

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

ORDINANCE No. 13-43 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 331.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO, PERTAINING TO "U" TURNS RESTRICTED TO PROHIBIT THE CROSSING OF THE ONCOMING LANE OF TRAVEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARKING IN A DIAGONAL PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, it is more and more common for vehicles to turn across traffic to park in a diagonal parking space creating a safety hazard and inconvenience and the current ordinance does not specifically restrict such movement, allowing enforcement action.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, by a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That Section 331.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Oberlin, which pertains to "U" TURNS RESTRICTED, is hereby amended to read as set forth in **Exhibit A**:

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.


PASSED: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: August 19, 2013 (Effective in 30 days)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Suspended

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: Suspended

ATTEST:

  
BELINDA B. ANDERSON, CMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
RONNIE J. RIMBERT  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 08/20/2013

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/18/2013

## EXHIBIT A

### 331.12 "U" TURNS RESTRICTED

(a) Except as provided in Section 313.03 and subsection (b) hereof, no vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any curve, or upon the approach to or near the crest of a grade, if the vehicle cannot be seen within 500 feet by the driver of any other vehicle approaching from either direction.

(b) The driver of an emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, may turn the vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction. This subsection applies only when the emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle is responding to an emergency call, is equipped with and displaying at least one flashing, rotating or oscillating light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle, and when the driver of the vehicle is giving an audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle or bell. This subsection does not relieve the driver of an emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property upon the highway.

(ORC 4511.37)

(c) Except as provided in subsection (b) hereof, no vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction within an intersection, or upon any street in a business district, or upon a freeway, expressway or controlled-access highway, or where authorized signs are erected to prohibit such movement. Nor shall any vehicle be turned to cross the on-coming lane of traffic to park in a diagonal parking space. No vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction at any other location unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety to other users of the street and without interfering with the safe operation of any traffic that may be affected by such movement.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(ORC 4511.37)