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AN ORDINANCE No. C-19-60

To define traffic terms and for purpose  
of a traffic code and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the daily operation of the City of Grove City with respect to the transition from Village to City status and the establishment of proper ordinances under the charter of the City of Grove City; now, therefore,

Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Grove City:

Section 1. Traffic Code terms. Wherever in this Traffic Code the following terms are used, they shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this chapter.

Section 2. Agricultural tractor. "Agricultural tractor" means every self-propelling vehicle designed or used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled machinery but having no provision for carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and used principally for agricultural purposes.

Section 3. Alley. "Alley" means a public street in the Municipality which:

(a) Is used primarily for the convenience of the owner of property abutting thereon and of the persons dealing with him;

(b) Is abutted on both sides by property which is not customarily designated by an official property number; or

(c) Has been declared an "alley" by Council.

Section 4. Bicycle. "Bicycle" means a two-wheel vehicle, propelled by human power, having a tandem arrangement of wheels equipped with tires, either of which is over twenty inches in diameter.

Section 5. Bus. "Bus" means every motor vehicle designated for carrying more than nine passengers and used for the transportation of persons; and every motor vehicle, auto for hire or funeral car, other than a taxicab, designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.

Section 6. Business district. "Business district" means the territory fronting upon a street or highway, including the street or highway, between successive intersections within the City where fifty per cent or more of the frontage between such successive intersections is occupied by buildings in use for business, or within or outside the City where fifty per cent or more of the frontage for a distance of three hundred feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business, and the character of such territory is indicated by official traffic control devices.

Section 7. Chauffeur. "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor vehicle as an employee for hire, or any operator whether or not the owner of the vehicle, operating such vehicle for transporting, for gain, compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by another.

Section 8. Commercial tractor. "Commercial tractor" means every motor vehicle having motive power designed or used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon, or designed or used for drawing other vehicles, while carrying a portion of such other vehicles, or the load thereon, or both.

Section 9. "Controlled-access highway" means every street or highway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have no legal right or access to or from the same except at such points only and in such manner as may be determined by the Safety Director.

Section 10. Crosswalk. "Crosswalk" means:

(a) That part of a roadway at intersection ordinarily included within the real or projected prolongation of property lines and curb lines or, in the absence of curbs the edges of the traversable roadway;

(b) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere, distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface;

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of (a) and (b), there shall not be a crosswalk where the Safety Director has placed signs indicating no crossing.

Section 11. Driver or operator. "Driver or operator" means every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle or trackless trolley.

Section 12. Emergency vehicle. "Emergency vehicle" means Fire Department, police, and State Highway Patrol vehicles, ambulances, vehicles of salvage corporations organized under Ohio Revised Code 1709.01 to 1709.07, emergency vehicles of municipal or county departments or public utility corporations when identified as such as required by law, the Ohio Director of Highways, or the Safety Director, motor vehicles when commandeered by a police officer, and motor vehicles when used by volunteer fireman re-

sponding to emergency calls in the Fire Department service when identified as required by the Director.

Section 13. Funeral escort vehicle. "Funeral escort vehicle" means any motor vehicle, including a funeral hearse, while used to facilitate the movement of a funeral procession.

Section 14. Gross weight. "Gross weight" means the weight of a vehicle plus the weight of any load thereon.

Section 14-5 Holidays. "Holidays" means the following specific days: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Section 15. Intersection. "Intersection" means the area bounded by the lateral lines, real or projected, of two or more public streets or highways which meet or cross each other.

Section 16. Laned street. "Laned street" means a street the roadway of which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

Section 17. Motorcycle. "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle, other than a tractor, having a saddle for the use of the operator and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.

Section 18. Motor-driven cycle.

"Motor-driven cycle" means every motorcycle and every motor scooter with a motor which produces not to exceed five-brake horsepower and every bicycle with motor attached.

Section 19. Motor vehicle. "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead electric trolley wires, except road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power cranes and other equipment used in construction work and not designed for or employed in general highway transportation, hole digging machinery, well drilling machinery, ditch digging machinery, farm machinery, threshing machinery, haybaling machinery, and agricultural tractors and machinery used in the production of horticultural, floricultural, agricultural, and vegetable products.

Section 20. Traffic control signals. "Traffic control signals" means any device, whether manually, electrically, or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop, to proceed to change direction, or not to change direction.

Section 21. Traffic control signs or devices. "Traffic control signs or devices" means all signs, signals, markings, and devices placed or erected by authority of the State, City Council, or an official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic, including signs denoting names of streets and highways.

Section 22. Owner. "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle, or in the event a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee or in the event a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditioned vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this Code.

Section 23. Parking. "Parking" means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a roadway otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals.

Section 24. Pedestrian. "Pedestrian" means any natural person afoot.

Section 25. Person. "Person" means every natural person, firm, copartnership, association, or corporation.

Section 26. Pole trailer. "Pole trailer" means every trailer or semi-trailer attached to the towing vehicle by means of a reach, pole, or by being boomed or otherwise secured to the towing vehicle, and ordinarily used for transporting long or irregularly shaped loads such as poles, pipes, or structural members capable, generally, of sustaining themselves as beams between the supporting connections.

Section 27. Police officer. "Police officer" means every officer of the Police Department or any officer authorized by the Director of Public Safety to direct or regulate traffic and to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations. Provided, however, that with reference to Grove City Code 2125.06 relative to funeral processions, the term "police officer" shall include any duly appointed and qualified police officer.

Section 28. Private road or driveway. "Private road or driveway" means every way or place in private ownership used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner but not by other persons.

Section 29. Railroad. "Railroad" means a carrier of persons or property operating upon rails placed principally on a private right of way.

Section 30. Railroad sign or signal. "Railroad sign or signal" means any sign, signal or device erected by authority of the State, City, or by a railroad, and intended to give notice of the presence of railroad tracks or the approach of a railroad train.

Section 31. Railroad train. "Railroad train" means a steam engine or an electric or other motor, with or without cars coupled thereto, operated by a railroad.

Section 32. Residence district. "Residence district" means the territory, not comprising a business district, fronting on a street or highway, including the street or highway, where, for a distance of three hundred feet or more, the frontage is improved with residences or residences and buildings in use for business.

Section 33. Right of way. "Right of way" means the right of a vehicle, trackless trolley, or pedestrian to proceed uninterruptedly in a lawful manner in the direction in which he is moving in preference to another vehicle, trackless trolley, or pedestrian approaching from a different direction into his path.

Section 34. Roadway. "Roadway" means that portion of a street improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, except the berm or shoulder. If a street includes two or more separate roadways, the term "roadway" means any such roadway separately but not all such roadways collectively.

Section 35. Safety zone. "Safety zone" means the area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and so protected or marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times.

Section 36. School Bus. "School bus" means every motor vehicle which is operated exclusively for the transportation of school children to or from a school session, or to or from a school function, and which is marked on both front and rear with the words "school bus" in plain lettering not less than six inches in height.

Section 37. Semitrailer. "Semitrailer" means every vehicle designed or used for carrying persons or property with another and separate motor vehicle so that in operation a part of its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is carried by another vehicle.

Section 38. Sidewalk. "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians.

Section 39. Stop, stopping or standing. "Stop, stopping or standing-- when prohibited means any stopping or standing of a vehicle whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control sign or signal.

Section 40. Stop -- when required. "Stop--when required" means complete cessation of movement.

Section 41. Street or highway. "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way open to the use of the public as a thoroughfare for purposes of vehicular travel.

Section 42. Through street. "Through street" means every street or portion thereof at the entrance to which vehicular traffic from intersecting streets is required by law to stop before entering or crossing the same.

Section 425 Through truck. "Through truck" means every vehicle, including trailers and semi-trailers, designed to haul or carry property with a gross weight of three or more tons and using the streets and/or alleys within the city.

Section 43. Trackless trolley. "Trackless trolley" means every car which collects its power from overhead electric trolley wires and which is not operated upon rails or tracks.

Section 44. Traffic. "Traffic" means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, trackless trolleys, and other devices, either singly or together, while using any street for purposes of travel.

Section 45. Trailer. "Trailer" means every vehicle designed or used for carrying persons or property wholly on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, including any such vehicle when formed by or operated as a combination of a "semitrailer" and a vehicle of the dolly type, such as that commonly known as a "trailer dolly,"

Section 46. Trolley coach and other loading areas. "Trolley coach, trackless trolley and motor bus loading and unloading areas" means the area or space in the roadway adjacent to the curb designated for use in the loading or unloading of passengers in connection with the operation of trolley coach, trackless trolley and motor bus service which are marked by adequate signs or other devices so as to be plainly visible at all times.

Section 47. Truck. "Truck" means every motor vehicle, except trailers and semitrailers, designed and used to carry property.

Section 48. Urban district. "Urban district" means the territory contiguous to and including any street or highway which is built up with structures devoted to business, industry or dwelling houses situated at intervals of less than one hundred feet for a distance of a quarter of a mile or more, and the character of such territory is indicated by official traffic control devices.

Section 49. Vehicle. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a street, except devices moved by power collected from overhead electric trolley wires, or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, and except devices other than bicycles moved by human power. (C-8-60)

\*\* Section 50. That the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, and made a part hereof, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed February 1, 1960.

Approved February 1, 1960

Attest: Richard Harford  
Clerk

Shawnté Jones  
President of the Council

Antonio Lopez  
Mayor.