

## Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> See <https://oig.justice.gov/sites/default/files/archive/special/0203/chapter1.htm> and [www.youtube.com/watch?v=emfOGJN4CHE&t=6s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emfOGJN4CHE&t=6s); the YouTube video is of Sheriff Charlie Hanger describing the traffic stop as well as partial dashcam video of the stop itself. The unavailability of the judge for arraignment due to the

judge's son missing the school bus is most likely the main reason that McVeigh was still in custody when the FBI discovered he was the Oklahoma City Bomber.

<sup>2</sup> *Coleman v. State*, 188 S.W.3d 708, 716 (Tex. App.—Tyler 2005, pet. ref'd).

Offense	Transportation Code Section	Notes
Driving Without Registration Sticker	§502.473	
Driving With Wrong, Fictitious, Altered, or Obscured Registration Sticker	§502.475	
Driving with Fake or Unauthorized Temporary Tags	§503.067	
Driving Without License Plates	§504.943	
Covering, Altering, or Obscuring License Plates	§504.945	
Fake or Wrong License Plates	§504.945	
Driving Without a License	§521.021	
Driving Without a License on Your Person	§521.025	The statute indicates that an officer can stop a vehicle solely to check if the driver has a license. Such a stop must be limited in scope and will be scrutinized by the courts.
Failing to Show License Upon Officer's Demand	§521.025	
Possessing a Fake or Altered License	§521.451	
Possessing More than One Valid License	§521.451	
Driving While License Invalid	§521.457	
Stop at Red Light	§544.007	
Must Stop at Line or Before Crosswalk at Red Light	§544.007	
Stop at Stop Sign	§544.010	
"Left Lane for Passing Only"	§544.011	

Offense	Transportation Code Section	Notes
Driving on Right Side of Road	§545.051(a)	
Crossing Yellow/Center Line	§545.051(c)	
Passing On the Left Requirements	§545.053-.055	
Passing On the Right Requirements	§545.057	
Driving on Shoulder	§545.058	There are many exceptions in the statute for when driving on the shoulder is not only perfectly legal but desirable. But the driving facts may warrant a probable cause stop for driving on the shoulder.
Weaving (Failure to Maintain a Single Lane)	§545.060	To complete this violation, a driver must fail to maintain a single lane, <i>and</i> the failure must be unsafe, per <i>State v. Hardin</i> . <sup>1</sup> If your case took place before <i>Hardin</i> was decided, see <i>Daniel v. State</i> . <sup>2</sup> In <i>Daniel</i> , the CCA stated the officer could rely on a mistake of law when stopping a vehicle for this violation because the lower courts were conflicted on the proper elements of the offense, and the CCA had not decided <i>Hardin</i> at the time.
Tailgating (Following Too Closely)	§545.062	
Crossing Double Yellow Lines	§545.063	
Passing a School Bus	§545.066	
Turn Into Proper Lane at Intersection	§545.101	
Unsafe Turns	§545.103	
Failure to Use Turn Signals While Turning	§545.104	
Failure to Use Turn Signals While Changing Lanes	§545.104	
Failure to Use Turn Signals 100 Feet Before Turn	§545.104	The language of the statute is unclear whether changing lanes falls under the 100-foot rule with turn signal. But §545.104(a) makes clear that a turn signal must be used to change lanes.
Rules for Vehicles Approaching or Entering Intersections	§545.151	
Failure to Yield While Turning Left	§545.152	

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Failure to Yield at Yield Sign	§545.153	
Failure to Yield Right of Way Leaving Private Road or Drive	§545.155	
Failure to Move Over and Slow Down for Emergency Vehicles and Tow Trucks	§545.157	
Failure to Obey Railroad Crossing Signals	§545.251	
Stopping, Standing, or Parking Next to a Car Parked on the Curb	§545.302(a)(1)	For all the §545.302 violations, the Code calls a vehicle that is running but not parked “standing” (idling).
Stopping, Standing, or Parking on a Sidewalk	§545.302(a)(2)	
Stopping, Standing, or Parking in an Intersection	§545.302(a)(3)	
Stopping, Standing, or Parking in a Crosswalk	§545.302(a)(4)	
Stopping, Standing, or Parking Close to Road Work	§545.302(a)(6)	This is a violation if the vehicle would obstruct traffic.
Stopping, Standing, or Parking on a Bridge or Tunnel, or Other Elevated Structure	§545.302(a)(7)	
Stopping, Standing, or Parking on a Railroad Track	§545.302(a)(8)	
Stopping, Standing, or Parking Where Prohibited by an Official Sign	§545.302(a)(9)	
Standing or Parking in Front of a Public or Private Driveway	§545.302(b)(1)	
Standing or Parking Within 15 Feet of a Fire Hydrant	§545.302(b)(2)	
Standing or Parking Within 20 Feet of a Crosswalk at an Intersection	§545.302(b)(3)	
Standing or Parking Within 30 Feet of a Flashing Signal, Stop Sign, Yield Sign, or Traffic-Controlled Signal on the Side of the Roadway	§545.302(b)(4)	For all the (b)(4) violations in this section, the violation takes place within 30 feet of the road that the sign or signal is facing. A driver can park within 30 feet of a stop sign, for instance, as long as it is on the other side of the stop sign.
Standing or Parking Within 20 Feet of a Fire Station’s Driveway	§545.302(b)(5)	

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Standing or Parking Where an Official Sign Prohibits Idling	§545.302(b)(6)	
Parking Within 50 Feet of Railroad or Rail Crossing	§545.302(c)(1)	
Parking Where Official Sign Prohibits Parking	§545.302(c)(2)	
Must Park Within 18 Inches of Curb	§545.303(a)	
Must Park In the Direction of the Flow of Traffic	§545.303(b)	
Speeding	§§545.351-.362	
Driving Too Slowly	§545.363	
Reckless Driving	§545.401	This offense is not a fine-only offense; its range of punishment includes incarceration.
Leaving Vehicle Running and Unattended	§545.404	
Following Too Closely to Fire Truck or Ambulance	§545.407	
No Car Seats For Children	§545.412	
No Seat Belt	§545.413	
Racing on Highway	§545.420	
Fleeing a Police Officer	§545.421	While similar to Evading a Peace Officer under Penal Code §38.04, the two statutes are different and a defendant can be charged with both offenses.
Cutting Through Private Property/Parking Lot	§545.423	
Texting While Driving	§545.4251	There are plenty of exceptions in this statute that need to be explored before assuming the stop is valid. But be aware that many jurisdictions have local ordinances that are stricter on cellphone use than the one in the Transportation Code.
Moving or Driving an Unsafe Vehicle	§547.004	A vehicle being driven on a rim would qualify as an unsafe vehicle.
Headlights at Night or Low Visibility	§547.302	
Headlights Requirements	§547.321	

Offense	Transportation Code Section	Notes
Tail Lights Requirements	§547.322	
License Plate Light	§547.322(f)	
Brake Light Requirements	§547.323	In the Code, brake lights are called “Stoplamps.” All one word. Because who hasn’t been pulled over to be told that your stoplamp is out?
Turn Signal Light Requirements	§547.324	
Vehicle Reflector Requirements	§547.325	
Vehicle Minimum Light Requirements	§547.326	
Object On Windshield Obstructing Driver’s View	§547.613	
Tinted Windows	§547.613	
Excessive Smoke or Emissions	§548.306	
Collision Involving Injury or Death	§550.021	The Legislature has changed the language from <i>accident</i> to <i>collision</i> . Prosecutors are in the business of prosecuting crimes, not accidents. This change will give clarity to jurors who before had to hear serious, intentional driving facts yet then had to call the obvious result “an accident.”
Collision Involving Damage to Vehicle	§550.022	See the note about the term “collision” under §550.021.
Duty to Give Information and Render Aid	§550.023	
Duty on Striking Unattended Vehicle	§550.024	
Duty on Striking Roadway Object or Structure	§550.025	
Duty to Immediately Report Collision	§550.026	See the note about the term “collision” under §550.021.
Bicycle Requirements and Restraints	§§551.101-.107	
Scooter Requirements and Restraints	§§551.351-.352	
Golf Cart Requirements and Restraints	§§551.401-.405	
Off Road Vehicles Requirements and Restraints	§§551A.001-.074	

Offense	Transportation Code Section	Notes
Pedestrians Must Use Sidewalk	§552.006	
Driver Entering or Exiting Private Roadway with Pedestrian Cross Walk	§552.006	
Solicitation By Pedestrians	§552.007	
Driving Without Insurance	§601.191	
Driving Without Evidence of Financial Responsibility	§601.195	

**Endnotes for chart**

<sup>1</sup> See *State v. Hardin*, 664 S.W.3d 867 (Tex. Crim. App. 2022).

<sup>2</sup> No. PD-0037-22 (Tex. Crim. App. 2024).