

Amending the Traffic Code to eliminate left turn privileges of taxicabs at the intersection of N.E. 45th St. and University Way.

Ordinance No. 108887

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AN ORDINANCE amending Section 11.55.100 of the Traffic Code (Ordinance 108200) to eliminate left turn privileges of taxicab operators at the intersection of Northeast 45th Street and University Way.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 11.55.100 of the Traffic Code (Ordinance 108200) is amended as follows:

Section 11.55.100 OBEDIENCE TO NO-TURN SIGNS. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or "U" turn is permitted, no person shall disobey the directions of any such signs; Provided, That at those intersections where there are authorized signs exempting Metro Transit vehicles from the directions of a "No Left Turn" sign, the operators of taxicabs shall also be exempt from the directions of such sign(=); except that the above proviso shall not apply to the intersection of Northeast 45th Street and University Way.

(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 10 day of March, 1980,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 10 day of March, 1980
[Signature]
President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 21 day of March, 1980
[Signature]
Mayor.

Filed by me this 21 day of March, 1980

Attest: *[Signature]*
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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Deputy Clerk.

MEMORANDUM

February 4, 1980

TO: Jeanette Williams, Chair
Transportation Committee

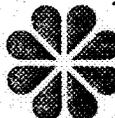
FROM: The Law Department

By: Rod P. Kaseguma *RPK*
Assistant City Attorney

RE: METRO Left Turn Ordinance

As requested in a Memorandum dated January 18, 1980, attached is an ordinance we have drafted to fulfill the requirements of METRO and the concerns of the Engineering Department regarding left turns by taxicabs at the intersection of Northeast 45th Street and University Way.

RPK:rl
Attach.

 **METRO**
Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle

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November 27, 1979

The Honorable Jeanette Williams
Seattle City Council
Municipal Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Councilwoman Williams:

Metro's efforts to improve transit service in the University District compel me to ask you, the chairwoman of the Transportation Committee, to introduce an amendment to the City's Traffic Code.

Section 11.55.100 of the Traffic Code states, "Obedience to No-Turn Signs. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or 'U' turn is permitted, no person shall disobey the directions of any such signs: Provided, that at those intersections where there are authorized signs exempting Metro Transit vehicles from the directions of a 'No Left Turn' sign, the operators of taxicabs shall also be exempt from the directions of such sign." This provision of equal privilege to transit vehicles and taxicabs now poses a barrier to Metro's service improvements.

Our transit planners have identified a need for a sign exempting Metro vehicles from the "No Left Turn" sign at the intersection of NE 45th and University Way. We would exercise this exemption only from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM on Monday through Saturday and all day on Sunday.

The Seattle Engineering Department has expressed its support for an exemption for Metro vehicles, but it is unwilling to permit taxicabs to turn left at that intersection. There are several hotels in the area and taxicab volume is sufficient to pose a traffic problem if they are allowed to turn left onto NE 45th.

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We need an amendment to Section 11.55.100 of the Traffic Code which would create a second category of exemptions from "No Left Turn" signs. This new category would apply exclusively to Metro vehicles. Metro recognizes the fact that in passing the revised City Traffic Code, the City Council chose to award similar privileges to the transit and taxicab industries. We do not seek to remove any privileges the taxicab industry now has. However, we feel that unforeseen circumstances have surfaced and created a need for new legislation.

Our current transit planning schedule calls for implementation of service using the left-turn exemption on February 1. We hope that you can introduce and enact the amendment we have requested by that date. We are prepared to offer any assistance you might need in this effort.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,



Donald F. Munro, Manager
Transit Development

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The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

MR. PRESIDENT:

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TRANSPORTATION

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Janette Williams

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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF WASHINGTON KING COUNTY—SS.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on
March 25, 1980

Richard A. Somers

Notary Public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 11.55.100 of the Traffic Code (Ordinance 198886) is amended as follows:

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ENCE TO NO - TURN SIGNS.** Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or "U" turn is permitted, no person shall disobey the directions of any such signs. Provided, That at those intersections where there are authorized signs exempting Metro Transit vehicles from the directions of a "No Left Turn" sign, the operators of taxicabs shall also be exempt from the directions of such sign(s); **EXCEPT THAT THE ABOVE PROVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE INTERSECTION OF NORTHEAST 45TH STREET AND UNIVERSITY WAY.**

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 10th day of March, 1988, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 10th day of March, 1988.

PAUL KRAABEL,
President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 21st day of March, 1988.

CHARLES ROYER,
Mayor.

Filed by me this 21st day of March, 1988.

Attest: **TIM HILL,**
City Comptroller and
City Clerk.

(Seal) By: **G. C. GEISERT,**
Deputy Clerk.

Publication ordered by **TIM HILL,** Comptroller and City Clerk.

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