

Part 1 General

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Section 1A.07 Responsibility for Traffic Control Devices

Support:

The Division of Highways of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has the responsibility for traffic control devices on all of the North Carolina State Highway System to include Interstate, primary, and secondary highways, both rural and urban. For municipal streets not on the State Highway System, the municipality has the responsibility for traffic control devices. For State Highway System streets within a city or town, the Division of Highways occasionally, by contractual agreement, delegates the maintenance of traffic control devices to the local government. However, the devices used must be approved by the Division of Highways and conform to the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)* and the *North Carolina Supplement to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCSMUTCD)*.

Any agency performing construction and maintenance work on or adjacent to a street or highway on the State Highway System is responsible for using the proper traffic control devices and procedures. The devices used are subject to approval by the Division of Highways and conformance to the *MUTCD* and the *NCSMUTCD*.

Standard:

The Division of Highways of the NCDOT shall be responsible for traffic control devices on all of the North Carolina State Highway System. Local municipalities shall be responsible for municipal streets not part of State Highway System. The Division of Highways shall approve all traffic control devices used on the State Highway System.

Option:

The Division of Highways may delegate by contract the maintenance of State Highway System streets within a city or town to the local municipal government.

Section 1A.08 Authority for Placement of Traffic Control Devices

Support:

Under General Statutes 20-158, 20-158.1, 20-169, 136-18, 136-30, and 136-66.1, and Section 2B-0202, Title 19A, North Carolina Administrative Code, the NCDOT is authorized to install and maintain traffic control devices on State Highway System right-of-way. Under General Statute 160A-269 and 160A-300 a municipality, with reference to streets under its jurisdiction, is authorized to control and regulate traffic.

All traffic control devices installed on the State Highway System are to be in substantial conformance with the *MUTCD* and the *NCSMUTCD*. In addition, since the *MUTCD* has been approved by the Federal Highway Administrator as a national engineering standard, it is applicable to all highways open to public travel in accordance with Title 23, United States Code, Sections 109(b), 109(d), and 402(a), and 23 CFR 1204.4. The *MUTCD* contains provisions for the design and use of traffic control devices on all streets and highways regardless of type or class or the governmental agency having jurisdiction. These facilities include local municipal streets and

highways, and highways under Federal administration such as the National Park Service, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Military reservations, etc.

Standard:

Under the General Statutes of North Carolina, the NCDOT shall be responsible for traffic control devices on all of the North Carolina State Highway System. All traffic control devices used on public streets and highways in North Carolina shall conform to the *MUTCD* and the *NCSMUTCD*.