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OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution No. 55-1954 Adopting Rules and
Regulations With Respect to Vehicles Upon
The Turnpike

WHEREAS the Commission is authorized and empowered, by law, to adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem advisable for the control and regulation of traffic on the turnpike, for the protection and preservation of property under its jurisdiction and control, and for the maintenance and preservation of good order within the property under its control, and is further authorized and empowered to do all things necessary or proper to carry out the powers granted to it in the legislative act by which it was created; and

WHEREAS the Commission deems it advisable, necessary, and proper, and in its own and the public interest, to provide rules and regulations for the control and regulation of traffic, the protection and preservation of property, and the maintenance and preservation of good order on Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the following rules and regulations are hereby determined to be proper, necessary, advisable, and reasonable for the control and regulation of traffic on Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1, for the protection and preservation of property under the jurisdiction and control of the Commission, and for the maintenance and preservation of good order within the property under its control, and that the same be, and they hereby are, adopted to be effective on and after December 1, 1954;

Copy hereof furnished 10/23/54 to Russell Deetz (12), 10/22/54 to Col. Mingle, Director Felty, Attorney General O'Neill (cc to first asst. Jos. S. Gill), Henry Marc, 10/23/54 to Department of Highway Safety, and certified copy to secretary of state.

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§1 - Definitions

§1.1. "Commission" means the Ohio Turnpike Commission.

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§1.3. "Traffic lanes" are the four continuous cement-concrete traffic lanes (each for a single line of vehicles) extending between the eastern and western termini of the turnpike. These four traffic lanes are in two pairs, which pairs are separated by the medial strip. The pair which lies generally to the north of the medial strip is for westbound traffic, and the pair which lies generally to the south of the medial strip is for eastbound traffic. The lanes immediately adjacent to the medial strip are denominated "inner" lanes. The lanes immediately adjacent to and beyond the inner lane are denominated "outer" lanes.

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§1.11. "Bicycle" means a two-wheeled vehicle other than a scooter or motorcycle which is propelled by human power or by motor.

§1.12. "Scooter" means a two-wheeled vehicle, propelled by human power or by motor, with a footboard or tread between the wheels.

§1.13. "Truck" means every motor vehicle, except trailers and semi-trailers, designed and used to carry property.

§1.14. "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.

§1.15. "Semi-trailer" 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.

§1.16. "Commercial tractor" means every motor vehicle having motive power and designed or used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon except a part of the weight of a semi-trailer, or of its load, or both.

§1.17. "Bus" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying more than nine passengers and used for the transportation of persons.

§1.18. "Pedestrian" means any natural person afoot.

§1.19. "Operator" means every person who drives, operates, or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.

§1.20. "Police officer" means every person authorized to direct, control, or regulate traffic, or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations, on the turnpike.

§1.21. "Public police officer" means any one of those public police officers referred to in §5537.16 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

§1.22. "Person" means every natural person, firm, or corporation.

§2 - Operation of Vehicles on the Turnpike

§2.1. Compliance with Orders.

No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer.

§2.2. Compliance with Signs and Signals.

No person shall fail to comply with any traffic-control sign or signal, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

§2.3. Speed Regulations.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the turnpike at a speed greater or less than is reasonable or proper, having due regard for the weather, traffic, surface, and any other conditions, and no person shall operate any motor vehicle upon the turnpike at a greater speed than will permit him to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

No person shall operate a truck, trailer, semi-trailer, or commercial tractor upon the turnpike at a speed in excess of 55 miles per hour. No person shall operate any other motor vehicle upon the turnpike at a speed in excess of 65 miles per hour.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour on any interchange.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour within any service plaza.

Wherever a speed limit is posted, no person shall operate a motor vehicle within the posted area in excess of such posted speed limit.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the turnpike at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when such reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or when ordered to do so by a police officer.

§2.4. Vehicle Operation.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the turnpike unless such person is duly licensed in accordance with law.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the turnpike unless such vehicle is registered in accordance with law.

No person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotic drugs, or opiates shall operate or be in actual physical control of a vehicle on the turnpike.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the turnpike without due regard for the safety and rights of others, so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person.

\$2.5. One-way Traffic.

All traffic lanes, deceleration lanes, acceleration lanes, entrance and exit ramps, shoulders, and other travelways on the turnpike are hereby designated as one-way lanes.

No person shall operate any vehicle, or otherwise cause it to move, on any traffic lane in any direction other than forward and generally parallel to, and to the right of, the medial strip.

\$2.6. Entering Traffic Lanes.

Upon entering a traffic lane from a service plaza, interchange, shoulder, or entrance ramp, the operator of a motor vehicle shall use the acceleration lane or shoulder and he shall enter the outer lane with caution so as not to interfere with or endanger traffic. The operator of a vehicle entering a traffic lane shall yield the right of way to vehicles already on the dual traffic lanes.

\$2.7. Space Between Moving Vehicles.

The operator of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle, the traffic upon and the condition of the surface of the turnpike, visibility, and all other conditions.

\$2.8. Stopping or Suddenly Decreasing Speed.

No operator of a motor vehicle shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of the vehicle without first giving a clearly visible and conventional signal to the traffic immediately to the rear.

\$2.9. Keep Right -- Pass on Left.

The operator of a motor vehicle shall drive in the outer lane of the dual traffic lanes in the designated direction for traffic, except when lawfully crossing from one lane to another. The operator of a motor vehicle shall use the inner lane of the dual traffic lanes for passing only.

\$2.10. Overtaking a Vehicle.

The operator of a motor vehicle overtaking another vehicle shall signal to the vehicle to be overtaken and shall also signal to any vehicles to the rear in sufficient time in advance of the movement indicated to give ample warning to other users of the turnpike who would or might be affected

by such movement. Upon ascertaining that such movement can be made with safety, the operator may gradually cross over to the inner traffic lane, avoiding a sudden left turn, and pass the overtaken vehicle at a safe distance to the left thereof, whereupon he shall return to the outer traffic lane, but not until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle.

§2.11. Crossing Medial Strip Prohibited.

No operator of a motor vehicle shall drive his vehicle across or upon the medial strip, except as provided in §2.14 hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the operator of an emergency vehicle may cross the medial strip at designated crossovers, but in so doing shall use caution so as not to interfere with or endanger traffic. The use of designated crossover areas is prohibited to all except emergency vehicles.

§2.12. No U-turns.

No person operating a motor vehicle shall make a U-turn at any point on the turnpike, except as directed to do so by a police officer or as emergency vehicles are permitted to do so by §2.11 hereof.

§2.13. No Passing on Deceleration Lanes, Acceleration Lanes, and Interchange Ramps.

No operator of a motor vehicle, while on a deceleration lane, an acceleration lane, or interchange ramp, shall overtake and pass another vehicle which is in motion thereon, or attempt to do so.

§2.14. No Driving on Shoulders.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the shoulders except in the case of an emergency or when so directed by a police officer.

This section does not preclude the use of the outer shoulder for emergency stopping, parking, or standing as provided in §2.15 herein.

§2.15. Stopping, Parking, or Standing of Vehicles.

No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the traffic lanes, acceleration lanes, deceleration lanes, bridges, entrance or exit ramps, medial strip, or at any place where a "No Parking" sign is posted. In case of an emergency, but not otherwise, a motor vehicle may be stopped and parked on the shoulder adjacent to the outer traffic lane in the designated direction of traffic, provided that all wheels and projecting parts of the vehicle, or its load, shall be completely clear of the traffic lanes.

§2.16. Impounding of Vehicles.

Any vehicle which is illegally parked or abandoned on any portion of the turnpike shall be towed off the turnpike and impounded. Such vehicle may not be removed from the place where it is impounded until after payment for towing, storage, and other costs and charges has been made.

§2.17. Stops at Toll Booths.

The operator of a motor vehicle shall make a complete stop at toll plazas when entering or leaving the turnpike.

§2.18. Lights Required.

Each vehicle upon the turnpike during the time from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient natural light to render discernible vehicles and substantial objects on the turnpike at a distance of 600 feet ahead shall display such lighted lights and illuminating devices as are prescribed by the Revised Code of Ohio, the regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission and of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for such class of vehicle.

§2.19. Traffic-control Signals.

All traffic approaching traffic-control signals exhibiting colored lights shall comply with the signals of the lights indicating the following:

- (a) Green light -- indicates that the traffic lane over which the light is displayed is open to traffic.
- (b) Red light -- indicates that the traffic lane over which the light is displayed is closed to traffic.
- (c) Flashing yellow light -- indicates that all traffic shall reduce speed and proceed with caution and in compliance with all supplemental and related traffic signs.
- (d) Flashing red light -- indicates a barrier beyond which no traffic is permitted.

§2.20. Accidents.

In addition to the requirements of the Ohio Financial Responsibility Law and of any other applicable law, in case of an accident to or collision with persons or property upon the turnpike, due to the operation thereon of any motor vehicle, the person operating such motor vehicle, having knowledge of such accident or collision, shall stop and, upon request of the person injured or any other person, shall give such person his name and address and, if he is not the owner, the name and address of the owner of such motor vehicle, together with the registered number of such motor vehicle, and shall also report such accident to a police officer or to commission personnel at the nearest toll plaza in the direction in which he is travelling.

§2.21. Public Police Officers.

To the extent that the proper discharge of official duties or the meeting of an emergency so requires, the provisions of §§2.2, 2.3, 2.7, 2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 2.15, 2.17, and 2.19 hereof shall not apply to any public police officer (other than those authorized to regulate and control traffic on the turnpike) who, while in the performance of his official duties, is in hot pursuit of any suspected offender under any criminal statute of the state of Ohio; to any public police officer authorized to control and regulate traffic on the turnpike while in the performance of his official duties; or to any emergency vehicle while under the escort of a public police officer authorized to control and regulate traffic on the turnpike and acting in compliance with the direction of said escort. The foregoing shall apply only when such public police officer or operator of a motor vehicle is sounding an audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle, and is showing a signal, by means of flashing lights, that is clearly visible within a distance of five hundred feet to the front and to the rear of his vehicle. Nothing herein contained shall relieve any public police officer operating a motor vehicle on the turnpike or the operator of any emergency vehicle thereon from the duty to drive with the highest degree of care for the safety of others which is compatible, under all attending circumstances, with the proper discharge of his duties.

§3 - Limitations on Use of the Turnpike

§3.1. Use of the Turnpike Prohibited.

The following shall not be permitted to travel on the turnpike:

- (a) Pedestrians.
- (b) Bicycles and scooters.
- (c) Vehicles drawn by animals.
- (d) Animals led, ridden, or driven on the hoof.
- (e) Vehicles transporting animals or poultry not properly secured or confined.
- (f) Self-propelled or towed construction, agricultural, or other similar equipment not designed for or employed in general highway transportation.
- (g) Vehicles with improperly secured loads.
- (h) Vehicles with metal tires, solid tires, or deflated pneumatic tires and vehicles with caterpillar treads, except by special permit issued by the commission's executive director.
- (i) Such vehicles as, in the opinion of a commission toll collector or collectors or any police officer, are deemed to be unsafe or to be such as to create a hazard upon the turnpike.

- (j) Vehicles, including any loads thereon, which exceed the following maximum dimensions:

Width - 8' - 0",

Height - 13' - 6",

Length - 35' - 0" for single units except passenger bus with three or more axles,

Length - 45' - 0" for passenger bus with three or more axles, and commercial tractor and semi-trailer combinations,

Length - 60' - 0" for any other combination of vehicles coupled together,

provided, however, that the operator or operators of any such vehicle or vehicles may make written application to the commission's executive director for permission to enter and travel upon the turnpike and the commission's executive director may, in his discretion, grant such permission, in writing, upon such terms as he may prescribe.

- (k) Vehicles exceeding allowable axle load or gross weight as determined by automatic toll equipment as follows:

(1) Maximum axle load - 21,000 lbs.,

(2) Maximum gross weight - 90,000 lbs.,

provided, however, that the operator or operators of any such vehicle or vehicles may make written application to the commission's executive director for permission to enter and travel upon the turnpike and the commission's executive director may, in his discretion, grant such permission, in writing, upon such terms as he may prescribe.

- (l) Vehicles transporting explosives of such kind or in the quantity for which the regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission or the statutes of the state of Ohio prescribe that there be displayed by said vehicles or the operators thereof warning or identifying flags and signs, such as "Explosives," "Danger," or like sign, provided, however, that the operator or operators of any such vehicle or vehicles may make written application to the commission's executive director for permission to enter and travel upon the turnpike and the commission's executive director may, in his discretion, grant such permission, in writing, upon such terms as he may prescribe.

§3.2. Hitchhiking.

The solicitation of a ride, commonly known as "hitchhiking," is hereby prohibited on the turnpike. No person shall loiter in or about the toll plazas or any other portion of the turnpike for the purpose of "hitchhiking" or for any other purpose.

§3.3. Commercial Activity.

No person shall offer or display goods or services for sale or post, distribute, or display signs, advertisements, circulars, written or printed matter, or operate mobile or stationary public-address equipment unless the commission shall have granted permission therefor, provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to the display of customary warning, identifying, advertising, or like signs on a vehicle ordinarily and customarily carrying such signs.

§4 - Tolls

§4.1. Payment of Toll.

Every operator of a vehicle using the turnpike shall, upon leaving the turnpike, pay the toll prescribed by the commission, except when such use shall have been exempted from such payment by the commission.

§4.2. Evasion of Toll.

No operator of a motor vehicle shall enter or leave the turnpike except through the toll-plaza lanes (except in case of an emergency, and in such case such entrance or exit may be made only under the control and supervision of a police officer) or commit any act with intent to defraud or evade payment of toll.

§4.3. Loss of Toll Ticket.

The operator of a motor vehicle who, for any reason, does not have a toll ticket upon reaching the exit toll plaza at which he seeks to leave the turnpike shall be charged a toll for the applicable motor-vehicle classification from the most distant toll plaza on the turnpike.

§4.4. Exit of Vehicle at Point of Entry.

The operator of a motor vehicle on the turnpike who presents a toll ticket for payment at the same toll plaza at which such toll ticket was issued shall be charged the toll for the appropriate vehicle classification from the most distant toll plaza on the turnpike.

§4.5. Public Police Officers.

Public police officers, while in the performance of their official duties, shall be afforded ready access to the turnpike without the payment of tolls.

§5 - Protection of Property

§5.1. Damage to Property.

No person shall cut, mutilate, or remove any trees, shrubs, or plants, or deface, damage, mutilate, remove, destroy, or otherwise damage any sign, delineator, structure, fence, or any other property or equipment owned by or under the jurisdiction or control of the commission.

§5.2. Injurious Material, Waste, and Rubbish.

No person shall place or knowingly drop upon the turnpike any article which may damage or injure any person or property in or upon the turnpike, or dispose of bottles, cans, paper, garbage, rubbish, or other waste material of any kind or description at any place upon the turnpike except at places designated therefor within service plazas.

§6 - Penalties

§6.1. Penalties.

Whoever violates these rules and regulations is punishable, under §5537.99 (A) of the Revised Code of Ohio, by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for a first offense; and a fine of not more than \$500.00 for each subsequent offense.

AND, FURTHER RESOLVED, that general counsel shall cause the foregoing rules and regulations and a statement of their effective date to be published, not later than November 1, 1954, in a newspaper of general circulation in Franklin County, Ohio; that he shall, forthwith, file a certified copy of said rules and regulations in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio; that he shall mail a copy of said rules and regulations to the Department of Highway Safety of the State of Ohio; and that he may cause to be given such additional notice of them and in such manner as he may deem advisable.

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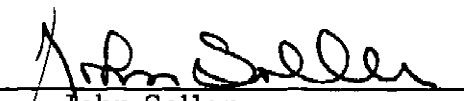
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Certified Copy of Resolution No. 155-1954
Adopting Rules and Regulations With Respect
to Vehicles Upon The Turnpike

I, John Soller, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, do hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the aforesaid resolution which was duly adopted at a meeting of the commission, duly called for and convened and held on October 22, 1954, at which a quorum was at all times present and voting.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, on this 22nd day of October, 1954.




John Soller
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Filed in the Office of the Secretary
of State at Columbus, Ohio

on Nov. 3, 1954 A.M.
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TED W. BROWN
SECRETARY OF STATE

Per M. S. Bush
per O.K.

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§1.11. "Bicycle" means a two-wheeled vehicle other than a scooter or motorcycle which is propelled by human power or by motor.

§1.12. "Scooter" means a two-wheeled vehicle, propelled by human power or by motor, with a footboard or tread between the wheels.

§1.13. "Truck" means every motor vehicle, except trailers and semi-trailers, designed and used to carry property.

§1.14. "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.

§1.15. "Semi-trailer" 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.

§1.16. "Commercial tractor" means every motor vehicle having motive power and designed or used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon except a part of the weight of a semi-trailer, or of its load, or both.

§1.17. "Bus" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying more than nine passengers and used for the transportation of persons.

§1.18. "Pedestrian" means any natural person afoot.

§1.19. "Operator" means every person who drives, operates, or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.

§1.20. "Police officer" means every person authorized to direct, control, or regulate traffic, or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations, on the turnpike.

§1.21. "Public police officer" means any one of those public police officers referred to in §5537.16 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

§1.22. "Person" means every natural person, firm, or corporation.

§2 - Operation of Vehicles on the Turnpike

§2.1. Compliance with Orders.

No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer.

§2.2. Compliance with Signs and Signals.

No person shall fail to comply with any traffic-control sign or signal, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

§2.3. Speed Regulations.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the turnpike at a speed greater or less than is reasonable or proper, having due regard for the weather, traffic, surface, and any other conditions, and no person shall operate any motor vehicle upon the turnpike at a greater speed than will permit him to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

No person shall operate a truck, trailer, semi-trailer, or commercial tractor upon the turnpike at a speed in excess of 55 miles per hour. No person shall operate any other motor vehicle upon the turnpike at a speed in excess of 65 miles per hour.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour on any interchange.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour within any service plaza.

Wherever a speed limit is posted, no person shall operate a motor vehicle within the posted area in excess of such posted speed limit.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the turnpike at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when such reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or when ordered to do so by a police officer.

§2.4. Vehicle Operation.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the turnpike unless such person is duly licensed in accordance with law.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the turnpike unless such vehicle is registered in accordance with law.

No person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotic drugs, or opiates shall operate or be in actual physical control of a vehicle on the turnpike.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the turnpike without due regard for the safety and rights of others, so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person.

§2.5. One-way Traffic.

All traffic lanes, deceleration lanes, acceleration lanes, entrance and exit ramps, shoulders, and other travelways on the turnpike are hereby designated as one-way lanes.

No person shall operate any vehicle, or otherwise cause it to move, on any traffic lane in any direction other than forward and generally parallel to, and to the right of, the medial strip.

§2.6. Entering Traffic Lanes.

Upon entering a traffic lane from a service plaza, interchange, shoulder, or entrance ramp, the operator of a motor vehicle shall use the acceleration lane or shoulder and he shall enter the outer lane with caution so as not to interfere with or endanger traffic. The operator of a vehicle entering a traffic lane shall yield the right of way to vehicles already on the dual traffic lanes.

§2.7. Space Between Moving Vehicles.

The operator of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle, the traffic upon and the condition of the surface of the turnpike, visibility, and all other conditions.

§2.8. Stopping or Suddenly Decreasing Speed.

No operator of a motor vehicle shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of the vehicle without first giving a clearly visible and conventional signal to the traffic immediately to the rear.

§2.9. Keep Right -- Pass on Left.

The operator of a motor vehicle shall drive in the outer lane of the dual traffic lanes in the designated direction for traffic, except when lawfully crossing from one lane to another. The operator of a motor vehicle shall use the inner lane of the dual traffic lanes for passing only.

§2.10. Overtaking a Vehicle.

The operator of a motor vehicle overtaking another vehicle shall signal to the vehicle to be overtaken and shall also signal to any vehicles to the rear in sufficient time in advance of the movement indicated to give ample warning to other users of the turnpike who would or might be affected

by such movement. Upon ascertaining that such movement can be made with safety, the operator may gradually cross over to the inner traffic lane, avoiding a sudden left turn, and pass the overtaken vehicle at a safe distance to the left thereof, whereupon he shall return to the outer traffic lane, but not until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle.

§2.11. Crossing Medial Strip Prohibited.

No operator of a motor vehicle shall drive his vehicle across or upon the medial strip, except as provided in §2.14 hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the operator of an emergency vehicle may cross the medial strip at designated crossovers, but in so doing shall use caution so as not to interfere with or endanger traffic. The use of designated crossover areas is prohibited to all except emergency vehicles.

§2.12. No U-turns.

No person operating a motor vehicle shall make a U-turn at any point on the turnpike, except as directed to do so by a police officer or as emergency vehicles are permitted to do so by §2.11 hereof.

§2.13. No Passing on Deceleration Lanes, Acceleration Lanes, and Interchange Ramps.

No operator of a motor vehicle, while on a deceleration lane, an acceleration lane, or interchange ramp, shall overtake and pass another vehicle which is in motion thereon, or attempt to do so.

§2.14. No Driving on Shoulders.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the shoulders except in the case of an emergency or when so directed by a police officer.

This section does not preclude the use of the outer shoulder for emergency stopping, parking, or standing as provided in §2.15 herein.

§2.15. Stopping, Parking, or Standing of Vehicles.

No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the traffic lanes, acceleration lanes, deceleration lanes, bridges, entrance or exit ramps, medial strip, or at any place where a "No Parking" sign is posted. In case of an emergency, but not otherwise, a motor vehicle may be stopped and parked on the shoulder adjacent to the outer traffic lane in the designated direction of traffic, provided that all wheels and projecting parts of the vehicle, or its load, shall be completely clear of the traffic lanes.

§2.16. Impounding of Vehicles.

Any vehicle which is illegally parked or abandoned on any portion of the turnpike shall be towed off the turnpike and impounded. Such vehicle may not be removed from the place where it is impounded until after payment for towing, storage, and other costs and charges has been made.

§2.17. Stops at Toll Booths.

The operator of a motor vehicle shall make a complete stop at toll plazas when entering or leaving the turnpike.

§2.18. Lights Required.

Each vehicle upon the turnpike during the time from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient natural light to render discernible vehicles and substantial objects on the turnpike at a distance of 600 feet ahead shall display such lighted lights and illuminating devices as are prescribed by the Revised Code of Ohio, the regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission and of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for such class of vehicle.

§2.19. Traffic-control Signals.

All traffic approaching traffic-control signals exhibiting colored lights shall comply with the signals of the lights indicating the following:

- (a) Green light -- indicates that the traffic lane over which the light is displayed is open to traffic.
- (b) Red light -- indicates that the traffic lane over which the light is displayed is closed to traffic.
- (c) Flashing yellow light -- indicates that all traffic shall reduce speed and proceed with caution and in compliance with all supplemental and related traffic signs.
- (d) Flashing red light -- indicates a barrier beyond which no traffic is permitted.

§2.20. Accidents.

In addition to the requirements of the Ohio Financial Responsibility Law and of any other applicable law, in case of an accident to or collision with persons or property upon the turnpike, due to the operation thereon of any motor vehicle, the person operating such motor vehicle, having knowledge of such accident or collision, shall stop and, upon request of the person injured or any other person, shall give such person his name and address and, if he is not the owner, the name and address of the owner of such motor vehicle, together with the registered number of such motor vehicle, and shall also report such accident to a police officer or to commission personnel at the nearest toll plaza in the direction in which he is travelling.

§2.21. Public Police Officers.

To the extent that the proper discharge of official duties or the meeting of an emergency so requires, the provisions of §§2.2, 2.3, 2.7, 2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 2.15, 2.17, and 2.19 hereof shall not apply to any public police officer (other than those authorized to regulate and control traffic on the turnpike) who, while in the performance of his official duties, is in hot pursuit of any suspected offender under any criminal statute of the state of Ohio; to any public police officer authorized to control and regulate traffic on the turnpike while in the performance of his official duties; or to any emergency vehicle while under the escort of a public police officer authorized to control and regulate traffic on the turnpike and acting in compliance with the direction of said escort. The foregoing shall apply only when such public police officer or operator of a motor vehicle is sounding an audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle, and is showing a signal, by means of flashing lights, that is clearly visible within a distance of five hundred feet to the front and to the rear of his vehicle. Nothing herein contained shall relieve any public police officer operating a motor vehicle on the turnpike or the operator of any emergency vehicle thereon from the duty to drive with the highest degree of care for the safety of others which is compatible, under all attending circumstances, with the proper discharge of his duties.

§3 - Limitations on Use of the Turnpike

§3.1. Use of the Turnpike Prohibited.

The following shall not be permitted to travel on the turnpike:

- (a) Pedestrians.
- (b) Bicycles and scooters.
- (c) Vehicles drawn by animals.
- (d) Animals led, ridden, or driven on the hoof.
- (e) Vehicles transporting animals or poultry not properly secured or confined.
- (f) Self-propelled or towed construction, agricultural, or other similar equipment not designed for or employed in general highway transportation.
- (g) Vehicles with improperly secured loads.
- (h) Vehicles with metal tires, solid tires, or deflated pneumatic tires and vehicles with caterpillar treads, except by special permit issued by the commission's executive director.
- (i) Such vehicles as, in the opinion of a commission toll collector or collectors or any police officer, are deemed to be unsafe or to be such as to create a hazard upon the turnpike.

- (j) Vehicles, including any loads thereon, which exceed the following maximum dimensions:

Width - 8' - 0",

Height - 13' - 6",

Length - 35' - 0" for single units except passenger bus with three or more axles, ✓

Length - 45' - 0" for passenger bus with three or more axles, and commercial tractor and semi-trailer combinations,

Length - 60' - 0" for any other combination of vehicles coupled together, ✓

provided, however, that the operator or operators of any such vehicle or vehicles may make written application to the commission's executive director for permission to enter and travel upon the turnpike and the commission's executive director may, in his discretion, grant such permission, in writing, upon such terms as he may prescribe.

- (k) Vehicles exceeding allowable axle load or gross weight as determined by automatic toll equipment as follows:

(1) Maximum axle load - 21,000 lbs.,

(2) Maximum gross weight - 90,000 lbs.,

provided, however, that the operator or operators of any such vehicle or vehicles may make written application to the commission's executive director for permission to enter and travel upon the turnpike and the commission's executive director may, in his discretion, grant such permission, in writing, upon such terms as he may prescribe.

- (l) Vehicles transporting explosives of such kind or in the quantity for which the regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission or the statutes of the state of Ohio prescribe that there be displayed by said vehicles or the operators thereof warning or identifying flags and signs, such as "Explosives," "Danger," or like sign, provided, however, that the operator or operators of any such vehicle or vehicles may make written application to the commission's executive director for permission to enter and travel upon the turnpike and the commission's executive director may, in his discretion, grant such permission, in writing, upon such terms as he may prescribe.

§3.2. Hitchhiking.

The solicitation of a ride, commonly known as "hitchhiking," is hereby prohibited on the turnpike. No person shall loiter in or about the toll plazas or any other portion of the turnpike for the purpose of "hitchhiking" or for any other purpose.

§3.3. Commercial Activity.

No person shall offer or display goods or services for sale or post, distribute, or display signs, advertisements, circulars, written or printed matter, or operate mobile or stationary public-address equipment unless the commission shall have granted permission therefor, provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to the display of customary warning, identifying, advertising, or like signs on a vehicle ordinarily and customarily carrying such signs.

§4 - Tolls

§4.1. Payment of Toll.

Every operator of a vehicle using the turnpike shall, upon leaving the turnpike, pay the toll prescribed by the commission, except when such use shall have been exempted from such payment by the commission.

§4.2. Evasion of Toll.

No operator of a motor vehicle shall enter or leave the turnpike except through the toll-plaza lanes (except in case of an emergency, and in such case such entrance or exit may be made only under the control and supervision of a police officer) or commit any act with intent to defraud or evade payment of toll.

§4.3. Loss of Toll Ticket.

The operator of a motor vehicle who, for any reason, does not have a toll ticket upon reaching the exit toll plaza at which he seeks to leave the turnpike shall be charged a toll for the applicable motor-vehicle classification from the most distant toll plaza on the turnpike.

§4.4. Exit of Vehicle at Point of Entry.

The operator of a motor vehicle on the turnpike who presents a toll ticket for payment at the same toll plaza at which such toll ticket was issued shall be charged the toll for the appropriate vehicle classification from the most distant toll plaza on the turnpike.

§4.5. Public Police Officers.

Public police officers, while in the performance of their official duties, shall be afforded ready access to the turnpike without the payment of tolls.

§5 - Protection of Property

§5.1. Damage to Property.

No person shall cut, mutilate, or remove any trees, shrubs, or plants, or deface, damage, mutilate, remove, destroy, or otherwise damage any sign, delineator, structure, fence, or any other property or equipment owned by or under the jurisdiction or control of the commission.

§5.2. Injurious Material, Waste, and Rubbish.

No person shall place or knowingly drop upon the turnpike any article which may damage or injure any person or property in or upon the turnpike, or dispose of bottles, cans, paper, garbage, rubbish, or other waste material of any kind or description at any place upon the turnpike except at places designated therefor within service plazas.

§6 - Penalties

§6.1. Penalties.

Whoever violates these rules and regulations is punishable, under §5537.99 (A) of the Revised Code of Ohio, by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for a first offense; and a fine of not more than \$500.00 for each subsequent offense.

AND, FURTHER RESOLVED, that general counsel shall cause the foregoing rules and regulations and a statement of their effective date to be published, not later than November 1, 1954, in a newspaper of general circulation in Franklin County, Ohio; that he shall, forthwith, file a certified copy of said rules and regulations in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio; that he shall mail a copy of said rules and regulations to the Department of Highway Safety of the State of Ohio; and that he may cause to be given such additional notice of them and in such manner as he may deem advisable.