

Title 11

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

This title is intended for those provisions of the Code which relate to the regulation or the operation of vehicles on the streets of the City.

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Statutory Reference: For statutory provisions pertaining to vehicles and traffic, see RCW Title 46.

1.Cross-reference: For provisions regarding operation of vehicles in City parks, see Subchapter VI of Chapter 18.12 of this Code.

For provisions regarding notice of traffic restrictions or street closures due to repairs, see Section 15.78.010.

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