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§ 70.01 ROAD AND STREET TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP; ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

(A) The Road and Street Traffic Control Map is adopted by reference and incorporated into this code as if set out in full.

(B) All prior traffic control or parking ordinances are hereby reaffirmed except as they may conflict with this title.

(Ord. 93-7, passed 4-19-93)

§ 70.02 COMPLIANCE WITH TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES REQUIRED.

The failure of any motorist or the person to whom the signs ordinarily and normally apply according to state law or other rule or regulation, shall be deemed a violation of this title.

(Ord. 89-12, passed 9-18-89) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.03 MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION IN CITY PARK; RESTRICTIONS.

(A) Operation of motor vehicles other than on the paved, traveled, and marked roadway portions of the city park shall be prohibited.

(B) Operation of unlicensed motor vehicles in the city park shall be prohibited.

(Ord. 88-8, passed 5-16-88) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.04 GOLF CART AND ORV OPERATION.

(A) *Definition.* A **GOLF CART** or **ORV** means a multi-wheeled conveyance that is:

- (1) Powered either powered by battery or has a gas or electric motor;
- (2) Used to carry passengers or equipment; and
- (3) Not subject to the issuance of a license plate by the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

(B) *Operation.*

(1) No person shall operate or park a golf cart or ORV, or permit a golf cart or ORV to be operated or parked, on U.S. 136 or 11th Street south of U.S. 136 within the City of Covington, except to cross the restricted roadways while traveling on intersecting streets.

(2) A person may operate, drive or park a golf cart or ORV on the remaining streets and alleys within the city subject to the following rules and restrictions:

(a) A golf cart shall not be operated on a city street or alley unless it is duly registered with the City of Covington Police Department. There shall be an inspection fee of \$10 for each golf cart and registrations are non-transferable.

(b) An ORV shall not be operated on a city street or alley unless it is duly registered with Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and complies with all requirements set forth in I.C. 14-16-1-1 et seq.

(c) Golf carts shall display a city registration tag on the rear of the golf cart and in plain view. A city tag will be issued through the Covington Police Department for a period of one year, effective from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

(d) ORVs shall display a valid ORV decal from the Indiana BMV.

(e) Operators of golf carts or ORVs shall have a valid driver's license and shall obey all state, federal and local laws, regulations and ordinances governing passenger motor vehicles including but not limited to laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to licensing of operators and general traffic regulation, including I.C. Titles 9 and 14.

(f) Golf carts shall be equipped with and use headlights and taillights visible from a distance of no less than 500 feet. The lights shall be illuminated at all times.

(g) Golf carts or ORVs shall be driven as close to the right edge of the street or alley as possible.

(h) Operators of golf carts or ORVs shall have proof of financial responsibility in the form of liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than required by applicable Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways within the state of Indiana, and carry proof of insurance within the golf cart or ORV at all times of their use.

(i) Golf carts or ORVs shall not be operated on sidewalks, non-road portions of public parks, or on private property without the advance permission of the owner of the private property.

(j) A golf cart or ORV shall not have more passengers than the specific golf cart or ORV is designed to accommodate, and all occupants shall be seated in a seat attached to the cart as manufactured and wear a safety belt, if the golf cart or ORV is equipped with the same.

(k) Golf carts shall be equipped with and display a triangular slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the cart, which emblem is visible day or night, and an orange flag extending above the golf cart.

(l) A golf cart or ORV shall be operated so that it does not impede or block the normal flow of traffic.

(m) Drinking alcoholic beverages while driving or riding on the golf cart or ORV by the driver or any passenger is prohibited.

(n) No owner of a golf cart or ORV shall permit operation by any person not eligible as provided herein to operate a golf cart or ORV. Any person permitting such operation may be subject to the same penalties as the operator thereof.

(C) Penalty.

(1) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be fined as follows:

(a) First offense: \$50.

(b) Second offense: \$75.

(c) Third offense: \$150 plus revocation of registration and driving privileges under this section.

(2) Violators may also be assessed reasonable attorney fees and costs of collection incurred in enforcement of this section.

(Ord. 2012-3, passed 5-7-12; Am. Ord. 2018-6, passed 7-16-18; Am. Ord. 2020-12, passed 8-3-20; Am. Ord. 2021-1, passed 2-1-21)

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CHAPTER 71: PARKING REGULATIONS

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- 71.03 Large trailers; parking restricted
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§ 71.01 DEFINITIONS.

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

IMMEDIATE VICINITY. Close proximity to the vehicle, so as to be able to immediately board the vehicle and move it if so requested or if necessary, but in any event not more than 25 feet from the motor vehicle.

LOADING ZONE. Vehicles may be stopped in a **LOADING ZONE** for brief periods as may be necessary to load or unload persons or cargo, provided that at all times the vehicle shall be operable and that the operator thereof shall either be at the controls of the vehicle, or in the immediate vicinity of the vehicle, participating in or supervising this on- or off-loading.

PARKING. **PARKING**, stopping, standing, or leaving of vehicles unattended on the roadway portion of any right-of-way.

ROAD AND STREET TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP. A master map maintained by the Superintendent of Roads and Streets of the city, upon which traffic-control devices, marks, and signs are marked and maintained and which map is maintained in the offices of the city.

STOPPING. Bringing a motor vehicle to a brief stop other than at a traffic-control device on the roadway portion of a right-of-way for the purpose of allowing passengers to get into or out of the motor vehicle with the operator at the controls of the vehicle. This practice shall be permitted in No Parking areas but not in No Parking or Stopping areas.

(Ord. 93-7, passed 4-19-93)

§ 71.02 VIOLATIONS; TOWING.

(A) Any motor vehicle in violation of this chapter may be towed upon the direction of any law enforcement officer. After any tow service shall be notified, the vehicle may not be moved until fees have been paid to the towing service so as to sufficiently compensate the towing service for its inconvenience in moving its manpower and equipment to the location of the vehicle.

(B) Any vehicle so towed shall be held by the towing and storage service until all of its reasonable costs and expenses for towing and storage shall have been fully paid by the owner of the vehicle.

(C) Any vehicle towed may be released by the towing and storage service into the custody of any person or lien holder named on the title or on the registration thereof.
(Ord. 93-7, passed 4-19-93) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.03 LARGE TRAILERS; PARKING RESTRICTED.

(A) No trailer shall be parked on any street or public way in the city other than by being firmly attached to a self-propelled automobile, car, truck, tractor, or other unit designed for or fully capable of towing or pulling the trailer.

(B) Any trailer found in violation of this section may be ordered towed by the Police Department with instructions to the towing company not to release the trailer without a receipt for a fine from the City Clerk-Treasurer plus the reasonable cost of towing and storing the vehicle to be paid directly toward the towing and storing persons or company.

(C) This section shall not apply to any parking which shall occur in any zone designated by the Board of Public Works and marked by appropriate signs as a large trailer storage or parking area.
(Ord. 87-7, passed 8-17-87) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.04 SNOW ROUTE PARKING RULES.

(A) Upon accumulation of three or more inches of snow, the Mayor may declare snow route parking rules in effect.

(B) Upon this declaration, parking shall be prohibited as described in Chapter 73, Schedule IV.

(C) Parking restrictions remain in effect until the Mayor, or in the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor pro-tem, rescinds the imposition of snow parking restrictions.

(D) These parking prohibitions shall be in addition to any other parking restriction or ordinance. Any other No Parking zone or restriction on parking shall remain in effect.

(E) Any vehicle parked in violation of these rules shall be summarily towed upon the request of any municipal employee to an appropriate storage facility. Tow fees and storage costs shall be the vehicle owner's responsibility. Any fees incurred by the city shall be recovered before the vehicle shall be released.

(Ord. 99-1, passed 1-18-99) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.05 PARKING IN CITY PARK; RESTRICTIONS.

Parking of motor vehicles in the city park shall be prohibited except along and immediately adjacent to the roads, streets, and marked ways as may be clearly identified therein.

(Ord. 88-8, passed 5-16-88) Penalty, see § 10.99

CHAPTER 72: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES

Schedule

- I. Speed limits
- II. Stop intersections and signs
- III. Yield intersections
- IV. One-way streets and alleys
- V. Other signage

SCHEDULE I. SPEED LIMITS.

(A) All roadways in the city shall have a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour with exception of the following:

- (1) U.S. 136;
- (2) Pearl Street, from Sherwood Drive to Stone Bluff Road;
- (3) Liberty Street, from Sherwood Drive to Stone Bluff Road; and
- (4) Any roadways in the Covington City Park.

(B) Violators of this section may be charged with a Class C infraction with fines imposed up to \$500.

(Ord. 2021-6, passed 8-2-21)

SCHEDULE II. STOP INTERSECTIONS AND SIGNS.

Traffic shall stop at the following locations. The Department of Roads and Streets is directed to erect the appropriate traffic-control devices.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location of Stop</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Alley between Water Street and Second Street	At Liberty Street		92-6	7-20-92
Alley between Water Street and Second Street	At Washington Street		92-6	7-20-92
Commercial Street	At Eighth Street	Eastbound and westbound	92-6	7-20-92
Commercial Street	At Fourth Street	Eastbound and westbound	91-12	10-21-91
Commercial Street	At Second Street	Westbound	92-6	7-20-92
Commercial Street	At Seventh Street	Eastbound	91-12	10-21-91
Commercial Street	At Sixth Street	Westbound	91-12	10-21-91
Commercial Street ⁽¹⁾	At Third Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Crockett Street	At Ninth Street	Eastbound and westbound	92-6	7-20-92
Eighth Street ⁽¹⁾	At Crockett Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Eighth Street ⁽¹⁾	At Harrison Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Eighth Street ⁽¹⁾	At Jefferson Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Eighth Street	At Park Avenue	Northbound and southbound	92-6	7-20-92
Eighth Street ⁽¹⁾	At Washington Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Evans Street ⁽¹⁾	At Fourth Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Evans Street ⁽¹⁾	At Third Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Harlan Street ⁽¹⁾	At Marion Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Harrison Street	At Ninth Street	Eastbound and westbound	92-6	7-20-92
Heather Lane	At Delwood Drive	Westbound	89-12; 92-6	9-18-89; 7-20-92

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<i>Street</i>	<i>Location of Stop</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Heather Lane	At Sherwood Drive	Eastbound	89-12; 92-6	9-18-89; 7-20-92
Jefferson Street	At Ninth Street	Eastbound and westbound	92-6	7-20-92
Johnson Street ⁽¹⁾	At Sixth Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Market Street	At Eighth Street	Eastbound and westbound	92-6	7-20-92
Market Street	At Fourth Street	Eastbound and westbound	91-12	10-21-91
Market Street	At Fifth Street	Eastbound	91-12	10-21-91
Market Street	At Second Street	Westbound	92-6	7-20-92
Market Street	At Seventh Street	Eastbound	91-12	10-21-91
Market Street	At Sixth Street	Westbound	91-12	10-21-91
Market Street ⁽¹⁾	At Third Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Ninth Street ⁽¹⁾	At Union Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Pearl Street ⁽¹⁾	At Sixth Street	Eastbound and westbound	2019-4	9-16-19
Railroad Street	At Second Street	Westbound	92-6	7-20-92
Railroad Street ⁽¹⁾	At Third Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Seventh Street ⁽¹⁾	At Crockett Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Seventh Street ⁽¹⁾	At Jefferson Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Seventh Street ⁽¹⁾	At Harrison Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Seventh Street	At Park Avenue	Northbound	92-6	7-20-92
Seventh Street	At Railroad Street	Southbound	92-6	7-20-92
Seventh Street ⁽¹⁾	At Washington Street		2021-5	7-6-21

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location of Stop</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Short Street	At Commercial Street	Both	99-2	3-15-99
Short Street	At Market Street	Both	99-2	3-15-99

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<i>Street</i>	<i>Location of Stop</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Short Street	At Park Avenue	Northbound and southbound	92-6	7-20-92
Short Street	At Pearl Street	Southbound	92-6	7-20-92
Short Street	At Railroad Street	Northbound	92-6	7-20-92
Sixth Street ⁽¹⁾	At Crockett Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Sixth Street	At Pearl Street	Northbound and southbound	92-6	7-20-92
Sixth Street	At Railroad Street	Northbound	91-12	10-21-91
Sixth Street and Harrison Street		All	98-4	4-6-98
Sixth Street and Jefferson Street		All	98-3	4-6-98
Sixth Street ⁽¹⁾	At Washington Street	Both	2017-3	6-19-17
Tenth Street	At Orchard	Northbound	92-6	7-20-92
Tenth Street	At Sunset Drive	Southbound	92-6	7-20-92
Tenth Street and Jefferson Street		All	2005-2	6-6-05
Tenth Street	To Sunset Drive	Southbound	2013-3	6-3-13
Tenth Street ⁽¹⁾	At Union Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Tenth Street ⁽¹⁾	At Washington Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Thirteenth Street and Pearl Street ⁽¹⁾	At Thirteenth Street	Southbound	2007-6	5-7-07
Twelfth Street ⁽¹⁾	At Washington Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Union Street ⁽¹⁾	At Fifth Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Union Street ⁽¹⁾	At Second Street		2021-5	7-6-21
Union Street ⁽¹⁾	At Sixth Street		2021-5	7-6-21

⁽¹⁾ A violation of this provision is a Class C infraction with fines imposed up to \$500. Penalty, see § 10.99

SCHEDULE III. YIELD INTERSECTIONS.

Traffic shall yield as follows. The Department of Roads and Streets is directed to erect the appropriate traffic-control markings in conformance with applicable state rules.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Seventh Street	At Orchard Avenue	Northbound	92-6	7-20-92

Penalty, see § 10.99

SCHEDULE IV. ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS.

Traffic in the following streets and alleys shall pass in one direction. The Department of Roads and Streets is authorized to erect suitable markings in conformity with state laws and regulations.

<i>Street or Alley</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Direction of Traffic</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Alley, unnamed	Connecting Sixth Street and Fifth Street, between Jefferson and Harrison	From east to west	86-9	11-17-86
Alley, unnamed ⁽¹⁾	North from Washington Street between Lots 134 and 135 and Lots 141 and 140 in the Original Plat	Northbound only	2005-3	7-5-05

⁽¹⁾ A violation of this provision is a Class C infraction.
Penalty, see § 10.99

SCHEDULE V. OTHER SIGNAGE.

(A) No Passing zones shall be as follows.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Eleventh Street	South of Liberty to the city limits	92-6	7-20-92

(B) Slow - Children warning signs shall be erected as follows.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Eleventh Street	Stringtown Road from Liberty Street to the city limits	92-6	7-20-92

(C) Dead End signs shall be erected as follows.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Washington Street	At the east end	92-6	7-20-92

(D) Load limits shall be as follows.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Load Limit</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Spring Street	Eastbound to Eleventh Street	One ton	92-6	7-20-92

(E) No through traffic shall be permitted in the following locations.

<i>Street or Alley</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Alley north of Lot 15 and south of Lots 7 and 8	In Kerr's Addition for through traffic from Eleventh Street to Tenth Street	2014-01	3-3-14
Alley, unnamed	Connecting Tenth and Eleventh Streets, between Liberty and Union	92-6	7-20-92

(F) The Department of Roads and Streets is directed to erect the appropriate traffic-control markings in conformance with applicable state rules and regulations of this schedule. (Ord. 92-6, passed 7-20-92) Penalty, see § 10.99

CHAPTER 73: PARKING SCHEDULES

Schedule

- I. Handicapped parking
- II. [Reserved]
- III. No parking
- IV. Parking restrictions during snow removal

SCHEDULE I. HANDICAPPED PARKING.

The city Department of Roads and Streets shall erect handicapped parking signs as follows.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
8th Street	One space on the west side, north of the handicap ramp for Covington Elementary School	2003-4	3-17-03
8th Street	One space on the west side, south of the handicap ramp for Covington Elementary School	2003-4	3-17-03
Jefferson Street	Two spaces at the east end of the north side, between Fifth and Fourth Streets	2003-3	1-28-03
Washington Street ⁽¹⁾	First parking space only at 301 Washington Street	2005-7	12-5-05
Washington Street	One space along the mid point of the north side, between Third and Fourth Streets	2003-3	1-28-03
Washington Street	The northwestern most parking spot between Third and Fourth Streets	98-2	4-6-98

⁽¹⁾ A violation of this provision is a Class C infraction.
Penalty, see § 10.99

SCHEDULE II. [RESERVED].

SCHEDULE III. NO PARKING.

Parking is prohibited as follows. Appropriate signs shall be erected by the city Department of Roads and Streets.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Conditions</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
	Expanded pavement near west entry of Covington High School gymnasium	Loading zone	93-7	4-19-93
Eleventh Street	From Dixie Bee Road north to U.S. Highway 136	Eastbound	2016-4	5-2-16
Fifth Street	Between Liberty Street and Washington Street		99-2	3-15-99
Fifth Street, east side	From Union Street to Railroad Street		89-1; 93-7	5-1-89; 4-19-93
Fifth Street, west side	From Market Street to the north right-of-way line extended of Commercial Street		93-7	4-19-93
Fifth Street, west side ⁽¹⁾	From the north side of Liberty Street to the south side of Harrison Street		2009-2	4-6-09
Jefferson Street, south side	Between Fifth Street and the alley west of Fifth		2000-02	2-7-00
Liberty Street	Between Second and Third Streets		93-7	4-19-93
Liberty Street, south side ⁽¹⁾	From the intersection of Fifth Street west 60 feet		2011-1	9-19-11
Market Street, south side ⁽¹⁾	From the intersection of Seventh Street west to the north-south alley between Seventh Street and Sixth Street		2005-7	12-5-05
Ninth Street	North of Liberty to the southern boundary of Pearl Street		87-14	10-19-87

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<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Conditions</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Second Street, west side ⁽¹⁾	Between Liberty Street and Union Street		2005-1	4-4-05
Seventh Street, northbound	In front of Elementary building, Commercial Street to Railroad Street	Prohibited from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	92-6	7-20-92
Sixth Street, east side ⁽¹⁾	Between Commercial Street and Market Street		2004-1	9-7-04
Sixth Street, east side ⁽¹⁾	Between Liberty Street and Union Street		2005-1	4-4-05
Third Street, east side ⁽¹⁾	North side of Washington Street to a location 30 feet north of the north side of Washington Street		2005-7	12-5-05
Third Street, west side	Between Park Avenue and Pearl Street		96-8	- -96
Union Street, south side ⁽¹⁾	Between Second Street and Sixth Street		2005-1	4-4-05
U.S. 136 (Third Street), west side	From north curb line of Liberty Street to a point 75 feet north thereof		R.76-1	2-12-76
Washington Street	The north side from the west edge of Fifth Street to the alley west of Fifth Street		2016-4	5-2-16
Washington Street	The north side from edge of Sixth Street west a distance of 66 feet		2016-4	5-2-16

⁽¹⁾ A violation of this provision is a Class C infraction. Penalty, see § 10.99

SCHEDULE IV. PARKING RESTRICTIONS DURING SNOW REMOVAL.

Upon declaration of snow route parking rules, parking shall be prohibited as follows, in addition to any other parking restriction.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Liberty Street	East of Second Street	99-1	1-18-99
Ninth Street		99-1	1-18-99
Park Avenue		99-1	1-18-99
Third Street	North of Liberty Street	99-1	1-18-99

Penalty, see § 10.99

