

# Vulnerable Road Users Ordinance

Dunwoody's VRU Law: Effective May 1, 2020



## Drivers shall:

- Allow at least 3 feet when passing any VRU.
- Stay a safe distance behind any VRU if it's not safe to pass. Drivers MAY go into an opposite-direction travel lane to pass – ONLY if it is clear safe and legal to do so.
- Move to the left lane if the roadway has two or more lanes of traffic moving in the same direction to give VRUs more room in the right lane.
- Stop for VRUs in a crosswalk.

## Drivers shall not:

- Make unsafe turns in front of VRUs.
- Intimidate or harass.
- Throw objects at bicyclists or other VRUs.

*Who are VRUs? Pedestrians and anyone in a wheelchair or riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or moped, and utility and construction workers.*

*The ordinance goes further than state law by adding penalties for drivers who hit or act aggressively toward bicyclists, pedestrians or other VRUs.*

## Bicyclists, Pedestrians and other VRUs shall:

- Wear bright or reflective clothing at night when on the roadway.
- Ride as near to the right side of the right through lane as is safe.
- Yield right-of-way to pedestrians on sidewalks.

## Penalties:

- Up to six months in jail or probation.
- Up to a \$1,000 fine.

*Penalties may be reduced or waived if the driver completes a driver safety and pedestrian awareness class.*

## Reminders - Under State Law:

- Pedestrians shall stay on sidewalks or in crosswalks when provided.
- Helmets are required for children under 16 riding bicycles.
- Bicyclists shall follow all traffic laws, which include traffic signals and posted signs.