

## TRAINING BULLETIN

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### NEW & AMENDED TRAFFIC LAWS FOR 2025

#### **I. PURPOSE**

This training bulletin provides personnel with upcoming law changes **starting January 1, 2025**.

#### **II. SCOPE**

This Training Bulletin applies to all Department personnel.

#### **V. PROCEDURES**

- A. Several changes have been signed into law and will go into effect on January 1, 2025. The following updated or amended laws are brought forth by the California Legislature and are provided for personnel to become familiar with before any enforcement.
- B. Department personnel shall read and understand these laws before enforcing them. **Effective January 1, 2025, the California Vehicle Code has repealed, amended, and added new enforcement codes.** The various laws are synopsized, and the link to the California Legislature's updates is listed below:

##### **1. Vehicle Impoundment Sections –**

##### **REPEALED**

##### **22651(i) VC -**

Five or more notices of parking violations.

##### **AMENDED**

**22651(i) VC** [*formerly 22651(j) CVC*] –

A vehicle is illegally parked, **AND** there are no license plates or other evidence of registration displayed.

**22651(j) VC** [*formerly 22651(k) CVC*]:

A peace officer or authorized personnel may remove a vehicle that is parked or left standing upon a highway for 72 or more consecutive hours in violation of a local ordinance authorizing removal.

**22651(k) VC** [*formerly 22651(l) CVC*] -

No parking signs (Temporarily tow-away signs) for street cleaning, repairs, construction, or installation of underground utilities.

**22651(l) CVC** [*formerly 22651(m) CVC*] -

No parking signs (Temporarily tow-away signs) for special events.

**22651(m) CVC** [*formerly 22651(n) CVC*] -

No parking signs (Permanently displayed).

**22651(n)(1)(A) CVC** [*formerly 22651(o)(1)(A) CVC*] -

Vehicle registration is expired or suspended for more than six months (must be verified with DMV record check).

**22651(n)(1)(B) CVC** [*formerly 22651(o)(1)(B) CVC*] -

Vehicle displays false tabs, registration card, license plate, or stickers.

**22651(n)(1)(C) CVC** [*formerly 22651(o)(1)(C) CVC*] -

Vehicle displays counterfeit tabs, registration cards, license plates, or stickers.

**22651(o) CVC** [*formerly 22651(p) CVC*] -

Unlicensed driver (Out-of-class license or license expired more than 30 days / Out-of-state license and a California resident more than 30 Days / Suspended driver's license).

**22651(p) CVC** [*formerly 22651(q) CVC*] -

A vehicle parked more than 24 hours on a portion of a highway located within the boundaries of a common interest development by local resolution or ordinance.

**22651(q) CVC** [*formerly 22651(r) CVC*] -

A vehicle illegally parked and blocks the movement of a legally parked vehicle.

**22651(r)(1) CVC** [*formerly 22651(s)(1) CVC*] -

A vehicle is stopped, parked, or left standing for more than eight hours within a roadside rest area or viewpoint.

**22651(s) CVC** [*formerly 22651(t) CVC*] -

A peace officer who issued a Notice to Appear for misuse of the amber lighting system (§25279 CVC).

**22651(t) CVC** [*formerly 22651(u) CVC*] -

A peace officer who issued a Notice to Appear for an unlicensed dealer or for which a permit has been canceled, suspended, or revoked or has expired, any vehicle in the dealer's inventory and owned by the dealer when the dealer ceased to be licensed may be sold at wholesale to a licensed dealer.

**22651(u)(1) CVC** [*formerly 22651(v)(1) CVC*] -

A vehicle that is a mobile billboard advertising display, as defined in Section 395.5, and is parked or left standing in violation of a local resolution or ordinance adopted pursuant to subdivision (l) of Section 21100, if the registered owner of the vehicle was previously issued a warning citation for the same offense pursuant to paragraph (2).

**22651(v)(1) CVC** [*formerly 22651(w)(1) CVC*] -

If a vehicle is parked or left standing in violation of a local ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to subdivision (o) of Section 21100 if the registered owner of the vehicle was previously

issued a warning citation for the same offense pursuant to paragraph (2).

**23109.2(a)(2)(D)(i) CVC -**

Exhibition of speed on a highway *or in an off-street parking facility*, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 23109.

**14602.7(a)(1) CVC -**

A magistrate presented with the affidavit of a peace officer establishing reasonable cause to believe that a vehicle, described by vehicle type and license number or vehicle identification number, was an instrumentality used in the peace officer's presence in violation of Section 2800.1, 2800.2, 2800.3, 23103, *or subdivision (a) or (c) of Section 23109*, shall issue a warrant or court order authorizing any peace officer to immediately seize and cause the removal of the vehicle. The warrant or court order may be entered into a computerized database. The vehicle may be impounded for a period not to exceed 30 days.

**ADDED**

**23109.3 CVC -**

If a peace officer arrests a person for a violation of subdivision (d) of Section 23109 and causes the removal and seizure of the vehicle used to commit the violation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (h) of Section 22651, the peace officer shall not be required to take the person into custody.

**2. Vehicle Equipment Violation Sections**

**AMENDED**

**5201.1 CVC -**

Prohibits removing, painting over, or altering the reflective coating of a license plate to avoid visual or electronic capture. *Removed "state or local law enforcement" language from the statute.*

3. **Hit and Run Enforcement Sections**

**AMENDED**

**803(d) PC -**

Permits tolling the statute of limitations, *up to 3 years*, for hit-and-run causing death or serious injury during any time a person is out of the state for the purpose of evading prosecution.

4. **Autonomous Vehicle Sections**

**ADDED**

**28155(a) CVC -**

Prohibits equipping a vehicle with a device designed for neutralizing, disabling, or interfering with a driver monitoring system when drivers utilize advanced driver assistance system features or autonomous technology.

**28155(b) CVC -**

Prohibits using, purchasing, possessing, manufacturing, selling, advertising for sale, or distributing a device designed to neutralize, disable, or interfere with a driver monitoring system when drivers utilize advanced driver assistance system features or autonomous technology.

5. **Electronic Bicycles, Powered Mobility Devices and Storage**

**AMENDED**

**312.5 CVC -**

(a) An electric bicycle is a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor that does not exceed 750 watts of power.

(1) A class 1 electric bicycle is not capable of exclusively propelling the bicycle or providing assistance to reach speeds greater than 20 MPH.

(2) A class 2 electric bicycle is capable of exclusively propelling to reach speeds of 20 MPH but does not provide assistance beyond 20 MPH.

(3) A class 3 electric bicycle is not capable of exclusively propelling the bicycle or providing assistance to reach speeds greater than 28 MPH and is equipped with a speedometer.

***Exception:*** A class 1 or class 3 electric bicycle may have start assistance or a walk mode that propels the electric bicycle on motor power alone up to a maximum speed of 3.7 miles per hour.

(d) Prohibits advertising, selling, offering for sale, or labeling the following as an electric bicycle:

a. Intended to be modifiable, or modified, to attain a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on motor power alone or attain more than 750 watts of power.

b. Modified to remove the operable pedals.

(d)(1) a vehicle with two or three wheels powered by an electric motor that is intended by the manufacturer to be modifiable to attain a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on motor power alone or to attain more than 750 watts of power.

#### **24016(d) CVC -**

Prohibits tampering with or modifying an electric bicycle's speed capability to an extent it no longer meets the definition of an electric bicycle.

(1) Modifying the speed capability of a bicycle is permissible when:

a. The bicycle continues to meet the definition of an electric bicycle, and

b. The appropriate label indicating the classification is replaced.

#### **24016(e) CVC -**

Prohibits selling a product or device that can modify the speed capability of an electric bicycle to an extent it no longer meets the definition of an electric bicycle.

**ADDED**

**26301-26305 HSC -**

Requires the State Fire Marshal to adopt regulations that promote the fire and electrical safety of electric bicycles, powered mobility devices, and storage of batteries.

Sets forth accreditation requirements for electric bicycles, powered mobility devices, and storage batteries.

6. **Autonomous Vehicle Enforcement Sections**

**ADDED**

**38750 CVC -**

Establishes a framework for interactions between autonomous vehicles (AVs) and first responders at an emergency scene.

**AMENDED**

**38752(b) CVC -**

A peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, may issue a notice of autonomous vehicle noncompliance upon observing an alleged violation of this code or an alleged violation of a local traffic ordinance adopted pursuant to this code.

- (1) **Only applies to manufacturers of AVs that operate without a human operator physically present in the vehicle. *Not in effect until regulations are issued addressing notices of autonomous vehicle compliance..***

7. **Parking Enforcement Sections –**

**AMENDED**

**22500 CVC(n)(1)(A) -**

A person shall not stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or official traffic control device, within 20 feet of the

vehicle approach side of any marked or unmarked crosswalk or within 15 feet of any crosswalk where a curb extension is present.

**NOTE:** This law impacts the entire state, including every applicable intersection in the City of San Diego. Drivers may be cited for violating this law, even if there is no signage or red curb in the area showing where parking is prohibited.

**This law goes into effect on January 1, 2025.**

Department personnel shall only issue warning notices to vehicles parked in violation of the new law until March 1, 2025. On March 1, 2025, Department personnel may begin issuing citations for the violation.

For more information, please view the City's new daylighting webpage at [AB413 Daylighting at Crosswalks | City of San Diego Official Website](#).

If you have any questions, please email Detective Sergeant (**Redacted – record exempt**), Traffic Special Investigations, at (**Redacted – record exempt**).

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Please read at squad conferences and give a copy to all personnel.