



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
January 27, 2022

Department Police

Director Approval Chief Jerry Harrison

AGENDA ITEM Consider authorizing certain turning restrictions in the 300 block of West Main.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION Turning limitations need to be placed on eastbound traffic on Main entering Scooters and traffic exiting Scooters to go eastbound on Main.

BACKGROUND With the opening of Scooters on 12-27-21 potential traffic hazards have developed. KDOT contacted city staff and requested turning restrictions be placed to prevent crashes and keep traffic flowing on Main around Scooters.

Scooters original plan indicated there would be a right turn only sign for traffic exiting the Scooters parking lot. There was also supposed to be a no left turn sign for eastbound traffic on the 300 block of West Main across Main from Scooters. If Scooters places the signs IPD cannot cite drivers for violations. However, in accordance with KSA 8-1545(c) if local authorities authorize placement of the signs police can cite drivers for violating the traffic controls.

City staff recommend the Commission authorize the placement of a right turn only sign or a no left turn sign for traffic exiting Scooters and a no left turn sign for eastbound traffic on Main to prevent left turns into Scooters.

SUGGESTED MOTION I move to authorize a no left turn or a right turn only sign be placed for traffic exiting Scooter's property onto Main and a no left turn sign for eastbound traffic on Main to prevent left turns into Scooters.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Diagram of Scooters Sign Request
2. KSA 8-1545



8-1545. Required position and method of turning vehicles. (a) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn shall do so as follows:

(1) *Right turns.* Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

(2) *Left turns.* The driver of a vehicle intending to turn left shall approach the turn in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle. Whenever practicable a left turn at an intersection shall be made to the left of the center of the intersection, and any left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection or other location in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the same direction as such vehicle on the roadway being entered.

(b) *Two-way left turn lanes.* Where a special lane for making left turns by drivers proceeding in opposite directions has been indicated by official traffic control devices: (1) A left turn shall not be made from any other lane; (2) a vehicle shall not be driven in the lane except when preparing for or making a left turn from or into the roadway or when preparing for or making a U-turn when otherwise permitted by law.

(c) The secretary of transportation and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may cause official traffic-control devices to be placed and thereby require and direct that a different course from that specified in this section be traveled by turning vehicles, and when such devices are so placed no driver shall turn a vehicle other than as directed and required by such devices.

History: L. 1974, ch. 33, § 8-1545; L. 1975, ch. 427, § 22; L. 1995, ch. 188, § 6; July 1.

Source or Prior Law:
8-544.