

ARTICLE 14: REGULATION OF CERTAIN VEHICULAR MOVING VIOLATIONS

Section

8-163 Roundabouts

§ 8-163 ROUNDABOUTS.*(A) Definitions.*

(1) **CIRCULATORY ROADWAY.** 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) **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.

(3) **ROUNDABOUT.** 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.

(B) Right-of-way at roundabout.

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

(a) 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;

(b) Upon passing the street prior to the desired exit, a driver shall turn on his or her turn signal to indicate an impending exit; and

(c) 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.

(2) A violation of this division shall result in a fine of \$170.

(C) Failure to yield right-of-way within roundabout; exception; penalty.

(1) A person commits the offense of failure to yield right-of-way within a roundabout if the person operates a motor vehicle upon a multi-lane 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.

(2) 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.

(D) Failure to use appropriate signal for exit from roundabout, penalty.

(1) A person commits the offense of failure to use an appropriate signal 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 exiting from any position within a roundabout.

(2) A person committing this offense shall be fined \$170.

(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.

(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.

(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 traveling on the inside lane of a roundabout. A person committing this offense shall be fined \$170.

(H) *Outside lane (right lane) usage.* 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.

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

(J) Any person cited for violations of the provisions of § 8-210 is entitled to participate in the Town Ordinance Violation Deferral Program. If the person cited for a violation of § 8-210 successfully completes the roundabout education program and all other terms of the deferral program, then the citation shall be dismissed by the Town Attorney.

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