

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD  
ORDINANCE NO. 07-2005**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF  
AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROL  
REGULATIONS IN THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, it has been determined to be in the best interest of the Town of Plainfield to regulate traffic flow with automatic traffic signals and other traffic regulations within the Town of Plainfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Plainfield, Hendricks County, Indiana, as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the establishment and operation of automatic traffic signals and other traffic regulations to regulate the flow of traffic within the Town of Plainfield for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens and those persons traveling within Plainfield.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS**

Whenever in this Ordinance the following terms are used, they shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section.

- A. Bicycle: Every device propelled by the feet acting upon pedals, having a seat, two or more wheels, and propelled by human power.
- B. Crosswalk: That portion of the roadway included within the prolongation of the sidewalk lines at street intersections.
- C. Curb: The lateral boundary of the roadway whether such curb is marked by curbing construction, or not so marked.
- D. Deceleration lane: A speed change lane, including tapered areas, for the purpose of enabling a vehicle that is to make an exist turn from a roadway to slow to the speed that is safe on the ramp ahead after it has left the mainstream of faster moving traffic.
- E. Driver: Every person who drives, or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.
- F. Emergency vehicle: Police vehicles, vehicles of the fire department, ambulances, vehicles carrying a state, county or municipal officer

employee in response to an emergency call, and emergency vehicles of public service corporations on an emergency call.

- G. Intersection: The area embraced within the prolongation of the property lines of two or more streets which join at an angle, whether or not such streets cross.
- H. Laned roadway: A street, the roadway of which is divided into two or more marked lanes for vehicular traffic.
- I. Pedestrian: Any person afoot.
- J. Right-of-Way: The privilege of the immediate use of the roadway.
- K. Stop: When required, complete cessation of movement.
- L. Street or highway: The entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for the purpose of vehicular traffic.
- M. Traffic: Pedestrians, ridden animals, vehicles and other conveyances whether single or together while using any street or highway for the purpose of travel.
- N. Vehicle: Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway except devices moving by human power or used exclusively upon stationery rails or tracks.
- O. Yield Right-of-Way: When required by an official sign, means the act of granting the privilege of the immediate use of the intersecting roadway to traffic within the intersection and to vehicles approaching from the right or left provided that when the roadway is clear the vehicle may proceed into the intersection.

### SECTION 3. OBEDIENCE TO POLICE

Members of the police department, and special police assigned traffic duty, are hereby authorized to direct all traffic in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, or in emergencies as public safety or convenience may require, and it shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a policeman. Except in case of emergency, it shall be unlawful for any person not authorized by law to direct or attempt to direct traffic.

### SECTION 4. SCENE OF FIRE

The fire department officer in command, or any fireman designated by him, may exercise the powers and authority of a policeman in directing traffic at the scene of any

fire or where the fire department has responded to an emergency call for so long as fire department equipment is on the scene, in the absence of, or in assisting the police.

#### SECTION 5. AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to disobey the instructions of any automatic traffic signal placed in service by authority of the Plainfield Town Council, except on direction of a police officer.

**A. GREEN indications shall have the following meanings:**

1. Traffic, except pedestrians, facing a circular green may proceed straight through or turn right or left except as such movement is modified by lane use signs, turn prohibition signs, land markings, or roadway design. But, vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right of way to other vehicles, and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk, at the time such signal indication is exhibited.
2. Traffic, except pedestrians, facing a green arrow, shown alone or in combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same time. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
3. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal, pedestrians facing any green indication, except when the sole green indication is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

**B. STEADY YELLOW indications shall have the following meanings:**

1. Traffic, except pedestrians, facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow signal is thereby warned that the related green movement is being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection. The driver must be through the intersection or have completed a turn and be through the intersection to the right or left before the yellow signal ends and the red signal begins.
2. Pedestrians facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal, are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown and no pedestrian shall then start to cross the roadway.

C. **STEADY RED** indications shall have the following meanings;

1. Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal alone shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain stopped until an indication to proceed is shown except as provided in 3 below.
2. Vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow signal shall not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow and, unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted by another signal, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain stopped until an indication permitting the movement indicated by such red arrow is shown except as provided in 3 below.
3. Except when the sign is in place prohibiting a turn, vehicular traffic facing any steady red signal may cautiously enter the intersection to turn right after stopping as required by 1 and 2 above. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
4. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian's signal, pedestrians facing a steady circular red or red arrow signal alone shall not enter the roadway.

**SECTION 6. FLASHING SIGNAL INDICATIONS**

Flashing signal indications shall have the following meanings:

- A. **Flashing red (stop signal):** When a red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.
- B. **Flashing yellow (caution signal):** When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or pass such signal only with caution.

**SECTION 7. OTHER SIGNS AND SIGNALS**

Each driver or operator of any type of a vehicle, whether motorized or not, and where it applies, including but not limited to, motorcycles, mopeds, and bicycle operators shall obey all signs and signals directing traffic, giving information about special speed zones, hazardous conditions, roadwork and any other special directions.

**SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT**

An officer of the Plainfield Metropolitan Police Department may issue a citation for a failure to comply with an automatic traffic control signal or any other regulation set forth in this Ordinance that occurs within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Plainfield.

**SECTION 9. ESTABLISHMENT OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS**

It is hereby ORDERED AND ORDAINED that the following named intersections in the Town of Plainfield be controlled by automatic traffic devices:

- A. Perry Road intersected at Stafford Road
- B. Hadley Road intersected at Cambridge Way
- C. Stafford Road intersected at Six Points Road (Ronald Reagan Parkway)
- D. Dan Jones Road intersected at Township Line Road

**SECTION 10. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION**

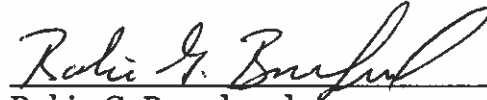
Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be fined not less than Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) and no more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each offense.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE**

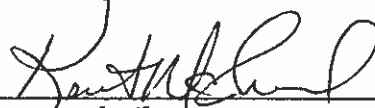
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, adoption and any publication required by law.

SAID ORDINANCE is hereby passed and adopted this 11 day of April, 2005.

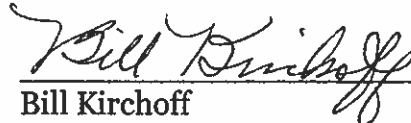
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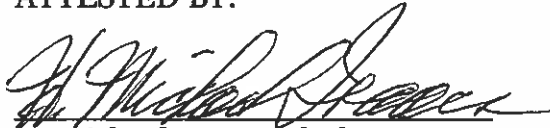


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H. Michael Isaacs, Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Plainfield, Indiana

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