



National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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3 **NOTE:** The Rules of the Road Committee (RORC) was created in 2011 by the Executive Committee
4 as an adhoc committee of the NCUTCD to address changes the “Rules of the Road” of the
5 Uniform Vehicle Code (UVC). This occurred because the National Committee on Uniform Traffic
6 Laws and Ordinances (NCUTLO) ceased to exist in December of 2010. This left a void that the
7 NCUTCD believed needed to be filled, and no other technical or professional group came forward
8 to fund such an activity. Even copies of the previous UVC are no longer available to guide States
9 and local governments of such model rules. As individual changes are proposed and approved
10 by sponsors and the NCUTCD, they will be posted on the NCUTCD web site as recommendations
11 of the Committee. The recommendations are not part of the MUTCD and as such have no status
12 the FHWA.
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14 **The RORC contains representatives of each of the Technical Committees.**

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17 **COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN:** Rules of the Road Committee
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19 **STATUS/DATE OF ACTION:** January, 2012
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21 **TOPIC:** Elimination of the definition of “Flashing Walk”
22 Indication from the Rules of the Road, UVC
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24 **STATUS/DATE OF ACTION:** Send for Sponsor Comments by RORC
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26 **Signals Approval:** June, 2011 (Unanimous voice vote)
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28 **Transmitted to Sponsors:** March, 2012
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30 **Council Approval:** June 22, 2012

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32 **ORIGIN OF REQUEST:**

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34 **AFFECTED SECTIONS OF ROR, UVC**

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36 **SUMMARY:**

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38 This change proposes to delete the FLASHING WALK indication from the Rules of the
39 Road, as it is no longer allowed in the MUTCD. The existing and proposed language
40 is shown as follows, with the deleted portion crossed out.
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43 **DISCUSSION**

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45 In the 1988 MUTCD the FLASHING WALK indication was deleted. After 23 years,
46 although some installations still exist, the Signals Committee and the ROR Committee
47 have voted to abolish the meaning in the Rules of the Road, in Chapter 11, Section
48 203a.

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50 Although some cities (Washington, DC) still have some indications remaining, this is a
51 model ROR being creating, and therefore, the "Flashing Walk" is removed, as shown in
52 the recommended text following.

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54 A meaning for the Pedestrian Count Down signal is pending before the ROR
55 Committee. Although it was approved previously by sponsors and the NCUTCD, it was
56 deleted from the proposed rule by FHWA and is not included in the 2009 MUTCD. It
57 currently has no meaning and is being used by many cities. It will be revisited at the
58 June Meeting of the STC, and RORC.

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61 **RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO "RULES OF THE ROAD, UVC"**

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64 **S 11-203-pedestrian-control signals⁷⁵**

65 Whenever special pedestrian-control signals exhibiting the "Walk" or
66 "Don't Walk" or symbols of a "walking person" or "upraised palm" are in
67 place, such signals shall indicate as follows:

68 (a) ~~Flashing or e~~ Steady Walk or Walking Person - Any pedestrian facing
69 the signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and
70 every driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to such pedestrian.

71 (b) ~~Flashing or Steady Don't Walk or Upraised Palm~~ - No pedestrian shall
72 start to cross the roadway in the direction of the signal, but any pedestrian
73 who has partially completed crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to a
74 sidewalk or safety island while the don't walk or upraised palm signal is
75 showing.

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77 VOTE: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions