

# **Ordinance 2009-01**

## **Roundabout Enforcement Zone Ordinance**

Whereas, the 100 South/Dan Jones roundabout has been constructed in the Town of Avon,

Whereas, additional roundabouts will be constructed in the Town of Avon,

Whereas, proper usage of roundabouts by motorists will assist with safe travel through a roundabout,

Now therefore, be it ordained that the following section be added to the Town Code:

Chapter 8, Article 14, Section 8-210 titled: Roundabouts

### **Section 8-210 A. DEFINITIONS:**

- (1) **“Circulatory roadway.”** – “Circulatory roadway means the portion of a highway within a roundabout that is used by vehicles to travel counterclockwise around a central island. A circulatory roadway does not have a crosswalk.
- (2) **“Roundabout.”** – “Roundabout” means an intersection characterized by a circulatory roadway, channelized approaches and yield control of entering traffic. A roundabout encompasses the area bounded by the outermost curb line or, if there is no curb, the edge of the pavement, and includes crosswalks on any entering or exiting roadway.
- (3) **“Overtake”**- the action of a person in the outside lane of a roundabout that is behind or not adjacent to a vehicle in the inside lane that causes the person to become adjacent to or in front of the vehicle in the inside lane.
- (4) ~~**Roundabout Speed Zone**- an area starting 800 feet from the crosswalk on all approaches and continuing through the circulatory roadway and ending 800 feet past the crosswalk.~~

### **Section 8-210 B. RIGHT-OF-WAY AT ROUNDABOUT.**

(A) A person who drives a vehicle shall do the following:

- (1) Yield the right-of-way to all other vehicles already in the roundabout, even if entering the right lane (or outside lane) of the roundabout.
- (2) Upon passing the street prior to the desired exit, a driver shall turn on his/her turn signal to indicate an impending exit.

- (3) Upon approaching any exit within the roundabout, a vehicle within the right lane (or outside lane) of the roundabout shall yield the right of way to a vehicle lawfully exiting the roundabout from a position ahead and to the left of the person's vehicle.
- (4) A violation of this section shall result in a fine of \$170.

**Section 8-210 C: FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN ROUNDABOUT; EXCEPTION; PENALTY:**

- (A) A person commits the offense of failure to yield right of way within a roundabout if the person operates a motor vehicle upon a multilane circulatory roadway and does not yield the right of way to a second vehicle lawfully exiting the roundabout from a position ahead and to the left of the person's vehicle. A person committing this offense shall be fined \$170.
- (B) A person commits the offense of failure to yield the right of way if the person approaching a roundabout does not yield the right of way to all other vehicles already in the roundabout, even if they are entering the right lane (outside lane) of the roundabout. A person committing this offense shall be fined \$170.

**Section 8-210 D: FAILURE TO USE APPROPRIATE SIGNAL FOR ~~TURN, LANE CHANGE, STOP OR EXIT FROM ROUNDABOUT~~, PENALTY.**

- (A) A person commits the offense of failure to use an appropriate signal ~~for a turn lane change or stop~~ or for an exit from a roundabout if the person does not make the appropriate signal by use of signal lamps or hand signals and the person is operating a vehicle that is:
  - (1) ~~Turning, changing lanes, stopping or suddenly decelerating; or~~
  - (2) Exiting from any position within a roundabout.
  - (3) A person committing this offense shall be fined \$170.

**Section 8-210 E: FAILURE TO MAINTAIN LANE WITHIN A ROUNDABOUT**

A person commits the offense of failure to maintain lane within a roundabout if the person changes lanes within the roundabout. A person committing this offense shall be fined \$170.

**Section 8-210 F: FAILURE TO TRAVEL IN COUNTER CLOCKWISE DIRECTION WITHIN A ROUNDABOUT**

A person commits the offense of failure to travel in a counter clockwise direction within a roundabout if the person travels in a clockwise direction. A person committing this offense shall be fined \$170

**Section 8-210 G: OVERTAKING VEHICLES IN THE INSIDE LANE**

A person in the outside lane of a roundabout commits an offense if the person overtakes a vehicle travelling on the inside lane of a roundabout. A person committing this offense shall be fined \$170

**Section 8-210 H: OUTSIDE LANE (RIGHT LANE) USAGE**

(1) A person entering a roundabout in the outside lane (right lane) must turn right at the first exit or continue straight and turn at the second exit. A person committing this offense shall be fined \$170

**Section 8-210 I: INSIDE LANE (LEFT LANE) USAGE**

(2) A person entering a roundabout on the inside lane (left lane) may not turn right at the first exit unless the person has travelled through the roundabout in a complete circle. A person committing this offense shall be fined \$170

~~Section 8-210 J: Roundabout Speed Zone~~

~~The speed limit within a Roundabout Speed Zone is 25 mph.~~

This Ordinance is hereby adopted this 26TH day of MARCH,  
2009.

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