

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**CHAPTER 1680-03-01
ADOPTION OF THE TENNESSEE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC
CONTROL DEVICES FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS**

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1680-03-01-.01 APPLICABILITY.

These rules shall govern the design and location of all signs, signals, markings and postings of traffic regulations on or along all streets and highways in the State of Tennessee, and no signs, signals, markings or postings of traffic regulations shall be located on any street or highway in the State of Tennessee regardless of type or class of the governmental agency having jurisdiction thereof except in conformity with the current edition of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD), as adopted in these rules.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 54-5-108 and 54-5-108(b). **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed September 26, 1979; effective December 29, 1979. Repeal and new rule filed January 23, 2002; effective May 31, 2002. Amendment filed July 16, 2004; effective November 26, 2004.

1680-03-01-.02 ADOPTION OF MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

The current edition of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways* (MUTCD), 11th Edition, 2023, is hereby adopted in its entirety and is incorporated herein by reference, with the following exception:

- (1) Section 4C.01 Paragraph 20, of the 11th Edition, 2023, is not adopted and the following text shall be adopted in its place:

20 The safe and efficient movement of all road users is the primary consideration in the engineering study to determine whether to install a traffic control signal or to install some other type of control or roadway configuration. Installation of a traffic control signal does not necessarily result in improved safety in every case. In some cases, the installation of a traffic control signal at an inappropriate location could adversely impact safety for one or more types of road users. The purpose of the engineering study is to evaluate all of the factors that are relevant to a specific location.

Authority: T.C.A. § 54-5-108(b). **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Repeal filed September 26, 1979; effective December 29, 1979. New rule filed April 20, 1981; effective June 4, 1981. Repeal and new rule filed January 23, 2002; effective May 31, 2002. Amendment filed July 16, 2004; effective November 26, 2004. Repeal and new rule filed February 17, 2012; effective July 29, 2012. Amendments filed January 15, 2026; effective April 15, 2026.

1680-03-01-.03 ADOPTION OF FUTURE REVISIONS TO MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

It is the intent of the Tennessee Department of Transportation to amend these rules as necessary to adopt future revisions of the MUTCD as may hereafter be approved by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

Authority: T.C.A. § 54-5-108(b). **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Repeal filed September 26, 1979; effective December 29, 1979. New rule filed June 28, 1984; effective July 29, 1984. Repeal and new rule filed January 23, 2002; effective May 31, 2002. Amendment filed July 16, 2004; effective November 26, 2004.

1680-03-01-.04 STANDARD HIGHWAY SIGNS.

- (1) The provisions of the MUTCD set forth the basic principles that govern the design and usage of the most commonly used highway signs. Detailed specifications for the layout of these signs are provided in the latest edition of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, *Standard Highway Signs*, which is incorporated by reference in the MUTCD.
- (2) Detailed specifications for other signs frequently used in the State of Tennessee, as may be required by statute or otherwise authorized by the MUTCD, are detailed in the *Tennessee Supplement to Standard Highway Signs*, which is published by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.
- (3) The Tennessee Department of Transportation authorizes the design and usage of the signs in the *Tennessee Supplement to Standard Highway Signs*.
- (4) Signs on any street or highway open to public travel in the State of Tennessee shall be fabricated, installed and used in accordance with the specifications of the current edition of *Standard Highway Signs* and/or, for signs erected on state highways, the *Tennessee Supplement to Standard Highway Signs*.

Authority: T.C.A. § 54-5-108(b). **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Repeal filed September 26, 1979; effective December 29, 1979. New rule filed June 13, 1985; effective July 13, 1985. Amendment filed June 5, 1987; effective July 20, 1987. Repeal and new rule filed January 23, 2002; effective May 31, 2002. Amendment filed July 16, 2004; effective November 26, 2004.

1680-03-01-.05 REPEALED.

Authority: T.C.A. § 54-5-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Repeal filed September 26, 1979; effective December 29, 1979. New rule filed June 5, 1987; effective July 20, 1987. Repeal filed January 23, 2002; effective May 31, 2002.

1680-03-01-.06 REPEALED.

Authority: T.C.A. § 54-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Amendment filed April 9, 1975; effective May 9, 1975. Repeal filed September 26, 1979; effective December 29, 1979. Amendment filed December 8, 1989; effective January 22, 1990. Amendment filed August 24, 1994; effective December 29, 1994. Repeal filed January 23, 2002; effective May 31, 2002.

1680-03-01-.07 REPEALED.

Authority: T.C.A. § 54-508. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 10, 1974. Repeal filed September 26, 1979; effective December 29, 1979. Repeal filed January 23, 2002; effective May 31, 2002.