AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH,  
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE CERTAIN  
SECTIONS OF THE MODEL TRAFFIC ORDINANCE  
PERTAINING TO THE DUTIES OF THE TRAFFIC  
ENGINEER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Sammamish desires the authority to develop and implement ways and means to improve traffic conditions within the City of Sammamish; and

WHEREAS, these means of improving traffic conditions include but are not necessarily limited to conducting engineering investigations of traffic conditions, planning the operation of traffic on the highways, and carrying out the powers and duties imposed by ordinances of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sammamish does not desire to adopt the entire Model Traffic Ordinance at this time, but desires to adopt only those sections pertaining to traffic engineering including the authority to place and maintain traffic control devices;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH,  
WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Washington Administrative Code Sections. The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are hereby adopted as presently constituted or hereinafter amended:

WAC 308-330-260  Traffic Engineer  
WAC 308-330-265  Traffic Engineer -- Authority

Section 2. Traffic Engineer to be Designated by City Manager. The City Council of the City of Sammamish hereby designates the City Manager or his designee as the appointing authority for purposes of obtaining the services of a traffic engineer as defined in WAC 308-330-260.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full
force on August 31, 1999.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON

CITY OF SAMMAMISH

Mayor Phil Dyer

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Ruth Muller, Interim City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Bruce L. Disend, City Attorney

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Passed by the City Council: July 28, 1999
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WAC 308-330-260 Traffic engineer. (1) The office of traffic engineer is established: Provided, that if there is no traffic engineer, then the engineer of the local authority shall serve as traffic engineer in addition to his/her other functions, and shall exercise the powers and duties with respect to traffic as provided in this chapter: Provided further, that if there is no engineer in the local authority, then the appointing authority shall designate a person to exercise such powers and duties.

(2) It shall be the general duty of the traffic engineer to determine the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices, to conduct engineering analysis of traffic accidents and to devise remedial measures, to conduct engineering investigations of traffic conditions, to plan the operation of traffic on the highways of the local authority, to cooperate with other officials in the development of ways and means to improve traffic conditions, and to carry out the additional powers and duties imposed by any ordinances of the local authority.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.90.010. 94-01-082, § 308-330-260, filed 12/13/93, effective 7/1/94.]

WAC 308-330-265 Traffic engineer—Authority. The traffic engineer is authorized:

(1) To place and maintain official traffic control devices when and as required under the traffic ordinances or resolutions of the local authority to make effective the provisions of said ordinances or resolutions, and may place and maintain such additional official traffic control devices as he/she may deem necessary to regulate, warn, or guide traffic under the traffic ordinances or resolutions of the local authority;

(2) To place and maintain official traffic control devices as he/she may deem necessary to regulate, warn, or guide traffic for construction, detours, emergencies, and special conditions;

(3) To designate and maintain, by appropriate devices, marks, or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where in his/her opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and in such other places as he/she may deem necessary;

(4) To establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as he/she may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians;

(5) To mark traffic lanes upon the roadway of any highway where a regular alignment of traffic is necessary;

(6) To regulate the timing of traffic signals so as to permit the movement of traffic in an orderly and safe manner;

(7) To place official traffic control devices within or adjacent to intersections indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning at such intersections, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and such course to be traveled as so indicated may conform to or be other than as prescribed by law;

(8) To determine those intersections at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right, left, or U-turn, and shall place proper signs at such intersections. The making of such turns may be prohibited between certain hours of any day and permitted at other hours, in which event the same shall be plainly indicated on the signs or they may be removed when such turns are permitted;

(9) To erect and maintain stop signs, yield signs, or other official traffic control devices to designate arterial highways or to designate intersection or other roadway junctions at which vehicular traffic on one or more of the roadways shall yield or stop and yield before entering the intersection or junction, except as provided in RCW 46.61.195;

(10) To issue special permits to authorize the backing of a vehicle to the curb for the purpose of loading or unloading property subject to the terms and conditions of such permit. Such permits may be issued either to the owner or lessee of real property alongside the curb or to the owner of the vehicle and shall grant to such person the privilege as therein stated and authorized by this section;

(11) To erect signs indicating no parking upon both sides of a highway when the width of the improved roadway does not exceed twenty feet, or upon one side of a highway as indicated by such signs when the width of the improved roadway is between twenty and twenty-eight feet;

(12) To determine when standing or parking may be permitted upon the left-hand side of any roadway when the highway includes two or more separate roadways and traffic is restricted to one direction upon any such roadway and to erect signs giving notice thereof;

(13) To determine and designate by proper signs places not exceeding one hundred feet in length in which the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles would create an especially hazardous condition or would cause unusual delay to traffic;

(14) To determine the location of loading zones, passenger loading zones, and tow-away zones and shall place and maintain appropriate signs or curb markings supplemented with the appropriate words stenciled on the curb indicating the same and stating the hours during which the provisions of this chapter are applicable;

(15) To establish bus stops, bus stands, taxicab stands, and stands for other for hire vehicles on such highways in such places and in such number as he/she shall determine to be of the greatest benefit and convenience to the public, and every such bus stop, bus stand, taxicab stand, or other stand shall be designated by appropriate signs or by curb markings supplemented with the appropriate words stenciled on the curb;

(16) To erect and maintain official traffic control devices on any highway or part thereof to impose gross weight limits on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation;

(17) To erect and maintain official traffic control devices on any highway or part thereof to prohibit the operation of trucks exceeding ten thousand pounds gross weight on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation: Provided, That such devices shall not prohibit necessary local operation on such highways for the purpose of making a pickup or delivery;

(18) To erect and maintain official traffic control devices on any highway or part thereof to impose vehicle size restrictions on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation;

(19) To determine and designate those heavily traveled highways upon which shall be prohibited any class or kind of traffic which is found to be incompatible with the normal and safe movement of traffic on the basis of an engineering and
traffic investigation and shall erect appropriate official traffic control devices giving notice thereof;

(20) To install parking meters in the established parking meter zones upon the curb adjacent to each designated parking space;

(21) To designate the parking space adjacent to each parking meter for which such meter is to be used by appropriate markings upon the curb and/or the pavement of the highway;

(22) To post appropriate signs making it unlawful for pedestrians to cross highways in certain crosswalks when such crossing would endanger either pedestrian or vehicular traffic using the highway;

(23) To test new or proposed traffic control devices under actual conditions of traffic.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.90.010, 94-01-082, § 308-330-265, filed 12/13/93, effective 7/1/94.]

WAC 308-330-270 Local authority—Authority.

After an engineering and traffic investigation by the traffic engineer, the local authority may by resolution:

(1) Decrease maximum speed limits pursuant to RCW 46.61.415;

(2) Increase maximum speed limits pursuant to RCW 46.61.415;

(3) Determine and declare the maximum speed limits on arterial highways pursuant to RCW 46.61.415;

(4) Determine and declare upon what highways angle parking shall be permitted pursuant to RCW 46.61.575(3);

(5) Prohibit, regulate, or limit, stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on any highway at all times or during such times as shall be indicated by official traffic control devices;

(6) Determine and declare parking meter zones upon those highways or parts thereof where the installation of parking meters will be necessary to regulate parking;

(7) Close any highway or part thereof temporarily to any or all traffic;

(8) Determine and declare one-way highways pursuant to RCW 46.61.135;

(9) Determine and declare arterial highways pursuant to RCW 46.61.195 and 46.61.435.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.90.010, 94-01-082, § 308-330-270, filed 12/13/93, effective 7/1/94.]

WAC 308-330-275 Traffic safety commission—Powers and duties. (1) There is established a traffic safety commission to serve without compensation, consisting of the traffic engineer, the chief of police, or, in his/her discretion as his/her representative, the chief of the traffic division or other cognizant member of the police department, one representative each from the engineer's office and the attorney's office, and such number of other officers of the local authority and representatives of unofficial bodies as may be determined and appointed by the appointing authority of the local authority. The chair of the commission shall be appointed by such appointing authority and may be removed by such authority.

(2) It shall be the duty of the traffic safety commission, and to this end it shall have authority within the limits of the funds at its disposal, to coordinate traffic activities, to super-

[Title 308 WAC—p. 327]