriff, Chief of Police, or state highway patrol trooper determines that the vehicle cannot be removed within the specified period of time, the Sheriff, Chief of Police, or state highway patrol trooper shall order the removal of the vehicle.
- (3) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the Sheriff or Chief of Police shall designate the place of storage of any motor vehicle so ordered removed.

(b) If the Sheriff, Chief of Police, or a state highway patrol trooper issues an order under subsection (a) of this section and arranges for the removal of a motor vehicle by a towing service, the towing service shall deliver the motor vehicle to the location designated by the Sheriff or Chief of Police not more than two hours after the time it is removed.

- (c) (1) The Sheriff or Chief of Police shall cause a search to be made of the records of an applicable entity listed in Ohio R.C. 4513.601(F)(1) to ascertain the identity of the owner and any lienholder of a motor vehicle ordered into storage by the Sheriff or Chief of Police, or by a state highway patrol trooper within five business days of the removal of the vehicle. Upon obtaining such identity, the Sheriff or Chief of Police shall send or cause to be sent to the owner or lienholder at the owner's or lienholder's last known address by certified or express mail with return receipt requested, by certified mail with electronic tracking, or by a commercial carrier service utilizing any form of delivery requiring a signed receipt. The notice shall inform the owner or lienholder that the motor vehicle will be declared a nuisance and disposed of if not claimed within ten days of the date of the sending of the notice.
- (2) A. The owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle may reclaim the motor vehicle upon payment of any expenses or charges incurred in its removal and storage, and presentation of proof of ownership, which may be evidenced by a certificate of title or memorandum certificate of title to the motor vehicle, a certificate of registration for the motor vehicle, or a lease agreement. Upon presentation of proof of ownership evidenced as provided above, the owner of the motor vehicle also may retrieve any personal items from the vehicle without retrieving the vehicle and without paying any fee. However, a towing service or storage facility may charge an after-hours retrieval

fee established by the Public Utilities Commission in rules adopted under Ohio R.C. 4921.25 if the owner retrieves the personal items after hours, unless the towing service or storage facility fails to provide the notice required under Ohio R.C. 4513.69(B)(3), if applicable. However, the owner shall not do either of the following:

1. Retrieve any personal item that has been determined by the Sheriff, Chief of Police, or a state highway patrol trooper, as applicable, to be necessary to a criminal investigation;
  2. Retrieve any personal item from a vehicle if it would endanger the safety of the owner, unless the owner agrees to sign a waiver of liability.
- B. For purposes of subsection (c)(2) of this section, "personal items" do not include any items that are attached to the vehicle.
- (3) If the owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle reclaims it after a search of the applicable records has been conducted and after notice has been sent to the owner or lienholder as described in this section, and the search was conducted by the place of storage, and the notice was sent to the motor vehicle owner by the place of storage, the owner or lienholder shall pay to the place of storage a processing fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), in addition to any expenses or charges incurred in the removal and storage of the vehicle.

(d) If the owner or lienholder makes no claim to the motor vehicle within ten days of the date of sending the notice, and if the vehicle is to be disposed of at a public auction as provided in Ohio R.C. 4513.62 or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the Sheriff or Chief of Police, without charge to any party, shall file with the Clerk of Courts of the county in which the place of storage is located an affidavit showing compliance with the requirements of this section. Upon presentation of the affidavit, the Clerk, without charge, shall issue a salvage certificate of title, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, to the Sheriff or Chief of Police. If the vehicle is to be disposed of to a motor vehicle salvage dealer or other facility as provided in Ohio R.C. 4513.62 or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the Sheriff or Chief of Police shall execute in triplicate an affidavit, as prescribed by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, describing the motor vehicle and the manner in which it was disposed of, and that all requirements of this section have been complied with. The Sheriff or Chief of Police shall retain the original of the affidavit for the Sheriff's or Chief's records, and shall furnish two copies to the motor vehicle salvage dealer or other facility. Upon presentation of a copy of the affidavit by the motor vehicle salvage dealer, the Clerk of Courts, within thirty days of the presentation, shall issue a salvage certificate of title, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.

(e) Whenever a motor vehicle salvage dealer or other facility receives an affidavit for the disposal of a motor vehicle as provided in this section, the dealer or facility shall not be required to obtain an Ohio certificate of title to the motor vehicle in the dealer's or facility's own name if the vehicle is dismantled or destroyed and both copies of the affidavit are delivered to the Clerk of Courts.

(f) No towing service or storage facility shall fail to comply with this section.  
(ORC 4513.61)

**303.09 LEAVING JUNK AND OTHER VEHICLES ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHOUT PERMISSION OR NOTIFICATION.**

(a) No person shall willfully leave any vehicle or an "abandoned junk motor vehicle" as defined in Ohio R.C. 4513.63 on private property for more than seventy-two consecutive hours without the permission of the person having the right to the possession of the property or on a public street or other property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking, or upon or within the right of way of any road or highway, for forty-eight consecutive hours or longer, without notification to the Police Chief of the reasons for leaving the vehicle in such place.

For purposes of this section, the fact that a vehicle has been so left without permission or notification is prima-facie evidence of abandonment. Nothing contained in this section shall invalidate the provisions of other ordinances regulating or prohibiting the abandonment of motor vehicles on streets, highways, public property or private property within the Municipality.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall also be assessed any costs incurred by the Municipality in disposing of an abandoned junk motor vehicle that is the basis of the violation, less any money accruing to the Municipality from this disposal of the vehicle. (ORC 4513.64)

**303.10 LEAVING JUNK VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH PERMISSION OF OWNER.**

(a) For the purposes of this section, "junk motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle meeting the requirements of Ohio R.C. 4513.63(B) to (E) that is left uncovered in the open on private property for more than seventy-two hours with the permission of the person having the right to the possession of the property, except if the person is operating a junk yard or scrap metal processing facility licensed under authority of Ohio R.C. 4737.05 to 4737.12; or regulated under authority of the Municipality; or if the property on which the motor vehicle is left is not subject to licensure or regulation by any governmental authority, unless the person having the right to the possession of the property can establish that the motor vehicle is part of a bona fide commercial operation, or if the motor vehicle is a collector's vehicle.

Persons may store or keep by unrestricted method any collector's vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4501.01(F) on private property with the permission of the person having the right to the possession of the property; except that such person having such permission shall conceal, by means of buildings, fences, vegetation, terrain or other suitable obstruction, any unlicensed collector's vehicle stored in the open.

Council, the Chief of Police or the Municipal Zoning Authority, may send notice by certified mail with return receipt requested, to the person having the right to the possession of the property on which a junk motor vehicle is left, that within ten days of receipt of the notice, the junk motor vehicle either shall be covered by being housed in a garage or other suitable structure or shall be removed from the property.

No person shall willfully leave a junk motor vehicle uncovered in the open for more than ten days after receipt of a notice as provided in this section. The fact that a junk motor vehicle is so left is prima-facie evidence of willful failure to comply with the notice. Each subsequent period of thirty days that a junk motor vehicle continues to be so left constitutes a separate offense.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.65)

**303.11 OUTSIDE STORAGE OF UNLICENSED OR DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED.**

(a) For the purposes of this section "disabled vehicle" means any motor vehicle which is incapable of being operated or propelled by the vehicle's own power.

No person, firm or corporation shall store or permit to be stored, for a period of more than fifteen days, any unlicensed or disabled vehicle upon any lot or land situated within the boundaries of the Municipality unless the same shall be within a completely enclosed building or garage. Such fifteen day period shall be deemed to run on the date that such person shall have been notified in writing by the Chief Building Official, his agent, the Police Department, or agents thereof, that such vehicle is being stored in violation of this section.  
(Ord. 193-99. Passed 9-27-99.)

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

### **303.12 INSPECTION OF VEHICLES.**

(a) For the purpose of locating any stolen vehicle, a member of the Police Department may inspect any vehicle of a type required to be registered under the vehicle registration code of the State, on or in a repair shop, new or used car lot, automobile dismantler's lot, vehicle shredding facility, vehicle renting or leasing lot, vehicle equipment rental yard, vehicle salvage pool or other similar establishment in the City and may inspect the title or registration of the vehicle in order to establish the rightful ownership or possession of the vehicle.

(b) A member of the Police Department may also inspect, for the purpose specified in subsection (a) hereof, implements of husbandry, special construction equipment and special mobile equipment in places described in subsection (a) or when such vehicle is incidentally operated or transported upon a highway.

(c) Whenever possible, inspections conducted pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) hereof shall be conducted at a time and in a manner so as to minimize any interference with, or delay of, business operations.  
(Ord. 52-85. Passed 5-13-85.)

### **303.13 PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO POLICE OFFICER.**

(a) No person shall knowingly present, display or orally communicate a false name, social security number or date of birth to a law enforcement officer who is in the process of issuing to the person a traffic ticket or complaint.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.  
(ORC 4513.361)

### **303.99 GENERAL TRAFFIC CODE PENALTIES.**

(a) General Misdemeanor Classifications. Whoever violates any provision of this Traffic Code for which violation no penalty is otherwise provided, is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4513.99)

(b) Penalties. Whoever is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this Traffic Code shall be imprisoned for a definite term or fined, or both, which term of imprisonment and fine shall be fixed by the court as provided in this section.

<u>Classification of Misdemeanor</u>	<u>Maximum Term of Imprisonment</u>	<u>Maximum Fine</u>
First degree	180 days	\$1,000.00
Second degree	90 days	750.00
Third degree	60 days	500.00
Fourth degree	30 days	250.00
Minor (ORC 2929.24; 2929.28)	No imprisonment	150.00

### 303.991 COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE DISTRACTED PENALTY.

(a) As used in this section and each section of the Traffic Code where specified, all of the following apply:

- (1) "Distracted" means doing either of the following while operating a vehicle:
  - A. Using a handheld electronic wireless communications device, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.204 except when utilizing any of the following:
    1. The device's speakerphone function;
    2. A wireless technology standard for exchanging data over short distances;
    3. A "voice-operated or hands-free" device that allows the person to use the electronic wireless communications device without the use of either hand except to activate, deactivate, or initiate a feature or function;
    4. Any device that is physically or electronically integrated into the motor vehicle.
  - B. Engaging in any activity that is not necessary to the operation of a vehicle and impairs, or reasonably would be expected to impair, the ability of the operator to drive the vehicle safely.
- (2) "Distracted" does not include operating a motor vehicle while wearing an earphone or earplug over or in both ears at the same time. A person who so wears earphones or earplugs may be charged with a violation of Section 331.43.
- (3) "Distracted" does not include conducting any activity while operating a utility service vehicle or a vehicle for or on behalf of a utility, provided that the driver of the vehicle is acting in response to an emergency, power outage or a circumstance affecting the health or safety of individuals.
 

As used in subsection (a)(3) of this section:

  - A. "Utility" means an entity specified in division (A), (C), (D), (E) or (G) of Ohio R.C. 4905.03.
  - B. "Utility service vehicle" means a vehicle owned or operated by a utility.

(b) If an offender violates any section of this Traffic Code which provides for an enhanced penalty for an offense committed while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the violation, the offender is subject to the applicable penalty for the violation and, notwithstanding Ohio R.C. 2929.28, is subject to an additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) as follows:

- (1) Subject to Traffic Rule 13, if a law enforcement officer issues an offender a ticket, citation or summons for a violation of any section of the Traffic Code that indicates that the offender was distracted while committing the violation and that the distracting activity was a contributing factor to the commission of the violation, the offender may enter a written plea of guilty and waive the offender's right to contest the ticket, citation or summons in a trial provided that the offender pays the total amount of the fine established for the violation and pays the additional fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

In lieu of payment of the additional fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the offender instead may elect to attend a distracted driving safety course, the duration and contents of which shall be established by the Ohio Director of Public Safety. If the offender attends and successfully completes the course, the offender shall be issued written evidence that the offender successfully completed the course. The offender shall be required to pay the total amount of the fine established for the violation, but shall not be required to pay the additional fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), so long as the offender submits to the court both the offender's payment in full and such written evidence.

- (2) If the offender appears in person to contest the ticket, citation or summons in a trial and the offender pleads guilty to or is convicted of the violation, the court, in addition to all other penalties provided by law, may impose the applicable penalty for the violation and may impose the additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

If the court imposes upon the offender the applicable penalty for the violation and an additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the court shall inform the offender that, in lieu of payment of the additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the offender instead may elect to attend the distracted driving safety course described in subsection (b)(1) of this section. If the offender elects the course option and attends and successfully completes the course, the offender shall be issued written evidence that the offender successfully completed the course. The offender shall be required to pay the total amount of the fine established for the violation, but shall not be required to pay the additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), so long as the offender submits to the court the offender's payment and such written evidence.

(ORC 4511.991)

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.

(ORC 4511.03)

### **331.21 RIGHT OF WAY OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR CORONER'S VEHICLE.**

(a) Upon the approach of a public safety vehicle or coroner's vehicle, equipped with at least one flashing, rotating or oscillating light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle and the driver is giving an audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle or bell, no driver of any other vehicle shall fail to yield the right-of-way, immediately drive if practical to a position parallel to and as close as possible to, the right edge or curb of the street clear of any intersection, and stop and remain in that position until the public safety vehicle or coroner's vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

(b) This section does not relieve the driver of a public safety vehicle or coroner's vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property upon the street.

(c) This section applies to a coroner's vehicle only when the vehicle is operated in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4513.171. As used in this section, "coroner's vehicle" means a vehicle used by a coroner, deputy coroner or coroner's investigator that is equipped with a flashing, oscillating or rotating red or blue light and a siren, exhaust whistle, or bell capable of giving an audible signal.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or Section 331.211, whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on a first offense. On a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree, and, on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. (ORC 4511.45)

### **331.211 REPORT OF VEHICLE FAILING TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY TO PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE.**

(a) When the failure of a motor vehicle operator to yield the right-of-way to a public safety vehicle as required by Section 331.21(a) impedes the ability of the public safety vehicle to respond to an emergency, any emergency personnel in the public safety vehicle may report the license plate number and a general description of the vehicle and the operator of the vehicle to the law enforcement agency exercising jurisdiction over the area where the alleged violation occurred.

- (b) (1) Upon receipt of a report under subsection (a) of this section, the law enforcement agency may conduct an investigation to attempt to determine or confirm the identity of the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation.
- (2) If the identity of the operator at the time of an alleged violation of Section 331.21(a) is established, the law enforcement agency has probable cause to issue either a written warning or a citation for that violation, and the agency shall issue a written warning or a citation to the operator.

- (3) If the identity of the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation cannot be established, the law enforcement agency may issue a warning to the person who owned the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. However, in the case of a leased or rented vehicle, the law enforcement agency shall issue the written warning to the person who leased or rented the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation.
- (c) (1) Whoever violates Section 331.21(a) based on a report filed under subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
- (2) If a person who is issued a citation for a violation of Section 331.21(a) based on a report filed under subsection (a) of this section does not enter a written plea of guilty and does not waive the person's right to contest the citation but instead appears in person in the proper court to answer the charge, the trier of fact cannot find beyond a reasonable doubt that the person committed that violation unless the emergency personnel who filed the report appears in person in the court and testifies.
- (d) As used in this section:
- (1) "License plate" includes any temporary motor vehicle license registration issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.182 or similar law of another jurisdiction.
- (2) "Public safety vehicle" does not include an unmarked public safety vehicle or a vehicle used by a public law enforcement officer or other person sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the State or a vehicle used by the Motor Carrier Enforcement Unit for the enforcement of orders and rules of the Public Utilities Commission. (ORC 4511.454)

**331.22 DRIVING ONTO ROADWAY FROM PLACE OTHER THAN  
ROADWAY: DUTY TO YIELD.**

(a) Subject to compliance with any traffic control device, the operator of a vehicle about to enter or cross a highway from an alley or from any place other than another roadway shall yield the right of way to all traffic approaching on the roadway to be entered or crossed.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under Section 303.991 of the Traffic Code.  
(ORC 4511.44)

**331.23 DRIVING ONTO ROADWAY FROM PLACE OTHER THAN  
ROADWAY: STOPPING AT SIDEWALK.**

(a) Subject to compliance with any traffic control device, the driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, building, private road or driveway within a business or residence district shall stop the vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across the alley, building entrance, road or driveway, or in the event there is no sidewalk area, shall stop at the point nearest the street to be entered where the driver has a view of approaching traffic thereon.



- B. As used in this section, "school" means all of the following:
1. Any school chartered under Ohio R.C. 3301.16;
  2. Any nonchartered school that during the preceding year filed with the Department of Education in compliance with O.A.C. § 3301-35-08, a copy of the school's report for the parents of the school's pupils certifying that the school meets state minimum standards for nonchartered, nontax-supported schools and presents evidence of this filing to the jurisdiction from which it is requesting the establishment of a school zone;
  3. Any special elementary school that in writing requests the County Engineer to create a school zone at the location of the school. Upon receipt of such written request, the County Engineer shall create a school zone at that location by erecting appropriate signs;
  4. Any preschool education program operated by an educational service center that is located on a street or highway with a speed limit of forty-five miles per hour or more, when the educational service center in writing requests that the County Engineer create a school zone at the location of that program. Upon receipt of such a written request, the County Engineer shall create a school zone at that location by erecting the appropriate signs.
- C. As used in this section, "school zone" means that portion of a street or highway passing a school fronting upon the street or highway that is encompassed by projecting the school property lines to the fronting street or highway. Upon request from the Municipality for streets and highways under its jurisdiction, the Ohio Director of Transportation may extend the traditional school zone boundaries. The distances in subsections (b)(1)C.1. to 3. hereof shall not exceed 300 feet per approach per direction and are bounded by whichever of the following distances or combinations thereof the Director approves as most appropriate:
1. The distance encompassed by projecting the school building lines normal to the fronting highway and extending a distance of 300 feet on each approach direction;
  2. The distance encompassed by projecting the school property lines intersecting the fronting highway and extending a distance of 300 feet on each approach direction;
  3. The distance encompassed by the special marking of the pavement for a principal school pupil crosswalk plus a distance of 300 feet on each approach direction of highway;
- Nothing in this section shall be construed to invalidate the Director's initial action on August 9, 1976, establishing all school zones at the traditional school zone boundaries defined by projecting school property lines, except when those boundaries are extended as provided in subsections (b)(1)A. and C. hereof.

- D. As used in this subsection, "crosswalk" has the meaning given that term in Section 301.09. The Director may, upon request by resolution of Council, and upon submission by the Municipality of such engineering, traffic and other information as the Director considers necessary, designate a school zone on any portion of a State route lying within the Municipality that includes a crosswalk customarily used by children going to or leaving a school during recess and opening and closing hours, whenever the distance, as measured in a straight line, from the school property line nearest the crosswalk to the nearest point of the crosswalk is no more than 1,320 feet. Such a school zone shall include the distance encompassed by the crosswalk and extending 300 feet on each approach direction of the State route;
- (2) Twenty-five miles per hour in all other portions of the Municipality, except on State routes outside business districts, through highways outside business districts and alleys;

The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any violation of Ohio R.C. 4510.12 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

- (2) If the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or, in a case involving the operation of a motorcycle by the offender, the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license bearing the motorcycle endorsement or the offender's restricted license was expired at the time of the offense, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the offense is a minor misdemeanor. If, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.12 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(d) The court shall not impose a license suspension for a first violation of this section or if more than three years have passed since the offender's last violation of Ohio R.C. 4510.12 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(e) If the offender is sentenced under subsection (c)(2) hereof, if within three years of the offense the offender previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.12 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, and if the offender's license was expired for more than six months at the time of the offense, the court may impose a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02.

(ORC 4510.12)

### **335.02 PERMITTING OPERATION WITHOUT VALID LICENSE; ONE LICENSE PERMITTED.**

(a) No person shall permit the operation of a motor vehicle upon any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking knowing the operator does not have a valid driver's license issued to the operator by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a Deputy Registrar under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507 or a valid commercial driver's license issued under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4506.

- (b) (1) No person shall receive a driver's license, or a motorcycle operator's endorsement of a driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card unless and until the person surrenders to the Registrar or a deputy registrar all valid licenses, temporary instruction permits, and identification cards issued to the person by another jurisdiction recognized by this state.
- (2) The Registrar shall report the cancellation of a license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card to the issuing authority, together with information that the license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card is now issued in this state. The Registrar or a deputy registrar shall destroy any such license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card that is not returned to the issuing authority.
- (3) No person shall possess more than one valid license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card at any time.
- (ORC 4507.02(A))

- (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor. When the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours. The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case. If, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4507.02 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 4507.02; 4507.99)

### **335.021 OHIO DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED FOR IN STATE RESIDENTS.**

(a) Any person who becomes a resident of this State, within thirty days of becoming a resident, shall surrender any driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or identification card issued by another state to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a Deputy Registrar. If such a person intends to operate a motor vehicle upon the public roads or highways, the person shall apply for a temporary instruction permit or driver's license in this State. If the person fails to apply for a driver's license or temporary instruction permit within thirty days of becoming a resident, the person shall not operate any motor vehicle in this municipality under a license or permit issued by another state.

- (b) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (2) The offense established under subsection (b)(1) of this section is a strict liability offense and strict liability is a culpable mental state for purposes of Ohio R.C. 2901.20. The designation of this offense as a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.

(c) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "resident" means any person to whom any of the following applies:

- (1) The person maintains their principal residence in this State and does not reside in this State as a result of the person's active service in the United States Armed Forces.
- (2) The person is determined by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to be a resident in accordance with standards adopted by the Registrar under Ohio R.C. 4507.01. (ORC 4507.213)

### **335.03 DRIVING WITH TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION PERMIT; CURFEW.**

(a) No holder of a temporary instruction permit issued under Ohio R.C. 4507.05(A) shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in violation of the following conditions:

- (1) If the permit is issued to a person who is at least fifteen years six months of age, but less than sixteen years of age:
  - A. The permit and identification card are in the holder's immediate possession;
  - B. The holder is accompanied by an eligible adult who actually occupies the seat beside the permit holder and does not have a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine as provided in Ohio R.C. 4511.19(A);
  - C. The total number of occupants of the vehicle does not exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally installed in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, and each occupant of the vehicle is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device.
- (2) If the permit is issued to a person who is at least sixteen years of age:
  - A. The permit and identification card are in the holder's immediate possession;
  - B. The holder is accompanied by a licensed operator who is at least twenty-one years of age and is actually occupying a seat beside the driver and does not have a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine as provided in Ohio R.C. 4511.19(A);
  - C. The total number of occupants of the vehicle does not exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally installed in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, and each occupant of the vehicle is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (b) hereof, no holder of a temporary instruction permit that is issued under Ohio R.C. 4507.05(A) and that is issued on or after July 1, 1998, and who has not attained the age of eighteen years, shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking between the hours of midnight and six a.m.

The holder of a permit issued under Ohio R.C. 4507.05(A) on or after July 1, 1998, who has not attained the age of eighteen years, may operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking between the hours of midnight and six a.m. if, at the time of such operation, the holder is accompanied by the holder's parent, guardian, or custodian, and the parent, guardian or custodian holds a current valid driver's or commercial driver's license issued by this State and is actually occupying a seat beside the permit holder, and does not have a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine as provided in Section 333.01(a).

(c) As used in this section:

- (1) "Eligible adult" means any of the following:
  - A. An instructor of a driver education course approved by the Department of Education or a driver training course approved by the Department of Public Safety;
  - B. Any of the following persons who holds a current valid driver's or commercial driver's license issued by this State:
    1. A parent, guardian or custodian of the permit holder;
    2. A person twenty-one years of age or older who acts in loco parentis of the permit holder.
- (2) "Occupant restraining device" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4513.263.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4507.05)

**335.031 DRIVING WITH PROBATIONARY LICENSE; CURFEW.**

- (a) (1) A. No holder of a probationary driver's license who has held the license for less than twelve months shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking between the hours of midnight and six a.m. unless the holder is accompanied by the holder's parent or guardian.
- B. No holder of a probationary driver's license who has held the license for twelve months or longer shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking between the hours of one a.m. and five a.m. unless the holder is accompanied by the holder's parent or guardian.
- (2) A. Subject to subsection (c)(1) of this section, subsection (a)(1)A. of this section does not apply to the holder of a probationary driver's license who is doing either of the following:
1. Traveling to or from work between the hours of midnight and six a.m. provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from the holder's employer.
  2. Traveling to or from an official function sponsored by the school the holder attends between the hours of midnight and six a.m., provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from an appropriate official of the school;
  3. Traveling to or from an official religious event between the hours of midnight and six a.m., provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from an appropriate official affiliated with the event.
- B. Subsection (a)(1)B. of this section does not apply to the holder of a probationary driver's license who is doing either of the following:
1. Traveling to or from work between the hours of one a.m. and five a.m., provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from the holder's employer.
  2. Traveling to or from an official function sponsored by the school the holder attends between the hours of one a.m. and five a.m., provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from an appropriate official of the school;
  3. Traveling to or from an official religious event between the hours of one a.m. and five a.m., provided that the holder has in the holder's immediate possession written documentation from an appropriate official affiliated with the event.
- (3) An employer, school official or official affiliated with a religious event is not liable in damages in a civil action for any injury, death or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from, or is related to, the fact that the employer, school official, or official affiliated with a religious event provided the holder of a probationary driver's license with the written documentation described in subsection (a)(2) of this section.

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall make available at no cost a form to serve as the written documentation described in subsection (a)(2) of this section, and employers, school officials, officials affiliated with religious events, and holders of probationary driver's licenses may utilize that form or may choose to utilize any other written documentation to meet the requirements of that subsection.

- (4) No holder of a probationary driver's license who has held the license for less than twelve months shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking with more than one person who is not a family member occupying the vehicle unless the probationary license holder is accompanied by the probationary license holder's parent, guardian or custodian.

(b) It is an affirmative defense to a violation of subsection (a)(1)A. or B. of this section if, at the time of the violation, an emergency existed that required the holder of the probationary driver's license to operate a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (a)(1)A. or B. of this section; or the holder was an emancipated minor.

- (c) (1) If a person is issued a probationary driver's license prior to attaining the age of seventeen years and the person pleads guilty to, is convicted of, or is adjudicated in juvenile court of having committed a moving violation during the six-month period commencing on the date on which the person is issued the probationary driver's license, the court with jurisdiction over the violation may order that the holder must be accompanied by the holder's parent or guardian whenever the holder is operating a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking for a period not to exceed six months or the date the holder attains the age of seventeen years, whichever occurs first.
- (2) Any person who is subject to the operating restrictions established under subsection (c)(1) of this section as a result of a first moving violation may petition the court for driving privileges without being accompanied by the holder's parent or guardian during the period of time determined by the court under that subsection. In granting the driving privileges, the court shall specify the purposes of the privileges and shall issue the person appropriate forms setting forth the privileges granted. If a person is convicted of, pleads guilty to, or is adjudicated in juvenile court of having committed a second or subsequent moving violation, the court with jurisdiction over the violation may terminate any driving privileges previously granted under this division.
- (3) No person shall violate any operating restriction imposed under subsection (c)(1) or (2) of this section.

(d) No holder of a probationary license shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking unless the total number of occupants of the vehicle does not exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally installed in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, and each occupant of the vehicle is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause the operator of a motor vehicle being operated on any street or highway to stop the motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether each occupant of the motor vehicle is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device as required by subsection (d) hereof, or for the sole purpose of issuing a ticket, citation, or summons if the requirement in that subsection has been or is being violated, or for causing the arrest of or commencing a prosecution of a person for a violation of that requirement.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause the operator of a motor vehicle being operated on any street or highway to stop the motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether a violation of subsection (a)(1)A. or B. hereof has been or is being committed or for the sole purpose of issuing a ticket, citation, or summons for such a violation or for causing the arrest of or commencing a prosecution of a person for such violation.

(g) As used in this section:

- (1) "Occupant restraining device" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4513.263.
- (2) "Family member" of a probationary license holder includes any of the following:
  - A. A spouse;
  - B. A child or stepchild;
  - C. A parent, stepparent, grandparent, or parent-in-law;
  - D. An aunt or uncle;
  - E. A sibling, whether or the whole or half blood or by adoption, a brother-in-law or a sister-in-law;
  - F. A son or daughter of the probationary license holder's stepparent if the stepparent has not adopted the probationary license holder;
  - G. An eligible adult, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4507.05.
- (3) "Moving violation" means any violation of any statute or ordinance that regulates the operation of vehicles, streetcars, or trackless trolleys on the highways or streets. "Moving violation" does not include a violation of Ohio R.C. 4513.263 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, or a violation of any statute or ordinance regulating pedestrians or the parking of vehicles, vehicle size or load limitations, vehicle fitness requirements, or vehicle registration.

(h) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4507.071)

### **335.032 USE OF ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE PROHIBITED WHILE DRIVING.**

(a) No holder of a temporary instruction permit who has not attained the age of eighteen years and no holder of a probationary driver's license shall drive a motor vehicle on any street, highway, or property used by the public for purposes of vehicular traffic or parking while using in any manner an electronic wireless communications device.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to either of the following:

- (1) A person using an electronic wireless communications device for emergency purposes, including an emergency contact with a law enforcement agency, hospital or health care provider, fire department, or other similar emergency agency or entity;



- (2) A person using an electronic wireless communications device whose motor vehicle is in a stationary position and the motor vehicle is outside a lane of travel;
  - (3) A person using a navigation device in a voice-operated or hands-free manner who does not manipulate the device while driving.
- (c)
- (1) Except as provided in subsection (c)(2) of this section, whoever violates subsection (a) of this section shall be fined one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). In addition, the court shall impose a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license or permit for a definite period of sixty days.
  - (2) If the person previously has been adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender for a violation of this section, whoever violates this section shall be fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00). In addition, the court shall impose a class seven suspension of the person's driver's license or permit for a definite period of one year.

(d) The filing of a sworn complaint against a person for a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.205 does not preclude the filing of a sworn complaint for a violation of a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance for the same conduct. However, if a person is adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender for a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.205 and is also adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender for a violation of a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance for the same conduct, the two offenses are allied offenses of similar import under Ohio R.C. 2941.25.

(e) As used in this section, "electronic wireless communications device" includes any of the following:

- (1) A wireless telephone;
  - (2) A personal digital assistant;
  - (3) A computer, including a laptop computer and a computer tablet;
  - (4) A text-messaging device;
  - (5) Any other substantially similar electronic wireless device that is designed or used to communicate via voice, image, or written word.
- (ORC 4511.205)

### 335.04 CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED.

- (a) No person shall do any of the following:
- (1) Display, or cause or permit to be displayed, or possess any identification card, driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit knowing the same to be fictitious, or to have been canceled, suspended or altered;
  - (2) Lend to a person not entitled thereto, or knowingly permit a person not entitled thereto to use any identification card, driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit issued to the person so lending or permitting the use thereof;
  - (3) Display or represent as one's own, any identification card, driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit not issued to the person so displaying the same;
  - (4) Fail to surrender to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, upon the Registrar's demand, any identification card, driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit that has been suspended or canceled;

- (5) In any application for an identification card, driver's or commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit, or any renewal, reprint, or duplicate thereof, knowingly conceal a material fact, or present any physician's statement required under Ohio R.C. 4507.08 or 4507.081 when knowing the same to be false or fictitious.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 4507.30)

### **335.05 WRONGFUL ENTRUSTMENT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

(a) No person shall permit a motor vehicle owned by the person or under the person's control to be driven by another if any of the following apply:

- (1) The offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person does not have a valid driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or valid nonresident driving privileges.
- (2) The offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privileges have been suspended or canceled under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4510, or any other provision of the Ohio Revised Code or this Traffic Code.
- (3) The offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person's act of driving the motor vehicle would violate any prohibition contained in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4509.
- (4) The offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person's act of driving would violate Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.
- (5) The offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the vehicle is the subject of an immobilization waiver order issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.235 and the other person is prohibited from operating the vehicle under that order.

(b) Without limiting or precluding the consideration of any other evidence in determining whether a violation of subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this section has occurred, it shall be prima-facie evidence that the offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the operator of the motor vehicle owned by the offender or under the offender's control is in a category described in subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this section if any of the following applies:

- (1) Regarding an operator allegedly in the category described in subsection (a)(1), (3) or (5) of this section, the offender and the operator of the motor vehicle reside in the same household and are related by consanguinity or affinity.
- (2) Regarding an operator allegedly in the category described in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the offender and the operator of the motor vehicle reside in the same household, and the offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the operator has been charged with or convicted of any violation of law or ordinance, or has committed any other act or omission, that would or could result in the suspension or cancellation of the operator's license, permit or privilege.
- (3) Regarding an operator allegedly in the category described in subsection (a)(4) of this section, the offender and the operator of the motor vehicle occupied the motor vehicle together at the time of the offense.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of wrongful entrustment of a motor vehicle and shall be punished as provided in subsections (c) to (h) of this section.

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (c)(2) of this section, whoever violates subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) of this section is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor. When the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours. The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02.
- (2)
  - A. If, within three years of a violation of subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) of this section, the offender previously has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of two or more violations of division (A)(1), (2) or (3) of Ohio R.C. 4511.203 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
  - B. Whoever violates subsection (a)(4) or (5) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (3) For any violation of this section, in addition to the penalties imposed under Section 303.99, the court may impose a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02, and, if the vehicle involved in the offense is registered in the name of the offender, the court may order one of the following:
  - A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(3)B. or C. of this section, the court may order, for thirty days, the immobilization of the vehicle involved in the offense and the impoundment of that vehicle's license plates. If issued, the order shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.233.
  - B. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.203 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the court may order, for sixty days, the immobilization of the vehicle involved in the offense and the impoundment of that vehicle's license plates. If issued, the order shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.233.
  - C. If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4511.203 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the court may order the criminal forfeiture to the state of the vehicle involved in the offense. If issued, the order shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.234.

If title to a motor vehicle that is subject to an order for criminal forfeiture under this subsection is assigned or transferred and division (B)(2) or (3) of Ohio R.C. 4503.234 applies, in addition to or independent of any other penalty established by law, the court may fine the offender the value of the vehicle as determined by publications of the national automobile dealer's association. The proceeds from any fine imposed under this subsection shall be distributed in accordance with division (C)(2) of Ohio R.C. 4503.234.

(d) If a court orders the immobilization of a vehicle under subsection (c) of this section, the court shall not release the vehicle from the immobilization before the termination of the period of immobilization ordered unless the court is presented with current proof of financial responsibility with respect to that vehicle.

(e) If a court orders the criminal forfeiture of a vehicle under subsection (c) of this section, upon receipt of the order from the court, neither the Registrar of Motor Vehicles nor any deputy registrar shall accept any application for the registration or transfer of registration of any motor vehicle owned or leased by the person named in the order. The period of denial shall be five years after the date the order is issued, unless, during that five-year period, the court with jurisdiction of the offense that resulted in the order terminates the forfeiture and notifies the Registrar of the termination. If the court terminates the forfeiture and notifies the Registrar, the Registrar shall take all necessary measures to permit the person to register a vehicle owned or leased by the person or to transfer the registration of the vehicle.

(f) This section does not apply to motor vehicle rental dealers or motor vehicle leasing dealers, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4549.65.

(g) Evidence of a conviction of, plea of guilty to, or adjudication as a delinquent child for a violation of this section or a substantially similar municipal ordinance shall not be admissible as evidence in any civil action that involves the offender or delinquent child who is the subject of the conviction, plea, or adjudication and that arises from the wrongful entrustment of a motor vehicle.

(h) For purposes of this section, a vehicle is owned by a person if, at the time of a violation of this section, the vehicle is registered in the person's name. (ORC 4511.203)

### **335.06 DISPLAY OF LICENSE.**

(a) The operator of a motor vehicle shall display the operator's driver's license, or furnish satisfactory proof that the operator has a driver's license, upon demand of any peace officer or of any person damaged or injured in any collision in which the licensee may be involved. When a demand is properly made and the operator has the operator's driver's license on or about the operator's person, the operator shall not refuse to display the license. A person's failure to furnish satisfactory evidence that the person is licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507 when the person does not have the person's license on or about the person's person shall be prima-facie evidence of the person's not having obtained a driver's license.

- (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b)(2) hereof, whoever violates this section is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor. When the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours. The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case.
- (2) If, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4507.35 or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 4507.35)

### **335.07 DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION OR LICENSE RESTRICTION.**

(a) Except as provided under subsection (b) hereof and Sections 335.072 and 335.074, no person whose driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege has been suspended under any provision of the Ohio Revised Code, other than Ohio R.C. Chapter 4509, or under any applicable law in any other jurisdiction in which the person's license or permit was issued shall operate any motor vehicle upon the public roads and highways or upon any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking within this Municipality during the period of suspension unless the person is granted limited driving privileges and is operating the vehicle in accordance with the terms of the limited driving privileges.

(b) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this Municipality in violation of any restriction of the person's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit imposed under division (D) of Ohio R.C. 4506.10 or under Ohio R.C. 4507.14.

(c) Upon the request or motion of the prosecuting authority, a noncertified copy of the law enforcement automated data system report or a noncertified copy of a record of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that shows the name, date of birth, and social security number of a person charged with a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section may be admitted into evidence as prima-facie evidence that the license of the person was under suspension at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (a) of this section or the person operated a motor vehicle in violation of a restriction at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (b) of this section. The person charged with a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section may offer evidence to rebut this prima-facie evidence.

- (d) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) or (b) hereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court may impose upon the offender a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02.

- (2) A. Except as provided in subsection (d)(2)B. or C. of this section, the court, in addition to any other penalty that it imposes on the offender and if the vehicle is registered in the offender's name and if, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of Ohio R.C. 4510.11 or Ohio R.C. 4510.111 or 4510.16, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the court, in addition to or independent of any other sentence that it imposes upon the offender, may order the immobilization of the vehicle involved in the offense for thirty days and the impoundment of that vehicle's license plates for thirty days in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.233.
- B. If the vehicle is registered in the offender's name and if, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.11 or any combination of two violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.11 or Ohio R.C. 4510.111 or 4510.16, or of a substantially similar municipal ordinance, the court, in addition to any other sentence that it imposes on the offender may order the immobilization of the vehicle involved in the offense for sixty days and the impoundment of that vehicle's license plates for sixty days in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.233.
- C. If the vehicle is registered in the offender's name and if, within three years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.11, or any combination of three or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4501.11 or Ohio R.C. 4510.111 or 4510.16, or of a substantially similar municipal ordinance, the court, in addition to any other sentence that it imposes on the offender may order the criminal forfeiture of the vehicle involved in the offense to the State.

(e) Any order for immobilization and impoundment under this section shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.233 and 4507.02, as applicable. The court shall not release a vehicle from immobilization ordered under this section unless the court is presented with current proof of financial responsibility with respect to that vehicle.

(f) Any order of criminal forfeiture under this section shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.234. Upon receipt of the copy of the order from the court, neither the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles nor a deputy registrar shall accept any application for the registration or transfer of registration of any motor vehicle owned or leased by the person named in the declaration of forfeiture. The period of registration denial shall be five years after the date of the order, unless, during that period, the court having jurisdiction of the offense that lead to the order terminates the forfeiture and notifies the Registrar of the termination. The Registrar shall then take necessary measures to permit the person to register a vehicle owned or leased by the person or to transfer registration of the vehicle.

(g) The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the vehicle before, during, or after committing the offense for which the offender is sentenced under this section. (ORC 4510.11)

(h) Any person whose driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privileges are suspended as a repeat traffic offender under this section and who, during the suspension, operates any motor vehicle upon any public roads and highways is guilty of driving under a twelve-point suspension, a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court shall sentence the offender to a minimum term of three days in jail. No court shall suspend the first three days of jail time imposed pursuant to this subsection. (ORC 4510.037)

### **335.071 DRIVING UNDER OVI SUSPENSION.**

(a) No person whose driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege has been suspended under Ohio R.C. 4511.19, 4511.191, or 4511.196 or under Ohio R.C. 4510.07 for a conviction of a violation of a municipal OVI ordinance shall operate any motor vehicle upon the public roads or highways within this Municipality during the period of the suspension.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of driving under OVI suspension. The court shall sentence the offender under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, subject to the differences authorized or required by this section.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)(2) or (3) of this section, driving under OVI suspension is a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court shall sentence the offender to all of the following:
  - A. A mandatory jail term of three consecutive days. The three-day term shall be imposed, unless, subject to subsection (c) of this section, the court instead imposes a sentence of not less than thirty consecutive days of house arrest with electronic monitoring. A period of house arrest with electronic monitoring imposed under this subsection shall not exceed six months. If the court imposes a mandatory three-day jail term under this subsection, the court may impose a jail term in addition to that term, provided that in no case shall the cumulative jail term imposed for the offense exceed six months.
  - B. A fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
  - C. A license suspension under subsection (e) of this section.
- (2) If, within six years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of this section or one equivalent offense, driving under OVI suspension is a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court shall sentence the offender to all of the following:
  - A. A mandatory jail term of ten consecutive days. Notwithstanding the jail terms provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, the court may sentence the offender to a longer jail term of not more than one year. The ten-day mandatory jail term shall be imposed unless, subject to subsection (c) of this section, the court instead imposes a sentence of not less than ninety consecutive days of house arrest with electronic monitoring. The period of house arrest with electronic monitoring shall not exceed one year.
  - B. Notwithstanding the fines provided for in Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).
  - C. A license suspension under subsection (e) of this section.
- (3) If, within six years of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of this section or two or more equivalent offenses, driving under OVI suspension is a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court shall sentence the offender to all of the following:

- A. A mandatory jail term of thirty consecutive days. Notwithstanding the jail terms provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, the court may sentence the offender to a longer jail term of not more than one year. The court shall not sentence the offender to a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring in lieu of the mandatory portion of the jail term.
- B. Notwithstanding the fines set forth in Ohio R.C. Chapter 2929, a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).
- C. A license suspension under subsection (e) of this section.

(c) No court shall impose an alternative sentence of house arrest with electronic monitoring under subsection (b)(1) or (2) of this section unless, within sixty days of the date of sentencing, the court issues a written finding on the record that, due to the unavailability of space at the jail where the offender is required to serve the jail term imposed, the offender will not be able to begin serving that term within the sixty-day period following the date of sentencing.

An offender sentenced under this section to a period of house arrest with electronic monitoring shall be permitted work release during that period.

(d) Fifty per cent of any fine imposed by a court under subsection (b)(1), (2) or (3) of this section shall be deposited into the county indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund or municipal indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund under the control of that court, as created by the county or municipal corporation pursuant to division (H) of Ohio R.C. 4511.191.

(e) In addition to or independent of all other penalties provided by law or ordinance, the trial judge of any court of record or the mayor of a mayor's court shall impose on an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of this section a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02.

When permitted as specified in Ohio R.C. 4510.021, if the court grants limited driving privileges during a suspension imposed under this section, the privileges shall be granted on the additional condition that the offender must display restricted license plates, issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.231, on the vehicle driven subject to the privileges, except as provided in division (B) of that section.

A suspension of a commercial driver's license under this section shall be concurrent with any period of suspension or disqualification under Ohio R.C. 3123.58 or 4506.16. No person who is disqualified for life from holding a commercial driver's license under Ohio R.C. 4506.16 shall be issued a driver's license under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507 during the period for which the commercial driver's license was suspended under this section, and no person whose commercial driver's license is suspended under this section shall be issued a driver's license under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4507 during the period of the suspension.

(f) The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the vehicle before, during, or after committing the offense that is a misdemeanor of the first degree under this section for which the offender is sentenced. (ORC 4510.14)



- (g) (1) If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to Ohio R.C. 4510.14, the court, in addition to and independent of any sentence that it imposes upon the offender for the offense, if the vehicle the offender was operating at the time of the offense is registered in the offender's name, shall do whichever of the following is applicable:
- A. If, within six years of the current offense, the offender has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of Ohio R.C. 4510.14 or former division (D)(2) of Ohio R.C. 4507.02, or a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to that section or former division, the court shall order the immobilization for thirty days of the vehicle involved in the offense and the impoundment for thirty days of the license plates of that vehicle in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.233.
  - B. If, within six years of the current offense, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of Ohio R.C. 4510.14 or former division (D)(2) of Ohio R.C. 4507.02, or a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to that section or former division, the court shall order the immobilization for sixty days of the vehicle involved in the offense and the impoundment for sixty days of the license plates of that vehicle in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.233.
  - C. If, within six years of the current offense, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.14 or former division (D)(2) of Ohio R.C. 4507.02 or a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to that section or former division, the court shall order the criminal forfeiture to the State of the vehicle the offender was operating at the time of the offense.
- (2) An order for immobilization and impoundment of a vehicle under this section shall be issued and enforced in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4503.233 and 4507.02, as applicable. The court shall not release a vehicle from immobilization ordered under this section unless the court is presented with current proof of financial responsibility with respect to that vehicle.
- (3) An order for criminal forfeiture of a vehicle under this section shall be issued and enforced under Ohio R.C. 4503.234. Upon receipt of a copy of the order from the court, neither the Registrar of Motor Vehicles nor a Deputy Registrar shall accept any application for the registration or transfer of registration of any motor vehicle owned or leased by the person named in the declaration of forfeiture. The period of registration denial shall be five years after the date of the order unless, during that period, the court having jurisdiction of the offense that led to the order terminates the forfeiture and notifies the Registrar of the termination. The Registrar then shall take the necessary measures to permit the person to register a vehicle owned or leased by the person or to transfer registration of the vehicle.  
(ORC 4510.161)
- (h) As used in this section:
- (1) "Electronic monitoring" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.
  - (2) "Equivalent offense" means any of the following:
    - A. A violation of a municipal ordinance, law of another state, or law of the United States that is substantially equivalent to subsection (a) of this section;

- B. A violation of a former law of this State that was substantially equivalent to subsection (a) of this section.
- (3) "Jail" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2929.01.
- (4) "Mandatory jail term" means the mandatory term in jail of three, ten, or thirty consecutive days that must be imposed under subsection (b)(1), (2) or (3) of this section upon an offender convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of this section and in relation to which all of the following apply:
- A. Except as specifically authorized under this section, the term must be served in a jail.
- B. Except as specifically authorized under this section, the term cannot be suspended, reduced, or otherwise modified pursuant to any provision of the Ohio Revised Code.  
(ORC 4510.14)

**335.072 DRIVING UNDER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW  
SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION; DRIVING UNDER A  
NONPAYMENT OF JUDGMENT SUSPENSION.**

(a) No person, whose driver's or commercial driver's license or temporary instruction permit or nonresident's operating privilege has been suspended or canceled pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 4509, shall operate any motor vehicle within this Municipality, or knowingly permit any motor vehicle owned by the person to be operated by another person in the Municipality, during the period of the suspension or cancellation, except as specifically authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 4509. No person shall operate a motor vehicle within this Municipality, or knowingly permit any motor vehicle owned by the person to be operated by another person in the Municipality, during the period in which the person is required by Ohio R.C. 4509.45 to file and maintain proof of financial responsibility for a violation of Ohio R.C. 4509.101, unless proof of financial responsibility is maintained with respect to that vehicle.

(b) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this Municipality if the person's driver's or commercial driver's license or temporary instruction permit or nonresident operating privilege has been suspended pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4509.37 or 4509.40 for nonpayment of a judgment.

(c) Upon the request or motion of the prosecuting authority, a noncertified copy of the law enforcement automated data system report or a noncertified copy of a record of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that shows the name, date of birth and social security number of a person charged with a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section may be admitted into evidence as prima-facie evidence that the license of the person was under either a financial responsibility law suspension at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (a) of this section or a nonpayment of judgment suspension at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (b) of this section. The person charged with a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section may offer evidence to rebut this prima-facie evidence.

(d) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of driving under financial responsibility law suspension or cancellation and shall be punished as provided in subsection (d) hereof. Whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of driving under a nonpayment of judgment suspension and shall be punished as provided in subsection (d) hereof.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d)(2) of this section, the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor. When the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours. The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case.
- (2) If, within three years of the offense, the offender previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.16, or any combination of two violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.16 or Ohio R.C. 4510.11 or 4510.111, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
- (3) The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the vehicle before, during or after committing the offense for which the offender is sentenced under this section.  
(ORC 4510.16)

(e) No person who has knowingly failed to maintain proof of financial responsibility in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4509.101 shall produce any document or present to a peace officer an electronic wireless communications device that is displaying any text or images with the purpose to mislead a peace officer upon the request of a peace officer for proof of financial responsibility made in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4509.101. Whoever violates this subsection (e) hereof is guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 4509.102)

### **335.073 DRIVING WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) No person whose driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or nonresident's operating privilege has been suspended shall operate any motor vehicle upon a public road or highway or any public or private property after the suspension has expired unless the person has complied with all license reinstatement requirements imposed by the court, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, or another provision of the Ohio Revised Code.

(b) Upon the request or motion of the prosecuting authority, a noncertified copy of the law enforcement automated data system report or a noncertified copy of a record of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that shows the name, date of birth, and social security number of a person charged with a violation of subsection (a) of this section may be admitted into evidence as prima-facie evidence that the license of the person had not been reinstated by the person at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (a) hereof. The person charged with a violation of subsection (a) hereof may offer evidence to rebut this prima-facie evidence.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of failure to reinstate a license and shall be punished as follows:

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (c)(2) of this section, whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor. When the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, the offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours. The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case.
- (2) If, within three years of a violation of subsection (a) of this section, the offender previously has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of two or more violations of Ohio R.C. 4510.21(A) or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (3) In all cases, the court may impose upon the offender a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. (ORC 4510.21)

### **335.074 DRIVING UNDER LICENSE FORFEITURE OR CHILD SUPPORT SUSPENSION.**

(a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this Municipality whose driver's or commercial driver's license has been suspended pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2151.354, 2151.87, 2935.27, 3123.58, 4301.99, 4510.032, 4510.22 or 4510.33.

(b) Upon the request or motion of the prosecuting authority, a noncertified copy of the law enforcement automated data system report or a noncertified copy of a record of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that shows the name, date of birth, and social security number of a person charged with a violation of subsection (a) of this section may be admitted into evidence as prima-facie evidence that the license of the person was under suspension at the time of the alleged violation of subsection (a) of this section. The person charged with a violation of subsection (a) of this section may offer evidence to rebut this prima-facie evidence.

(c) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of driving under suspension and shall be punished as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(2) of this section, the offense is an unclassified misdemeanor. The offender shall be sentenced pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.21 to 2929.28, except that the offender shall not be sentenced to a jail term; the offender shall not be sentenced to a community residential sanction pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.26; notwithstanding division (A)(2)(a) of Ohio R.C. 2929.28, the offender may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and, notwithstanding division (A)(3) of Ohio R.C. 2929.27, the offender may be ordered pursuant to division (C) of that section to serve a term of community service of up to five hundred hours.

The failure of an offender to complete a term of community service imposed by the court may be punished as indirect criminal contempt under division (A) of Ohio R.C. 2705.02 that may be filed in the underlying case.

- (2) If, within three years of the offense, the offender previously was convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of subsection (A) of Ohio R.C. 4510.111, or any combination of two or more violations of subsection (A) of Ohio R.C. 4510.111, or Ohio R.C. 4510.11 or 4510.16, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the offense is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and the offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the vehicle before, during or after committing the offense for which the offender is sentenced under this section. (ORC 4510.111)

### **335.08 OPERATION OR SALE WITHOUT CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.**

(a) No person shall do any of the following:

- (1) Operate in this Municipality a motor vehicle for which a certificate of title is required without having that certificate in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505 or, if a physical certificate of title has not been issued for a motor vehicle, operate the motor vehicle in this Municipality knowing that the ownership information relating to the vehicle has not been entered into the automated title processing system by a clerk of a court of common pleas;
- (2) Display or display for sale or sell as a dealer or acting on behalf of a dealer, a motor vehicle without having obtained a manufacturer's or importer's certificate, a certificate of title, or an assignment of a certificate of title for it as provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505;
- (3) Fail to surrender any certificate of title or any certificate of registration or license plates upon cancellation of the same by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and notice of the cancellation as prescribed in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505;
- (4) Fail to surrender the certificate of title to a clerk of a court of common pleas as provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505 in case of the destruction or dismantling or change of a motor vehicle in such respect that it is not the motor vehicle described in the certificate of title;
- (5) Violate any rules adopted pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505;
- (6) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4505 and Chapter 4517, sell at wholesale a motor vehicle the ownership of which is not evidenced by an Ohio certificate of title, or the current certificate of title issued for the motor vehicle, or the manufacturer's certificate of origin, and all title assignments that evidence the seller's ownership of the motor vehicle, and an odometer disclosure statement that complies with Ohio R.C. 4505.06 and subchapter IV of the "Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act", 86 Stat. 961 (1972), 15 U.S.C. 1981;
- (7) Operate in this Municipality a motor vehicle knowing that the certificate of title to the vehicle or ownership of the vehicle as otherwise reflected in the automated title processing system has been canceled.

(b) This section does not apply to persons engaged in the business of warehousing or transporting motor vehicles for the purpose of salvage disposition.

(c) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both.  
(ORC 4505.18)

**335.09 DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES OR VALIDATION STICKERS;  
REGISTRATION.**

- (a) (1) No person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on the rear of the motor vehicle a license plate that displays the distinctive number and registration mark assigned to the motor vehicle by the Ohio Director of Public Safety, including any county identification sticker and any validation sticker when required by and issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.19 and 4503.191. However a commercial tractor shall display the license plate on the front of the commercial tractor.
- (2) The license plate shall be securely fastened so as not to swing, and shall not be covered by any material that obstructs its visibility.
- (3) No person to whom a temporary motor vehicle license registration has been issued for the use of a motor vehicle under Ohio R.C. 4503.182, and no operator of that motor vehicle, shall fail to display the temporary motor vehicle license registration in plain view from the rear of the vehicle either in the rear window or on an external rear surface of the motor vehicle.
- (4) No person shall cover a temporary motor vehicle license registration by any material that obstructs its visibility.  
(ORC 4503.21(A))
- (b) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (2) The offenses established under subsection (a) of this section are strict liability offenses and Ohio R.C. 2901.20 does not apply. The designation of these offenses as strict liability offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.  
(ORC 4503.21(B), (C))

**335.091 OPERATING WITHOUT DEALER OR MANUFACTURER  
LICENSE PLATES.**

(a) No person shall operate or cause to be operated upon a public road or highway a motor vehicle of a manufacturer or dealer unless the vehicle carries and displays a placard, except as provided in Ohio R.C. 4503.21, issued by the Director of Public Safety that displays the registration number of its manufacturer or dealer.

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of illegal operation of a manufacturer's or dealer's motor vehicle, a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4549.10)

**335.10 EXPIRED OR UNLAWFUL LICENSE PLATES.**

(a) No person who is the owner of a motor vehicle which is parked or operated upon the public streets or highways shall fail to annually file the application for registration or to pay the tax therefor, as required by Ohio R.C. Chapter 4503. (ORC 4503.11)

(b) No person shall operate, drive or park upon the public streets or highways a motor vehicle acquired from a former owner who has registered the motor vehicle, while the motor vehicle displays the distinctive number or identification mark assigned to it upon its original registration. (ORC 4549.11)

(c) No person who is the owner of a motor vehicle and a resident of Ohio shall operate, drive or park the motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways, while it displays a distinctive number or identification mark issued by or under the authority of another state, without complying with the laws of Ohio relating to the registration and identification of motor vehicles.  
(ORC 4549.12)

(d) No person shall park or operate any vehicle upon any public street or highway upon which is displayed an expired license plate or an expired validation sticker.

(e) No person shall park or operate any vehicle upon any public street or highway upon which are displayed any license plates not legally registered and issued for such vehicle, or upon which are displayed any license plates that were issued on an application for registration that contains any false statement by the applicant.

- (f) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(2) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense and a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on each subsequent offense.  
(3) Whoever violates any provision of this section for which no other penalty is provided is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4549.11; 4549.12)

### **335.11 USE OF ILLEGAL LICENSE PLATES; TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION.**

(a) No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle upon the streets in this Municipality if it displays a license plate or a distinctive number or identification mark that meets any of the following criteria:

- (1) Is fictitious;
- (2) Is a counterfeit or an unlawfully made copy of any distinctive number or identification mark;
- (3) Belongs to another motor vehicle, provided that this section does not apply to a motor vehicle that is operated on the streets in this Municipality when the motor vehicle displays license plates that originally were issued for a motor vehicle that previously was owned by the same person who owns the motor vehicle that is operated on the streets in this Municipality, during the thirty-day period described in subsection (c) hereof.

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) of this section is guilty of operating a motor vehicle bearing an invalid license plate or identification mark, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on a first offense and a misdemeanor of the third degree on each subsequent offense.  
(ORC 4549.08)

(c) Upon the transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle, the registration of the motor vehicle expires, and the original owner shall immediately remove the license plates from the motor vehicle. The transfer of the registration and, where applicable, the license plates from the motor vehicle for which they originally were issued to a succeeding motor vehicle purchased by the same person in whose name the original registration and license plates were issued shall be done within a period not to exceed thirty days. During that thirty-day period, the license plates from the motor vehicle for which they originally were issued may be displayed on the succeeding motor vehicle, and the succeeding motor vehicle may be operated on the streets of the Municipality.

(d) Whoever violates subsection (c) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (ORC 4503.12)

**335.111 REGISTRATION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RESIDENCY.**

(a) Within thirty days of becoming a resident of this State, any person who owns a motor vehicle operated or driven upon the public roads or highways shall register the vehicle in this State. If such a person fails to register a vehicle owned by the person, the person shall not operate any motor vehicle in this Municipality under a license issued by another state.

- (b) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (2) The offense established under subsection (b)(1) of this section is a strict liability offense and strict liability is a culpable mental state for purposes of Ohio R.C. 2901.20. The designation of this offense as a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a strict liability offense.

(c) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "resident" means any person to whom any of the following applies:

- (1) The person maintains their principal residence in this State and does not reside in this State as a result of the person's active service in the United States Armed Forces.
- (2) The person is determined by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to be a resident in accordance with standards adopted by the Registrar under Ohio R.C. 4507.01. (ORC 4503.111)

**335.12 STOPPING AFTER ACCIDENT UPON STREETS; COLLISION WITH UNATTENDED VEHICLE.**

- (a) (1) In the case of a motor vehicle accident or collision with persons or property on a public road or highway, the operator of the motor vehicle, having knowledge of the accident or collision, immediately shall stop the operator's motor vehicle at the scene of the accident or collision. The operator shall remain at the scene of the accident or collision until the operator has given the operator's name and address and, if the operator is not the owner, the name and address of the owner of that motor vehicle, together with the registered number of that motor vehicle, to all of the following:
- A. Any person injured in the accident or collision;
- B. The operator, occupant, owner or attendant of any motor vehicle damaged in the accident or collision;
- C. The police officer at the scene of the accident or collision.
- (2) In the event an injured person is unable to comprehend and record the information required to be given under subsection (a)(1) of this section, the other operator involved in the accident or collision shall notify the nearest police authority concerning the location of the accident or collision, and the operator's name, address and the registered number of the motor vehicle the operator was operating. The operator shall remain at the scene of the accident or collision until a police officer arrives, unless removed from the scene by an emergency vehicle operated by a political subdivision or an ambulance.
- (3) If the accident or collision is with an unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle, the operator who collides with the motor vehicle shall securely attach the information required to be given in this section, in writing, to a conspicuous place in or on the unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle.



- (b) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of failure to stop after an accident. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)(2) or (3) of this section, failure to stop after an accident is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (2) If the accident or collision results in serious physical harm to a person, failure to stop after an accident is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
- (3) If the accident or collision results in the death of a person, failure to stop after an accident is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
- (4) In all cases, the court, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, shall impose upon the offender a class five suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(5) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. No judge shall suspend the first six months of suspension of an offender's license, permit, or privilege required by this subsection.

The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.18 or 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the motor vehicle before, during or after committing the offense charged under this section. (ORC 4549.02)

### **335.13 STOPPING AFTER ACCIDENT UPON PROPERTY OTHER THAN STREET.**

- (a) (1) In the case of a motor vehicle accident or collision resulting in injury or damage to persons or property on any public or private property other than a public road or highway, the operator of the motor vehicle, having knowledge of the accident or collision, shall stop at the scene of the accident or collision. Upon request of any person who is injured or damaged, or any other person, the operator shall give that person the operator's name and address, and, if the operator is not the owner, the name and address of the owner of that motor vehicle, together with the registered number of that motor vehicle, and, if available, exhibit the operator's driver's or commercial driver's license.
- (2) If the operator of the motor vehicle involved in the accident or collision does not provide the information specified in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the operator shall give that information, within twenty-four hours after the accident or collision, to the Police Department.
- (3) If the accident or collision is with an unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle, the operator who collides with the motor vehicle shall securely attach the information required under subsection (a)(1) of this section, in writing, to a conspicuous place in or on the unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle.
- (b) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of failure to stop after a nonpublic road accident. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)(2) or (3) of this section, failure to stop after a nonpublic road accident is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (2) If the accident or collision results in serious physical harm to a person, failure to stop after a nonpublic road accident is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

- (3) If the accident or collision results in the death of a person, failure to stop after a nonpublic road accident is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
- (4) In all cases, the court, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, shall impose upon the offender a class five suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(5) of Ohio R.C. 4510.02. No judge shall suspend the first six months of suspension of an offender's license, permit, or privilege required by this subsection.

The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.18 or 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the motor vehicle before, during or after committing the offense charged under this section. (ORC 4549.021)

#### **335.14 VEHICLE ACCIDENT RESULTING IN DAMAGE TO REALTY.**

(a) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in damage to real property, or personal property attached to real property, legally upon or adjacent to a public road or highway immediately shall stop and take reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner or person in charge of the property of that fact, of the driver's name and address, and of the registration number of the vehicle the driver is driving and, upon request and if available, shall exhibit the driver's or commercial driver's license.

If the owner or person in charge of the property cannot be located after reasonable search, the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident resulting in damage to the property, within twenty-four hours after the accident, shall forward to the police authority in the municipality in which the accident or collision occurred, the same information required to be given to the owner or person in control of the property and give the location of the accident and a description of the damage insofar as it is known.

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of failure to stop after an accident involving the property of others, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

The offender shall provide the court with proof of financial responsibility as defined in Ohio R.C. 4509.01. If the offender fails to provide that proof of financial responsibility, then, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the court may order restitution pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2929.28 in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any economic loss arising from an accident or collision that was the direct and proximate result of the offender's operation of the motor vehicle before, during or after committing the offense charged under this section. (ORC 4549.03)

B. A red reflector facing the rear that is visible from all distances from one hundred feet to six hundred feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

- (4) Operate the device on any portion of a street or highway that has an established speed limit of fifty-five miles per hour or more;
- (5) Operate the device upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of pedestrians or other specialized use when an appropriate sign giving notice of the specialized use is posted on the path;
- (6) If under eighteen years of age, operate the device unless wearing a protective helmet on the person's head with the chin strap properly fastened;
- (7) If under sixteen years of age, operate the device unless, during the operation, the person is under the direct visual and audible supervision of another person who is eighteen years of age or older and is responsible for the immediate care of the person under sixteen years of age.

(c) No person who is under fourteen years of age shall operate an electric personal assistive mobility device.

(d) No person shall distribute or sell an electric personal assistive mobility device unless the device is accompanied by a written statement that is substantially equivalent to the following: "WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY, USE ONLY WHILE WEARING FULL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT - HELMET, WRIST GUARDS, ELBOW PADS, AND KNEE PADS". (ORC 4511.512)

(e) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per hour. (ORC 4501.01)

(f) Whoever violates subsection (b) or (c) hereof is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be punished as follows:

- (1) The offender shall be fined ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (2) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B) or (C) of Ohio R.C. 4511.512 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance, the court, in addition to imposing the fine required under subsection (f)(1) hereof, shall do one of the following:
  - A. Order the impoundment for not less than one day but not more than thirty days of the electric personal assistive mobility device that was involved in the current violation of that section. The court shall order the device to be impounded at a safe indoor location designated by the court and may assess storage fees of not more than five dollars (\$5.00) per day, provided the total storage, processing, and release fees assessed against the offender or the device in connection with the device's impoundment or subsequent release shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

- B. If the court does not issue an impoundment order pursuant to subsection (f)(2)A. hereof, issue an order prohibiting the offender from operating any electric personal assistive mobility device on the public streets, highways, sidewalks, and paths and portions of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles for not less than one day but not more than thirty days.

(g) Whoever violates subsection (d) hereof is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 4511.512)

### 371.13 OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICE ON SIDEWALKS AND CROSSWALKS.

- (a) As used in this section:
- (1) "Eligible entity" means a corporation, partnership, association, firm, sole proprietorship, or other entity engaged in business.
  - (2) "Personal delivery device" means an electrically powered device to which all of the following apply:
    - A. The device is intended primarily to transport property and cargo on sidewalks and crosswalks.
    - B. The device weighs less than 250 pounds excluding any property or cargo being carried in the device.
    - C. The device has a maximum speed of ten miles per hour.
    - D. The device is equipped with technology that enables the operation of the device with active control or monitoring by a person, without active control or monitoring by a person, or both with or without active control or monitoring by a person.
  - (3) "Personal delivery device operator" means an agent of an eligible entity who exercises direct physical control over, or monitoring of, the navigation and operation of a personal delivery device. The phrase does not include, with respect to a delivery or other service rendered by a personal delivery device, the person who requests the delivery or service. The phrase also does not include a person who only arranges for and dispatches a personal delivery device for a delivery or other service.
- (b) An eligible entity may operate a personal delivery device on sidewalks and crosswalks so long as all of the following requirements are met:
- (1) The personal delivery device is operated in accordance with all regulations, if any, established by each local authority within which the personal delivery device is operated.
  - (2) A personal delivery device operator is actively controlling or monitoring the navigation and operation of the personal delivery device.
  - (3) The eligible entity maintains an insurance policy that includes general liability coverage of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for damages arising from the operation of the personal delivery device by the eligible entity and any agent of the eligible entity.
  - (4) The device is equipped with all of the following:
    - A. A marker that clearly identifies the name and contact information of the eligible entity operating the personal delivery device and a unique identification number;
    - B. A braking system that enables the personal delivery device to come to a controlled stop;

**CHAPTER 513  
Drug Abuse Control**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

See sectional histories for similar State law  
 Federal prosecution bar to local prosecution - see Ohio R.C. 2925.50, 3719.19  
 Analysis report and notarized statement as evidence - see Ohio R.C. 2925.51  
 Criteria for granting probation - see Ohio R.C. 3719.70(B)  
 Adulterating food with drug of abuse - see GEN. OFF. 537.13  
 Using weapons while under the influence - see GEN. OFF. 549.03.

**513.01 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning. Words, terms and phrases and their derivatives used in this chapter which are not defined in this section shall have the meanings given to them in the Ohio Revised Code.

- (a) "Administer." Has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3719.01.
- (b) "Adulterate." To cause a drug to be adulterated as described in Ohio R.C. 3715.63.
- (c) "Bulk amount." Of a controlled substance, means any of the following:
  - (1) For any compound, mixture, preparation, or substance included in Schedule I, Schedule II, or Schedule III, with the exception of any controlled substance analog, marihuana, cocaine, L.S.D., heroin, any fentanyl-related compound, and hashish and except as provided in subsection (c)(2), (5), or (6) of this definition, whichever of the following is applicable:

- A. An amount equal to or exceeding ten grams or twenty-five unit doses of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule I opiate or opium derivative;
  - B. An amount equal to or exceeding ten grams of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of raw or gum opium;
  - C. An amount equal to or exceeding thirty grams or ten unit doses of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule I hallucinogen other than tetrahydrocannabinol or lysergic acid amide, or a Schedule I stimulant or depressant;
  - D. An amount equal to or exceeding twenty grams or five times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule II opiate or opium derivative;
  - E. An amount equal to or exceeding five grams or ten unit doses of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of phencyclidine;
  - F. An amount equal to or exceeding 120 grams or thirty times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule II stimulant that is in a final dosage form manufactured by a person authorized by the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq., as amended) and the federal drug abuse control laws, as defined in this section, that is or contains any amount of a Schedule II depressant substance or a Schedule II hallucinogenic substance;
  - G. An amount equal to or exceeding three grams of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule II stimulant, or any of its salts or isomers, that is not in a final dosage form manufactured by a person authorized by the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq., as amended) and the federal drug abuse control laws;
- (2) An amount equal to or exceeding 120 grams or thirty times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule III or IV substance other than an anabolic steroid or a Schedule III opiate or opium derivative;
  - (3) An amount equal to or exceeding twenty grams or five times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule III opiate or opium derivative;
  - (4) An amount equal to or exceeding 250 milliliters or 250 grams of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule V substance;
  - (5) An amount equal to or exceeding 200 solid dosage units, sixteen grams, or sixteen milliliters of a compound, mixture, preparation or substance that is or contains any amount of a Schedule III anabolic steroid;

(d) This section does not apply to any person identified in subsection (d)(1) of Section 513.12 and it shall not be construed to prohibit the possession or use of a hypodermic as authorized by Section 513.10.

(e) Subsection (e) of Section 513.12 applies with respect to any drug paraphernalia that was used or possessed in violation of this section.

(f) Whoever violates subsection (c) of this section is guilty of illegal use or possession of marihuana drug paraphernalia, a minor misdemeanor.

(g) In addition to any other sanction imposed upon an offender for a violation of this section, the court may suspend for not more than five years the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit. However, if the offender pleaded guilty to or was convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or the law of another state or the United States arising out of the same set of circumstances as the violation, the court shall suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit for not more than five years. If the offender is a professionally licensed person, in addition to any other sanction imposed for a violation of this section, the court immediately shall comply with Ohio R.C. 2925.38. (ORC 2925.141)

#### 513.13 COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

(a) No person shall knowingly possess any counterfeit controlled substance.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of possession of counterfeit controlled substances, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2925.37)

(c) The court may suspend for not more than five years the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit. However, if the offender pleaded guilty to or was convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 4511.19 or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or the law of another state or the United States arising out of the same set of circumstances as the violation, the court shall suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit for not more than five years. (ORC 2925.37)

#### 513.14 OFFENDER MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TESTS.

In addition to the financial sanctions authorized or required under Ohio R.C. 2929.18 and 2929.28 and to any costs otherwise authorized or required under any provision of law, the court imposing sentence upon an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a drug abuse offense may order the offender to pay to the state, municipal, or county law enforcement agencies that handled the investigation and prosecution all of the costs that the state, municipal corporation, or county reasonably incurred in having tests performed under Ohio R.C. 2925.51, or in any other manner on any substance that was the basis of, or involved in, the offense to determine whether the substance contained any amount of a controlled substance if the results of the tests indicate that the substance tested contained any controlled substance. No court shall order an offender under this section to pay the costs of tests performed on a substance if the results of the tests do not indicate that the substance tested contained any controlled substance.

The court shall hold a hearing to determine the amount of costs to be imposed under this section. The court may hold the hearing as part of the sentencing hearing for the offender. (ORC 2925.511)

**513.15 SALE OF DEXTROMETHORPHAN.**

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Dextromethorphan" means the dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-N-methylmorphinan, including its salts, but not including its racemic or levorotatory forms.
- (2) "Evidence of majority and identity" means a document issued by the federal government or a state, county, or municipal government, or a subdivision or agency of any of the foregoing, including a driver's or commercial driver's license, an identification card issued under Ohio R.C. 4507.50 to 4507.52, a military identification card, or any other form of identification that bears the name, date of birth, description and picture of the person identified.
- (3) "Retailer" means a place of business that offers consumer products for sale to the general public, including a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that is licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4729 and operated as a pharmacy.

(b) No retailer or employee of a retailer shall knowingly supply, deliver, give or otherwise provide a drug, material, compound, mixture, preparation or substance containing any quantity of dextromethorphan through the sale of any product to a person under eighteen years of age, unless the person has been issued a prescription for the product being purchased.

(c) For purposes of subsection (b) of this section, the person making the sale of a product containing dextromethorphan shall require and obtain evidence of majority and identity from the purchaser, unless from the purchaser's outward appearance the person making the sale would reasonably presume the purchaser to be twenty-five years of age or older. Proof that the person making the sale demanded, was shown, and acted in reasonable reliance on the purchaser's evidence of majority and identity is a defense to any charge of a violation of subsection (b) of this section.

(d) A retailer or employee of a retailer is not liable for damages in a civil action for injury, death or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with a failure to prevent the sale of a product containing dextromethorphan to a person under eighteen years of age, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(e) Whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of illegally selling dextromethorphan, a minor misdemeanor.  
(ORC 2925.62)

**513.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)



CHAPTER 517  
Gambling

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CROSS REFERENCES

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 Lotteries prohibited; exception - see Ohio Const., Art. XV, Sec. 6  
 Contributing to delinquency of minors - see Ohio R.C. 2151.41  
 Search warrants - see Ohio R.C. 2933.21(E)  
 Licensing charitable bingo games - see Ohio R.C. 2915.08

**517.01 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- (a) "Bet" means the hazarding of anything of value upon the result of an event, undertaking, or contingency, but does not include a bona fide business risk.
- (b) "Bingo" means either of the following:
  - (1) A game with all of the following characteristics:
    - A. The participants use bingo cards or sheets, including paper formats and electronic representation or image formats, that are divided into twenty-five (25) spaces arranged in five (5) horizontal and five (5) vertical rows of spaces, with each space, except the central space, being designated by a combination of a letter and a number and with the central space being designated as a free space;
    - B. The participants cover the spaces on the bingo cards or sheets that correspond to combinations of letters and numbers that are announced by a bingo game operator;

- C. A bingo game operator announces combinations of letters and numbers that appear on objects that a bingo game operator selects by chance, either manually or mechanically, from a receptacle that contains seventy-five (75) objects at the beginning of each game, each object marked by a different combination of a letter and a number that corresponds to one of the seventy-five (75) possible combinations of a letter and a number that can appear on the bingo cards or sheets;
- D. The winner of the bingo game includes any participant who properly announces during the interval between the announcements of letters and numbers, as described in subsection (b)(1)C. hereof, that a predetermined and pre-announced pattern of spaces has been covered on a bingo card or sheet being used by the participant.
- (2) Instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, and raffles.
- (c) "Bingo game operator" means any person, except security personnel, who performs work or labor at the site of bingo including but not limited to collecting money from participants, handing out bingo cards or sheets or objects to cover spaces on bingo cards or sheets, selecting from a receptacle the objects that contain the combination of letters and numbers that appear on bingo cards or sheets, calling out the combinations of letters and numbers, distributing prizes, selling or redeeming instant bingo tickets or cards, selling or redeeming electronic instant bingo tickets, credits, or vouchers, accessing an electronic instant bingo system other than as a participant, supervising the operation of a punch board, selling raffle tickets, selecting raffle tickets from a receptacle and announcing the winning numbers in a raffle, and preparing, selling, and serving food or beverages. "Bingo game operator" does not include a person who is installing, maintaining, updating, or repairing an electronic instant bingo system.
- (d) "Bingo session" means a period that includes both of the following:
- (1) Not to exceed five (5) continuous hours for the conduct of one or more games described in subsection (d)(1) hereof the definition of "bingo" in this section, instant bingo, and electronic instant bingo;
  - (2) A period for the conduct of instant bingo and electronic instant bingo for not more than two (2) hours before and not more than two (2) hours after the period described in subsection (d)(1) hereof.
- (e) "Bingo supplies" means bingo cards or sheets; instant bingo tickets or cards; electronic bingo aids; raffle tickets; punch boards; seal cards; instant bingo ticket dispensers; electronic instant bingo systems; and devices for selecting or displaying the combination of bingo letters and numbers or raffle tickets. Items that are "bingo supplies" are not gambling devices if sold or otherwise provided, and used, in accordance with this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915. For purposes of this chapter, "bingo supplies" are not to be considered equipment used to conduct a bingo game.
- (f) "Bookmaking" means the business of receiving or paying off bets.
- (g) "Chamber of Commerce" means any organization of individuals, professionals, and businesses that has the purpose to advance the commercial, financial, industrial, and civic interests of the community and that is, and has received from the Internal Revenue Service a determination letter that currently is in effect stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(6).

- (h) "Charitable bingo game" means any bingo game described in subsections (b)(1) or (2) hereof that is conducted by a charitable organization that has obtained a license pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.08 and the proceeds of which are used for a charitable purpose.
- (i) "Charitable instant bingo organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3) and is a charitable organization as defined in this section. The term does not include a charitable organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3) and that is created by a veteran's organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization in regards to bingo conducted or assisted by a veteran's organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization pursuant to Section 517.14.
- (j) "Charitable organization" means:
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, "charitable organization" means either of the following:
    - A. An organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3);
    - B. A volunteer rescue service organization, volunteer firefighter's organization, veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(c)(4), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19).
  - (2) To qualify as a charitable organization, an organization shall have been in continuous existence as such in this state for a period of two (2) years immediately preceding either the making of an application for a bingo license under Ohio R.C. 2915.08 or the conducting of any game of chance as provided Section 517.02(d).
- (k) "Charitable purpose" means that the net profit of bingo, other than instant bingo or electronic instant bingo, is used by, or is given, donated, or otherwise transferred to, any of the following:
- (1) Any organization that is described in IRC 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3) and is either a governmental unit or an organization that is tax exempt under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3);
  - (2) A veteran's organization that is a post, chapter, or organization of veterans, or an auxiliary unit or society of, or a trust or foundation for, any such post, chapter, or organization organized in the United States or any of its possessions, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of which are veterans and substantially all of the other members of which are individuals who are spouses, widows, or widowers of veterans, or such individuals, provided that no part of the net earnings of such post, chapter, or organization inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and further provided that the net profit is used by the post, chapter, or organization for the charitable purposes set forth in Ohio R.C. 5739.02(B)(12), is used for awarding scholarships to or for attendance at an institution mentioned in that division of the Ohio Revised Code, is donated to a governmental agency, or is used for nonprofit youth activities, the purchase of United States or Ohio flags that are donated to schools, youth groups, or other bona fide nonprofit organizations, promotion of patriotism, or disaster relief;

- (3) A fraternal organization that has been in continuous existence in this state for fifteen (15) years and that uses the net profit exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, if contributions for such use would qualify as a deductible charitable contribution under IRC 170;
- (4) A volunteer firefighter's organization that uses the net profit for the purposes set forth in the definition of "volunteer firefighter's organization" in this section.
- (l) "Community action agency" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 122.66.
- (m) "Conduct" means to back, promote, organize, manage, carry on, sponsor, or prepare for the operation of bingo or a game of chance, a scheme of chance, or a sweepstakes.
- (n) "Deal" means a single game of instant bingo tickets, or a single game of electronic instant bingo tickets, all with the same serial number.
- (o) "Distributor" means any person who purchases or obtains bingo supplies and who does either of the following:
  - (1) Sells, offers for sale, or otherwise provides or offers to provide the bingo supplies to another person for use in this state;
  - (2) Modifies, converts, adds to, or removes parts from the bingo supplies to further their promotion or sale for use in this state.
- (p) "Electronic bingo aid" means:
  - (1) An electronic device used by a participant to monitor bingo cards or sheets purchased at the time and place of a bingo session and that does all of the following:
    - A. It provides a means for a participant to input numbers and letters announced by a bingo caller.
    - B. It compares the numbers and letters entered by the participant to the bingo faces previously stored in the memory of the device.
    - C. It identifies a winning bingo pattern.
  - (2) The term does not include any device into which a coin, currency, token, or an equivalent is inserted to activate play.
- (q) "Electronic instant bingo" means:
  - (1) A form of bingo that consists of an electronic or digital representation of instant bingo in which a participant wins a prize if the participant's electronic instant bingo ticket contains a combination of numbers or symbols that was designated in advance as a winning combination, and to which all of the following apply:
    - A. Each deal has a predetermined, finite number of winning and losing tickets and a predetermined prize amount and deal structure, provided that there may be multiple winning combinations in each deal and multiple winning tickets.
    - B. Each electronic instant bingo ticket within a deal has a unique serial number that is not regenerated.
    - C. Each electronic instant bingo ticket within a deal is sold for the same price.
    - D. After a participant purchases an electronic instant bingo ticket, the combination of numbers or symbols on the ticket is revealed to the participant.

- E. The reveal of numbers or symbols on the ticket may incorporate an entertainment or bonus theme, provided that the reveal does not include spinning reels that resemble a slot machine.
  - F. The reveal theme, if any, does not require additional consideration or award any prize other than any predetermined prize associated with the electronic instant bingo ticket.
- (2) The term shall not include any of the following:
- A. Any game, entertainment, or bonus theme that replicates or simulates any of the following:
    - 1. The gambling games of keno, blackjack, roulette, poker, craps, other casino-style table games;
    - 2. Horse racing;
    - 3. Gambling games offered in this state on slot machines or video lottery terminals. As used in this division, "video lottery terminal" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3770.21.
  - B. Any device operated by dropping one or more coins or tokens into a slot and pulling a handle or pushing a button or touchpoint on a touchscreen to activate one to three or more rotating reels marked into horizontal segments by varying symbols, where the predetermined prize amount depends on how and how many of the symbols line up when the rotating reels come to a rest;
  - C. Any device that includes a coin or token slot, tray, or hopper and the ability to dispense coins, cash, tokens, or anything of value other than a credit ticket voucher.
- (r) "Electronic instant bingo system" means both of the following:
- (1) A mechanical, electronic, digital, or video device and associated software to which all of the following apply:
    - A. It is used by not more than one player at a time to play electronic instant bingo on a single screen that is physically connected to the device;
    - B. It is located on the premises of the principal place of business of a veteran's or fraternal organization that holds a type II or type III bingo license to conduct electronic instant bingo at that location issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08.
  - (2) Any associated equipment or software used to manage, monitor, or document any aspect of electronic instant bingo.
- (s) "Expenses" means the reasonable amount of gross profit actually expended for all of the following:
- (1) The purchase or lease of bingo supplies;
  - (2) The annual license fee required under Ohio R.C. 2915.08;
  - (3) Bank fees and service charges for a bingo session or game account described in Ohio R.C. 2915.10;
  - (4) Audits and accounting services;
  - (5) Safes;
  - (6) Cash registers;
  - (7) Hiring security personnel;
  - (8) Advertising bingo;
  - (9) Renting premises in which to conduct a bingo session;

- (10) Tables and chairs;
  - (11) Expenses for maintaining and operating a charitable organization's facilities, including but not limited to a post home, club house, lounge, tavern, or canteen and any grounds attached to the post home, club house, lounge, tavern, or canteen;
  - (12) Payment of real property taxes and assessments that are levied on a premises on which bingo is conducted;
  - (13) Any other product or service directly related to the conduct of bingo that is authorized in rules adopted by the Attorney General under Ohio R.C. 2915.08(F)(1).
- (t) "Fraternal organization" means any society, order, state headquarters, or association within this state, except a college or high school fraternity, that is not organized for profit, that is a branch, lodge, or chapter of a national or state organization, that exists exclusively for the common business or sodality of its members.
- (u) "Gambling device" means any of the following:
- (1) A book, totalizer, or other equipment used for recording bets;
  - (2) A ticket, token, or other device representing a chance, share, or interest in a scheme of chance or evidencing a bet;
  - (3) A deck of cards, dice, gaming table, roulette wheel, slot machine, or other apparatus designed for use in connection with a game of chance;
  - (4) Any equipment, device, apparatus, or paraphernalia specially designed for gambling purposes;
  - (5) Bingo supplies sold or otherwise provided, or used, in violation of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915.
- (v) "Gambling offense" means any of the following:
- (1) A violation of Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915;
  - (2) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or of the United States substantially equivalent to any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915 or a violation of Ohio R.C. 2915.06 as it existed prior to July 1, 1996;
  - (3) An offense under an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or of the United States, of which gambling is an element;
  - (4) A conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in committing, any offense under subsections (v)(1), (2), or (3) hereof.
- (w) "Game flare" means the board or placard, or electronic representation of a board or placard, that accompanies each deal of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo tickets and that includes the following information for the game:
- (1) The name of the game;
  - (2) The manufacture's name or distinctive logo;
  - (3) The form number;
  - (4) The ticket count;
  - (5) The prize structure, including the number of winning tickets by denomination and the respective winning symbol or number combinations for the winning tickets;
  - (6) The cost per play;
  - (7) The serial number of the game.
- (x) "Game of chance" means poker, craps, roulette, or other game in which a player gives anything of value in the hope of gain, the outcome of which is determined largely by chance, but does not include bingo.

- (y) "Game of chance conducted for profit" means any game of chance designed to produce income for the person who conducts or operates the game of chance, but does not include bingo.
- (z) "Gross annual revenues" means the annual gross receipts derived from the conduct of bingo described in subsection (b)(1) hereof plus the annual net profit derived from the conduct of bingo described subsection (b)(2) hereof.
- (aa) "Gross profit" means gross receipts minus the amount actually expended for the payment of prize awards.
- (bb) "Gross receipts" means all money or assets, including admission fees, that a person receives from bingo without the deduction of any amounts for prizes paid out or for the expenses of conducting bingo. The term does not include any money directly taken in from the sale of food or beverages by a charitable organization conducting bingo, or by a bona fide auxiliary unit or society of a charitable organization conducting bingo, provided all of the following apply:
- (1) The auxiliary unit or society has been in existence as a bona fide auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization for at least two (2) years prior to conducting bingo.
  - (2) The person who purchases the food or beverage receives nothing of value except the food or beverage and items customarily received with the purchase of that food or beverage.
  - (3) The food and beverages are sold at customary and reasonable prices.
- (cc) "Instant bingo" means a form of bingo that shall use folded or banded tickets or paper cards with perforated break-open tabs, a face of which is covered or otherwise hidden from view to conceal a number, letter, or symbol, or set of numbers, letters, or symbols, some of which have been designated in advance as prize winners, and may also include games in which some winners are determined by the random selection of one or more bingo numbers by the use of a seal card or bingo blower. "Instant bingo" also includes a punch board game. In all "instant bingo" the prize amount and structure shall be predetermined. The term does not include electronic instant bingo or any device that is activated by the insertion of a coin, currency, token, or an equivalent, and that contains as one of its components a video display monitor that is capable of displaying numbers, letters, symbols, or characters in winning or losing combinations.
- (dd) "Instant bingo ticket dispenser" means a mechanical device that dispenses an instant bingo ticket or card as the sole item of value dispensed and that has the following characteristics:
- (1) It is activated upon the insertion of United States currency.
  - (2) It performs no gaming functions.
  - (3) It does not contain a video display monitor or generate noise.
  - (4) It is not capable of displaying any numbers, letters, symbols, or characters in winning or losing combinations.
  - (5) It does not simulate or display rolling or spinning reels.
  - (6) It is incapable of determining whether a dispensed bingo ticket or card is a winning or non-winning ticket or card and requires a winning ticket or card to be paid by a bingo game operator.

- (7) It may provide accounting and security features to aid in accounting for the instant bingo tickets or cards it dispenses.
- (8) It is not part of an electronic network and is not interactive.
- (ee) "Internal Revenue Code (IRC)" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1 et seq., as now or hereafter amended.
- (ff) "Manufacturer" means any person who assembles completed bingo supplies from raw materials, other items, or subparts or who modifies, converts, adds to, or removes parts from bingo supplies to further their promotion or sale.
- (gg) "Merchandise prize" means any item of value, but shall not include any of the following:
- (1) Cash, gift cards, or any equivalent thereof;
  - (2) Plays on games of chance, state lottery tickets, or bingo;
  - (3) Firearms, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages; or
  - (4) A redeemable voucher that is redeemable for any of the items listed in subsections (hh)(1), (2) or (3) hereof.
- (hh) "Net profit" means gross profit minus expenses.
- (ii) "Net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo" means gross profit minus the ordinary, necessary, and reasonable expense expended for the purchase of bingo supplies for the purpose of conducting instant bingo or electronic instant bingo, and, in the case of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo conducted by a veteran's, fraternal, or sporting organization, minus the payment by that organization of real property taxes and assessments levied on a premises on which instant bingo or electronic instant bingo is conducted.
- (jj) "Participant" means any person who plays bingo.
- (kk) "Person" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 1.59 and includes any firm or any other legal entity, however organized.
- (ll) "Pool not conducted for profit" means a scheme in which a participant gives a valuable consideration for a chance to win a prize and the total amount of consideration wagered is distributed to a participant or participants.
- (mm) "Punch board" means a form of instant bingo that uses a board containing a number of holes or receptacles of uniform size in which are placed, mechanically and randomly, serially numbered slips of paper that may be punched or drawn from the hole or receptacle. A player may punch or draw the numbered slips of paper from the holes or receptacles and obtain the prize established for the game if the number drawn corresponds to a winning number or, if the punch board includes the use of a seal card, a potential winning number.
- (nn) "Raffle" means a form of bingo in which the one or more prizes are won by one or more persons who have purchased a raffle ticket. The one or more winners of the raffle are determined by drawing a ticket stub or other detachable section from a receptacle containing ticket stubs or detachable sections corresponding to all tickets sold for the raffle. The term does not include the drawing of a ticket stub or other detachable section of a ticket purchased to attend a professional sporting event if both of the following apply:
- (1) The ticket stub or other detachable section is used to select the winner of a free prize given away at the professional sporting event; and
  - (2) The cost of the ticket is the same as the cost of a ticket to the professional sporting event on days when no free prize is given away.
- (oo) "Redeemable voucher" means any ticket, token, coupon, receipt, or other noncash representation of value.



- (pp) "Religious organization" means any church, body of communicants, or group that is not organized or operated for profit and that gathers in common membership for regular worship and religious observances.
- (qq) "Revoke" means to void permanently all rights and privileges of the holder of a license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 or a charitable gaming license issued by another jurisdiction.
- (rr) "Scheme of chance" means:
- (1) A slot machine unless authorized under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3772, lottery unless authorized under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3770, numbers game, pool conducted for profit, or other scheme in which a participant gives a valuable consideration for a chance to win a prize, but does not include bingo, a skill-based amusement machine, or a pool not conducted for profit. "Scheme of chance" includes the use of an electronic device to reveal the results of a game entry if valuable consideration is paid, directly or indirectly, for a chance to win a prize. Valuable consideration is deemed to be paid for a chance to win a prize in the following instances:
    - A. Less than fifty percent (50%) of the goods or services sold by a scheme of chance operator in exchange for game entries are used or redeemed by participants at any one location;
    - B. Less than fifty percent (50%) of participants who purchase goods or services at any one location do not accept, use, or redeem the goods or services sold or purportedly sold;
    - C. More than fifty percent (50%) of prizes at any one location are revealed to participants through an electronic device simulating a game of chance or a "casino game" as defined in Ohio R.C. 3772.01;
    - D. The good or service sold by a scheme of chance operator in exchange for a game entry cannot be used or redeemed in the manner advertised;
    - E. A participant pays more than fair market value for goods or services offered by a scheme of chance operator in order to receive one or more game entries;
    - F. A participant may use the electronic device to purchase additional game entries;
    - G. A participant may purchase additional game entries by using points or credits won as prizes while using the electronic device;
    - H. A scheme of chance operator pays out in prize money more than twenty percent (20%) of the gross revenue received at one location; or
    - I. A participant makes a purchase or exchange in order to obtain any good or service that may be used to facilitate play on the electronic device.
  - (2) As used in this subsection, "electronic device" means a mechanical, video, digital, or electronic machine or device that is capable of displaying information on a screen or other mechanism and that is owned, leased, or otherwise possessed by any person conducting a scheme of chance, or by that person's partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, or contractors. "Electronic device" does not include an electronic instant bingo system.

- (ss) "Seal card" means a form of instant bingo that uses instant bingo tickets in conjunction with a board or placard that contains one or more seals that, when removed or opened, reveal predesignated winning numbers, letters, or symbols.
- (tt) "Security personnel" includes any person who either is a Sheriff, deputy sheriff, Marshal, deputy marshal, township constable, or member of an organized police department of a municipal corporation or has successfully completed a peace officer's training course pursuant to Ohio R.C. 109.71 through 109.79 and who is hired to provide security for the premises on which bingo is conducted.
- (uu) "Skill-based amusement machine" means:
- (1) A. A mechanical, video, digital, or electronic device that rewards the player or players, if at all, only with merchandise prizes or with redeemable vouchers redeemable only for merchandise prizes, provided that with respect to rewards for playing the game all of the following apply:
    1. The wholesale value of a merchandise prize awarded as a result of the single play of a machine does not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00);
    2. Redeemable vouchers awarded for any single play of a machine are not redeemable for a merchandise prize with a wholesale value of more than ten dollars (\$10.00);
    3. Redeemable vouchers are not redeemable for a merchandise prize that has a wholesale value of more than ten dollars (\$10.00) times the fewest number of single plays necessary to accrue the redeemable vouchers required to obtain that prize; and
    4. Any redeemable vouchers or merchandise prizes are distributed at the site of the skill-based amusement machine at the time of play.
  - B. A card for the purchase of gasoline is a redeemable voucher for purposes of subsection (vv)(1) hereof even if the skill-based amusement machine for the play of which the card is awarded is located at a place where gasoline may not be legally distributed to the public or the card is not redeemable at the location of, or at the time of playing, the skill-based amusement machine.
- (2) A device shall not be considered a skill-based amusement machine and shall be considered a slot machine if it pays cash or one or more of the following apply:
- A. The ability of a player to succeed at the game is impacted by the number or ratio of prior wins to prior losses of players playing the game;
  - B. Any reward of redeemable vouchers is not based solely on the player achieving the object of the game or the player's score;
  - C. The outcome of the game, or the value of the redeemable voucher or merchandise prize awarded for winning the game, can be controlled by a source other than any player playing the game;
  - D. The success of any player is or may be determined by a chance event that cannot be altered by player actions;
  - E. The ability of any player to succeed at the game is determined by game features not visible or known to the player;

- F. The ability of the player to succeed at the game is impacted by the exercise of a skill that no reasonable player could exercise.
- (3) All of the following apply to any machine that is operated as described in subsection (vv)(1) hereof:
- A. As used in this definition of "skill-based amusement machine", "game" and "play" mean one event from the initial activation of the machine until the results of play are determined without payment of additional consideration. An individual utilizing a machine that involves a single game, play, contest, competition, or tournament may be awarded redeemable vouchers or merchandise prizes based on the results of play.
- B. Advance play for a single game, play, contest, competition, or tournament participation may be purchased. The cost of the contest, competition, or tournament participation may be greater than a single non-contest, competition, or tournament play.
- C. To the extent that the machine is used in a contest, competition, or tournament, that contest, competition, or tournament has a defined starting and ending date and is open to participants in competition for scoring and ranking results toward the awarding of redeemable vouchers or merchandise prizes that are stated prior to the start of the contest, competition, or tournament.
- (4) For purposes of subsection (vv)(1) hereof, the mere presence of a device, such as a pinsetting, ball-releasing, or scoring mechanism, that does not contribute to or affect the outcome of the play of the game does not make the device a skill-based amusement machine.
- (vv) "Slot machine" means:
- (1) Either of the following:
- A. Any mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of a player who gives the thing of value in the hope of gain;
- B. Any mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of a player to conduct bingo or a scheme or game of chance.
- (2) The term does not include a skill-based amusement machine, an instant bingo ticket dispenser, or an electronic instant bingo system.
- (ww) "Sporting organization" means a hunting, fishing, or trapping organization, other than a college or high school fraternity or sorority, that is not organized for profit, that is affiliated with a state or national sporting organization, including but not limited to the League of Ohio Sportsmen, and that has been in continuous existence in this state for a period of three (3) years.
- (xx) "Suspend" means to interrupt temporarily all rights and privileges of the holder of a license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 or a charitable gaming license issued by another jurisdiction.
- (yy) "Sweepstakes" means any game, contest, advertising scheme or plan, or other promotion where consideration is not required for a person to enter to win or become eligible to receive any prize, the determination of which is based upon chance. "Sweepstakes" does not include bingo as authorized under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915, pari-mutuel wagering as authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 3769, lotteries conducted by the State Lottery Commission as authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 3770, and casino gaming as authorized by Ohio R.C. Chapter 3772.

- (zz) "Sweepstakes terminal device" means:
- (1) A mechanical, video, digital, or electronic machine or device that is owned, leased, or otherwise possessed by any person conducting a sweepstakes, or by that person's partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, or contractors, that is intended to be used by a sweepstakes participant, and that is capable of displaying information on a screen or other mechanism. A device is a sweepstakes terminal device if any of the following apply:
    - A. The device uses a simulated game terminal as a representation of the prizes associated with the results of the sweepstakes entries.
    - B. The device utilizes software such that the simulated game influences or determines the winning of or value of the prize.
    - C. The device selects prizes from a predetermined finite pool of entries.
    - D. The device utilizes a mechanism that reveals the content of a predetermined sweepstakes entry.
    - E. The device predetermines the prize results and stores those results for delivery at the time the sweepstakes entry results are revealed.
    - F. The device utilizes software to create a game result.
    - G. The device reveals the prize incrementally, even though the device does not influence the awarding of the prize or the value of any prize awarded.
    - H. The device determines and associates the prize with an entry or entries at the time the sweepstakes is entered.
  - (2) As used in this definition and in Section 517.02:
    - A. "Enter" means the act by which a person becomes eligible to receive any prize offered in a sweepstakes.
    - B. "Entry" means one event from the initial activation of the sweepstakes terminal device until all the sweepstakes prize results from that activation are revealed.
    - C. "Prize" means any gift, award, gratuity, good, service, credit, reward, or any other thing of value that may be transferred to a person, whether possession of the prize is actually transferred, or placed on an account or other record as evidence of the intent to transfer the prize.
- (aaa) "Sweepstakes terminal device facility" means any location in this state where a sweepstakes terminal device is provided to a sweepstakes participant, except as provided in Ohio R.C. 2915.02(G).
- (bbb) "Veteran's organization" means any individual post or state headquarters of a national veteran's association or an auxiliary unit of any individual post of a national veteran's association, which post, state headquarters, or auxiliary unit is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation and either has received a letter from the state headquarters of the national veteran's association indicating that the individual post or auxiliary unit is in good standing with the national veteran's association or has received a letter from the national veteran's association indicating that the state headquarters is in good standing with the national veteran's association. As used in this definition, "National Veterans' Association" means any veteran's association that has been in continuous existence as such for a period of at least five (5) years and either is incorporated by an act of the United States Congress or has a national dues-paying membership of at least 5,000 persons.

- (ccc) "Volunteer firefighter's organization" means any organization of volunteer firefighters, as defined in Ohio R.C. 146.01, that is organized and operated exclusively to provide financial support for a volunteer fire department or a volunteer fire company and that is recognized or ratified by a county, municipal corporation, or township.
- (ddd) "Volunteer rescue service organization" means any organization of volunteers organized to function as an emergency medical service organization, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4765.01.
- (eee) "Youth athletic organization" means any organization, not organized for profit, that is organized and operated exclusively to provide financial support to, or to operate, athletic activities for persons who are twenty-one (21) years of age or younger by means of sponsoring, organizing, operating, or contributing to the support of an athletic team, club, league, or association.
- (fff) "Youth athletic park organization" means any organization, not organized for profit, that satisfies both of the following:
- (1) It owns, operates, and maintains playing fields that satisfy both of the following:
    - A. The playing fields are used for athletic activities by one or more organizations, not organized for profit, each of which is organized and operated exclusively to provide financial support to, or to operate, athletic activities for persons who are eighteen (18) years of age or younger by means of sponsoring, organizing, operating, or contributing to the support of an athletic team, club, league, or association.
    - B. The playing fields are not used for any profit-making activity at any time during the year.
  - (2) It uses the proceeds of bingo it conducts exclusively for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of its playing fields of the type described in subsection (ggg)(1) hereof.  
(ORC 2915.01)

#### 517.02 GAMBLING.

- (a) No person shall do any of the following:
- (1) Engage in bookmaking, or knowingly engage in conduct that facilitates bookmaking;
  - (2) Establish, promote, or operate or knowingly engage in conduct that facilitates any game of chance conducted for profit or any scheme of chance;
  - (3) Knowingly procure, transmit, exchange, or engage in conduct that facilitates the procurement, transmission, or exchange of information for use in establishing odds or determining winners in connection with bookmaking or with any game of chance conducted for profit or any scheme of chance;
  - (4) Engage in betting or in playing any scheme or game of chance as a substantial source of income or livelihood;
  - (5) Conduct, or participate in the conduct of, a sweepstakes with the use of a sweepstakes terminal device at a sweepstakes terminal device facility and either:
    - A. Give to another person any item described in subsection (hh)(1), (2), (3) or (4) of Section 517.01 as a prize for playing or participating in a sweepstakes; or

- B. Give to another person any merchandise prize, or a redeemable voucher for a merchandise prize, the wholesale value of which is in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00) and which is awarded as a single entry for playing or participating in a sweepstakes. Redeemable vouchers shall not be redeemable for a merchandise prize that has a wholesale value of more than ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (6) Conduct, or participate in the conduct of, a sweepstakes with the use of a sweepstakes terminal device at a sweepstakes terminal device facility without first obtaining a current annual "certificate of registration" from the Attorney General as required by division (F) of Ohio R.C. 2915.02.
- (7) With purpose to violate subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of this section, acquire, possess, control, or operate any gambling device.

(b) For purposes of subsection (a)(1) of this section, a person facilitates bookmaking if the person in any way knowingly aids an illegal bookmaking operation, including, without limitation, placing a bet with a person engaged in or facilitating illegal bookmaking. For purposes of subsection (a)(2) of this section, a person facilitates a game of chance conducted for profit or a scheme of chance if the person in any way knowingly aids in the conduct or operation of any such game or scheme, including, without limitation, playing any such game or scheme.

(c) This section does not prohibit conduct in connection with gambling expressly permitted by law.

(d) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Games of chance, if all of the following apply:

- A. The games of chance are not craps for money or roulette for money.
- B. The games of chance are conducted by a charitable organization that is, and has received from the Internal Revenue Service a determination letter that is currently in effect, stating that the organization is, exempt from Federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- C. The games of chance are conducted at festivals of the charitable organization that are conducted not more than a total of five days a calendar year, and are conducted on premises owned by the charitable organization for a period of no less than one year immediately preceding the conducting of the games of chance, on premises leased from a governmental unit, or on premises that are leased from a veteran's or fraternal organization and that have been owned by the lessor veteran's or fraternal organization for a period of no less than one year immediately preceding the conducting of the games of chance.

A charitable organization shall not lease premises from a veteran's or fraternal organization to conduct a festival described in subsection (d)(1)C. hereof if the veteran's or fraternal organization has already leased the premises twelve times during the preceding year to charitable organizations for that purpose. If a charitable organization leases premises from a veteran's or fraternal organization to conduct a festival described in subsection (d)(1)C. hereof, the charitable organization shall not pay a rental rate for the premises per day of the festival that exceeds the rental rate per bingo session that a charitable organization may pay under Section 517.06(b)(1) when it leases premises from another charitable organization to conduct bingo games.

- D. All of the money or assets received from the games of chance after deduction only of prizes paid out during the conduct of the games of chance are used by, or given, donated or otherwise transferred to, any organization that is described in subsection 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is either a governmental unit or an organization that is tax exempt under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- E. The games of chance are not conducted during, or within ten hours of, a bingo game conducted for amusement purposes only pursuant to Section 517.13.

No person shall receive any commission, wage, salary, reward, tip, donations, gratuity or other form of compensation, directly or indirectly, for operating or assisting in the operation of any game of chance.

- (2) Any tag fishing tournament operated under a permit issued under Ohio R.C. 1533.92, as "tag fishing tournament" is defined in Ohio R.C. 1531.01.
- (3) Bingo conducted by a charitable organization that holds a license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08.

(e) Subsection (d) hereof shall not be construed to authorize the sale, lease or other temporary or permanent transfer of the right to conduct games of chance, as granted by subsection (d) hereof, by any charitable organization that is granted that right.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of gambling, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a gambling offense, gambling is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2915.02)

#### 517.03 OPERATING A GAMBLING HOUSE.

(a) No person, being the owner or lessee, or having custody, control or supervision of premises, shall:

- (1) Use or occupy such premises for gambling in violation of Section 517.02;
- (2) Recklessly permit such premises to be used or occupied for gambling in violation of Section 517.02.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of operating a gambling house, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a gambling offense, operating a gambling house is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(c) Premises used or occupied in violation of this section constitute a nuisance subject to abatement pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 3767. (ORC 2915.03)

#### 517.04 PUBLIC GAMING.

(a) No person, while at a hotel, restaurant, tavern, store, arena, hall, or other place of public accommodation, business, amusement, or resort shall make a bet or play any game of chance or scheme of chance.

(b) No person, being the owner or lessee, or having custody, control, or supervision, of a hotel, restaurant, tavern, store, arena, hall, or other place of public accommodation, business, amusement, or resort shall recklessly permit those premises to be used or occupied in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section do not prohibit conduct in connection with gambling expressly permitted by law.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of public gaming. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, public gaming is a minor misdemeanor. If the offender previously has been convicted of any gambling offense, public gaming is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(e) Premises used or occupied in violation of subsection (b) of this section constitute a nuisance subject to abatement under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3767. (ORC 2915.04)

#### 517.05 CHEATING.

(a) No person, with purpose to defraud or knowing that the person is facilitating a fraud, shall engage in conduct designed to corrupt the outcome of any of the following:

- (1) The subject of a bet;
- (2) A contest of knowledge, skill, or endurance that is not an athletic or sporting event;
- (3) A scheme or game of chance;
- (4) Bingo.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of cheating. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection cheating is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the potential gain from the cheating is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, or if the offender previously has been convicted of any gambling offense or of any theft offense as defined in Ohio R.C. 2913.01, cheating is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2915.05)

#### 517.06 METHODS OF CONDUCTING A BINGO GAME; PROHIBITIONS.

(a) No charitable organization that conducts bingo shall fail to do any of the following:

- (1) Own all of the equipment used to conduct bingo or lease that equipment from a charitable organization that is licensed to conduct bingo, or from the landlord of a premises where bingo is conducted, for a rental rate that is not more than is customary and reasonable for that equipment;



- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a)(3) of this section, use all of the gross receipts from bingo for paying prizes, for reimbursement of expenses for or for renting premises in which to conduct bingo, for reimbursement of expenses for or for purchasing or leasing bingo supplies used in conducting bingo, for reimbursement of expenses for or for hiring security personnel, for reimbursement of expenses for or for advertising bingo, or for reimbursement of other expenses or for other expenses listed in the definition for "expenses" in Section 517.01(s), provided that the amount of the receipts so spent is not more than is customary and reasonable for a similar purchase, lease, hiring, advertising, or expense. If the building in which bingo is conducted is owned by the charitable organization conducting bingo and the bingo conducted includes a form of bingo described in the definition of "bingo" in Section 517.01(b)(1), the charitable organization may deduct from the total amount of the gross receipts from each session a sum equal to the lesser of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) or forty-five percent (45%) of the gross receipts from the bingo described in that division as consideration for the use of the premises;
- (3) Use, or give, donate, or otherwise transfer, all of the net profit derived from bingo described in Section 517.01(b)(1), for a charitable purpose listed in its license application and described in Section 517.02(k), or distribute all of the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo as stated in its license application and in accordance with Ohio R.C. 2915.101, as applicable.

(b) No charitable organization that conducts a bingo game described in Section 517.01(b)(1) shall fail to do any of the following:

- (1) Conduct the bingo game on premises that are owned by the charitable organization, on premises that are owned by another charitable organization and leased from that charitable organization for a rental rate not in excess of the lesser of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per bingo session or forty-five percent (45%) of the gross receipts of the bingo session, on premises that are leased from a person other than a charitable organization for a rental rate that is not more than is customary and reasonable for premises that are similar in location, size, and quality but not in excess of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) per bingo session, or on premises that are owned by a person other than a charitable organization, that are leased from that person by another charitable organization, and that are subleased from that other charitable organization by the charitable organization for a rental rate not in excess of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) per bingo session. No charitable organization is required to pay property taxes or assessments on premises that the charitable organization leases from another person to conduct bingo sessions. If the charitable organization leases from a person other than a charitable organization the premises on which it conducts bingo sessions, the lessor of the premises shall provide the premises to the organization and shall not provide the organization with bingo game operators, security personnel, concessions or concession operators, bingo supplies, or any other type of service. A charitable organization shall not lease or sublease premises that it owns or leases to more than three (3) other charitable organizations per calendar week for

conducting bingo sessions on the premises. A person that is not a charitable organization shall not lease premises that it owns, leases, or otherwise is empowered to lease to more than three (3) charitable organizations per calendar week for conducting bingo sessions on the premises. In no case shall more than nine (9) bingo sessions be conducted on any premises in any calendar week.

- (2) Display its license conspicuously at the premises where the bingo session is conducted;
- (3) Conduct the bingo session in accordance with the definition of bingo set forth in Section 517.01(b)(1).

(c) No charitable organization that conducts a bingo game described in Section 517.01(b)(1) shall do any of the following:

- (1) Pay any compensation to a bingo game operator for operating a bingo session that is conducted by the charitable organization or for preparing, selling, or serving food or beverages at the site of the bingo session, permit any auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization to pay compensation to any bingo game operator who prepares, sells, or serves food or beverages at a bingo session conducted by the charitable organization, or permit any auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization to prepare, sell, or serve food or beverages at a bingo session conducted by the charitable organization, if the auxiliary unit or society pays any compensation to the bingo game operators who prepare, sell, or serve the food or beverages;
- (2) Pay consulting fees to any person for any services performed in relation to the bingo session;
- (3) Pay concession fees to any person who provides refreshments to the participants in the bingo session;
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)(4) of this section, conduct more than three bingo sessions in any seven-day period. A volunteer firefighter's organization or a volunteer rescue service organization that conducts not more than five (5) bingo sessions in a calendar year may conduct more than three (3) bingo sessions in a seven-day period after notifying the Attorney General when it will conduct the sessions;
- (5) Pay out more than six thousand dollars (\$6,000) in prizes for bingo games described in Section 517.01(b)(1) during any bingo session that is conducted by the charitable organization. "Prizes" does not include awards from the conduct of instant bingo;
- (6) Conduct a bingo session at any time during the eight-hour period between 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., at any time during, or within ten (10) hours of, a bingo game conducted for amusement only pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.12, at any premises not specified on its license, or on any day of the week or during any time period not specified on its license. Subsection (c)(6) of this section does not prohibit the sale of instant bingo tickets beginning at 9:00 a.m. for a bingo session that begins at 10:00 a.m. If circumstances make it impractical for the charitable organization to conduct a bingo session at the premises, or on the day of the week or at the time, specified on its license or if a charitable organization wants to conduct bingo sessions on a day of the week or at a time other than the day or time specified on its license, the charitable organization may apply in writing to the Attorney

General for an amended license, pursuant to division (J) of Ohio R.C. 2915.08. A charitable organization may apply twice in each calendar year for an amended license to conduct bingo sessions on a day of the week or at a time other than the day or time specified on its license. If the amended license is granted, the organization may conduct bingo sessions at the premises, on the day of the week, and at the time specified on its amended license;

- (7) Permit any person whom the charitable organization knows, or should have known, is under the age of eighteen (18) to work as a bingo game operator;
- (8) Permit any person whom the charitable organization knows, or should have known, has been convicted of a felony or gambling offense in any jurisdiction to be a bingo game operator;
- (9) Permit the lessor of the premises on which the bingo session is conducted, if the lessor is not a charitable organization, to provide the charitable organization with bingo game operators, security personnel, concessions, bingo supplies, or any other type of service;
- (10) Purchase or lease bingo supplies from any person except a distributor issued a license under Ohio R.C. 2915.081;
- (11) A. Use or permit the use of electronic bingo aids except under the following circumstances:
  1. For any single participant, not more than ninety (90) bingo faces can be played using an electronic bingo aid or aids.
  2. The charitable organization shall provide a participant using an electronic bingo aid with corresponding paper bingo cards or sheets.
  3. The total price of bingo faces played with an electronic bingo aid shall be equal to the total price of the same number of bingo faces played with a paper bingo card or sheet sold at the same bingo session but without an electronic bingo aid.
  4. An electronic bingo aid cannot be part of an electronic network other than a network that includes only bingo aids and devices that are located on the premises at which the bingo is being conducted or be interactive with any device not located on the premises at which the bingo is being conducted.
  5. An electronic bingo aid cannot be used to participate in bingo that is conducted at a location other than the location at which the bingo session is conducted and at which the electronic bingo aid is used.
  6. An electronic bingo aid cannot be used to provide for the input of numbers and letters announced by a bingo caller other than the bingo caller who physically calls the numbers and letters at the location at which the bingo session is conducted and at which the electronic bingo aid is used.
- B. The Attorney General may adopt rules in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 119 that govern the use of electronic bingo aids. The rules may include a requirement that an electronic bingo aid be capable of being audited by the Attorney General to verify the number of bingo cards or sheets played during each bingo session.

- (12) Permit any person the charitable organization knows, or should have known, to be under eighteen (18) years of age to play bingo described in Section 517.01(b)(1).
- (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d)(3) hereof, no charitable organization shall provide to a bingo game operator, and no bingo game operator shall receive or accept, any commission, wage, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity, or other form of compensation, directly or indirectly, regardless of the source, for conducting bingo or providing other work or labor at the site of bingo during a bingo session.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d)(3) of this section, no charitable organization shall provide to a bingo game operator any commission, wage, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity, or other form of compensation, directly or indirectly regardless of the source, for conducting instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, or both other than at a bingo session at the site of instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, or both other than at a bingo session.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (d) hereof prohibits an employee of a fraternal organization, veteran's organization, or sporting organization from selling instant bingo tickets or cards to the organization's members or invited guests, as long as no portion of the employee's compensation is paid from any receipts of bingo.
- (e) Notwithstanding subsection (b)(1) of this section, a charitable organization that, prior to December 6, 1977, has entered into written agreements for the lease of premises it owns to another charitable organization or other charitable organizations for the conducting of bingo sessions so that more than two (2) bingo sessions are conducted per calendar week on the premises, and a person that is not a charitable organization and that, prior to December 6, 1977, has entered into written agreements for the lease of premises it owns to charitable organizations for the conducting of more than two (2) bingo sessions per calendar week on the premises, may continue to lease the premises to those charitable organizations, provided that no more than four sessions are conducted per calendar week, that the lessor organization or person has notified the Attorney General in writing of the organizations that will conduct the sessions and the days of the week and the times of the day on which the sessions will be conducted, that the initial lease entered into with each organization that will conduct the sessions was filed with the Attorney General prior to December 6, 1977, and that each organization that will conduct the sessions was issued a license to conduct bingo games by the Attorney General prior to December 6, 1977.
- (f) This section does not prohibit a bingo licensed charitable organization or a game operator from giving any person an instant bingo ticket as a prize.
- (g) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates subsection (a)(1) or (2), (b)(1), (2), or (3), (c)(1) to (11) or (d) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (2), (b)(1), (2) or (3), (c)(1) to (11), or (d) of this section, a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (2), (b)(1), (2) or (3) or (c)(1) to (11) or (d) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Whoever violates subsection (c)(12) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (c)(12) of this section, a violation of subsection (c)(12) is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.  
(ORC 2915.09)

## 517.07 INSTANT BINGO CONDUCT.

- (a) No charitable organization that conducts instant bingo shall do any of the following:
- (1) Fail to comply with the requirements of divisions (A)(1), (2), and (3) of Ohio R.C. 2915.09;
  - (2) Conduct instant bingo unless either of the following applies:
    - A. That organization is, and has received from the Internal Revenue Service a determination letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a), is described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, is a charitable organization as defined in Section 517.01, is in good standing in the State pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.08, and is in compliance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 1716;
    - B. That organization is, and has received from the Internal Revenue Service a determination letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a), is described in subsection 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19) or is a veteran's organization described in subsection 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, and conducts instant bingo under Section 517.14.
  - (3) Conduct instant bingo on any day, at any time, or at any premises not specified on the organization's license issued pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.08;
  - (4) Permit any person whom the organization knows or should have known has been convicted of a felony or gambling offense in any jurisdiction to be a bingo game operator in the conduct of instant bingo;
  - (5) Purchase or lease supplies used to conduct instant bingo or punch board games from any person except a distributor licensed under Ohio R.C. 2915.081;
  - (6) Sell or provide any instant bingo ticket or card for a price different from the price printed on it by the manufacturer on either the instant bingo ticket or card or on the game flare;
  - (7) Sell an instant bingo ticket or card to a person under eighteen (18) years of age;
  - (8) Fail to keep unsold instant bingo tickets or cards for less than three (3) years;
  - (9) Pay any compensation to a bingo game operator for conducting instant bingo that is conducted by the organization or for preparing, selling, or serving food or beverages at the site of the instant bingo game, permit any auxiliary unit or society of the organization to pay compensation to any bingo game operator who prepares, sells, or serves food or beverages at an instant bingo game conducted by the organization, or permit any auxiliary unit or society of the organization to prepare, sell, or serve food or beverages at an instant bingo game conducted by the organization, if the auxiliary unit or society pays any compensation to the bingo game operators who prepare, sell, or serve the food or beverages;
  - (10) Pay fees to any person for any services performed in relation to an instant bingo game, except as provided in Section 517.09(d);
  - (11) Pay fees to any person who provides refreshments to the participants in an instant bingo game;

- (12) A. Allow instant bingo tickets or cards to be sold to bingo game operators at a premises at which the organization sells instant bingo tickets or cards or to be sold to employees of a D permit holder who are working at a premises at which instant bingo tickets or cards are sold;
- B. Subsection (a)(12)A. of this section does not prohibit a licensed charitable organization or a bingo game operator from giving any person an instant bingo ticket as a prize in place of a cash prize won by a participant in an instant bingo game. In no case shall an instant bingo ticket or card be sold or provided for a price different from the price printed on it by the manufacturer on either the instant bingo ticket or card or on the game flare.
- (13) Fail to display its bingo license, and the serial numbers of the deal of instant bingo tickets or cards to be sold, conspicuously at each premises at which it sells instant bingo tickets or cards;
- (14) Possess a deal of instant bingo tickets or cards that was not purchased from a distributor licensed under Ohio R.C. 2915.081 as reflected on an invoice issued by the distributor that contains all of the information required by Section 517.11(f);
- (15) Fail, once it opens a deal of instant bingo tickets or cards, to continue to sell the tickets or cards in that deal until the tickets or cards with the top two (2) highest tiers of prizes in that deal are sold;
- (16) Possess bingo supplies that were not obtained in accordance with Ohio R.C. 2915.01 to 2915.13.

(b) A charitable organization may purchase, lease, or use instant bingo ticket dispensers to sell instant bingo tickets or cards.

(c) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section or a rule adopted under Ohio R.C. 2915.091(C) is guilty of illegal instant bingo conduct. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, illegal instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of this section or of such a rule, illegal instant bingo conduct is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(ORC 2915.091)

#### 517.08 RAFFLES.

- (a) (1) Subject to subsection (a)(2) of this section, a person or entity that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and is described in IRC 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19) may conduct a raffle to raise money for the person or entity and does not need a license to conduct bingo in order to conduct a raffle drawing that is not for profit.
- (2) If a person or entity that is described in subsection (a)(1) of this section, but that is not also described in IRC 501(c)(3), conducts a raffle, the person or entity shall distribute at least fifty percent (50%) of the net profit from the raffle to a charitable purpose described in Section 517.01(k) or to a department or agency of the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, no person shall conduct a raffle drawing that is for profit or a raffle drawing that is not for profit.

(c) Whoever violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of illegal conduct of a raffle. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, illegal conduct of a raffle is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (b) of this section, illegal conduct of a raffle is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2915.092)

#### 517.09 CHARITABLE INSTANT BINGO ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) As used in this section, "retail income from all commercial activity" means the income that a person receives from the provision of goods, services, or activities that are provided at the location where instant bingo other than at a bingo session is conducted, including the sale of instant bingo tickets. A religious organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, at not more than one location at which it conducts its charitable programs, may include donations from its members and guests as retail income.

- (b) (1) If a charitable instant bingo organization conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session under a type III license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08, the charitable instant bingo organization shall enter into a written contract with the owner or lessor of the location at which the instant bingo is conducted to allow the owner or lessor to assist in the conduct of instant bingo other than at a bingo session, identify each location where the instant bingo other than at a bingo session is being conducted, and identify the owner or lessor of each location.
- (2) A charitable instant bingo organization that conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session under a type III license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08 is not required to enter into a written contract with the owner or lessor of the location at which the instant bingo is conducted provided that the owner or lessor is not assisting in the conduct of the instant bingo other than at a bingo session and provided that the conduct of the instant bingo other than at a bingo session at that location is not more than five (5) days per calendar year and not more than ten (10) hours per day.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, no charitable instant bingo organization shall conduct instant bingo other than at a bingo session at a location where the primary source of retail income from all commercial activity at that location is the sale of instant bingo tickets.

(d) The owner or lessor of a location that enters into a contract pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall pay the full gross profit to the charitable instant bingo organization, in return for the deal of instant bingo tickets. The owner or lessor may retain the money that the owner or lessor receives for selling the instant bingo tickets, provided, however, that after the deal has been sold, the owner or lessor shall pay to the charitable instant bingo organization the value of any unredeemed instant bingo prizes remaining in the deal of instant bingo tickets.

The charitable instant bingo organization shall pay six per cent of the total gross receipts of any deal of instant bingo tickets for the purpose of reimbursing the owner or lessor for expenses described in this subsection.

As used in this subsection, "expenses" means those items provided for in subsections (s)(4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (12) and (13) of Section 517.01 and that percentage of the owner's or lessor's rent for the location where instant bingo is conducted. "Expenses" in the aggregate, shall not exceed six percent (6%) of the total gross receipts of any deal of instant bingo tickets.

As used in this subsection, "full gross profit" means the amount by which the total receipts of all instant bingo tickets, if the deal had been sold in full, exceeds the amount that would be paid out if all prizes were redeemed.

(e) A charitable instant bingo organization shall provide the Attorney General with all of the following information:

- (1) That the charitable instant bingo organization has terminated a contract entered into pursuant to subsection (b) of this section with an owner or lessor of a location;
- (2) That the charitable instant bingo organization has entered into a written contract pursuant to subsection (b) of this section with a new owner or lessor of a location;
- (3) That the charitable instant bingo organization is aware of conduct by the owner or lessor of a location at which instant bingo is conducted that is in violation of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915.

(f) Subsection (c) of this section does not apply to a volunteer firefighter's organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session on the premises where the organization conducts firefighter training, that has conducted instant bingo continuously for at least five years prior to July 1, 2003, and that, during each of those five years, had gross receipts of at least one million five hundred thousand dollars.

(ORC 2915.093)

#### 517.10 LOCATION OF INSTANT BINGO.

(a) No owner or lessor of a location shall assist a charitable instant bingo organization in the conduct of instant bingo other than at a bingo session at that location unless the owner or lessor has entered into a written contract, as described in Section 517.09, with the charitable instant bingo organization to assist in the conduct of instant bingo other than at a bingo session.

(b) The location of the lessor or owner shall be designated as a location where the charitable instant bingo organization conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session.

(c) No owner or lessor of a location that enters into a written contract as prescribed in subsection (a) of this section shall violate any provision of Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915, or permit, aid, or abet any other person in violating any provision of Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915.

(d) No owner or lessor of a location that enters into a written contract as prescribed in subsection (a) of this section shall violate the terms of the contract.

- (e)
  - (1) Whoever violates subsection (c) or (d) of this section is guilty of illegal instant bingo conduct. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, illegal instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (c) or (d) of this section, illegal instant bingo conduct is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.
  - (2) If an owner or lessor of a location knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates subsection (c) or (d) of this section, any license that the owner or lessor holds for the retail sale of any goods on the owner's or lessor's premises that is issued by the State or a political subdivision is subject to suspension, revocation, or payment of a monetary penalty at the request of the Attorney General. (ORC 2915.094)



**517.11 BINGO OR GAME OF CHANCE RECORDS.**

(a) No charitable organization that conducts bingo or a game of chance pursuant to Section 517.02(d), shall fail to maintain the following records for at least three years from the date on which the bingo or game of chance is conducted:

- (1) An itemized list of the gross receipts of each bingo session, each game of instant bingo by serial number, each electronic instant bingo game by serial number, each raffle, each punch board game, and each game of chance, and an itemized list of the gross profits of each game of instant bingo by serial number and each electronic instant bingo game by serial number;
- (2) An itemized list of all expenses, other than prizes, that are incurred in conducting bingo, the name of each person to whom the expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of the expenses;
- (3) A list of all prizes awarded during each bingo session, each raffle, each punch board game, and each game of chance conducted by the charitable organization, the total prizes awarded from each game of instant bingo by serial number and each electronic instant bingo game by serial number, and the name, address, and social security number of all persons who are winners of prizes of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) or more in value;
- (4) An itemized list of the recipients of the net profit of the bingo or game of chance, including the name and address of each recipient to whom the money is distributed, and if the organization uses the net profit of bingo, or the money or assets received from a game of chance, for any charitable or other purpose set forth in Section 517.01(k), Section 517.02(d), or Ohio R.C. 2915.101, a list of each purpose and an itemized list of each expenditure for each purpose;
- (5) The number of persons who participate in any bingo session or game of chance that is conducted by the charitable organization;
- (6) A list of receipts from the sale of food and beverages by the charitable organization or one of its auxiliary units or societies, if the receipts were excluded from "gross receipts" Section 517.01(bb);
- (7) An itemized list of all expenses incurred at each bingo session, each raffle, each punch board game, or each game of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo conducted by the charitable organization in the sale of food and beverages by the charitable organization or by an auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization, the name of each person to whom the expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of the expenses.

(b) A charitable organization shall keep the records that it is required to maintain pursuant to subsection (a) of this section at its principal place of business in this State or at its headquarters in this State and shall notify the Attorney General of the location at which those records are kept.

(c) The gross profit from each bingo session or game described in Section 517.01(b)(1) or (2) shall be deposited into a checking account devoted exclusively to the bingo session or game. Payments for allowable expenses incurred in conducting the bingo session or game and payments to recipients of some or all of the net profit of the bingo session or game shall be made only by checks or electronic fund transfers drawn on the bingo session or game account.

(d) Each charitable organization shall conduct and record an inventory of all of its bingo supplies as of the first day of November of each year.

(e) The Attorney General may adopt rules in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 119 that establish standards of accounting, record keeping, and reporting to ensure that gross receipts from bingo or games of chance are properly accounted for.

(f) A distributor shall maintain, for a period of three (3) years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of each instance of its selling or otherwise providing to another person bingo supplies for use in this State. The record shall include all of the following for each instance:

- (1) The name of the manufacturer from which the distributor purchased the bingo supplies and the date of the purchase;
- (2) The name and address of the charitable organization or other distributor to which the bingo supplies were sold or otherwise provided;
- (3) A description that clearly identifies the bingo supplies;
- (4) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals sold or otherwise provided to each charitable organization.

(g) A manufacturer shall maintain, for a period of three (3) years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of each instance of its selling or otherwise providing bingo supplies for use in this State. The record shall include all of the following for each instance:

- (1) The name and address of the distributor to whom the bingo supplies were sold or otherwise provided;
- (2) A description that clearly identifies the bingo supplies, including serial numbers;
- (3) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals sold or otherwise provided to each distributor.

- (h) (1) The Attorney General, or any law enforcement agency, may do all of the following:
- A. Investigate any charitable organization, distributor, or manufacturer or any officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization, distributor, or manufacturer;
  - B. Examine the accounts and records of the charitable organization, distributor, or manufacturer or of any officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization, distributor, or manufacturer;
  - C. Conduct inspections, audits, and observations of bingo or games of chance;
  - D. Conduct inspections of the premises where bingo or games of chance are conducted or where bingo supplies are manufactured or distributed;
  - E. Take any other necessary and reasonable action to determine if a violation of any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915 has occurred and to determine whether Section 517.12 has been complied with.

- (2) If any law enforcement agency has reasonable grounds to believe that a charitable organization, distributor, or manufacturer or an officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization, distributor, or manufacturer has violated any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915, the law enforcement agency may proceed by action in the proper court to enforce this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915, provided that the law enforcement agency shall give written notice to the Attorney General when commencing an action as described in this division.

(i) No person shall destroy, alter, conceal, withhold, or deny access to any accounts or records of a charitable organization, distributor, or manufacturer that have been requested for examination, or obstruct, impede, or interfere with any inspection, audit, or observation of bingo or a game of chance, of premises where bingo or a game of chance is conducted, or of premises where bingo supplies are manufactured or distributed, or refuse to comply with any reasonable request of, or obstruct, impede, or interfere with any other reasonable action undertaken by, the Attorney General or a law enforcement agency pursuant to subsection (h) hereof.

(j) Whoever violates subsection (a) or (i) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2915.10)

#### 517.12 BINGO OPERATOR PROHIBITIONS.

(a) No person shall be a bingo game operator unless he is eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(b) No person who has been convicted of a felony or a gambling offense in any jurisdiction shall be a bingo game operator.

(c) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(d) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2915.11)

#### 517.13 BINGO EXCEPTIONS.

(a) Ohio R.C. 2915.07 to 2915.11 and 2915.14 or Section 517.06 et seq. of this chapter do not apply to bingo games that are conducted for the purpose of amusement only. A bingo game is conducted for the purpose of amusement only if it complies with all of the requirements specified in either subsection (a)(1) or (2) hereof:

- (1) A. The participants do not pay any money or any other thing of value including an admission fee, or any fee for bingo cards, sheets, objects to cover the spaces or other devices used in playing bingo, for the privilege of participating in the bingo game or to defray any costs of the game, or pay tips or make donations during or immediately before or after the bingo game.
- B. All prizes awarded during the course of the game are nonmonetary, and in the form of merchandise, goods or entitlements to goods or services only; and the total value of all prizes awarded during the game is less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

- C. No commission, wages, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity or other form of compensation, either directly or indirectly, and regardless of the source, is paid to any bingo game operator for work or labor performed at the site of the bingo game.
- D. The bingo game is not conducted either during or within ten (10) hours of any of the following:
  - 1. A bingo session during which a charitable bingo game is conducted pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.07 to 2915.11 or Section 517.06 et seq. of this chapter;
  - 2. A scheme or game of chance or bingo described in Section 517.01(b)(2).
- E. The number of players participating in the bingo game does not exceed fifty (50).
- (2) A. The participants do not pay money or any other thing of value as an admission fee, and no participant is charged more than twenty-five cents (25¢) to purchase a bingo card or sheet, objects to cover the spaces or other devices used in playing bingo.
- B. The total amount of money paid by all of the participants for bingo cards or sheets, objects to cover the spaces or other devices used in playing bingo does not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- C. All of the money paid for bingo cards or sheets, objects to cover spaces or other devices used in playing bingo is used only to pay winners monetary and nonmonetary prizes and to provide refreshments.
- D. The total value of all prizes awarded during the game does not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- E. No commission, wages, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity or other form of compensation, either directly or indirectly, and regardless of the source, is paid to any bingo game operator for work or labor performed at the site of the bingo game.
- F. The bingo game is not conducted during or within ten (10) hours of either of the following:
  - 1. A bingo session during which a charitable bingo game is conducted pursuant to Ohio R.C. 2915.07 to 2915.15 or Section 517.06 et seq. of this chapter;
  - 2. A scheme of chance or game of chance or bingo described in Section 517.01(b)(2).
- G. All of the participants reside at the premises where the bingo game is conducted.
- H. The bingo games are conducted on different days of the week and not more than twice in a calendar week.

(b) The Attorney General, or any local law enforcement agency, may investigate the conduct of a bingo game that purportedly is conducted for purposes of amusement only if there is reason to believe that the purported amusement bingo game does not comply with subsection (a) hereof. A local law enforcement agency may proceed by action in the proper court to enforce this section if the local law enforcement agency gives written notice to the Attorney General when commencing the action. (ORC 2915.12)

**517.14 INSTANT BINGO CONDUCT BY A VETERAN'S OR FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION.**

(a) Subject to the requirements of Ohio R.C. 2915.14 and 2915.15 concerning electronic instant bingo, a veteran's organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization authorized to conduct a bingo session pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915 may conduct instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, or both other than at a bingo session under a type III license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08 if all of the following apply:

- (1) The veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization limits the sale of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo to twelve (12) hours during any day, provided that the sale does not begin earlier than 10:00 a.m. and ends not later than 2:00 a.m.
- (2) The veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization limits the sale of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo to its own premises and to its own members and invited guests.
- (3) The veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization is raising money for an organization that is described in IRC 509(a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3), and that is in good standing in this state and executes a written contract with that organization as required in subsection (b) hereof.

(b) If a veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization authorized to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo pursuant to subsection (a) hereof is raising money for another organization that is described in IRC 509(a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c), and that is in good standing in this state, the veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization shall execute a written contract with the organization that is described in IRC 509(a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c), and that is in good standing in this state in order to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo. That contract shall include a statement of the percentage of the net proceeds that the veteran's, fraternal, or sporting organization will be distributing to the organization that is described in IRC 509(a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a) and described in IRC 501(c)(3), and that is in good standing in this state.

- (c) (1) If a veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization authorized to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo pursuant to subsection (b) hereof has been issued a liquor permit under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4303, that permit may be subject to suspension, revocation, or cancellation if the veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization violates a provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915.

- (2) No veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization that enters into a written contract pursuant to subsection (b) hereof shall violate any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915, or permit, aid, or abet any other person in violating any provision of this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915.

(d) A veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization shall give all required proceeds earned from the conduct of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo to the organization with which the veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization has entered into a written contract.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of illegal instant bingo or electronic instant bingo conduct. Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegal instant bingo or electronic instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of this section, illegal instant bingo or electronic instant bingo conduct is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law.  
(ORC 2915.13)

#### 517.15 SKILL-BASED AMUSEMENT MACHINES.

- (a) (1) No person shall give to another person any item described in Section 517.01(hh)(1), (2), (3), or (4) in exchange for a noncash prize, toy, or novelty received as a reward for playing or operating a skill-based amusement machine or for a free or reduced-prize game won on a skill-based amusement machine.
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (a)(1) of this section is guilty of skill-based amusement machine prohibited conduct. Except as provided herein, a violation of subsection (a)(1) is a misdemeanor of the first degree for each redemption of a prize that is involved in the violation. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (a)(1), a violation of subsection (a)(1) is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.  
(ORC 2915.06)

(b) Any regulation of skill-based amusement machines shall be governed by this chapter and Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915 and not by Ohio R.C. Chapter 1345.  
(ORC 2915.061)

#### 517.16 ELECTRONIC INSTANT BINGO; PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

- (a) No charitable organization shall conduct electronic instant bingo unless all of the following are true:
- (1) The organization is a veteran's organization described in Ohio R.C. 2915.01(J), or is a fraternal organization described in Ohio R.C. 2915.01(L), and the organization qualified as a veteran's organization or fraternal organization, as applicable, on or before June 30, 2021.
- (2) The organization is a veteran's organization described in IRC 501(c)(4) or is, and has received from the Internal Revenue Service a determination letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under IRC 501(a), and is described in IRC 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19).

- (3) The organization has not conducted a raffle in violation of Ohio R.C. 2915.092(B) using an electronic raffle machine, as described in Ohio Veterans and Fraternal Charitable Coalition v. DeWine, Case No. 13-CV-13610 (C.P. Franklin Co. February 23, 2018), at any time on or after January 1, 2022.

(b) No charitable organization that conducts electronic instant bingo shall do any of the following:

- (1) Possess an electronic instant bingo system that was not obtained in accordance with Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915 or with any rule adopted under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2915;
- (2) Conduct electronic instant bingo on any day, at any time, or on any premises not specified on the organization's type II or type III license issued under Ohio R.C. 2915.08;
- (3) Hold more than one valid license to conduct electronic instant bingo at any one time;
- (4) Conduct electronic instant bingo on more than one premises or on any premises other than the charitable organization's principal place of business;
- (5) Operate more than ten electronic bingo systems at the premises on which the charitable organization conducts electronic instant bingo under its license;
- (6) Fail to display both of the following conspicuously at the premises on which the charitable organization conducts electronic instant bingo:
  - A. The charitable organization's bingo license;
  - B. The serial number of each deal of electronic instant bingo tickets being sold.
- (7) Permit any person the charitable organization knows, or should have known, to be under eighteen (18) years of age to play electronic instant bingo;
- (8) Sell or provide to any person an electronic instant bingo ticket for a price different from the price displayed on the game flare for that deal, except that the charitable organization may give a participant who wins an electronic instant bingo game an electronic instant bingo ticket as a prize in place of a cash prize;
- (9) Fail, once an electronic instant bingo deal is begun, to continue to sell tickets in that deal until all prizes have been awarded;
- (10) Permit any person whom the organization knows, or should have known, has been convicted of a felony or gambling offense in any jurisdiction to be a bingo game operator in the conduct of electronic instant bingo;
- (11) Permit a bingo game operator to play electronic instant bingo;
- (12)
  - A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)(12)B. hereof, pay compensation to a bingo game operator for conducting electronic instant bingo.
  - B. Subsection (b)(12)A. hereof does not prohibit an employee of a veteran's organization or fraternal organization from redeeming electronic instant bingo tickets or vouchers for the organization's members or invited guests, so long as no portion of the employee's compensation is paid from any bingo receipts.

(13) Pay consulting fees to any person in relation to electronic instant bingo.

(c) No person shall sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide an electronic instant bingo system to any person for use in this municipality unless the electronic instant bingo system has been approved under Ohio R.C. 2915.15.

(d) Whoever knowingly violates subsection (a), (b) or (c) hereof or a rule adopted under Ohio R.C. 2915.14(D) is guilty of illegal electronic instant bingo conduct. Illegal electronic instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the first degree, except that if the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of subsection (a) or (b) hereof, or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance or state law, or of a rule adopted under Ohio R.C. 2915.14(D), illegal instant bingo conduct is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law. (ORC 2915.14)

**517.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)



**525.12 DERELICTION OF DUTY.**

- (a) No law enforcement officer shall negligently do any of the following:
- (1) Fail to serve a lawful warrant without delay;
  - (2) Fail to prevent or halt the commission of an offense or to apprehend an offender, when it is in the law enforcement officer's power to do so alone or with available assistance.
- (b) No law enforcement, ministerial or judicial officer shall negligently fail to perform a lawful duty in a criminal case or proceeding.
- (c) No officer, having charge of a detention facility, shall negligently do any of the following:
- (1) Allow the detention facility to become littered or unsanitary;
  - (2) Fail to provide persons confined in the detention facility with adequate food, clothing, bedding, shelter and medical attention;
  - (3) Fail to control an unruly prisoner, or to prevent intimidation of or physical harm to a prisoner by another;
  - (4) Allow a prisoner to escape;
  - (5) Fail to observe any lawful and reasonable regulation for the management of the detention facility.
- (d) No public official of the Municipality shall recklessly create a deficiency, incur a liability or expend a greater sum than is appropriated by the legislative authority of the Municipality for the use in any one year of the department, agency or institution with which the public official is connected.
- (e) No public servant shall recklessly fail to perform a duty expressly imposed by law with respect to the public servant's office, or recklessly do any act expressly forbidden by law with respect to the public servant's office.
- (f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of dereliction of duty, a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- (g) As used in this section, "public servant" includes an officer or employee of a contractor as defined in Ohio R.C. 9.08.

**525.13 INTERFERING WITH CIVIL RIGHTS.**

- (a) No public servant, under color of the public servant's office, employment, or authority, shall knowingly deprive, or conspire or attempt to deprive any person of a constitutional or statutory right.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of interfering with civil rights, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2921.45)

**525.14 UNAUTHORIZED DISPLAY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EMBLEMS ON MOTOR VEHICLES.**

- (a) No person who is not entitled to do so shall knowingly display on a motor vehicle the emblem of a law enforcement agency or an organization of law enforcement officers.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of the unlawful display of the emblem of a law enforcement agency or an organization of law enforcement officers, a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 2913.441)

**525.15 ASSAULTING POLICE DOG OR HORSE OR AN ASSISTANCE DOG.**

(a) No person shall knowingly cause, or attempt to cause, physical harm to a police dog or horse in either of the following circumstances:

- (1) The police dog or horse is assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of the officer's official duties at the time the physical harm is caused or attempted.
- (2) The police dog or horse is not assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of the officer's official duties at the time the physical harm is caused or attempted, but the offender has actual knowledge that the dog or horse is a police dog or horse.

(b) No person shall recklessly do any of the following:

- (1) Taunt, torment, or strike a police dog or horse;
- (2) Throw an object or substance at a police dog or horse;
- (3) Interfere with or obstruct a police dog or horse, or interfere with or obstruct a law enforcement officer who is being assisted by a police dog or horse, in a manner that does any of the following:
  - A. Inhibits or restricts the law enforcement officer's control of the police dog or horse;
  - B. Deprives the law enforcement officer of control of the police dog or horse;
  - C. Releases the police dog or horse from its area of control;
  - D. Enters the area of control of the police dog or horse without the consent of the law enforcement officer, including placing food or any other object or substance into that area;
  - E. Inhibits or restricts the ability of the police dog or horse to assist a law enforcement officer.
- (4) Engage in any conduct that is likely to cause serious physical injury or death to a police dog or horse.
- (5) If the person is the owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog, fail to reasonably restrain the dog from taunting, tormenting, chasing, approaching in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, or attempting to bite or otherwise endanger a police dog or horse that at the time of the conduct is assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of the officer's duties or that the person knows is a police dog or horse.

(c) No person shall knowingly cause, or attempt to cause, physical harm to an assistance dog in either of the following circumstances:

- (1) The dog is assisting or serving a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person at the time the physical harm is caused or attempted.
- (2) The dog is not assisting or serving a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person at the time the physical harm is caused or attempted, but the offender has actual knowledge that the dog is an assistance dog.

(d) No person shall recklessly do any of the following:

- (1) Taunt, torment, or strike an assistance dog;
- (2) Throw an object or substance at an assistance dog;

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529.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- (a) "Alcohol". Ethyl alcohol, whether rectified or diluted with water or not, whatever its origin may be, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol. The term does not include denatured alcohol and wood alcohol.
- (b) "At Retail". For use or consumption by the purchaser and not for resale.
- (c) "Beer".
  - (1) Includes all beverages brewed or fermented wholly or in part from malt products and containing one-half of one percent (0.5%) or more of alcohol by volume.
  - (2) Beer, regardless of the percent of alcohol by volume, is not intoxicating liquor for purposes of this code, the Ohio Revised Code, or any rules adopted under it.
- (d) "Cider". All liquids that are fit to use for beverage purposes that contain one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume, but not more than six percent (6%) of alcohol by weight that are made through the normal alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe apples, including, without limitation, flavored, sparkling, or carbonated cider and cider made from pure condensed apple must.
- (e) "Club". A corporation or association of individuals organized in good faith for social, recreational, benevolent, charitable, fraternal, political, patriotic, or athletic purposes, which is the owner, lessor, or occupant of a permanent building or part of a permanent building operated solely for such purposes, membership in which entails the prepayment of regular dues, and includes the place so operated.

- (f) "Community Facility". Means either of the following:
- (1) Any convention, sports or entertainment facility or complex, or any combination of these, that is used by or accessible to the general public and that is owned or operated in whole or in part by the state, a state agency, or a political subdivision of the state or that is leased from, or located on property owned by or leased from, the state, a state agency, a political subdivision of the state, or a convention facilities authority created pursuant to Ohio R.C. 351.02;
  - (2) An area designated as a community entertainment district pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4301.80.
- (g) "Controlled Access Alcohol and Beverage Cabinet". A closed container, either refrigerated, in whole or in part, or nonrefrigerated, access to the interior of which is restricted by means of a device that requires the use of a key, magnetic card, or similar device and from which beer, intoxicating liquor, other beverages or food may be sold.
- (h) "Hotel". The same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 3731.01, subject to the exceptions mentioned in Ohio R.C. 3731.03.
- (i) "Intoxicating Liquor" and "Liquor". All liquids and compounds, other than beer, containing one half of one percent (0.5%) or more of alcohol by volume which are fit to use for beverage purposes, from whatever source and by whatever process produced, by whatever name called, and whether they are medicated, proprietary, or patented. The terms include cider and alcohol, and all solids and confections which contain one-half of one percent (0.5%) or more of alcohol by volume.
- (j) "Low-Alcohol Beverage". Any brewed or fermented malt product or any product made from the fermented juices of grapes, fruits, or other agricultural products that contains either no alcohol or less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume. The beverages described in this definition do not include a soft drink such as root beer, birch beer, or ginger beer.
- (k) "Manufacture". All processes by which beer or intoxicating liquor is produced, whether by distillation, rectifying, fortifying, blending, fermentation, brewing, or in any other manner.
- (l) "Manufacturer". Any person engaged in the business of manufacturing beer or intoxicating liquor.
- (m) "Mixed Beverages". Include bottled and prepared cordials, cocktails, highballs, and solids and confections that are obtained by mixing any type of whiskey, neutral spirits, brandy, gin or other distilled spirits with, or over, carbonated or plain water, pure juices from flowers and plants, and other flavoring materials. The completed product shall contain not less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume and not more than twenty-one percent (21%) of alcohol by volume. The phrase includes the contents of a pod.
- (n) "Nightclub". A place habitually operated for profit, where food is served for consumption on the premises, and one or more forms of amusement are provided or permitted for a consideration that may be in the form of a cover charge or may be included in the price of the food and beverages, or both, purchased by patrons.
- (o) "Person". Includes firms and corporations.
- (p) "Pharmacy". An establishment as defined in Ohio R.C. 4729.01, that is under the management or control of a licensed pharmacist in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4729.27.

- (q) "POD". Means a sealed capsule made from plastic, glass, aluminum, or a combination thereof to which all of the following apply:
- (1) The capsule contains intoxicating liquor of more than twenty-one percent (21%) of alcohol by volume.
  - (2) The capsule also contains a concentrated flavoring mixture.
  - (3) The contents of the capsule are not readily accessible or intended for consumption unless certain manufacturer's processing instructions are followed.
  - (4) The instructions include releasing the contents of the capsule through a machine specifically designed to process the contents.
  - (5) After being properly processed according to the manufacturer's instructions, the final product produced from the capsule contains not less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume and not more than twenty-one percent (21%) of alcohol by volume.
- (r) "Restaurant". A place located in a permanent building provided with space and accommodations wherein, in consideration of the payment of money, hot meals are habitually prepared, sold, and served at noon and evening, as the principal business of the place. The term does not include pharmacies, confectionery stores, lunch stands, nightclubs, and filling stations.
- (s) "Sale" and "Sell". The exchange, barter, gift, offer for sale, sale, distribution, and delivery of any kind, and the transfer of title or possession of beer and intoxicating liquor either by constructive or actual delivery by any means or devices whatever, including the sale of beer or intoxicating liquor by means of a controlled access alcohol and beverage cabinet pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4301.21. Such terms do not include the mere solicitation of orders for beer or intoxicating liquor from the holders of permits issued by the Division of Liquor Control authorizing the sale of the beer or intoxicating liquor, but no solicitor shall solicit any orders until the solicitor has been registered with the Division pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4303.25.
- (t) "Sales Area or Territory". An exclusive geographic area or territory that is assigned to a particular A or B permit holder and that either has one or more political subdivisions as its boundaries or consists of an area of land with readily identifiable geographic boundaries. The term does not include, however, any particular retail location in an exclusive geographic area or territory that had been assigned to another A or B permit holder before April 9, 2001.
- (u) "Sealed Container". Any container having a capacity of not more than 128 fluid ounces, the opening of which is closed to prevent the entrance of air.
- (v) "Spirituous Liquor". All intoxicating liquors containing more than twenty-one percent (21%) of alcohol by volume. The phrase does not include the contents of a pod.
- (w) "Vehicle". All means of transportation by land, by water, or by air, and everything made use of in any way for such transportation.
- (x) "Wholesale Distributor" and "Distributor". A person engaged in the business of selling to retail dealers for purposes of resale.
- (y) "Wine". All liquids fit to use for beverage purposes containing not less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume and not more than twenty-one percent (21%) of alcohol by volume, that is made from the fermented juices of grapes, fruits, or other agricultural products. The term includes cider, except as used in Ohio R.C. 4301.13, 4301.421, 4301.422, 4301.432, and 4301.44, and, for purposes of determining the rate of the tax that applies, Ohio R.C. 4301.43(B), the term does not include cider.  
(ORC 4301.01, 4301.244)

**529.02 SALES TO AND USE BY UNDERAGE PERSONS; SECURING PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or Ohio R.C. Chapter 4301, no person shall sell beer or intoxicating liquor to an underage person, or shall buy beer or intoxicating liquor for an underage person, or shall furnish it to, an underage person, unless given by a physician in the regular line of his practice or given for established religious purposes, or unless the underage person is supervised by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person or legal guardian.

In proceedings before the Liquor Control Commission, no permit holder, or no employee or agent of a permit holder, charged with a violation of this subsection shall be charged, for the same offense, with a violation of Ohio R.C. 4301.22(A)(1).

(b) No person who is the owner or occupant of any public or private place shall knowingly allow any underage person to remain in or on the place while possessing or consuming beer or intoxicating liquor, unless the intoxicating liquor or beer is given to the person possessing or consuming it by that person's parent, spouse who is not an underage person or legal guardian and the parent, spouse who is not an underage person or legal guardian is present at the time of the person's possession or consumption of the beer or intoxicating liquor.

An owner of a public or private place is not liable for acts or omissions in violation of this subsection that are committed by a lessee of that place, unless the owner authorizes or acquiesces in the lessee's acts or omissions.

(c) No person shall engage or use accommodations at a hotel, inn, cabin, campground or restaurant when he knows or has reason to know either of the following:

- (1) That beer or intoxicating liquor will be consumed by an underage person on the premises of the accommodations that the person engages or uses, unless the person engaging or using the accommodations is the spouse of the underage person and is not an underage person, or is the parent or legal guardian of all of the underage persons, who consume beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises and that person is on the premises at all times when beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by an underage person;
- (2) That a drug of abuse will be consumed on the premises of the accommodations by any person, except a person who obtained the drug of abuse pursuant to a prescription issued by a practitioner and has the drug of abuse in the original container in which it was dispensed to the person.

An owner of a public or private place is not liable for acts or omissions in violation of this division that are committed by a lessee of that place, unless the owner authorizes or acquiesces in the lessee's acts or omissions.

(h) No underage person shall knowingly possess or consume any low-alcohol beverage in any public or private place, unless he is accompanied by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian, or unless the low-alcohol beverage is given by a physician in the regular line of his practice or given for established religious purposes.

(i) No parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian of an underage person shall knowingly permit the underage person to violate this section. (ORC 4301.631)

(j) Whoever violates any provision of this section for which no other penalty is provided is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(k) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The court imposing a fine for a violation of subsection (b) hereof may order that the fine be paid by the performance of public work at a reasonable hourly rate established by the court. The court shall designate the time within which the public work shall be completed. (ORC 4301.99)

#### 529.07 OPEN CONTAINER PROHIBITED.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Chauffeured limousine" means a vehicle registered under Ohio R.C. 4503.24.
- (2) "Street," "highway" and "motor vehicle" have the same meanings as in Ohio R.C. 4511.01.

(b) No person shall have in the person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor in any of the following circumstances:

- (1) In a State liquor store;
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) or (i) hereof, on the premises of the holder of any permit issued by the Division of Liquor Control;
- (3) In any other public place;
- (4) Except as provided in subsection (d) or (e) hereof, while operating or being a passenger in or on a motor vehicle on any street, highway or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking;
- (5) Except as provided in subsection (d) or (e) hereof, while being in or on a stationary motor vehicle on any street, highway or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.

(c) (1) A person may have in the person's possession an opened container of any of the following:

- A. Beer or intoxicating liquor that has been lawfully purchased for consumption on the premises where bought from the holder of an A-1-A, A-2, A-2(f), A-3a, D-1, D-2, D-3, D-3a, D-4, D-4a, D-5, D-5a, D-5b, D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o, D-7, D8, E, F, F-2, F-5, F-7 or F-8 permit;

- B. Beer, wine, or mixed beverages served for consumption on the premises by the holder of an F-3 permit, wine served as a tasting sample by an A-2, S-1, or S-2 permit holder for consumption on the premises of a farmers market for which an F-10 permit has been issued, or wine served for consumption on the premises by the holder of an F-4 or F-6 permit;
  - C. Beer or intoxicating liquor consumed on the premises of a convention facility as provided in Ohio R.C. 4303.201;
  - D. Beer or intoxicating liquor to be consumed during tastings and samplings approved by rule of the Liquor Control Commission.
  - E. Spirituous liquor to be consumed for purposes of a tasting sample, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4301.171.
- (2) A person may have in the person's possession on an F liquor permit premises an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from the holder of the F permit if the premises for which the F permit is issued is a music festival and the holder of the F permit grants permission for that possession on the premises during the period for which the F permit is issued. As used in this section, "music festival" means a series of outdoor live musical performances, extending for a period of at least three consecutive days and located on an area of land of at least forty acres.
- (3) A. A person may have in the person's possession on a D-2 liquor permit premises an opened or unopened container of wine that was not purchased from the holder of the D-2 permit if the premises for which the D-2 permit is issued is an outdoor performing arts center, the person is attending an orchestral performance, and the holder of the D-2 permit grants permission for the possession and consumption of wine in certain predesignated areas of the premises during the period for which the D-2 permit is issued.
- B. As used in subsection (c)(3)A. of this section:
- 1. "Orchestral performance" means a concert comprised of a group of not fewer than forty musicians playing various musical instruments.
  - 2. "Outdoor performing arts center" means an outdoor performing arts center that is located on not less than one hundred fifty acres of land and that is open for performances from the first day of April to the last day of October of each year.
- (4) A person may have in the person's possession an opened or unopened container of beer or intoxicating liquor at an outdoor location at which the person is attending an orchestral performance as defined in subsection (c)(3)B.1. hereof if the person with supervision and control over the performance grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor in certain predesignated areas of that outdoor location.
- (5) A person may have in the person's possession on an F-9 liquor permit premises an opened or unopened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from the holder of the F-9 permit if the person is attending either of the following:
- A. An orchestral performance and the F-9 permit holder grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor in certain predesignated areas of the premises during the period for which the F-9 permit is issued;



- (3) As used in this section, "commercial quadricycle" means a vehicle that has fully-operative pedals for propulsion entirely by human power and that meets all of the following requirements:
- A. It has four wheels and is operated in a manner similar to a bicycle.
  - B. It has at least five seats for passengers.
  - C. It is designed to be powered by the pedaling of the operator and the passengers.
  - D. It is used for commercial purposes.
  - E. It is operated by the vehicle owner or an employee of the owner.

(g) This section does not apply to a person that has in the person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises of a market if the beer or intoxicating liquor has been purchased from a D liquor permit holder that is located in the market.

As used in subsection (g) of this section, "market" means an establishment that:

- (1) Leases space in the market to individual vendors, not less than fifty percent of which are retail food establishments or food service operations licensed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3717;
  - (2) Has an indoor sales floor area of not less than twenty-two thousand square feet;
  - (3) Hosts a farmer's market on each Saturday from April through December. (ORC 4301.62)
- (h) (1) As used in this section, "alcoholic beverage" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4303.185.
- (2) An alcoholic beverage in a closed container being transported under Ohio R.C. 4303.185 to its final destination is not an opened container for the purposes of this section if the closed container is securely sealed in such a manner that it is visibly apparent if the closed container has been subsequently opened or tampered with after sealing. (ORC 4301.62)

(i) This section does not apply to a person that has in the person's possession an opened container of homemade beer or wine that is served in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4301.201(E). (ORC 4301.62)

(j) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 4301.99(A))

#### 529.08 HOURS OF SALE OR CONSUMPTION.

(a) This rule shall apply to the retail sale of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor.

(b) No beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor shall be sold or delivered by an A-1, A-1c, A-2, B-1, B-2, B-4, B-5, C-1, C-2, C-2X, D-1, D-2, D-2X, D-3 when issued without a D-3A, D-3X, D-4, D-5H, D-5K, D-8, F, F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, F-6, F-7, F-8, F-9, G or I permit holder:

- (1) From Monday to Saturday between the hours of one a.m. and five thirty a.m.
- (2) On Sunday between the hours of one a.m. and Sunday midnight, unless statutorily authorized otherwise.

- (3) Consumption of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor is also prohibited during the above hours upon the premises of the above permit holders who are authorized by their permit to sell beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor for on-premises consumption.
- (c) No beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquid shall be sold or delivered by an A-1A, D-3 when issued with a D-3A, D-4A, D-5, D-5A, D-5B, D-5C, D-5D, D-5E, D-5F, D-5G, D-5I, D-5J, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o, or D-7 permit holder:
- (1) From Monday to Saturday between the hours of two thirty a.m. and five thirty a.m.
  - (2) On Sunday between the hours of two thirty a.m. and Sunday midnight, unless statutorily authorized otherwise.
  - (3) Consumption of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor is also prohibited during the above hours upon the premises of the above permit holders who are authorized by their permit to sell beer, wine, mixed beverages or spirituous liquor for on-premises consumption.
- (d) Permit holders authorized to sell beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor at retail who are not specifically identified in subsection (b) or (c) above shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (b), unless statutorily authorized otherwise.
- (e) The hours on Sunday during which sales, delivery, or consumption of alcoholic beverages may take place are established by statute, but in no event shall they begin prior to five thirty a.m. (OAC 4301:1-1-49)
- (f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**529.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

**CHAPTER 537**  
**Offenses Against Persons**

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**537.01 NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE.**

(a) No person shall negligently cause the death of another or the unlawful termination of another's pregnancy by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance as defined in Section 549.01.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of negligent homicide, a misdemeanor of the first degree. (ORC 2903.05)

**537.02 VEHICULAR HOMICIDE AND MANSLAUGHTER.**

(a) No person, while operating or participating in the operation of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, snowmobile, locomotive, watercraft, or aircraft, shall cause the death of another or the unlawful termination of another's pregnancy in any of the following ways:

- (1) A. Negligently;
- B. As the proximate result of committing, while operating or participating in the operation of a motor vehicle or motorcycle in a construction zone, a speeding offense, provided that this subsection applies only if the person whose death is caused or whose pregnancy is unlawfully terminated is in the construction zone at the time of the offender's commission of the speeding offense in the construction zone and does not apply as described in subsection (d) of this section.

- (2) As the proximate result of committing a violation of any provision of any section contained in Title XLV of the Ohio Revised Code that is a minor misdemeanor or of a municipal ordinance that, regardless of the penalty set by ordinance for the violation, is substantially equivalent to any provision of any section contained in Title XLV of the Ohio Revised Code that is a minor misdemeanor.
- (b) (1) Whoever violates subsection (a)(1) of this section is guilty of vehicular homicide. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, vehicular homicide is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Vehicular homicide is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law if, at the time of the offense, the offender was driving under a suspension or cancellation imposed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4510 or any other provision of the Ohio Revised Code or was operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle, did not have a valid driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege, and was not eligible for renewal of the offender's driver's license or commercial driver's license without examination under Ohio R.C. 4507.10 or if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section or any traffic-related homicide, manslaughter or assault offense. The court shall impose a mandatory jail term on the offender when required by Ohio R.C. 2903.06(E).
- (2) Whoever violates subsection (a)(2) of this section is guilty of vehicular manslaughter. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, vehicular manslaughter is a misdemeanor of the second degree. Vehicular manslaughter is a misdemeanor of the first degree if, at the time of the offense, the offender was driving under a suspension or cancellation imposed under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4510 or any other provision of the Ohio Revised Code or was operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle, did not have a valid driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege, and was not eligible for renewal of the offender's driver's license or commercial driver's license without examination under Ohio R.C. 4507.10 or if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section or any traffic-related homicide, manslaughter, or assault offense.
- (c) The court shall impose a mandatory jail term of at least fifteen days on an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsection (a)(1)B. of this section and may impose upon the offender a longer jail term as authorized pursuant to Section 501.99. The court shall impose a mandatory prison term on an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of subsection (a)(1)A. hereof if either of the following applies:
- (1) The offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this section or Ohio R.C. 2903.06 or 2903.08.
- (2) At the time of the offense, the offender was driving under suspension or cancellation under Ohio R.C. Chapter 4510 or any other provision of the Ohio Revised Code or was operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle, did not have a valid driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege, and was not eligible for renewal of the offender's driver's license or commercial driver's license without examination under Ohio R.C. 4507.10.

**537.18 CONTRIBUTING TO UNRULINESS OR DELINQUENCY OF A CHILD.**

- (a) As used in this section:
- (1) "Delinquent child" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2152.02.
  - (2) "Unruly child" has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 2151.022.
- (b) No person, including a parent, guardian or other custodian of a child, shall do any of the following:
- (1) Aid, abet, induce, cause, encourage, or contribute to a child or a ward of the juvenile court becoming an unruly child or a delinquent child;
  - (2) Act in a way tending to cause a child or a ward of the juvenile court to become an unruly child or a delinquent child;
  - (3) Act in a way that contributes to an adjudication of the child as a delinquent child based on the child's violation of a court order adjudicating the child an unruly child for being an habitual truant;
  - (4) If the person is the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who has the duties under Ohio R.C. Chapters 2152 and 2950 to register, register a new residence address, and periodically verify a residence address and, if applicable, to send a notice of intent to reside, and if the child is not emancipated, as defined in Ohio R.C. 2919.121, fail to ensure that the child complies with those duties under Ohio R.C. Chapters 2152 and 2950.
- (c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of contributing to the unruliness or delinquency of a child, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Each day of violation of this section is a separate offense. (ORC 2919.24)

**537.19 INTERFERENCE WITH CUSTODY.**

- (a) No person shall knowingly, without privilege to do so or being reckless in that regard, entice, take, keep or harbor any of the following persons from his parent, guardian or custodian:
- (1) A child under the age of eighteen or a mentally or physically handicapped child under the age of twenty-one;
  - (2) A person committed by law to an institution for delinquent, unruly, neglected or dependent children;
  - (3) A person committed by law to an institution for the mentally ill or mentally deficient.

(b) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of enticing or taking under subsection (a)(1) that the actor reasonably believed that his conduct was necessary to preserve the child's health or safety. It is an affirmative defense to a charge of keeping or harboring under subsection (a) that the actor in good faith gave notice to law enforcement or judicial authorities within a reasonable time after the child or committed person came under his shelter, protection or influence.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. (ORC 2919.23)

**537.20 CHILD STEALING. (REPEALED)**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Section 537.20 was repealed as part of the 2004 updating and revision of these Codified Ordinances because substantially identical State law (Ohio R.C. 2905.04) was repealed by the Ohio General Assembly by Amended S.B. No. 2, effective July 1, 1996.)

**537.21 THREATENING VIOLENCE.**

(a) No person shall knowingly, in committing or attempting to commit a violation of Sections 537.03, 537.05, 537.06, 537.14 or any State statute defining and prohibiting essentially the same offense:

- (1) Use in a threatening manner any weapon or object which, if used as a weapon, would be capable of inflicting death or serious bodily harm to another.
- (2) Use in a threatening manner any object which a reasonable and prudent person would assume to be a weapon capable of inflicting death or serious bodily harm, whether or not such object is in fact a weapon capable of inflicting death or serious bodily harm.
- (3) Do any act which is reasonably calculated to cause another to believe that the offender will use as a weapon any object capable of inflicting death or serious physical harm to another, under circumstances which would cause a reasonable and prudent person to believe that such a weapon or object is present and readily available to the offender.

(b) Where the weapon or object described in subsection (a) hereof is any firearm or dangerous ordnance, it shall be no defense to a charge under this section that the firearm was unloaded, or that the firearm or dangerous ordnance was in an inoperative condition.

(c) Any person violating this section is guilty of threatening violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If at the time of the offense the offender actually had on his person, or ready at hand, such weapon or object described in subsection (a) hereof, the court shall impose a sentence of actual incarceration of not less than ten days or more than six months to be served consecutively with any sentence imposed for any other offense arising out of the same incident.

If at the time of the offense the offender had been previously convicted of a violation of this section, the court shall impose a sentence of actual incarceration of six months to be served consecutively with any sentence imposed for any other offense arising out of the same incident.

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**537.22 HAZING PROHIBITED.**

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Hazing" means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization or any act to continue or reinstate membership in or affiliation with any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person, including coercing another to consume alcohol or a drug of abuse, as defined in Ohio R.C. 3719.011.
- (2) "Organization" includes a national or international organization with which a fraternity or sorority is affiliated.

- (b) (1) No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another.
- (2) No administrator, employee, faculty member, teacher, consultant, alumnus, or volunteer of any organization, including any primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or any other educational institution, public or private, shall recklessly permit the hazing of any person associated with the organization.

- (c)
  - (1) No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another when the hazing includes coerced consumption of alcohol or drugs of abuse resulting in serious physical harm to the other person.
  - (2) No administrator, employee, faculty member, teacher, consultant, alumnus, or volunteer of any organization, including any primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or other educational institution, public or private, shall recklessly permit the hazing of any person associated with the organization when the hazing includes coerced consumption of alcohol or drugs of abuse resulting in serious physical harm to that person.
- (d) Whoever violates subsections (b) or (c) of this section is guilty of hazing. A violation of subsections (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree. A violation of subsections (c)(1) or (c)(2) of this section is a felony to be prosecuted under appropriate state law. (ORC 2903.31)
- (e) Reckless failure to immediately report knowledge of hazing.
  - (1) No administrator, employee, faculty member, teacher, consultant, alumnus, or volunteer of any organization, including any primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or any other public or private educational institution, who is acting in an official and professional capacity shall recklessly fail to immediately report the knowledge of hazing to a law enforcement agency in the county in which the victim of hazing resides or in which the hazing is occurring or has occurred.
  - (2) A violation of subsection (e)(1) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, except that the violation is a misdemeanor of the first degree if the hazing causes serious physical harm.  
(ORC 2903.311(B), (C))

**537.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

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- (1) When the property involved is personal property held for sale at wholesale or retail, the price at which the property was held for sale is prima-facie evidence of its value.
- (2) When the property involved is a security or commodity traded on an exchange, the closing price or, if there is no closing price, the asked price, given in the latest market quotation prior to the offense, is prima-facie evidence of the value of the security or commodity.
- (3) When the property involved is livestock, poultry or raw agricultural products for which a local market price is available, the latest local market price prior to the offense is prima-facie evidence of the value of the livestock, poultry or products.
- (4) When the property involved is a negotiable instrument, the face value is prima-facie evidence of the value of the instrument.
- (5) When the property involved is a warehouse receipt, bill of lading, pawn ticket, claim check or other instrument entitling the holder or bearer to receive property, the face value or, if there is no face value, the value of the property covered by the instrument less any payment necessary to receive the property, is prima-facie evidence of the value of the instrument.
- (6) When the property involved is a ticket of admission, ticket for transportation, coupon, token or other instrument entitling the holder or bearer to receive property or services, the face value or, if there is no face value, the value of the property or services that may be received by the instrument, is prima-facie evidence of the value of the instrument.
- (7) When the services involved are gas, electricity, water, telephone, transportation, shipping or other services for which the rate is established by law, the duly established rate is prima-facie evidence of the value of the services.
- (8) When the services involved are services for which the rate is not established by law, and the offender has been notified prior to the offense of the rate for the services, either in writing or orally, or by posting in a manner reasonably calculated to come to the attention of potential offenders, the rate contained in the notice is prima-facie evidence of the value of the services. (ORC 2913.61)

#### 545.03 PROPERTY EXCEPTIONS AS FELONY OFFENSE.

Regardless of the value of the property involved, and regardless of whether the offender has previously been convicted of a theft offense, the provisions of Section 545.05 or 545.18 do not apply if the property involved is any of the following:

- (a) A credit card;
- (b) A printed form for a check or other negotiable instrument, that on its face identifies the drawer or maker for whose use it is designed or identifies the account on which it is to be drawn, and that has not been executed by the drawer or maker or on which the amount is blank;
- (c) A motor vehicle identification license plate as prescribed by Ohio R.C. 4503.22, a temporary motor vehicle license registration as prescribed by Ohio R.C. 4503.182, or any comparable temporary motor vehicle license registration as prescribed by the applicable law of another state or the United States;
- (d) A blank form for a certificate of title or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate to a motor vehicle, as prescribed by Ohio R.C. 4505.07;
- (e) A blank form for any license listed in Ohio R.C. 4507.01(A).  
(ORC 2913.71)

**545.04 DETENTION OF SHOPLIFTERS; RIGHTS OF MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES.**

(a) A merchant, or his employee or agent, who has probable cause to believe that items offered for sale by a mercantile establishment have been unlawfully taken by a person, may, for the purposes set forth in subsection (c) hereof, detain the person in a reasonable manner for a reasonable length of time within the mercantile establishment or its immediate vicinity.

(b) Any officer, employee or agent of a library, museum or archival institution may, for the purposes set forth in subsection (c) hereof or for the purpose of conducting a reasonable investigation of a belief that the person has acted in a manner described in subsections (b)(1) and (2) hereof, detain a person in a reasonable manner for a reasonable length of time within, or in the immediate vicinity of the library, museum or archival institution, if the officer, employee or agent has probable cause to believe that the person has either:

- (1) Without privilege to do so, knowingly moved, defaced, damaged, destroyed or otherwise improperly tampered with property owned by or in the custody of the library, museum or archival institution; or
- (2) With purpose to deprive the library, museum or archival institution of property owned by it or in its custody, knowingly obtained or exerted control over the property without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent, beyond the scope of the express or implied consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent, by deception, or by threat.

(c) An officer, agent or employee of a library, museum or archival institution pursuant to subsection (b) hereof or a merchant or his employee or agent pursuant to subsection (a) hereof may detain another person for any of the following purposes:

- (1) To recover the property that is the subject of the unlawful taking, criminal mischief or theft;
- (2) To cause an arrest to be made by a peace officer;
- (3) To obtain a warrant of arrest.
- (4) To offer the person, if the person is suspected of the unlawful taking, criminal mischief, or theft and notwithstanding any other provision of this General Offenses or the Ohio Revised Code, an opportunity to complete a pretrial diversion program and to inform the person of the other legal remedies available to the library, museum, archival institution or merchant.

(d) The officer, agent or employee of the library, museum or archival institution, or the merchant or his employee or agent acting under subsection (a) or (b) hereof shall not search the person, search or seize any property belonging to the person detained without the person's consent, or use undue restraint upon the person detained.

(e) Any peace officer may arrest without a warrant any person that he has probable cause to believe has committed any act described in subsection (b)(1) or (2) hereof or that he has probable cause to believe has committed an unlawful taking in a mercantile establishment. An arrest under this subsection shall be made within a reasonable time after the commission of the act or unlawful taking.

(f) As used in this section:

- (1) "Archival institution" means any public or private building, structure or shelter in which are stored historical documents, devices, records, manuscripts or items of public interest, which historical materials are

(f) Whoever violates subsection (d) hereof is guilty of vehicle trespass, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

#### 545.07 INSURANCE FRAUD.

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Data" has the same meaning as in Section 545.01 and additionally includes any other representation of information, knowledge, facts, concepts or instructions that are being or have been prepared in a formalized manner.
- (2) "Deceptive" means that a statement, in whole or in part, would cause another to be deceived because it contains a misleading representation, withholds information, prevents the acquisition of information or by any other conduct, act or omission creates, confirms or perpetuates a false impression, including, but not limited to, a false impression as to law, value, state of mind or other objective or subjective fact.
- (3) "Insurer" means any person that is authorized to engage in the business of insurance in this State under Title XXXIX of the Ohio Revised Code; The Ohio Fair Plan Underwriting Association created under Ohio R.C. 3929.43; any health insuring corporation; and any legal entity that is self-insured and provides benefits to its employees or members.
- (4) "Policy" means a policy, certificate, contract or plan that is issued by an insurer.
- (5) "Statement" includes, but is not limited to, any notice, letter or memorandum; proof of loss; bill of lading; receipt for payment; invoice, account or other financial statement; estimate of property damage; bill for services; diagnosis or prognosis; prescription; hospital, medical or dental chart or other record; X-Ray, photograph, videotape or movie film; test result; other evidence of loss, injury or expense; computer-generated document; and data in any form.

(b) No person, with purpose to defraud or knowing that the person is facilitating a fraud, shall do either of the following:

- (1) Present to, or cause to be presented to, an insurer any written or oral statement that is part of, or in support of, an application for insurance, a claim for payment pursuant to a policy or a claim for any other benefit pursuant to a policy, knowing that the statement, or any part of the statement, is false or deceptive;
- (2) Assist, aid, abet, solicit, procure or conspire with another to prepare or make any written or oral statement that is intended to be presented to an insurer as part of, or in support of, an application for insurance, a claim for payment pursuant to a policy, or a claim for any other benefit pursuant to a policy, knowing that the statement, or any part of the statement, is false or deceptive.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of insurance fraud a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the amount of the claim that is false or deceptive is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, insurance fraud is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.

(d) This section shall not be construed to abrogate, waive or modify Ohio R.C. 2317.02(A). (ORC 2913.47)

**545.08 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PROPERTY.**

(a) No person shall knowingly use or operate the property of another without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent.

(b) The affirmative defenses contained in Section 545.06(c) are affirmative defenses to a charge under this section.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of unauthorized use of property. Except as provided in subsection (d) hereof, unauthorized use of property is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(d) If unauthorized use of property is committed for the purpose of devising or executing a scheme to defraud or to obtain property or services, unauthorized use of property is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Unauthorized use of property is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law if:

- (1) Unauthorized use of property is committed for the purpose of devising or executing a scheme to defraud or to obtain property or services, and if the value of the property is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more; or
- (2) If the victim of the offense is an elderly person or disabled adult.  
(ORC 2913.04)

**545.09 PASSING BAD CHECKS.**

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Check" includes any form of debit from a demand deposit account, including, but not limited to any of the following:
  - A. A check, bill of exchange, draft, order of withdrawal, or similar negotiable or nonnegotiable instrument;
  - B. An electronic check, electronic transaction, debit card transaction, check card transaction, substitute check, web check, or any form of automated clearing house transaction.
- (2) "Issue a check" means causing any form of debit from a demand deposit account.

(b) No person, with purpose to defraud, shall issue or transfer or cause to be issued or transferred a check or other negotiable instrument, knowing that it will be dishonored or knowing that a person has ordered or will order stop payment on the check or other negotiable instrument.

(c) For purposes of this section, a person who issues or transfers a check or other negotiable instrument is presumed to know that it will be dishonored, if either of the following occurs:

- (1) The drawer had no account with the drawee at the time of issue or the stated date, whichever is later.
- (2) The check or other negotiable instrument was properly refused payment for insufficient funds upon presentment within thirty days after issue or the stated date, whichever is later, and the liability of the drawer, indorser or any party who may be liable thereon is not discharged by payment or satisfaction within ten days after receiving notice of dishonor.

(d) In determining the value of the payment for purposes of subsection (e) of this section, the court may aggregate all checks and other negotiable instruments that the offender issued or transferred or caused to be issued or transferred in violation of subsection (a) of this section within a period of one hundred eighty consecutive days.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of passing bad checks. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, passing bad checks is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the check or checks or other negotiable instrument or instruments are issued or transferred to a single vendor or single other person for the payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more or if the check or checks or other negotiable instrument or instruments are issued or transferred to multiple vendors or persons for the payment of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or more, passing bad checks is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2913.11)

#### 545.10 MISUSE OF CREDIT CARDS.

(a) No person shall do any of the following:

- (1) Practice deception for the purpose of procuring the issuance of a credit card, when a credit card is issued in actual reliance thereon;
- (2) Knowingly buy or sell a credit card from or to a person other than the issuer.
- (3) As an officer, employee, or appointee of a political subdivision or as a public servant as defined under Section 525.01, knowingly misuse a credit card account held by a political subdivision.

(b) No person, with purpose to defraud, shall do any of the following:

- (1) Obtain control over a credit card as security for a debt;
- (2) Obtain property or services by the use of a credit card, in one or more transactions, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the card has expired or been revoked, or was obtained, is retained or is being used in violation of law;
- (3) Furnish property or services upon presentation of a credit card, knowing that the card is being used in violation of law;
- (4) Represent or cause to be represented to the issuer of a credit card that property or services have been furnished, knowing that the representation is false.

(c) No person, with purpose to violate this section, shall receive, possess, control or dispose of a credit card.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of misuse of credit cards, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Misuse of credit cards is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law if:

- (1) The cumulative retail value of the property and services involved in one or more violations of subsection (b)(2), (3) or (4) hereof, which violations involve one or more credit card accounts and occur within a period of ninety consecutive days commencing on the date of the first violation, is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more; or
- (2) The victim of the offense is an elderly person or disabled adult and the offense involves a violation of subsection (b)(1) or (2) hereof.  
(ORC 2913.21)

#### 545.11 MAKING OR USING SLUGS.

- (a) No person shall do any of the following:
  - (1) Insert or deposit a slug in a coin machine, with purpose to defraud;
  - (2) Make, possess or dispose of a slug, with purpose of enabling another to defraud by inserting or depositing it in a coin machine.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of making or using slugs, a misdemeanor of the second degree. (ORC 2913.33)

#### 545.12 TAMPERING WITH COIN MACHINES.

- (a) No person, with purpose to commit theft or to defraud, shall knowingly enter, force an entrance into, tamper with or insert any part of an instrument into any coin machine.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of tampering with coin machines, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender has previously been convicted of a violation of Ohio R.C. 2911.32 or of any theft offense, tampering with coin machines is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law. (ORC 2911.32)

#### 545.13 CRIMINAL SIMULATION.

- (a) No person, with purpose to defraud, or knowing that the person is facilitating a fraud, shall do any of the following:
  - (1) Make or alter any object so that it appears to have value because of antiquity, rarity, curiosity, source, or authorship, which it does not in fact possess;
  - (2) Practice deception in making, retouching, editing, or reproducing any photograph, movie film, video tape, phonograph record, or recording tape;
  - (3) Falsely or fraudulently make, simulate, forge, alter, or counterfeit any wrapper, label, stamp, cork, or cap prescribed by the Liquor Control Commission under Ohio R.C. Chapters 4301 and 4303, falsely or fraudulently cause to be made, simulated, forged, altered, or counterfeited any wrapper, label, stamp, cork, or cap prescribed by the Liquor Control Commission under Ohio R.C. Chapters 4301 and 4303, or use more than once any wrapper, label, stamp, cork, or cap prescribed by the Liquor Control Commission under Ohio R.C. Chapters 4301 and 4303.
  - (4) Utter, or possess with purpose to utter, any object that the person knows to have been simulated as provided in subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) of this section.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of criminal simulation, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the loss to the victim is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, criminal simulation is a felony and shall be prosecuted under appropriate State law.  
(ORC 2913.32)

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 Garbage

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CROSS REFERENCES

- Collection and disposal of garbage - see Ohio R.C. 715.43, 717.01  
 Employment of scavengers - see Ohio R.C. 3707.39  
 Disposal and transporting on public ways - see Ohio R.C. 3767.20 et seq.  
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941.01 DEFINITIONS AND INCINERATOR SPECIFICATIONS.

- (a) As used in this chapter:  
 (1) "Garbage" means that accumulation of animal, vegetable and other matter that results from the preparation, consumption, decay or storage of meats, fish, fowl, fruits, vegetables and all other food substances or other organic matter subject to rapid bacterial action and decay.

- (2) "Rubbish" means that accumulation of material, such as paper, cardboard, rags, straw, felt, leather, wearing apparel, packing material, sweepings, small pieces of wood, crockery, glassware, ashes, tin, small metal objects and other refuse, dirt or other nonorganic matter which can be reduced in size so that it can be transported in and by vehicles that are provided by the City for that purpose.
- (3) "Dwelling unit" means any separate and self-contained place of human habitation occupied or intended for occupancy by one or more persons, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each separate and self-contained place of habitation in two-family residences, multiple-family residences, apartment buildings and those flats and apartments maintained incidentally but separately in nonresidential buildings.
- (4) "Contract rubbish hauler" and "salvage dealer" means those licensed by the City.
- (5) "Ordinary collection " means any residential or nonresidential rubbish and/or garbage collected on the regularly scheduled day in accordance with guidelines established by the Director of Public Service.
- (6) "Properly prepared residential garbage and/or rubbish" means all residential waste materials according to the provisions of this chapter.
- (7) "Properly prepared rubbish and/or garbage" means all that is contained within the closed lid of an approved sanitation collection container. All additional rubbish and/or garbage around the container is subject to additional charges.
- (8) "Sanitation truck hopper" means the rear of the sanitation truck where garbage and/or rubbish is loaded for compaction and transport with a volume of 4 yards capacity in uncompacted loose form.
- (9) "Special pick-up" means any residential rubbish and/or garbage collected other than the normal scheduled collection day.

(b) The following specifications are prescribed for garbage incinerators. A garbage incinerator shall:

- (1) Be of a type tested, approved and listed by the American Gas Association in their current Directory of Approved Gas Appliances and Listed Accessories and shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of the National Building Code, current edition or other current standards of the American Insurance Association. If activated electrically, it shall be approved by and bear evidence of Underwriters' Laboratories, Incorporated approval.
- (2) Operate so as to completely consume wet or dry garbage by burning it to ash without causing noise, offensive or noxious odors, vapors or gases, and without the discharge or emission into the atmosphere of sparks, ash or the powdered residue of the substance which has been burned.
- (3) Comply with Ohio and United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations.  
(Ord. 105-22. Passed 5-23-22.)



**941.02 STORAGE OF GARBAGE; CONTAINERS.**

(a) Every owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of any single-family residence, two family residence, multifamily residence, flat, apartment, hotel, restaurant, eating place, boarding house, store, school, church or any other dwelling unit, industry or place of business premises where garbage is or may be accumulated or produced, shall provide on the premises or within twenty-five feet therefrom, suitable and sufficient receptacles that meet the requirements of this chapter, without the escape of odors, containing all garbage that accumulates on such premises between the regular garbage collection dates. Any and all such garbage produced or accumulated by such owner, tenant, lessee or occupant shall be stored by him in such receptacles during the interim between regular garbage collection dates. Such receptacles shall be so placed that they are readily accessible for removal and emptying of the garbage therefrom by the collectors at the front line of the premises for each scheduled collection, and at all other times where they will not be a public nuisance or in any degree offensive.

When the placing of such receptacles at the front line of a premises causes a public nuisance or otherwise causes undesirable health problems or hazards, the Director of Public Service may advise the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant that scheduled collection will be made at or from other designated parts of the premises.

(b) All garbage, as defined in Section 941.01(a)(1), shall be drained of free water before it is placed in the can or receptacle.

(c) If suitable and sufficient containers of a size larger than one cubic yard are not provided, nonresidential and residential garbage and rubbish shall be placed in a plastic bag, securely tied, be of a minimum 1.5 mil thickness and not exceed thirty-five pounds or thirty gallons when filled. Suitable and sufficient metal and/or plastic containers may be used to store properly prepared garbage and/or rubbish and shall have two handles, a tight fitting lid and not exceed forty gallons in volume or thirty-five pounds in weight.

(d) Garbage may be reduced by finely grinding or shredding and flushing with water into the sanitary sewer system of the City, or by burning it at any time within properly constructed incinerators within buildings. Unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, the incineration of garbage, or the flushing of the same into the sanitary sewer system shall not excuse the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant from the collection charges provided for hereinafter.

(e) No person shall bury garbage within the corporation limits of the City, except while composting pursuant of the law.

(f) No person shall throw or deposit garbage upon any public or private property within the corporate limits of the City, except while composting pursuant to the law.

(g) No person shall permit rats or mice or other animals to live in or feed upon garbage.

(h) No person other than City employees, shall collect or haul garbage within the corporate limits of the City.  
(Ord. 105-22. Passed 5-23-22.)

**941.03 STORAGE OF RUBBISH; CONTAINERS.**

(a) Every owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of any two-family residence, flat, apartment, hotel, motel, restaurant, eating place, boardinghouse, store, school, church, industry or place of business or any other premises where rubbish is produced shall provide on such premises therefrom suitable and sufficient metal containers for receiving and holding between collections all garbage and rubbish that accumulates on such premises. The containers shall be placed at the front line of the premises in time for the scheduled collection. All rubbish produced or accumulated by such owner, tenant, lessee or occupant shall be stored in such containers.

(b) Whenever the placing of containers at the front line of premises causes a public nuisance or otherwise causes undesirable health problems or hazards, the Director of Public Service may advise the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant that scheduled collections will be made at or from other designated parts of the premises.

(c) If suitable and sufficient containers of a size larger than one cubic yard are not provided, nonresidential and residential garbage and rubbish shall be placed in a plastic bag, securely tied, be of a minimum 1.5 mil thickness and shall not exceed thirty-five pounds or thirty gallons when filled. Suitable and sufficient metal and/or plastic containers may be used to store properly prepared garbage and/or rubbish and shall have two handles, a tight fitting lid and not exceed forty gallons in volume or thirty-five pounds in weight.

(d) Unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, the incineration of rubbish or use of contract rubbish haulers shall not excuse the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant from the collection charges provided for hereinafter to be defined as the minimum monthly charge.

(e) No person shall throw or deposit any rubbish upon any public or private property within the corporate limits of the City unless in compliance with the procedures described in this chapter.

(Ord. 105-22. Passed 5-23-22.)

**941.04 COLLECTION DISTRICTS.**

For the purpose of the collection of garbage and/or rubbish, as defined in Section 941.01, the Director of Public Service shall divide the City into as many districts as he deems necessary for the convenient collection thereof and he shall fix a day or days in each week on which garbage and/or rubbish will be collected by the City. The Director may arrange for collections of garbage and/or rubbish more often than once each week, if in his opinion and experience, such special collections are deemed proper for the maintenance of health and sanitation.

(Ord. 105-22. Passed 5-23-22.)

**941.05 LICENSING OF COLLECTORS; FEE; REGULATIONS.**

(a) Rubbish or industrial waste may be collected within the City in loose form or in containers of not less than eight cubic yards in size or in stationary compactors, by any person, firm or corporation after first obtaining a license from the Director of Public Service.

The license fee shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year and shall permit such person, firm or corporation to collect rubbish and industrial waste from a list that shall be submitted by the person, firm or corporation prior to the fifth day of each month. This list shall include the name and address of any person, firm or corporation by which the licensed hauler or dealer is employed.

(b) The Director shall inspect the equipment of all contract rubbish haulers and salvage dealers at intervals not to exceed six months, and shall suspend or revoke any license that has been issued when the contract rubbish hauler or salvage dealer is using equipment that is unsightly, inadequate to prevent the presence of rodents or vermin, or is inadequate to prevent rubbish, waste or salvage from being scattered on the streets or elsewhere in the City.

The Director may suspend or revoke the license of any person, firm or corporation who fails to submit the monthly report of his employers or who otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of this section.

(Ord. 105-22. Passed 5-23-22.)

#### 941.06 COLLECTION RATES.

(a) Nonresidential and Residential with Containers. The City shall charge each school, church, industry, commercial establishment, place of business or other nonresidential building, or multifamily dwelling of four units or more that has assigned approved container collection of one cubic yard or larger on the basis and at the rate as follows:

- (1) Container charges (monthly).  
Number of Pick-ups per Week (\$5.50 per cubic yard)

Volume	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 cubic yard	\$22.00	\$44.00	\$66.00	\$88.00	\$110.00	\$132.00
2 cubic yards	44.00	88.00	132.00	176.00	220.00	264.00
3 cubic yards	66.00	132.00	198.00	264.00	330.00	396.00
4 cubic yards	88.00	176.00	264.00	352.00	440.00	528.00
5 cubic yards	110.00	220.00	330.00	440.00	550.00	660.00
6 cubic yards	132.00	264.00	396.00	528.00	660.00	792.00
7 cubic yards	154.00	308.00	462.00	616.00	770.00	924.00
8 cubic yards	176.00	352.00	528.00	704.00	880.00	1056.00

Containers of a size not specified shall be charged at a rate prorated in the manner prescribed above.

- (2) Additional hourly charges shall be assessed to customers for failure to provide City workers reasonable access to rubbish or garbage to be collected or in any other way impeding the process of efficient collection. Time shall be assessed at a rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per hour.

(b) Residential and Nonresidential Without Container Collection.

- (1) A minimum monthly pick-up charge of sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per dwelling unit as defined by Section 941.01(a)(3) shall apply to all multifamily residential accounts of three units or less and to all nonresidential accounts that are not serviced by an approved collection

container of one cubic yard or more. Multi-family residential accounts of four units or larger have the option of installing an approved collection container according to the plans and specifications on file from the Director of Service. All accounts that are serviced by an approved collection container of one cubic yard or larger shall be billed according to the container charges as defined in subsection (a)(1) hereof.

- (2) Any residential special pick-up defined as a collection requested other than the regularly scheduled day shall have an additional ten dollars (\$10.00) charge.
- (3) Unless otherwise specified in subsection (a)(1) hereof, the City shall charge each single-family residential and multifamily residential dwelling unit of three units or less sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per month for the pick-up of all garbage and normal household rubbish which is properly prepared as described in Section 941.01 (a).

(c) Other Charges (Nonresidential and Residential).

- (1) A. For the producers of nonresidential or residential multi-family units of three or less, garbage and/or rubbish other than defined or as described in subsections (a) and (b) hereof requiring pick-up by the City Sanitation Department, a charge of five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) per cubic yard shall be assessed. Not properly prepared garbage and/or rubbish for residential units of three or less shall be charged at a rate of five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) per cubic yard. Cubic yardage shall be determined by sanitation truck hopper loads. There shall be a minimum charge of one cubic yard. For producers of garbage and/or rubbish in quantities larger than twenty-eight uncompacted cubic yards per pick-up, a partial truck load rate shall apply as follows:

Description (Panels)	Volume Compacted (Cubic Yards)	Flat Rate
1	7.5	\$165.00
2	15	330.00
3	22.5	495.00

Additional charges may be assessed if access to loading or other delays cause undue time to be expended in the collection prices as defined by subsection (a)(2) hereof.

B. 1. Roll off container rate schedule:

(Pull rates shall be set based upon location of required disposal site regardless of the number of pulls per week.)

\$100.00 - Medina Paper Recycling (20 minute round-trip)

\$150.00 - Medina County Central Processing Facility (45- 60 minute round-trip)

\$175.00 - Zollinger sand and gravel (75-90 minutes round- trip)

\$200.00 - Rumpke Transfer Station - Broadview Heights (105-120 minute round- trip)

- \$200.00 - Strongsville Transfer Station (105-120 minute round-trip)
- \$150.00 - Liverpool Waste Water Treatment Plant Digester (45-60 Minute round-trip)
- \$150.00 - Country View Auto Recycling - Spencer (45-60 minutes round-trip)
- \$275.00 - Congress Lake Farms - Mogador (150-180 minutes round-trip)
- \$275.00 - Kurtz Bros. Inc. - North Canton (150-180 minutes round-trip)

Accounts needing special consideration shall be set by the Board of Control. (Special consideration could be special handling, disposal site at a location further away, etc.)

2. Roll off container rental rate schedule: Accounts needing special consideration, such as special handling, disposal site at location further away, etc. shall be set by the Board of Control on the request of the Service Director. At no time shall the recommended rate be less than the cost of service.
3. All temporary, residential and non-permanent commercial roll off customers shall be subject to a seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) additional pull charge fee per container pu..
  - (2) A. For multifamily residential accounts of four units or larger, the collection of special rubbish items including refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, hot water heaters, trash compactors, furnaces, couches, chairs, mattresses, box springs or other similar rubbish items shall be charged at the rate of five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) per cubic yard. Charges shall be levied according to the volume when placed in the truck hopper. A one-yard minimum charge shall apply to all special pick-up rubbish.
  - B. In observance of "Earth Week", local civic groups who register with the Service Director may have the materials they collect to help clean up the environment collected by the City at no charge during the month of April.
  - (3) A. Long term container rental schedule: The City shall charge each customer that specifically contracts with the City for the long term rental (in excess of two weeks) of a sanitation collection container the rental rate set forth below. Charges for partial monthly usage shall be prorated after rounding forward to the end of a service week. Customers who contract for use of a sanitation collection container for two weeks or less shall be charged in accordance with the schedule set forth in subsection (c)(3) hereof. Containers are available to qualified accounts based on availability. Long term rental customers shall be charged for collection according to the schedule set forth in subsection (a)(1) hereof. There shall be no minimum charge or maximum rental time for long term customers, however, the City reserves the right to withdraw any container at its discretion.

Rear Load Containers Volume (Cubic Yards)	Monthly Rental
1-8	\$ 10.00
Front Load Containers Volume (Cubic Yards)	Monthly Rental
1-8	\$ 10.00

- (4) Claims by the City or users of the service for reclassification shall be reviewed by the Board of Control. Copies of their conclusions shall be on file for review.
- (5) Grass clippings shall not be mixed with normal household rubbish or garbage. Yard waste shall be separated from normal household rubbish and placed in approved metal or solid plastic containers not to exceed forty gallons in size or thirty-five pounds in weight. Containers shall have a secure handle(s) and solid bases. Yard waste may not be placed in paper boxes or paper or plastic bags.
- (6) Tree limbs, brush and branches shall be cut to lengths between forty-eight and sixty inches. The limbs, brush and branches shall be tied into manageable bundles not exceeding twenty-four inches in diameter or thirty-five pounds in weight. These materials shall be collected by the City on the same collection day as the scheduled rubbish collection day. Yard waste such as limbs, trunks, stumps, etc. in excess of eight inches in diameter or thirty-five pounds in weight will not be picked up.

The City shall annually collect, at no charge, decorative evergreen trees and branches during the two to three-week period immediately following December 25.

(d) Customers Outside City Limits. Commercial hauling is permitted outside the corporate City limits in an area not-to-exceed the geographic boundaries of the four adjacent townships at a ten percent (10%) premium. (Ord. 105-22. Passed 5-23-22.)

#### 941.07 CHARGES A LIEN; DISCONNECTION OF WATER.

(a) Billing. The monthly charges provided for above shall be made directly against the real estate (premises) and the owners thereof, except that such charges may be billed directly to the current tenant, lessee or occupant. The City shall bill such charges monthly and allow at least ten days for payment.

(b) Each charge for the collection and disposal of garbage and/or rubbish that is levied pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be made a lien on the premises to which service was rendered after the expiration of thirty days from the last date on which such charge could have been paid without penalty, by the certification of such unpaid charge with penalty by the Director of Finance to the County Auditor for collection. It shall be placed on the tax duplicate, with interest and penalties allowed by law, and be collected as other Municipal taxes.

(c) In the event of failure to pay the billing for garbage and/or rubbish collection and disposal service, the City shall suspend or discontinue sanitation and water services to the delinquent premises until all unpaid billings have been paid in full. In the event of discontinuance of water service, the charge for restoration of service shall be collected.

(d) If the holder of the delinquent account has more than one account with the City of Medina, the delinquent accounts may be consolidated and the full amount owed billed to the current account. (Ord. 105-22. Passed 5-23-22.)

**941.08 SANITATION FUND.**

The charges levied pursuant to this chapter shall be collected by the Utility Department and shall be deposited with the Director of Finance, and all money so deposited shall be credited to a separate and distinct fund, which shall be known as the Sanitation Fund. When appropriated by Council, such appropriation shall be subject to the order of the Director of Public Service and shall be used only by him solely for the payment of the costs and expenses of the operation, maintenance, repair and management of the Department of Sanitation. When new equipment or land is needed, the Director shall certify the facts to Council for appropriate action as to a special appropriation from the Fund.

(Ord. 105-22. Passed 5-23-22.)

**941.09 LATE PAYMENT PENALTY.**

A ten percent (10%) penalty shall be added to the outstanding balance of any utility bill not paid on time. The penalty shall be assessed to the outstanding balance of any account not paid by month-end due date. Month-end due date shall be determined by the Director of Finance. (Ord. 105-22. Passed 5-23-22.)

**941.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each violation shall be a separate offense. Each day of a violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 105-22. Passed 5-23-22.)

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#### 943.07 DECORATIONS, ORNAMENTS AND FLOWERS.

(a) All monuments are permitted a seasonal planting area extending no more than ten inches (10") from the foundation on the burial side of a monument. All decorations, ornaments and flowers must be installed within this area.

(b) Only one (1) shepherd's hook or one (1) potted plant is permitted on a marker.

(c) Seasonal items on lots will be removed by City employees on or after the following dates. Items not removed prior to these dates will be discarded:

(1) Summer decorations shall be removed from lots on or before October 15th.

(2) Fall decorations shall be removed from lots on or before December 15th.

(3) Winter decorations shall be removed from lots on or before March 15th.

(d) Funeral designs, floral pieces, and wreaths shall be removed from graves when they become wilted or unsightly. Persons desiring to retain funeral designs or floral pieces must remove the same within forty-eight (48) hours after the interment or they will be discarded. In no case shall City employees attempt to locate designs, floral pieces or wreaths after their removal from a lot. (Ord. 25-05. Passed 2-14-05.)

#### 943.08 OPERATING FUND, PERPETUAL ORDINARY CARE FUND AND CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT FUND.

All charges and fees collected from the Medina Municipal Cemeteries shall be divided into three distinct funds, namely the Perpetual Ordinary Care Fund, the Operating Fund and the Cemetery Improvement Fund.

(a) The Perpetual Ordinary Care Fund shall be funded from the sale of in ground burial lots, in ground cremains, and footer fees for the Medina Municipal Cemeteries. This money shall be placed in a permanent care fund of the Medina Municipal Cemeteries with one hundred percent (100%) of the total price of a lot and forty-five percent (45%) of the footer fees allocated to the Perpetual Ordinary Care Fund.

(b) The Operating Fund money shall be placed in the General Fund of the City from which the current costs of operating and maintaining the cemetery are drawn. Fifty-five percent (55%) of footer fees and one hundred percent (100%) of burial expenses shall be allocated to the Operating Fund.

(c) Funds from Columbarium Niche sales shall be distributed as follows: fifty-eight percent (58%) shall be placed in the Cemetery Improvement Fund (fka Mausoleum Fund) for the building of a future columbarium wall or other cemetery improvements, thirty percent (30%) shall be placed in the Perpetual Ordinary Care Fund, and twelve percent (12%) shall be placed in the Operating Fund. One hundred percent (100%) of Columbarium Niche interment funds shall be placed in the Operating Fund. (Ord. 57-18. Passed 3-26-18.)

#### 943.09 SPECIAL LOT ENDOWMENT FUND.

Specially endowed lots shall no longer be available for purchase after December 31, 2021. Specially endowed lots purchased prior to December 31, 2021 shall continue to receive special care. Special care of endowed lots shall include one decoration for Memorial Day and one winter wreath each Christmas. (Ord. 197-21. Passed 11-22-21.)

#### 943.10 CHARGES AND FEES.

(a) All cemetery charges and fees are payable in advance in accordance with this chapter.

(b) All lots for sale in the Medina Municipal Cemeteries shall be classified according to their value and location as determined by the Director of Public Service, shall be designated on the cemetery maps, and shall be priced at the rates indicated in the schedule of lot prices listed in Section 943.11. The deed to a lot conveys only burial rights and perpetual care as outlined in Sections 943.03 and 943.08 herein.

(c) The status of a resident or nonresident shall be determined by the State laws governing legal residence for voting purposes, and shall be the same for minor children.

(d) **Transfer of Lot Ownership.** Lot owners are permitted to sell, transfer or assign their interest in lots only to residents of the City, subject to the consent of the Director of Public Service, and upon payment of the fee specified in the schedule of charges and fees in Section 943.11 herein. (Ord. 25-05. Passed 2-14-05.)

### 943.11 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND FEES.

LOT FEES PER GRAVE:			
Lot Type	No. of Lots	Resident	Non-Resident
A	per grave	\$650.00	\$750.00
B	per grave	\$850.00	\$950.00
C	per grave	\$750.00	\$850.00
Cremains Section	per grave	\$300.00	\$350.00
Baby Section	per grave	\$300.00	\$350.00
DESCRIPTION OF SALEABLE LOTS:			
Class "A" lots, single or multiple graves: All Sections except 14, 17, 18 and 19			
Class "B" lots, single graves: Section 14 and 17			
Class "C" lots, single graves: Section 18 and 19			
Cremains Section: Section specifically located in Section 8			
Baby Section: Single grave only, available in sequential order			
INTERMENT FEES:			
Interment of Residents or Non-residents	Before 2:00 p.m. Weekdays	After 2:00 p.m. Weekdays and until 12:00 Noon Saturday	After 12:00 Noon Saturday or Sunday (Court Ordered) and approved holidays
Adult	\$600.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00
Cremains Section	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$700.00
Baby Section	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$700.00
Crypt Sealing	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$500.00
DISINTERMENT AND REINTERMENT FEES:			
	Adult Vault	Adult Cremains	Infant
Disinterment	\$2,000.00	\$600.00	\$500.00
FOUNDATION FEES:			
A fee of \$0.50 shall be charged per square inch of surface material of concrete. All footers shall have a two inch (2") border around the entire base. Flush markers shall not have a mandatory border.			
COLUMBARIUM/NICHE WALL: (cremains interments only)			
CLBM - 1 One (1) Niche - \$950.00			
CLBM-2 One (1) Niche - Top Row - \$1,350.00			
CLMB-2 One (1) Niche - Middle Row - \$1,250.00			
CLMB-2 One (1) Niche - Bottom Row - \$1,150.00			
Interment - \$350.00 per opening (max. two (2) per Niche)			
Engraving - Actual cost			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:			
1. Upon request, the Director of Public Service shall give written estimates of work to be done by cemetery employees on the cemetery grounds not covered in the foregoing schedules.			
2. There shall be a \$100.00 charge for chapel use for a funeral or memorial service.			
3. There shall be a \$50.00 Transfer of Lot Fee for all lot transfers.			

NOTE: NOTICE OF NOT LESS THAN FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS SHALL BE GIVEN FOR OPENING OF A GRAVE PER SECTION 943.04(j). (Ord. 181-21. Passed 11-8-21.)

943.12 INDIGENT BURIAL POLICY.

(a) Purpose. This indigent burial policy is enacted to comply with the provisions of Ohio R.C. 9.15 pertaining to the burial of indigent persons found within the City who are not claimed by any person for private interment or cremation at the person's own expense, or interment or cremation when the body of an indigent person is claimed by an indigent person. The purpose of this policy is to provide for the burial of indigents, or the burial of an indigent person claimed by an indigent person, for reasons of public health and sensibilities.

(b) Application of Policy.

- (1) When the body of a dead person is found within the City and such person was not an inmate of a correctional, benevolent, or charitable institution of this State; and the body is not claimed by any person for private interment or cremation at the person's own expense; or delivered for the purpose of medical or surgical study or dissection in accordance with Ohio R.C. 1713.34, the City shall be liable for the cremation and interment expenses, in the amounts set forth herein, if:
  - A. The deceased is determined to be an indigent person; and
  - B. The person was a legal resident of the City of Medina at the time of death.
- (2) When the body is claimed by an indigent person simply as that of a loved one, without undertaking to arrange and pay for private interment, the City shall be liable for the cremation or interment expenses, in the amounts set forth herein, if:

- A. The deceased is determined to be an indigent person; and
- B. The person was a legal resident of the City of Medina at the time of death; and
- C. The claimant is determined to be an indigent person.

(c) Administration. The Service Director is hereby appointed as the proper officer of the City, in accordance with Ohio R.C. 9.15, to be responsible for the administration of this indigent burial policy. If the next-of-kin of the deceased are not available or are unknown, the Service Director shall have the authority to sign all documents necessary for the cremation.

(d) Determining Indigence.

- (1) Prior to the cremation authorization, the Service Director shall make reasonable attempt to determine whether the deceased person is in fact indigent and, where the deceased person is claimed by an indigent person, whether the claimant is in fact indigent.
- (2) "Indigent decedent" means a person who dies without leaving an ascertainable estate sufficient to pay part or all of the person's burial expenses and whose burial expenses are not payable by the State or County Veteran's Administration. The estate of the decedent shall include, but is not limited to, the ready availability of real or personal property owned; employment benefits; pensions; annuities; social security; unemployment compensation, inheritances; number and age of dependents; outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities; and any other relevant considerations concerning the financial condition of the individual.

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Fireworks

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CROSS REFERENCES

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 Conflict of Fire Marshal's rules with rules of Ohio Board of Building Standards - see Ohio R.C. 3781.11(D)

1519.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Beer" and "intoxicating liquor" have the same meanings as in section 4301.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (b) "Booby trap" means a small tube that has a string protruding from both ends, that has a friction-sensitive composition, and that is ignited by pulling the ends of the string.
- (c) "Cigarette load" means a small wooden peg that is coated with a small quantity of explosive composition and that is ignited in a cigarette.
- (d) (1) "1.3G fireworks" means display fireworks consistent with regulations of the United States department of transportation as expressed using the designation "division 1.3" in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.  
 (2) "1.4G fireworks" means consumer fireworks consistent with regulations of the United States department of transportation as expressed using the designation "division 1.4" in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.
- (e) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in section 3719.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

- (f) "Fireworks" means any composition or device prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, except ordinary matches and except as provided in section 3743.80 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (g) "Fireworks plant" means all buildings and other structures in which the manufacturing of fireworks, or the storage or sale of manufactured fireworks by a manufacturer, takes place.
- (h) "Fountain device" means a specific type of 1.4G firework that meets all of the following criteria:
  - (1) It is nonaerial and nonreport producing.
  - (2) It is recognized and manufactured in accordance with sections 3.1.1 and 3.5 of APA standard 87-1 (2001 edition).
  - (3) It is a ground-based or hand-held sparkler with one or more tubes containing a nonexplosive pyrotechnic mixture that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition, with or without additional effects that may include a colored flame, audible crackling effect, audible whistle effect, or smoke.
  - (4) It contains not more than seventy-five grams of the nonexplosive pyrotechnic mixture in any individual tube and not more than five hundred grams or less for multiple tubes.
- (i) "Highway" means any public street, road, alley, way, lane, or other public thoroughfare.
- (j) "Licensed exhibitor of fireworks" or "licensed exhibitor" means a person licensed pursuant to sections 3743.50 to 3743.55 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (k) "Licensed fountain device retailer" or "licensed retailer" means a person licensed pursuant to section 3743.26 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (l) "Licensed manufacturer of fireworks" or "licensed manufacturer" means a person licensed pursuant to sections 3743.02 to 3743.08 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (m) "Licensed wholesaler of fireworks" or "licensed wholesaler" means a person licensed pursuant to sections 3743.15 to 3743.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (n) "List of licensed exhibitors" means the list required by division (C) of section 3743.51 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (o) "List of licensed manufacturers" means the list required by division (C) of section 3743.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (p) "List of licensed wholesalers" means the list required by division (C) of section 3743.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (q) "Manufacturing of fireworks" means the making of fireworks from raw materials, none of which in and of themselves constitute a fireworks, or the processing of fireworks.
- (r) "Navigable waters" means any body of water susceptible of being used in its ordinary condition as a highway of commerce over which trade and travel is or may be conducted in the customary modes, but does not include a body of water that is not capable of navigation by barges, tugboats, and other large vessels.
- (s) "Novelties and trick noisemakers" include the following items:
  - (1) Devices that produce a small report intended to surprise the user, including, but not limited to, booby traps, cigarette loads, party poppers, and snappers;
  - (2) Snakes or glow worms;
  - (3) Smoke devices;
  - (4) Trick matches.

- (t) "Party popper" means a small plastic or paper item that contains not more than sixteen milligrams of friction-sensitive explosive composition, that is ignited by pulling a string protruding from the item, and from which paper streamers are expelled when the item is ignited.
- (u) "Processing of fireworks" means the making of fireworks from materials all or part of which in and of themselves constitute a fireworks, but does not include the mere packaging or repackaging of fireworks.
- (v) "Railroad" means any railway or railroad that carries freight or passengers for hire, but does not include auxiliary tracks, spurs, and sidings installed and primarily used in serving a mine, quarry, or plant.
- (w) "Retail sale" or "sell at retail" means a sale of fireworks to a purchaser who intends to use the fireworks, and not resell them.
- (x) "Smoke device" means a tube or sphere that contains pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces white or colored smoke as the primary effect.
- (y) "Snake or glow worm" means a device that consists of a pressed pellet of pyrotechnic composition that produces a large, snake-like ash upon burning, which ash expands in length as the pellet burns.
- (z) "Snapper" means a small, paper-wrapped item that contains a minute quantity of explosive composition coated on small bits of sand, and that, when dropped, implodes.
- (aa) "Trick match" means a kitchen or book match that is coated with a small quantity of explosive composition and that, upon ignition, produces a small report or a shower of sparks.
- (bb) "Wire sparkler" means a sparkler consisting of a wire or stick coated with a nonexplosive pyrotechnic mixture that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition and that contains no more than one hundred grams of this mixture.
- (cc) "Wholesale sale" or "sell at wholesale" means a sale of fireworks to a purchaser who intends to resell the fireworks so purchased.
- (dd) "Licensed premises" means the real estate upon which a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks conducts business.
- (ee) "Licensed building" means a building on the licensed premises of a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks that is approved for occupancy by the building official having jurisdiction.
- (ff) "Fireworks incident" means any action or omission that occurs at a fireworks exhibition, that results in injury or death, or a substantial risk of injury or death, to any person, and that involves either of the following:
  - (1) The handling or other use, or the results of the handling or other use, of fireworks or associated equipment or other materials;
  - (2) The failure of any person to comply with any applicable requirement imposed by this chapter or any applicable rule adopted under this chapter.
- (gg) "Discharge site" means an area immediately surrounding the mortars used to fire aerial shells.
- (hh) "Fireworks incident site" means a discharge site or other location at a fireworks exhibition where a fireworks incident occurs, a location where an injury or death associated with a fireworks incident occurs, or a location where evidence of a fireworks incident or an injury or death associated with a fireworks incident is found.

- (ii) "Storage location" means a single parcel or contiguous parcels of real estate approved by the state fire marshal pursuant to division (I) of section 3743.04 of the Ohio Revised Code or division (F) of section 3743.17 of the Ohio Revised Code that are separate from a licensed premises containing a retail showroom, and which parcel or parcels a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler of fireworks may use only for the distribution, possession, and storage of fireworks in accordance with this chapter.  
(ORC 3743.01)

**1519.02 PUBLIC EXHIBITION PERMIT REQUIRED; FEE; BOND;  
RECORDS.**

(a) A licensed exhibitor of fireworks who wishes to conduct a public fireworks exhibition within the Municipality shall apply for approval to conduct the exhibition to the Fire Chief and from the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer.

The required approval shall be evidenced by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, signing a permit for the exhibition, the form for which shall be prescribed by the State Fire Marshal. Any exhibitor of fireworks who wishes to conduct a public fireworks exhibition may obtain a copy of the form from the Fire Marshal or, if it is available, from the Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or the designee of the Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer.

(b) Before a permit is signed and issued to a licensed exhibitor of fireworks, the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall inspect the premises on which the exhibition will take place and shall determine that, in fact, the applicant for the permit is a licensed exhibitor of fireworks. Each applicant shall show the applicant's license as an exhibitor of fireworks to the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer.

The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall give approval to conduct a public fireworks exhibition only if satisfied, based on the inspection, that the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted allow the exhibitor to comply with the rules adopted by the Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.53(B) and (E) and that the applicant is, in fact, a licensed exhibitor of fireworks. The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, may inspect the premises immediately prior to the exhibition to determine if the exhibitor has complied with the rules, and may revoke the permit for noncompliance with the rules.

(c) The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall not issue a permit until the applicant pays a permit fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) plus any necessary costs of investigation of the applicant and of inspecting the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted.



Each exhibitor shall provide an indemnity bond in the amount of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000), with surety satisfactory to the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and to Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, conditioned for the payment of all final judgments that may be rendered against the exhibitor on account of injury, death or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition, or proof of insurance coverage of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for liability arising from injury, death or loss to persons or property emanating from the fireworks exhibition. The Legislative Authority may require the exhibitor to provide an indemnity bond or proof of insurance coverage in amounts greater than those required by this subsection. The Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall not issue a permit until the exhibitor provides the bond or proof of the insurance coverage required by this subsection.

- (d) (1) Each permit for a fireworks exhibition issued by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall contain a distinct number, designate the Municipality, and identify the certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer who will be present before, during, and after the exhibition, where appropriate. A copy of each permit issued shall be forwarded by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer and by the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, issuing it to the Fire Marshal, who shall keep a record of the permits received. A permit is not transferable or assignable.
- (2) The Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer and Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall keep a record of issued permits for fireworks exhibitions. In this list, the Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Officer, Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement officer, or a designee of such Police Chief or similar chief law enforcement officer, shall list the name of the exhibitor, the exhibitor's license number, the premises on which the exhibition will be conducted, the date and time of the exhibition and the number of the permit issued to the exhibitor for the exhibition.

(e) The governing authority having jurisdiction in the location where an exhibition is to take place shall require that a certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief, or Fire Prevention Officer be present before, during, and after the exhibition, and shall require the certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Chief, or Fire Prevention Officer to inspect the premises where the exhibition is to take place and determine whether the exhibition is in compliance with this chapter and Ohio R.C. Chapter 3743.  
(ORC 3743.54; Ord. 92-03. Passed 7-14-03.)

**1519.03 UNLAWFUL CONDUCT BY EXHIBITOR.**

(a) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall fail to comply with the applicable requirements of the rules adopted by the Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.53(B) and (E) or to comply with Divisions (C) and (D) of that section.

(b) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall conduct a fireworks exhibition unless a permit has been secured for the exhibition pursuant to Section 1519.02 or if a permit so secured is revoked by the Fire Chief or Fire Prevention Officer in consultation with the Police Chief or other similar chief law enforcement official or a designee of such Police Chief or other similar law enforcement official pursuant to that section.

(c) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks shall acquire fireworks for use at a fireworks exhibition other than in accordance with Ohio R.C. 3743.54 and 3743.55.

(d) No licensed exhibitor of fireworks or other person associated with the conduct of a fireworks exhibition shall have possession or control of, or be under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer or controlled substance while on the premises on which the exhibition is being conducted.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. 3743.44, no person, other than a licensed manufacturer, licensed wholesaler, licensed exhibitor, or shipping permit holder, shall possess 1.3 G fireworks.  
(ORC 3743.65)

**1519.04 POSSESSION, SALE OR DISCHARGE PROHIBITED;  
EXCEPTIONS.**

(a) No person shall possess fireworks in this Municipality or shall possess for sale or sell fireworks in this Municipality, except a licensed manufacturer of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.02 to 3743.08, a licensed wholesaler of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.15 to 3743.21, a shipping permit holder as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.40, an out-of-state resident as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.44, a resident of this State as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.45, or a licensed exhibitor of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 1519.02 and except as provided in Section 1519.05.

(b) Except as provided in Section 1519.05 and except for licensed exhibitors of fireworks authorized to conduct a fireworks exhibition pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 1519.02, no person shall discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks in this Municipality.

(c) No person shall use in a theater or public hall, what is technically known as fireworks showers, or a mixture containing potassium chlorate and sulphur.

(d) No person shall sell fireworks of any kind to a person under eighteen years of age. No person under eighteen years of age shall enter a fireworks sales showroom unless that person is accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult. No person under eighteen years of age shall touch or possess fireworks on a licensed premises without the consent of the licensee. A licensee may eject any person from a licensed premises that is in any way disruptive to the safe operation of the premises.

(e) No person, other than a licensed manufacturer, licensed wholesaler, licensed exhibitor, or shipping permit holder, shall possess 1.3 G fireworks.  
(ORC 3743.65)

#### 1519.05 APPLICATION.

This chapter does not prohibit or apply to the following:

- (a) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use in emergency situations, of pyrotechnic signaling devices and distress signals for marine, aviation or highway use;
  - (b) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of fuses, torpedoes or other signals necessary for the safe operation of railroads;
  - (c) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of blank cartridges in connection with theaters or shows, or in connection with athletics as signals or for ceremonial purposes;
  - (d) The manufacture for, the transportation, storage, possession or use by, or the sale to the armed forces of the United States and the militia of this state, as recognized by the Adjutant General of Ohio, of pyrotechnic devices;
  - (e) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper or plastic caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive material are used, provided that they are constructed so that a hand cannot come into contact with a cap when it is in place for explosion, or apply to the manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of those caps;
  - (f) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of novelties and trick noisemakers, auto burglar alarms or model rockets and model rocket motors designed, sold and used for the purpose of propelling recoverable aero models;
  - (g) The manufacture, sale, possession, transportation, storage or use of wire sparklers.
  - (h) The conduct of radio-controlled special effect exhibitions that use an explosive black powder charge of not more than one-quarter pound per charge, and that are not connected in any manner to propellant charges, provided that the exhibition complies with all of following:
    - (1) No explosive aerial display is conducted in the exhibition;
    - (2) The exhibition is separated from spectators by not less than two hundred feet;
    - (3) The person conducting the exhibition complies with regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the United States Department of the Treasury and the United States Department of Transportation with respect to the storage and transport of the explosive black powder used in the exhibition.
- (ORC 3743.80)

#### 1519.06 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREWORKS SHOWROOM STRUCTURES.

- (a) (1) Except as described in subsection (a)(2) of this section, all retail sales of 1.4G fireworks by a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler shall only occur from an approved retail sales showroom on a licensed premises or from a representative sample showroom as described in this section on a licensed premises. For the purposes of this section, a retail sale includes the transfer of the possession of the 1.4G fireworks from the licensed manufacturer or wholesaler to the purchaser of the fireworks.

- (2) Sales of 1.4G fireworks to a licensed exhibitor for a properly permitted exhibition shall occur in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and rules adopted by the State Fire Marshal under Ohio R.C. Chapter 119. Such rules shall specify, at a minimum, that the licensed exhibitor holds a license under Ohio R.C. 3743.51, that the exhibitor possesses a valid exhibition permit issued in accordance with Ohio R.C. 3743.54, and that the fireworks shipped are to be used at the specifically permitted exhibition.
- (b) All wholesale sales of fireworks by a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler shall only occur from a licensed premises to persons who intend to resell the fireworks purchased at wholesale. A wholesale sale by a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler may occur as follows:
- (1) The direct sale and shipment of fireworks to a person outside of this state;
  - (2) From an approved retail sales showroom as described in this section;
  - (3) From a representative sample showroom as described in this section;
  - (4) By delivery of wholesale fireworks to a purchaser at a licensed premises outside of a structure or building on that premises. All other portions of the wholesale sales transaction may occur at any location on a licensed premises.
  - (5) Any other method as described in rules adopted by the Fire Marshal under Ohio R.C. Chapter 119.
- (c)
- (1) A licensed manufacturer or wholesaler shall only sell 1.4G fireworks from a representative sample showroom or a retail sales showroom. Each licensed premises shall only contain one sales structure.
  - (2) A representative sample showroom shall consist of a structure constructed and maintained in accordance with the Nonresidential Building Code adopted under Ohio R.C. Chapter 3781 and the Fire Code adopted under Ohio R.C. 3737.82 for a use and occupancy group that permits mercantile sales. A representative sample showroom shall not contain any pyrotechnics, pyrotechnic materials, fireworks, explosives, explosive materials, or any similar hazardous materials or substances. A representative sample showroom shall be used only for the public viewing of fireworks product representations, including paper materials, packaging materials, catalogs, photographs, or other similar product depictions. The delivery of product to a purchaser of fireworks at a licensed premises that has a representative sample structure shall not occur inside any structure on a licensed premises. Such product delivery shall occur on the licensed premises in a manner prescribed by rules adopted by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 119.
  - (3) If a manufacturer or wholesaler elects to conduct sales from a retail sales showroom, the showroom structures, to which the public may have any access and in which employees are required to work, on all licensed premises, shall comply with the following safety requirements:
    - A. A fireworks showroom that is constructed or upon which expansion is undertaken on and after June 30, 1997, shall be equipped with interlinked fire detection, fire suppression, smoke exhaust, and smoke evacuation systems that are approved by the Superintendent of Industrial Compliance in the Department of Commerce.

- B. 1. A fireworks showroom that first begins to operate on or after June 30, 1997, or that resumes operations at any time after a period of inactive status or licensure greater than one year, and to which the public has access for retail purposes shall not exceed 7,500 square feet in floor area.
2. A fireworks showroom that, through construction of a new showroom, expansion of an existing showroom, or similar means, first exceeds 5,000 square feet, to which the public has access for retail purposes, after February 7, 2022, shall be equipped with a sprinkler system that meets the criteria for sprinkler systems in extra hazard (group 2) occupancies under "NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems (2019 Edition)".
3. Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this section, the State Fire Marshal may provide a variance to the requirements of subsection (c)(3)B.2. of this section pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.59 for a sprinkler system that matches or exceeds the degree of safety provided by a sprinkler system that meets the criteria for sprinkler systems in extra hazard (group 2) occupancies under "NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems (2019 Edition)".
- C. A newly constructed or an existing fireworks showroom structure that exists on September 23, 2008, but that, on or after September 23, 2008, is altered or added to in a manner requiring the submission of plans, drawings, specifications, or data pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3791.04, shall comply with a graphic floor plan layout that is approved by the State Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Industrial Compliance showing width of aisles, parallel arrangement of aisles to exits, number of exits per wall, maximum occupancy load, evacuation plan for occupants, height of storage or display of merchandise, and other information as may be required by the State Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Industrial Compliance.
- D. A fireworks showroom structure that exists on June 30, 1997, shall be in compliance on or after June 30, 1997, with floor plans showing occupancy load limits and internal circulation and egress patterns that are approved by the State Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Industrial Compliance, and that are submitted under seal as required by Ohio R.C. 3791.04.

(d) The safety requirements established in subsection (c) of this section are not subject to any variance, waiver, or exclusion pursuant to this chapter or any applicable building code.  
(ORC 3743.25)

#### 1519.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree for a first offense and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned not more than six months or both. (ORC 3743.99(C))

