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"RULES OF THE ROAD"

PROPOSED PENALTY CLASSIFICATION

<u>Traffic Infraction Class*</u>	<u>Maximum Penalty*</u>
A	\$1,000 fine
B	\$ 250 fine
C	\$ 100 fine
D	\$ 50 fine

<u>Article</u>	<u>Sec. No.</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Compar-able ORS</u>	<u>Existing Penalty</u>	<u>Proposed Traffic Infrac. Class</u>
<u>General provisions;</u> P.D. No. 3	3	Required obedience to traffic laws	None	---	---
	4	Permitting unlawful operation of vehicle	483.046	1st conviction: \$100--10 days. 2nd conviction: \$200--20 days. 3rd conviction: \$500-- 6 mos.	B
	5	Failing to obey police officer	483.048 (1)	General penalty (above)	C
	6	Uniform or badge required	483.048 (2)	---	---
	7	Public officers and employes	483.032 (1)	---	---
	8	Persons working on highways; exceptions	483.032 (2)	---	---

\*As provided in Classes of Offenses;  
Disposition of Offenders; P.D. No. 4;  
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<u>General Provisions; P.D. No. 3 (Cont'd)</u>	9	Application of speed regulations and traffic signals to emergency vehicles	483.120	General penalty	---
	10	Application of speed regulations and traffic signals to ambulances	483.120	General penalty	---
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<u>Speed Restrictions; T.D. No. 1</u>	1	Basic speed rule	483.102	\$25--5 days	C
	2	Maximum speeds	483.104	\$100--10 days	B
	3	Affirmative defense	None	---	---
	4	Special speed limits set by the Transportation Commission	483.106	---	---
	5	State Speed Control Board	483.108	---	---
	6	Powers and duties of State Speed Control Board	483.108	---	---
	7	Designation of speed in complaint; use of radar; arrest without warrant in radar cases	483.112	---	---
	8	Impeding traffic	483.114	General penalty	C
	9	Maximum speeds for motor trucks and passenger transport vehicles	483.116	General penalty	B
	10	Speed races prohibited on public ways	483.122	General penalty	B
	11	Maximum speed on ocean shore	483.124	General penalty	B

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<u>Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings;</u> P.D. No. 2	1	Obedience to and required traffic control devices	483.128	General penalty	B
	2	Traffic control signals	483.130	General penalty	B
	3	Vehicle turns at inter- sections with red traffic control light	483.132	General penalty	B
	4	Pedestrian control signals	483.134	General penalty	C
	5	Flashing signals	483.136	General penalty	B
	6	Lane direction control signals	None	---	B
	7	Unlawful display of signs, signals or markings	483.138	General penalty	C
	8	Unlawful interference with official traffic control device or railroad sign or signal	483.140	General penalty	B
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<u>Driving on Right Side of Roadway;</u> P.D. No. 2	1	Driving on right side of roadway	483.302	General penalty or if maximum speed also violated, \$100-- 10 days	B
	2	Slow driver duty to drive on right	None	---	C
	3	Duty to drive on right on two-way four lane roadway	483.308	General penalty or if maximum speed also violated, \$100-- 10 days	B
	4	Slower driver duty to yield	483.303	Same as above	C
	5	Duty of driver of 8,000 pound vehicle, vehicle with trailer or camper to drive on right	483.305	Class C misdemeanor	C

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<u>Driving on Right Side of Roadway;</u> P.D. No. 2 (Cont'd)	6	Passing vehicles proceed- ing in opposite direction	483.306	General penalty	B	
	7	Overtaking a vehicle on the left	483.310	General penalty	B	
	8	Overtaking on right	483.310	General penalty	B	
	9	Further limitations on driving on left of center of roadway	483.308	General penalty	B	
	10	No passing zone	None	---	B	
	11	One-way roadways and rotary traffic islands	None	---	B	
	12	Driving on roadways laned for traffic	483.304	Class C misdemeanor	B	
	13	Following too closely	483.312	General penalty	C	
	14	Driving on divided highways	483.304	General penalty	B	
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	<u>Right of Way;</u> P.D. No. 2	1	Vehicle approaching or entering intersection	483.202	General penalty	C
		2	Driver turning left	483.202 483.206 (1)	General penalty General penalty	C
		3	Stop signs and yield signs	483.204	General penalty	C
		4	Right of way at merging lanes of arterial highway	483.202 (1)	General penalty	C
5		Vehicle entering roadway from private road, alley or place	483.206 (2), (3)	General penalty	C	
6		Operation of vehicles on approach of emergency vehicle or ambulance	483.208	General penalty	C	

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<u>Turning and Moving; Signals on Stopping and Turning; P.D. No. 1</u>	1	Required position and method of turning	483.316	General penalty	C
	2	U-turns prohibited	483.318	General penalty	C
	3	Moving a stopped, standing or parked vehicle	483.126	General penalty	C
	4	Turning and stopping movements and signals required	483.126	General penalty	C
	5	Signals by hand and arm or by signal lamps	483.126	General penalty	C
	6	Method of giving required signals	483.126	General penalty	C
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<u>Special Stops Required; T.D. No. 1</u>	1	Stopping at railroad crossings upon signal of approaching train	483.224	General penalty	C
	2	Certain vehicles must stop at all railroad grade crossings	483.228	General penalty	C
	3	Railroad grade crossings exempt from special stopping rule	483.228	General penalty or if maximum speed violated, \$100--10 days	C
	4	Moving heavy equipment at railroad grade crossings	483.230	Same as above	C
	5	Overtaking and passing school bus	485.020	\$100	B
	6	Stopping before driving onto sidewalk from alley, driveway or building	483.222	General penalty or if maximum speed violated, \$100--10 days	C

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<u>Stopping, Standing and Parking;</u> T.D. No. 1	1	Stopping, standing or parking outside business or residence districts	483.362	General penalty	D
	2	Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specific places	483.364	General penalty	D
	3	Parking distance from curb or edge	None	---	D
	4	Disabled vehicle excep- tion	None	---	---
	5	Obstruction of roadway by wrecker or tow car	483.362	General penalty	D
	6	Police officers authorized to move vehicles	483.362	---	---
	7	Parking vehicle on state highway for vending purposes prohibited	483.347	\$25	D
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<u>Pedestrians' Rights and Duties;</u> T.D. No. 1	1	Pedestrian obedience to traffic control devices and traffic regulations	None	---	C
	2	Pedestrian's right of way in crosswalk	483.210	General penalty or if maximum speed violated, \$100--10 days	B
	3	Pedestrian tunnel or overhead crossing	None	---	D
	4	Pedestrian leaving curb	483.210 (1)	General penalty or if maximum speed violated, \$100--10 days	C
	5	Drivers not to overtake stopped vehicle	483.210 (3)	Same as above	B


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<u>Pedestrians' Rights and Duties;</u> T.D. No. 1 (Cont'd)	6	Crossing at other than crosswalk	483.210 (4)	General penalty or if maximum speed violated, \$100--10 days	C
	7	Exercise of due care	483.210 (5)	Same as above	B
	8	Pedestrian's use of sidewalk, shoulder and roadway edge	483.220	Same as above	C
	9	Pedestrian must yield right of way	None	---	C
	10	Pedestrians soliciting rides or business	483.218	Same as above	C
	11	Driving through safety zone prohibited	483.334	Same as above	C
	12	Pedestrian's right of way on sidewalks	None	---	C
	13	Pedestrians yield to emergency vehicle or ambulance	None	---	C
	14	"Blind person," "guide dog," "white cane," defined	483.214	---	---
	15	Use of white cane by blind person	483.214	Misdemeanor	C
	16	Duty of driver to yield to blind pedestrian	483.214	Misdemeanor	B
	17	Blind pedestrian in roadway with traffic control signals	483.214	Misdemeanor	B
	18	Rights of blind pedestrian without white cane or guide dog	483.214 (4)	---	---

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<u>Pedestrians' Rights and Duties;</u> T.D. No. 1 (Cont'd)	19	Unlawful use of bridge by pedestrian	None	---	C
	20	Pedestrian crossing closed bridge or railroad grade crossing barrier prohibited	None	---	C
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<u>Miscellaneous Rules;</u> P.D. No. 1	1	Unattended motor vehicle	483.366	General penalty	C
	2	Limitations on backing	None	---	C
	3	Passengers in front seat; interfering with driver; in mobile home or travel trailer	483.538	General penalty	C
	4	Opening and closing vehicle doors	None	---	D
	5	Driving on mountain highways	483.333	General penalty	B
	6	Coasting prohibited	483.336	General penalty	C
	7	Following fire apparatus prohibited	483.330	General penalty	C
	8	Crossing fire hose	483.332	General penalty	C
	9	Removing injurious substance from highway	None	---	C
	10	Stop when traffic obstructed	None	---	C
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<u>Special Rules for Motor- cycles;</u> P.D. No. 1	1	Unlawful motorcycle operation	None	---	C
	2	Unlawful motorcycle riding by passenger	None	---	C
	3	Motorcyclist's right to full traffic lane	None	---	B



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<u>Special Rules for Motor- cycles; P.D. No. 1 (Cont'd)</u>	4	Unlawful passing or moving in lane with vehicle	None	---	B
	5	Clinging to other vehicles	None	---	C
	6	Protective headgear and eye device required	483.443	General penalty	C
	7	Division to establish standards for protective headgear and eye-protective devices	483.443	---	---
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<u>Operation of Bicycles and Play Vehicles</u>		Parent or guardian prohibited from permitting child or ward to violate bicycle laws	483.830	---	D
		Bicyclists required to use permanent seat; prohibition against transporting more persons than bicycle is designed and equipped for	483.840	---	D
		Attaching by rider of bicycle or other coaster device to vehicle on roadway prohibited	483.845	---	D
		Bicyclists required to use right side of roadway; riding abreast or single file; use of bicycle lanes	483.850	---	D
		Bicyclists prohibited from carrying article that interferes with bicycle operation	483.855	---	D

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<u>Operation of Bicycles and Play Vehicles</u> (Cont'd)		Use of bicycle lane by vehicles restricted; vehicle operators required to yield to bicyclists in bicycle lane	483.860	---	C
		Use of bicycle path by vehicles prohibited	483.865	<u>B</u>	
		Bicyclists on sidewalks required to warn pedestrians; careless bicycle operation on sidewalk prohibited	483.870	<u>D</u>	<del>B</del> D

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NOTE: ORS 161.555 provides that "an offense defined by a statute of this state, but without specification as to its classification or as to the penalty authorized upon conviction, shall be considered a Class A misdemeanor."

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See, Serious Traffic Offenses, Preliminary Draft No. 2, for proposed penalties for the offenses of "DUIL," "driving with .10 percent or more blood alcohol content," "dangerous driving," "fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer," "driving while suspended or revoked" and "failure to perform the duties of a driver involved in an accident or collision."

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