

**The Right of Oregon's General Public
to Use the Highways & Roads “As a Matter of Right”.**
With: “Exemptions”, & “Exceptions”.

https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors801.html

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**ORS: 801.305: "Highway."**

<http://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/801.305>

**"Highway" means**  
**every public way, road, street, thoroughfare and place, including bridges,**  
**viaducts and other structures within the boundaries of this state,**  
**open, used or intended for use of the general public for vehicles**  
**or vehicular traffic as a matter of right.**

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ORS: 801.045: Permissive use of private roadway.

<http://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/801.045>

Nothing in the provisions of the vehicle code described in this section shall prevent
the owner of real property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel
by permission of the owner and not as a matter of right
from prohibiting such use, or from requiring different or additional conditions than
those specified or from otherwise regulating such use as may seem best to such owner.
This section applies to the provisions of the vehicle code relating to abandoned vehicles, vehicle equipment, regulation of
vehicle size, weight and load, the manner of operation of vehicles and use of roads by persons, animals and vehicles.

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**ORS: 801.026:**

**General exemptions ... & ... exceptions.**

<http://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/801.026>

**(1) Persons, motor vehicles and equipment employed or used by a public or telecommunications utility,**  
**electric cooperative or by the United States, this state or any political subdivision of this state are**  
**exempt from the provisions of the vehicle code specified in subsection (3) of this section while on a**  
**highway and working or being used to service, construct, maintain or repair the facilities of a utility.**

**“Political subdivision: A division of the state made by proper authorities there of, acting within**  
**their constitutional powers, for purpose of carrying out a portion of those functions of state which by**  
**long usage and inherent necessities of government have always been regarded as public.**

State ex rel: Maisan v. Mitchell, 155 Conn. 256, 231 A. 2d. 539, 542.”

<http://constitutionalgov.us/Blacks5th.htm>