



City of Grand Forks  
Staff Report  
City Council - September 2, 2025  
City Council - September 15, 2025

**APPROVED & ACCEPTED**  
*by City Council*

09/02/2025

*Maureen Storstad*  
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City Auditor

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**Agenda Item:** Continued Legislative Updates

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**Submitted by:** Marcus Skonieczny, Assistant City Prosecutor/Attorney

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**Staff Recommended Action:** Recommend enacting ordinances to comply with state law

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**Committee Recommended Action:** N/A

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**Council Action:** 09/02: Motion by Berg, second by Weigel to approve on consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.  
09/15:

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**BACKGROUND:**

These are further updates from the 2025 legislative session that were initially missed by myself during the initial updates.

**ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The Ordinance updates the fines for speeding in construction zones, overtaking a school bus and disregarding a traffic signal.

**SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

- Draft ordinance

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance to amend Grand Forks City Code § 8-1503; and 8-0516 so as to update the Ordinances of Grand Forks to be in compliance with the new laws under the updated Century Code.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota, pursuant to its home rule charter, Grand Forks City Code and N.D.C.C. ch. 40-11 that:

**Section 1: Amending Clause to Amend Grand Forks City Code § 8-1503(7), (19) and (20).**

That part of Grand Forks City Code § 8-0515 relating to roundabouts within the City of Grand Forks is amended to read as follows (the amending language is in bold, with deletions stricken through and additions underlined):

**8-1503. – Penalties for Specified Offenses.**

(7) Any person violating the provisions of sections 8-0301 relating to display of license plates and tabs, 8-0302 relating to operation of motor vehicles by unqualified persons prohibited, 8-0303(1) relating to failure to have vehicle under control, 8-0305 relating to license and registration to be carried and exhibited on demand, 8-0306 relating to use of compression brakes prohibited; 8-0401 relating to crossing streets; jaywalking, 8-0402 related to unloading school children from motor vehicles, 8-0403 relating to obedience to traffic-control signals and officers, 8-0406 relating to hitchhiking prohibited, 8-0407 relating to walking in street prohibited, 8-0503 relating to turning at intersection, 8-0504 relating to obedience to **traffic control devices signals**; exception, 8-0506 relating to injuring and defacing traffic signals prohibited, 8-0507 relating to display on street of unauthorized sign, signal or marking, 8-0508 relating to driving through private property to avoid traffic signal prohibited, 8-0509 relating to conduct where police officer is present, 8-0510 relating to left turns where signs prohibit, 8-0511 relating to U-turns prohibited, 8-0512 relating to entering street from alleys, driveways, etc., 8-0513 relating to starting, stopping or turning vehicle; signals required, 8-0514 relating to driving on right side of street; meeting vehicles, 8-0515 relating to travel on one-way streets, 8-0516 relating to passing and overtaking vehicles, 8-0517 relating to following too closely, 8-0519 relating to vehicles not to be driven on sidewalk, 8-0520 relating to backing, 8-0522 relating to driving through funeral procession or parade, 8-0523 relating to driving over fire hose, 8-0525 relating to passengers or load not to interfere with driver, 8-0527 relating to opening and closing vehicle doors, 8-0601 relating to size, weight, and load restrictions, 8-0602 relating to seat belts, 8-0604 relating to when lighted lamps are required, 8-0605 relating to vehicle lamp requirements, 8-0606 relating to construction, operation of headlamps and auxiliary driving lamps, 8-0607 relating to lights on parked vehicles, 8-0608 relating to correction of improperly adjusted lamps, 8-0609 relating to flag or light at end of load, 8-0610 relating to tire equipment required, 8-0612 relating to horns and warning devices, 8-0613 relating to brakes, 8-0614 relating to mirrors, 8-0615 relating to windshields required-must be unobstructed-tinted windows, 8-0616 relating to windshield wipers required, 8-0617 relating to muffler required; cutouts prohibited, 8-0618 relating to prevention of excess exhaust and smoke, 8-0619 relating to modification of motor vehicles, 8-0705 relating to impeding traffic, 8-1201 relating to use of recreational motor vehicles, 8-1202 relating to use of

other motor vehicles, 8-1203 relating to snowmobile; routes, restrictions and regulations, 8-1204 relating to qualifications of operator-motorized bicycle, 8-1205 relating to traffic laws applicable to motorized bicycle operator, 8-1206 related to riding on motorized bicycles, 8-1207 relating to footrests required, 8-1208 relating to lamp and equipment required, 8-1209 relating to helmets required, 8-1210 relating to license required, 8-1211 relating to permitting unauthorized person to drive, 8-1301 relating to limited authorization for use of utility task vehicles, 8-1302 relating to utility task vehicle equipment requirements, 8-1303 relating to utility task vehicle operating rules, 8-1304 relating to prohibited areas of operation for utility task vehicles, 8-1701 relating to roller skating and skateboarding prohibited on designated roadways, 8-1702 relating to roller skating and skateboarding prohibited where posted, 8-1703 relating to roller skating and skateboarding prohibited in parking facilities, 8-1704 relating to rules of the road for roller skaters and skateboarders, 8-1705 relating to use of roller skates and skateboards on sidewalks, bicycle paths, and roadways, 8-1706 relating to hitching rides prohibited, and/or 8-1707 relating to reflective clothing required at night, shall be subject to a fine of forty dollars (\$40.00) for each violation.

**(19) Any person speeding in a construction zone when workers are present shall be subject to \$150.00 fine.**

**(20) Any person disregarding a traffic signal in violation of 8-0504 shall be subject to a \$100.00 fine for the first violation and a \$500.00 for a second or subsequent violation.**

**(21) Any person who overtakes and passes a school bus in violation of 8-0516 shall be subject to a \$250.00 fine.**

**Section 2: Amending Clause to Amend Grand Forks City Code § 8-0516.**

That part of Grand Forks City Code § 8-0516 relating to passing and overtaking school buses within the City of Grand Forks is enacted to read as follows (the amending language is in bold, with deletions stricken through and additions underlined):

**8-0516. – Passing and Overtaking Vehicles.**

(4) In overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, the driver shall not:

(A) Drive to the left side of the centerline of a street unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be made in safety;

(B) Overtake and pass such vehicle upon the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the street where the driver's view along the street is obstructed within a distance of five hundred (500) feet; nor

(C) Overtake and pass such vehicle at any railway grade crossing nor at any intersection of streets unless permitted to do so by a traffic or police officer or where traffic lanes are clearly marked.

**(D) Overtake and pass a school bus when the school bus is stopped with its flashing red lights on or the stop sign on the control arm is out.**

**Section 3: Effectivity**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its final passage and approval as provided by law.

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Brandon Bochenski, Mayor  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

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Maureen Storstad, City Auditor  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
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