

CHAPTER 12-10

TURNS

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GENERALLY

No person shall turn a vehicle at an intersection unless the vehicle is in proper position upon the roadway, or turn a vehicle to enter a private road or driveway or otherwise turn a vehicle from a direct course or more right or left upon a roadway, unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article 10,
§166, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Ch. 9-31.

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RIGHT TURN

The operator of a vehicle intending to turn to the right at an intersection or into an alley or driveway shall approach the point of turning in the line of traffic nearest the right-hand curb or edge of the street.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article 10,
§167, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL § 32-26-17.

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TURNING LEFT

Except where otherwise directed by turning markers, the operator of a vehicle intending to turn left at any intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle, and, after entering the intersection, the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection in a lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered. Whenever practicable the left turn shall be made in that portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article 10,
§168, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL § 32-26-18.

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LIMITATIONS ON TURNING AROUND

The driver of any vehicle shall not turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction on any street in a business or commercial area, or at any intersection controlled by traffic control signals, and shall not upon any other street so turn a vehicle except at an intersection and unless such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article 10,
§169, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL §§ 9-31-1, 9-32-1.

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TURNING LIMITATION:

Local authorities, with the approval of the Department of Transportation, may modify or restrict the method of turning at intersections and/or drives by clearly indicating with the use of buttons, markers and/or signs installed at intersections and/or drives. When so constructed and laid out having different and clearly defined courses of travel that either provide or restrict for vehicles turning to the left or the right, as the case may be, it shall be unlawful for any driver in making such turn contrary to what is indicated. It is a Class 2 misdemeanor for any driver to fail to comply in a manner as so directed.

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