

OPINION
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December 12, 1955 (OPINION)

CITIES

RE: Ordinances - Uniform Traffic Ticket

This office acknowledges receipt of your letter of December 7, 1955, inquiring whether or not a city like Rugby may enact an ordinance making it a municipal crime to commit the act of reckless driving or to have open liquor containers in the automobile. You make reference to the Uniform Traffic Act.

It is our opinion that under the amendment as provided for by Chapter 254 of the 1955 Session Laws, section 40-0501 of said chapter, that a municipality may legally enact an ordinance and adopt the Uniform Traffic Act. I do not know that there is such a Uniform Traffic Act, except the statutory provisions of the Code, but it would seem to us that that section is broad enough to permit the city to legally enact such ordinance as is for the welfare of the city and for the purpose of saving life and making traffic in the city more safe. The reference to the vehicle traffic code enacted by the Legislature is also sufficient authority, in our opinion, for the city to enact such provisions as are provided in the Uniform Traffic Act adopted by the Legislature.

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