

2010 Updates to Oregon State & Local Traffic Laws

Following are a few of the Oregon state traffic law changes that went into effect Jan. 1, 2010:

- The penalty for operating a motorcycle without a motorcycle endorsement is increased (SB 124) to a Class A violation.
- The driver and/or passenger involved in an accident in which injury or death occurs is required to notify the police by the quickest means available (SB314).
- Seatbelts for persons under the age of 16 riding on Class I and Class II ATVs, when on premises open to the public, are required (SB579).
- Helmets are required on operators or riders less than 18 years when on a Class II ATVs (SB 583).
- The definition of “emergency vehicle” will now include tow vehicles (trucks) for purposes of those vehicles from which a safe distance must be maintained (HB 2040). You must change to the left lane, if a left lane is available and clear, otherwise, slow to five (5) mph below the posted speed limit.
- The use of a hand-held cell phone, while operating a vehicle, will be prohibited (HB 2377). Use of a non-hand-held device, such as a Bluetooth, will be allowed; but only if you are 18 yrs. of age or older.

For more detailed information on these and many more new legislative laws and changes go to www.leg.state.or.us/bills_laws/.

A couple of recurring traffic offenses in Tillamook City are: When a school bus has stopped, with its stop sign out and its lights are flashing red, you must stop even though you may be traveling south and the bus is traveling north. If the roadway/highway has a

concrete divider you do not need to stop. Please remember, you must also stop if you are behind the bus. This offense frequently occurs on Hwy. 101 at the north end of town.

The signal lights at 1st and Pacific, in Tillamook City, change to flashing red lights from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. You must come to a complete stop and continue when safe.

And, a reminder of a few city ordinances: City Ordinance 1201.16(1) allows you to leave your vehicle parked, directly in front of your residence, if the vehicle is currently registered, has current insurance coverage and is operable, for no more than 30 cumulative days in a six (6) month period. This ordinance includes a motor vehicle or trailer, approved personal property, trash containers, construction equipment or construction supplies.

City Ordinance 1201.18(2) indicates that a vehicle cannot be parked upon a street or public lot for the purposes of (a) displaying the vehicle for sale; (b) repairing or servicing the vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency; (c) selling merchandise from a vehicle, except when proper permits have been obtained.

City Ordinance 1216.3 prohibits employers, employees, residents and volunteers from parking in the Downtown Parking District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, except on holidays and Sundays. Check our website at www.tillamookor.gov for a map showing the parking district boundaries.

The above is not all inclusive of Tillamook City ordinances. If you have any questions or for further clarification please call Tillamook Municipal Court at 503-842-4861 ext. 3462.