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### ARTICLE 1. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS. <sup>1</sup>

#### Sec. 8-1 Purpose of Traffic Regulations. <sup>2</sup>

The operators, drivers and person in charge of any vehicle as hereafter described shall conform to and observe the following rules and regulations upon the streets, alleys and public places in the Town of Hudson, Indiana, in order to preserve the peace, good order and orderly traffic movement. (Ord. No. 23, § 1, 3-23-70)

#### Sec. 8-2 Definitions.

a. The term "driver" shall be deemed to mean any person driving, controlling or operating any motor vehicle.

b. The term "motor vehicle" shall be deemed to include automobiles, bicycles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motorbikes and every vehicle upon wheels.

c. The term "street" shall include all streets, alleys, avenues, boulevards, park roads and public places in the Town of Hudson. (Ord. No. 23, § 2, 3-23-70)

#### Sec. 8-3 and Sec. 8-4 Reserved for Future Use.

#### Sec. 8-5 Funeral Processions.

No vehicle shall be driven through any funeral procession. (Ord. No. 23, § 5, 3-23-70)

#### Sec. 8-6 Racing Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any driver of any vehicle to race, or engage in or participate in any race with any other vehicles upon the public streets of the Town. (Ord. No. 23, § 8, 3-23-70)

#### Sec. 8-7 Role of Town Marshal.

At all times and places, all movement of traffic upon the streets of the Town shall be under the direction and control of any Town Marshal, Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of Steuben County,

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<sup>1</sup> I.C., § 9-21-2-1, *et seq.*, sets forth the Uniform Act regulating traffic on highways. Editor's Note I.C., § 9-4-1-1 *et seq.*, formally listed in this footnote has been repealed.

<sup>2</sup> I.C., § 9-21-1-3, authorizes local authorities to adopt local police regulations regarding traffic. Editor's Note: I.C., § 9-4-1-13 formerly listed in this footnote has been repealed.

and any Indiana State Police Officer who shall assume the direction and control thereof. (Ord. No. 23, § 9, 3-23-70)

**Sec. 8-8 Reserved for Future Use.**

**Sec. 8-9 U-Turns Prohibited.**

No vehicle shall make a U-turn upon any street. (Ord. No. 23, § 4, 3-23-70)

**Sec. 8-10 Stopping, Standing, or Parking.<sup>3</sup>**

a. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary, to avoid conflict with other traffic or the directions of a police officer or traffic control device in any of the following places:

1. Upon a road within the Town which results in obstructing traffic;
2. On a sidewalk;
3. In front of a public or private driveway;
4. Within an intersection;
5. Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant;
6. On a crosswalk;
7. Within twenty feet (20') of a crosswalk at an intersection;
8. Within twenty feet (20') of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five feet (75') of said entrance when properly posted;
9. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
10. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

b. Violation of this section shall be subject to a minimum fine of two dollars (\$2.00) for each offense, payable to the Clerk-Treasurer.

**Sec. 8-11 Parallel Parking Required.**

a. On all streets and/or portions thereof, vehicles shall stand, stop, or park parallel with the street so that both front and rear right wheels shall be within twelve inches (12") of the

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<sup>3</sup> I.C., § 9-21-16-5, addresses stopping, standing and parking regulations. Editor's Note: I.C., §§ 9-4-1-113, 9-4-1-114 and 9-4-1-115 have been repealed.

curbing; however, this regulation shall not apply where diagonal parking is permitted and so designated by proper signs or markings. (Ord. No. 23, § 7, 3-23-70)

b. Persons shall be fined two dollars (\$2.00) for each violation payable to the Clerk-Treasurer.

#### **Sec. 8-12 Location of Stop Signs.<sup>4</sup>**

a. Every operator of a vehicle shall observe all "stop" signs and signals erected by the Town of Hudson.

b. The Town Council believes that it is in the interest of public safety and for the welfare of the public to install stop signs at the following locations:

500 West and St. Rd. 4 facing north  
 West 1 St. and Wabash facing north  
 West 2 St. and Wabash facing north  
 West 4 St. and West Depot facing north  
 West 4 St. and West Parsonage St. facing south  
 West 3 St. and West Parsonage St. facing south  
 Clark and West 3 St. facing east  
 West Zonker and West 2 St. facing east  
 East Zonker and Smathers facing west  
 Smathers and Dole facing north  
 East Depot and Hardy facing north and south  
 Hardy and Wabash facing north

c. The penalty for violating this section shall be a fine of no more than ten dollars (\$10.00) for each violation.

#### **Sec. 8-13 Yield Right-of-Way Signs.**

a. Every operator of a vehicle shall observe all yield right-of-way signs erected by the Town of Hudson.

b. The Town Council believes that it is in the best interest of public safety and for the general welfare of the public to install yield signs at the following locations:

West 3 St. and West Depot facing north and south  
 West 2 St. and Parsonage facing north and south  
 West 2 St. and West Depot facing north and south  
 West 1 St. and West Depot facing north and south  
 West 1 St. and Parsonage facing north and south  
 West 1 St. and Clark facing north and south  
 West 1 St. and Shumaker facing south  
 Dole and Hardy facing east

<sup>4</sup> I.C., § 9-21-4-7, addresses stop signs, and traffic control devices.

Collins and East Wabash facing north and south

c. The penalty for violating this section shall be a fine of no more than ten dollars (\$10.00) for each violation.

#### **Sec. 8-14 Vehicle Noise Prohibited.**

a. No person shall operate or use a motor vehicle of a type subject to State registration on the public streets and highways of this community at any time or under any condition of grade, or load or acceleration or deceleration or so which is out of repair in such a manner as to create loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, roaring, screeching, squealing or other noise which shall unduly disturb the peace and quietude of the community, regardless of whether such noise be emitted from the engine or exhaust system or tires on the roadway.

b. Upon the first offense the driver shall be fined not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00), thereafter if the said driver should commit the offense in the same manner within a period of twelve (12) months, he shall be fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

#### **Sec. 8-15 Traffic Control Signs at Specific Locations.**

a. After due investigation and traffic study made, it has been determined that in the interest of safe movement of vehicles at the intersection of Collins Street and Wabash Street in Hudson, Steuben County, Indiana, that a two (2) way stop designation for said intersection would facilitate the safe movement of traffic at said intersection; that one (1) way stop sign at the intersection of Collins Street and Railroad Street in Hudson, Steuben County, Indiana, would facilitate safety in traffic at that intersection.

b. In order to facilitate the purposes of this ordinance, there shall be constructed two (2), two (2) way stop signs at appropriate locations at the intersection of Collins Street and Wabash Street; one (1), one (1) way stop sign at the appropriate location shall be constructed at the location of Collins Street and Railroad Street, said stop signs to meet the statutory requirements for the erection of stop signs.

c. This ordinance is made pursuant to the authority of the Town of Hudson granted under the statu[t]es of the State of Indiana for local traffic control. (Ord. No. 89-2, 3-27-89)

#### **Sec. 8-16 Stop Signs at All Streets Intersecting County Road 500 W.**

a. Steuben County Road Number 500 W, as it passes through the Town of Hudson, from the North Boundary to the South boundary of said Town shall be a preferential highway. (Ord. No. 72, § 1, 3-23-70)

b. There shall be erected at all streets in the Town of Hudson intersecting with Steuben County Road Number 500 W, stop signs requiring the traffic upon said intersecting streets to

stop before entering upon said Steuben County Road Number 500 W. (Ord. No. 72, § 2, 3-23-70)

c. Every stop sign shall bear the word **STOP** in letters not less than eight (8) inches in height. Every stop sign shall at nighttime be rendered luminous by efficient reflecting elements in the face of the sign. Every stop sign shall be erected as near as practicable to the nearest line of the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, if there is no crosswalk then as near as practicable to the nearest line of the intersecting roadway. (Ord. No. 72, § 3, 3-23-70)

d. Every driver of a vehicle shall stop in obedience to any such sign before entering such intersection except when directed to proceed by a police officer. (Ord. No. 72, § 4, 3-23-70)

**Sec. 8-17 Diagonal Parking Exceptions to Sec. 8-11 Parallel Parking Requirements.**

All vehicles shall parallel park in the Town of Hudson, excepting from the alley behind Main Street to Main Street on the South and North side of West Depot Street in the Town of Hudson, which parking shall be diagonal parking. (Ord. No. 98-3, 8-24-98)

**Sec. 8-18 through Sec. 8-20 Reserved for Future Use.**

**ARTICLE 2. SNOW EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.**

**Sec. 8-21 Snow Emergency Defined.**

A "snow emergency" is declared to be a period of time prior to a forecast by the United States Weather Bureau, during and after a snow fall, during which vehicular traffic is expected to be particularly hazardous or congested due to the elements, and during which period of time the parking of such vehicles could hinder, delay, and obstruct the safe flow of traffic and the proper cleaning, clearing and making safe of certain heavily traveled public streets of this Town, which streets shall be designated snow control routes and listed and maintained on file in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Hudson.

**Sec. 8-22 Proclamation of Snow Emergency.**

A snow emergency shall commence by order, determination and proclamation by the Town Marshal or Town Council Member before, during or after a snow fall when, in his sound judgment and discretion, the circumstances warrant the determination of such an emergency for the public safety of the Town. Such snow emergency shall continue in effect until the Town Marshal determines that an emergency no longer exists and accordingly terminates such emergency.

**Sec. 8-23 No Parking on Snow Control Routes.**

It shall be unlawful for the owner, driver, or operator of any vehicle to park or stop the same or to permit the same to be parked or to stand at any time during the period of any snow emergency on any of the routes or streets listed as snow control routes on file in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town.

**Sec. 8-24 Towing of Vehicles.**

Any police officer, upon discovering any such vehicle so parked or stopped in violation of this Article, may remove such vehicle or cause the same to be removed to any Town-owned property or to a private garage or place where so authorized pursuant to contract, where such vehicle shall be impounded and retained and shall be released only as provided by law.

**Sec. 8-25 Snow Control Streets Designated.<sup>5</sup>**

Main Street from Wabash North to Shumaker. This area is to be free of parked cars during and before a snow for[e]cast, or snow storm. Anyone parking their car on this route and hampering the removal of snow, shall be fined, and or, their car can be towed away.

**Sec. 8-26 through Sec. 8-28 Reserved for Future Use.****ARTICLE 3. SPEED LIMIT DESIGNATIONS.****Sec. 8-29 Definitions.**

a. **Driver** means any person driving, controlling or operating any motor vehicle, horse or other domestic animal.

b. **Vehicle** means automobiles, bicycles, every vehicle on wheels and every other conveyance, equestrians and led horses. (Ord. No. 30, § 1, 7-28-75)

**Sec. 8-30 Speed Limit Designation on Portions of Main Street.<sup>6</sup>**

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive any vehicle upon Main Street between Depot Street and Zonker Street in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour. (Ord. No. 30, § 2, 7-28-75)

<sup>5</sup> **Editor's Note:** This was posted on December 27, 1985 at "Nolls and Post Office".

<sup>6</sup> *I.C.*, § 9-21-5-1, *et seq.*, authorize local authorities to determine by engineering and traffic investigation the proper maximum speed for all local streets. **Editor's Note:** *I.C.*, § 9-4-1-58 formally listed in this section has been repealed.

**Sec. 8-31 Posting.**

The Town Council shall have signs posted on Main Street designating the speed limitations provided for in this Article. (Ord. No. 30, § 3, 7-28-75)

**Sec. 8-32 Penalty.**

Any person violating this Article shall, upon conviction, be guilty of an infraction with the appropriate penalty being imposed. (Ord. No. 30, § 4, 7-28-75)

**Sec. 8-33 Effective Date.**

This Article has been in effect since the 1st day of August, 1975. (Ord. No. 30, § 5, 7-28-75)

**Sec. 8-34 Speed Zone.**

There shall be a twenty (20) mile per hour speed limit on Main Street from Wabash North to Shumaker and all other streets within the Town shall have a thirty (30) mile per hour speed limit.

**Sec. 8-35 Speeds for specific Streets.**

a. The following speed limits for the streets designated shall be as follows:

30 mph – Main Street South from Wabash Street to State Road 4

25 mph – Parsonage Street

25 mph – Schenkle Drive West of Main Street

25 mph – Wabash Street North to end of Main Street

20 mph – East Railroad Street from Main Street

20 mph – all other streets and alleys

b. The Town shall erect speed signs designating the speeds as set forth above. (Ord. No. 97-5, 10-27-97)

**Sec. 8-36 through Sec. 8-38 Reserved for Future Use.**

**ARTICLE 4. NO PARKING ZONES.****Sec. 8-39 No Parking Near Fire Station.**

There shall be no parking within fifty (50) feet either direction from the main entrance to the Hudson Fire Station from the hours of 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. except for vehicles of the volunteer fire department employees on official business and any and all authorized vehicles. (Ord. No. 64, § 1, 5-18-81)

**Sec. 8-40 Role of Fire Chief.**

The Fire Chief of the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department shall have authority to issue authorization within said area and shall, upon request, provide a list of all authorized vehicles to the local law enforcement officer(s) so that they may be able to determine if this Article is being followed. (Ord. No. 64, § 2, 5-18-81)

**Sec. 8-41 Towing and Fine.**

Since no parking zone is necessary for the protection of the citizens of the Town, an improperly parked vehicle within this Zone shall not only be subject to a ticket and fine in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) but shall also be subject to towing at owner's expense. (Ord. No. 64, § 3, 5-18-81)

**Sec. 8-42 Penalties.**

The fine for violations of this Article shall be five dollars (\$5.00) plus the owner shall be liable for all towing costs. (Ord. No. 64, § 4, 5-18-81)

**Sec. 8-43 Posting of Signs.**

Appropriate signs shall be installed at the main entrance of the Hudson Fire Station within fifty (50) feet either side thereof stating that said area is a no parking zone between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and further, that ten (10) days after the date of installation of said signs, all vehicles improperly parked within said zone shall be subject to the fine and towing provisions of this Article. (Ord. No. 64, § 5, 5-18-81)

**Sec. 8-44 No Parking Zone on Main Street - Penalties.**

a. There shall be no parking from the intersection of Zonker Street and Main Street, South along both the East and West side of Main Street for a distance of two hundred seventy-five feet (275'). (Ord. No. 87-10, § 1, 10-26-87)

b. The Town Council of the Town of Hudson, shall cause to be placed on both the East and West sides of Main Street south of Zonker Street for a distance of two hundred seventy-five feet (275') signs designating said area as a **No Parking Zone**. (Ord. No. 87-10, § 2, 10-26-87)

c. Since said **No Parking Zone** is necessary for the protection of the citizens of the Town of Hudson, an improperly parked vehicle within said zone shall not only be subject to a ticket and fine in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00), but shall also be subject to towing at the owners expense. (Ord. No. 87-10, § 3, 10-26-87)

d. A fine for violation of this ordinance shall be five dollars (\$5.00) plus the owner shall be liable for all towing costs. (Ord. No. 87-10, § 4, 10-26-87)

e. After the passing of this ordinance, appropriate signs shall be installed at the Southeast and Southwest corners of the intersection of Zonker Street and Main Street, and further that signs shall be posted two hundred and seventy-five feet South from said intersection on both the East and West sides of Main Street, which signs shall state that said area is a **No Parking Zone**. Further, that ten (10) days after the date of the installation of said signs all vehicles improperly parked within said zone shall be subject to the fine and towing provisions of this ordinance. (Ord. No. 87-10, § 5, 10-26-87)

**Sec. 8-45 through Sec. 8-49 Reserved for Future Use.**

**ARTICLE 5. RESTRICTED PARKING.****Sec. 8-50 Limited Parking on Main Street.**

a. Street parking on both sides of Main Street between Parsonage Streets and Depot Streets in the Town of Hudson shall be limited to two (2) hours. (Ord. No. 90-7, § 1, 8-27-90)

b. Any person violating the two (2) hour parking limit shall be fined the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) per offense, said fine being payable to the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Hudson. (Ord. No. 90-7, § 2, 8-27-90)

c. The Hudson Street Department shall erect said signs as necessary to put the public on notice of a two (2) hour parking limit on that section of Main Street as set forth above. (Ord. No. 90-7, § 3, 8-27-90)

d. This Ordinance may be enforced by any Ordinance Officer of the Town of Hudson, Indiana, or any Law Enforcement Officer of the Town of Hudson, Indiana, of Steuben County, Indiana, or of the State of Indiana. (Ord. No. 90-7, § 4, 8-27-90)

**Sec. 8-51 Maximum Parking Hours on Main Street.**

a. No person shall park on Main Street in the Town of Hudson for more than two (2) hours in any six (6) hour period.

b. The Town shall cause signs to be erected at appropriate locations on Main Street indicating that a two (2) hour parking limit is in force.

c. Any violation of this Ordinance shall subject the violator to a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine. (Ord. No. 95-4, 7-24-95)

**Sec. 8-52 Parallel Parking Required on Main Street.**

a. All parking on Main Street in the Town of Hudson shall be parallel parking and [that] no vehicle shall park on said Main Street in any fashion other than by parallel parking.

b. The Town shall cause signs to be erected at appropriate locations on Main Street indicating that all parking must be parallel.

c. Any violation of this Ordinance shall subject the violator to a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine. (Ord. No. 95-3, 4-24-95)

**Sec. 8-53 through Sec. 8-59 Reserved for Future Use.**

**ARTICLE 6. WEIGHT LIMITS.<sup>7</sup>****Sec. 8-60 Vehicle Load Limits.**

No vehicle in excess of twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.), load included, shall go upon the roadways of the Town of Hudson, excepting Main Street in the Town of Hudson whereon no vehicle in excess of thirty thousand pounds (30,000 lbs.), load included shall go upon said Main Street except local vehicles to [the] Town.<sup>8</sup> (Ord. No. 94-X 12-19-94)

**Sec. 8-61 through Sec. 8-64 Reserved for Future Use.****ARTICLE 7. MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS.****Sec. 8-65 One-Way Streets and Alleys – Penalties.**

a. The public alley located in the Block bounded on the East by Main Street, on the West by First Street, on the North by Parsonage Street, and on the South by West Depot Street, is designated one way North for vehicular traffic.

b. Appropriate signs shall be placed at the entrances to the alley designating the alley to be for North bound traffic only, and further prohibiting the entry of the alley for South bound traffic.

c. Any person found violating this section shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). (Ord. No. 99-1, 3-22-99)

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<sup>7</sup> I.C., § 9-20-1-2 and I.C., § 9-20-4-1, permit communities to impose weight limitations on roads within its jurisdiction. Penalties are addressed in I.C., § 9-20-18-12 and 34-4-32-4.

<sup>8</sup> Ord. No. 94-3 was also passed by the Town Council on December 19, 1994 which is identical to Ord. No. 94-4 except that it ends with the following wording: "except local service vehicles".