#### **CHAPTER 11-1 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### 11-1-1 DEFINITIONS

Whenever in this title the following terms are used they shall have the meaning respectively ascribed to them in this section.

**Authorized Emergency Vehicle.** Vehicles of the Fire Department (Fire Patrol), police vehicles and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the Chief of Police.

**Crosswalk.** That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation of curbs and property lines at intersections, or any other portion of a roadway clearly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

**Intersection.** The area embraced within the prolongation of the lateral curb lines, or if none, then the lateral boundary lines of two or more streets or highways which join one another at an angle whether or not one such street or highway crosses the other.

**Operator.** Any person who is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

**Parking.** The standing of a vehicle whether attended or unattended, upon a roadway or street otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals or the direction of a police officer.

**Motor Vehicle.** Every vehicle, as herein defined, which is self-propelled.

**Vehicle.** Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

**Business District.** The term "business district" as used in this title shall include the territory contiguous to a highway when fifty percent or more of the frontage thereon for a distance of three hundred feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business.

**Residential District.** The term "residential district" as used in this title, shall include the territory contiguous to a highway not comprising a business district when the frontage of such highway for a distance of three hundred feet or more is mainly occupied by dwellings and buildings in use for business.

1926 R.O. §92; 1960 RO. §9.0101; Authority: SDCL Ch. 9-31

# 11-1-2 AUTHORITY OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO DIRECT TRAFFIC

(a) Officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned by the Chief of Police are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand, or signal in conformance with the provisions of this chapter and other traffic laws; provided that, if a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers of the police department may direct traffic as

conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter and other traffic laws. (b) Officers of the fire department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.

See: SDCL 32-14-5

# 11-1-3 OBEDIENCE TO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS; VIOLATION AS MISDEMEANOR; VENUE OF VIOLATION

The driver of a motor vehicle and every other person shall comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a peace officer or fire department official; submit to any lawful inspection under this chapter, and comply with the provisions or requirements of a warning ticket issued by a peace officer. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor. The venue of a violation of this section shall be in the county where such offense takes place, or in which such warning ticket is issued and delivered, and, if such county is unorganized, trial shall be had in the county to which it is attached for judicial purposes.

See: SDCL 32-21-30

# 11-1-4 PERSONS PROPELLING PUSH CARTS; BICYCLES; ANIMALS

Any person propelling any push cart, or riding a bicycle, or an animal upon a roadway and every person driving any animal shall be subject to the provisions of this title applicable to the operator of any vehicle, except those provisions of this title with reference to the equipment of vehicles and except those provisions which by their very nature can have no application.

1960 RO. §9.0102; Authority: SDCL Ch. 9-31

## 11-1-5 USE OF SKATES, COASTERS, ETC., ON ROADWAYS

No person on roller skates or riding in or by means of any coaster or toy vehicle or similar device shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street at a crosswalk and, when so crossing, such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to pedestrians. This section shall not apply upon any street while set aside as a play street as authorized by this chapter.

### 11-1-6 CLINGING TO MOVING VEHICLES

No person traveling upon any coaster, sled, skis, roller skates or any toy vehicle shall cling to, or attach himself or his vehicle to any other moving vehicle upon any street.

Authority: SDCL Ch. 9-31