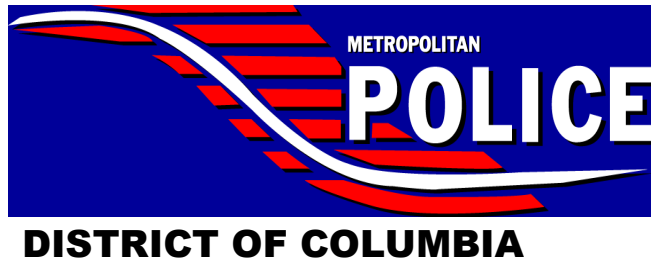


# CIRCULAR



Title	<b>Safer Streets Amendment Act of 2022</b>
Number	<b>CIR-22-19</b>
Effective Date	<b>December 30, 2022</b>
Expiration Date	<b>December 30, 2024</b>
Related to:	GO-SPT-303.01 (Traffic Enforcement)

The purpose of this circular is to inform members of the *Safer Streets Amendment Act of 2022*. The Act allows bicycle and personal mobility device riders to proceed through an intersection or make a turn without stopping under certain conditions, as specified below.

<b>Definition</b>	<p>“Rider” means a person riding a bicycle, motorized bicycle, e-bicycle, electric mobility device, or other personal mobility device. The term rider does not include a person operating a motor-driven cycle or motorcycle, as those terms are defined in <a href="#">18 DCMR § 9901.1</a>.</p>
<b>Need to Know</b>	<p>A rider approaching a stop sign may go straight through the intersection or make a turn without stopping, provided that the rider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is travelling at an appropriate speed to reasonably assess and avoid hazards;</li> <li>• Determines there is no immediate hazard; and</li> <li>• Yields the right-of-way to pedestrians and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.</li> </ul> <p>A rider approaching a steady red traffic signal may make a <b>right turn</b>, provided that the rider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes a complete stop;</li> <li>• Determines there is no immediate hazard; and</li> <li>• Yields the right-of-way to pedestrians and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.</li> </ul> <p>A rider may follow the pedestrian traffic control signal, including a leading pedestrian interval, for the rider’s direction of travel.</p> <p>T072: Disobeying traffic control device or officer, \$25, may still apply except where the specific conditions outlined in this circular are met by the rider.</p>
<b>Penalties</b>	<p>Penalties for violation of safe operation laws still apply, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riding in excess speed (T070): \$50,</li> <li>• Failure to yield (T607): \$50, and</li> <li>• Impeding or obstructing traffic (T067): \$25.</li> </ul>

<b>Reference</b>	<a href="#">DC Code § 50-2201.02. Definitions</a> <a href="#">DC Code § 50-2201.04d. Bicyclists' use of leading pedestrian intervals</a>
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While this circular will expire on December 30, 2024, changes made to the DCMR as described in this circular will be permanent until such time as they are amended.



Robert J. Contee III  
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**DIRECTIVE CONFORMING AMENDMENT**

Amendment #	Page	Description of Change	Effective Date of Change	Name and Title of Authorizing Member
1	1	The year of publication was incorrectly specified as 2023 even though it was actually published in 2022.	1/6/23	Maureen O'Connell, Director, Policy and Standards Branch