

**DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU**

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TO: All Sworn Personnel

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LAW - REVISED

PURPOSE

Effective January 1, 2018, the California State Legislature has revised Section 21456 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

PROCEDURE

The revision to Section 21456 CVC law authorizes a pedestrian facing a flashing "Don't Walk" or "Wait" or approved "Upraised hand" symbol with a countdown signal to proceed so long as the pedestrian completes the crossing before the display of the steady "Don't Walk" or "Wait" or approved "Upraised Hand" symbol.

In order to achieve these changes, the Legislature rewrote subsection (b) and added subsection (c) to Section 21456 CVC. Consequently, the section now provides for the following:

Section 21456 CVC: If a pedestrian control signal showing the words "WALK" or "WAIT" or "DON'T WALK" or other approved symbol is in place, the signal shall indicate as follows:

- (a) A "WALK" or approved "Walking Person" symbol means a pedestrian facing the signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal, but shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully within the intersection at the time that the signal is first shown.*
- (b) A flashing "DON'T WALK" or "WAIT" or approved "Upraised Hand" symbol with a "countdown" signal indicating the time remaining for a pedestrian to cross the roadway means a pedestrian facing the signal may start to cross the roadway in the direction of the signal but must complete the crossing prior to the display of the steady "DON'T WALK" or "WAIT" or approved "Upraised Hand" symbol when the "countdown" ends.*
- (c) A steady "DON'T WALK" or "WAIT" or approved "Upraised Hand" symbol or a flashing "DON'T WALK" or "WAIT" or approved "Upraised Hand" without a "countdown" signal indicating the time remaining for a pedestrian to cross the roadway means a pedestrian facing the signal shall not start to cross the roadway in the direction of the signal, but any pedestrian who started the crossing during the display of the "WALK" or approved "Walking Person" symbol and who has partially completed crossing shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety zone or otherwise leave the roadway while the steady "WAIT" or "DON'T WALK" or approved "Upraised Hand" symbol is Showing.*

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 486-0690.

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