

## CHAPTER 4D. TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL FEATURES

### Section 4D.04 Meaning of Vehicular Signal Indications

Amended and revise the following:

#### Standard:

#### C. Steady CIRCULAR RED signal indication shall have the following meaning:

1. Vehicular traffic facing a steady CIRCULAR RED signal indication, unless entering the intersection to make another movement permitted by another signal indication, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line; but if there is no stop line, traffic shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection; but if there is no crosswalk, then before entering the intersection, and shall remain stopped until a signal indication to proceed is given, or as provided below.

Except when a traffic control device is in place prohibiting a turn on red or a steady RED ARROW signal indication is displayed, vehicular traffic facing a steady CIRCULAR RED signal indication is permitted to enter the intersection to turn right after stopping. The right to proceed with the turn shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a STOP sign.

#### Support:

General Statute 20-158(b)(2) of the Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina states “when a traffic signal is emitting a steady red CIRCULAR light controlling traffic approaching an intersection, an approaching vehicle facing the red light shall come to a stop and shall not enter the intersection. After coming to a complete stop and unless prohibited by an appropriate sign, that approaching vehicle may make a right turn.”

The General Statutes of North Carolina currently prohibit (do not allow) a left turn on red at any intersection, including one way streets. As such, in North Carolina, vehicles may not turn left on red from a one way street onto another one way street.