

Island of  Guernsey

Ordinance of the States **V**
1961

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**The Vehicular Traffic (Traffic Signs)
Ordinance, 1961**

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and sixty, and on the representations of the Island Police Committee, hereby order:—

1. The Island Police Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") may, from time to time, erect, place or mark on or near a public highway, a signal, warning sign post, direction post, sign or other device (hereinafter referred to as "a traffic sign") for the purposes of ordering or directing—

Power of
Committee
to erect
traffic signs.

- (a) that, within the limits of such area of a public highway as may be indicated by a traffic sign or traffic signs, the parking of vehicles shall be prohibited;
- (b) the manner in which, and the period during which, vehicles shall be parked on a public highway;

- (c) the manner in which persons, whether in charge of a vehicle or as pedestrians, shall use a public highway.

Additional power of Committee to erect traffic signs temporarily.

2. The Committee may, from time to time, erect, place or mark on or near a public highway a traffic sign for the purposes of the temporary regulation of traffic and, notwithstanding the provisions of any Ordinance for the time being in force, the Committee may by any traffic sign, order or direct—

- (a) the maximum speed of, or the route to be followed by, any vehicular traffic using a public highway;
- (b) that a public highway shall be closed to vehicular traffic.

Power of Committee in relation to one-way and prohibited streets.

3. The Committee may, from time to time, erect, place or mark on or near a public highway a traffic sign permitting temporarily any person, being in charge of a vehicle, to drive or ride that vehicle on or along a public highway or on or along a public highway in a particular direction notwithstanding the provisions of any Ordinance for the time being in force prohibiting or regulating the driving or riding of vehicles on or along that public highway.

Penalties for failure to obey traffic signs

4. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any order or direction of the Committee given by a traffic sign or signs shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, in the case of a first offence to a fine not exceeding five pounds and in the case of a second or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

Penalties for failure to obey police officer.

5. Any person who, being in charge of a vehicle, refuses or fails to remove that vehicle from an area of a public highway within which the parking of vehicles is prohibited by any order or direction of

the Committee given by a traffic sign or signs when ordered to do so by a police officer shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

6. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them—

“ police officer ” means a member of the salaried police force of the Island of Guernsey and, within the limits of his jurisdiction, a member of the special constabulary of the Island of Guernsey;

“ public highway ” includes any road, street, lane or public place;

“ vehicle ” means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on the public highway and includes an animal-drawn vehicle, a bicycle and a tricycle.

7. The provisions of the Ordinance entitled “ Ordonnance relative au Trafic Véhiculaire en cette Ile ” of the second day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “ the Ordinance of 1929 ”) set out in the left hand column of the Schedule to this Ordinance, shall be further amended to the extent set out in the right hand column of that Schedule.

8. This Ordinance may be cited as the Vehicular Traffic (Traffic Signs) Ordinance, 1961.

9. This Ordinance shall come into force on the fifteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

SCHEDULE

Amendments to the Ordinance of 1929 Section seven

Provisions amended	Extent of amendment
Article I	The definition of the expression "traffic sign" shall be deleted.
Article IV	In section (11) thereof all the words beginning with the words "and shall observe" to the end of that section shall be deleted.
Article X	<p>(a) In paragraph (a) of section (1) thereof the word "traffic" shall be deleted.</p> <p>(b) In paragraph (d) of section (1) thereof the words "traffic signs" shall be deleted.</p>

R. H. VIDELO,

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