

**Chapter Hy 9****DEFINITIONS**

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**Hy 9.01 General.** The words and phrases defined in this chapter shall have the indicated meaning when used in the rules and regulations adopted by the state highway commission and published in the Wisconsin administrative code, unless the context in which the word or phrase is used clearly indicates otherwise.

**Hy 9.02 Previous definitions rescinded.** The definitions contained in this chapter supercede those previously adopted by the commission including those adopted on August 9, 1955, as a part of the "Revised Regulations for Design and Installation of Stop Signs" which were published on August 13, 1955.

**Hy 9.03 Words and phrases defined.** (1) **STOP SIGN.** A sign designed and intended to inform motorists that vehicles must be brought to a full stop before entering or proceeding across a street or highway.

(2) **TRAFFIC SIGNAL.** An electro-mechanical device, including colored light indications, by means of which traffic is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

(3) **FLASHING SIGNAL.** An electro-mechanical device consisting of a plain lens of suitable color, alternately illuminated and dark, by which traffic is warned of a hazard or arterial stop.

(4) **FLASHING SIGN.** An electro-mechanical device by means of which the lettering on a warning or "STOP" sign is alternately illuminated and darkened.

(5) **CYCLE.** The total time cycle is the number of seconds required for one complete revolution of the timing dial or complete sequence of signal indications.

(6) **INTERVAL.** Any one of the several divisions of the total time cycle during which signal indications do not change.

(7) **SEQUENCE.** The predetermined consecutive order of appearance of signal color indications during successive intervals within a total time cycle.

(8) **LOCAL AUTHORITIES.** County boards with respect to county trunk highways, town boards with respect to town highways, village boards with respect to village streets and city councils with respect to city streets, or the authorized representatives of the said county, town and village boards and city councils.

(9) **COMMISSION.** The State Highway Commission of Wisconsin.

(10) **ENGINEER OF TRAFFIC SERVICES.** The individual so designated by the commission.

(11) **DISTRICT ENGINEERS.** The individuals so designated by the commission.

(12) HOLIDAY. Any one of the following days: January 1, May 30, July 4, December 25, the first Monday in September, and the fourth Thursday of November or the day appointed by the governor as a day of public thanksgiving in each year.

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