

Draft Regulation

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2)

Flashing green light — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Flashing Green Light Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation is further to amendments made to section 226.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) by section 39 of the Act to amend the Automobile Insurance Act, the Highway Safety Code and other provisions (2022, chapter 13).

The draft Regulation essentially

— makes the amendments made necessary by the fact that firefighters will now be authorized to use a flashing green light by the municipal authority that has established the fire safety service of which the firefighter is a member, rather than by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec;

— specifies certain conditions on which the authorization to use a flashing green light may be obtained by a firefighter and determines the form and content of the certificate of authorization issued by the municipal authority;

— broadens the technical standards that all flashing green lights must meet, determines the technical standards and the special method for the installation of a flashing green light on a tow truck equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights in accordance with section 227 of the Highway Safety Code, and revises the method for the installation of a flashing green light on a vehicle driven by a firefighter;

— determines on what conditions more than one flashing green light may be used on a tow truck equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights in accordance with section 227 of the Highway Safety Code.

As regards the impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses, if all tow truck owners availed themselves of the possibility to use the maximum number of flashing green lights, the estimated cost to the industry would be \$3.51M. No savings were identified. The measures proposed include the cost of acquiring and installing the flashing green lights, where enterprises decide to use them, since this is a possibility and not a requirement.

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Regulation to amend the Flashing Green Light Regulation

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2, s. 621, 1st par., subpars. 5.2 and 5.3)

1. The Flashing Green Light Regulation (chapter C-24.2, r. 25.1) is amended in section 1

(1) in the first paragraph

(a) by replacing the portion before subparagraph 1 by the following:

“**1.** A municipal authority authorizes a firefighter who is a member of the fire safety service established by the municipal authority and who applies to the municipal authority to use a flashing green light on a road vehicle other than an emergency vehicle when responding to an emergency call from a fire safety service, where”;

(b) by striking out “that has established the fire safety service of which the firefighter is a member” in subparagraph 1;

(c) by replacing “the firefighter has not been the subject, in the 2 years preceding the application” in subparagraph 3 by “the firefighter holds a valid driver’s licence and the firefighter’s driving record, included with the application, shows that the firefighter has not been the subject, in the 2 years preceding the application”;

(d) by replacing subparagraph 4 by the following:

“(4) the firefighter’s employment record shows that the firefighter complies with the protocols and guidelines of the fire safety service of which the firefighter is a member”;

(e) by striking out subparagraph 5;

(2) by striking out the second paragraph.

2. Section 2 is amended by replacing “until the end of the firefighter’s birthday following the one-year period from which the date on which the authorization has been granted” by “until 15 September of the year following the second year from the date on which it has been granted”.

3. Section 3 is amended

(1) by replacing “the Société” and “an authorization certificate to the firefighter” respectively by “the municipal authority” and “to the firefighter the authorization certificate provided for in Schedule 1”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“For the purposes of the first paragraph, the authorization certificate must include at least one means of communication to contact the municipal authority in order to validate the firefighter’s authorization.”

4. Section 4 is amended

(1) by replacing “3, 4 and 5 of the first paragraph” in the first paragraph by “3 and 4”;

(2) by replacing “an authorization certificate to the firefighter” in the second paragraph by “the authorization certificate provided for in Schedule 1”;

(3) by replacing the words “the Société” wherever they appear by “the municipal authority”.

5. Section 5 is replaced by the following:

“5. The authorization to use a flashing green light may be revoked by the municipal authority in the following cases:

(1) the municipal authority has passed a resolution that no longer provides for the use of a flashing green light by the firefighters of the fire safety service established by the municipal authority;

(2) the firefighter’s employment record shows that the firefighter does not comply with the protocols and guidelines of the fire safety service;

(3) the firefighter is no longer a member of the fire safety service; or

(4) the firefighter’s driver’s licence is no longer valid.”.

6. The heading of Division II is amended by adding “AND CONDITIONS OF USE OF MORE THAN ONE FLASHING GREEN LIGHT” at the end.

7. Section 6 is replaced by the following:

“6. All flashing green lights must meet one of the following criteria:

(1) be composed of one or more light emitting diode (LED) modules with a flash rate between 1 Hz and 4 Hz; or

(2) comply with SAE Standard J845 dated February 2019 or SAE Standard J595 dated August 2021, or subsequent versions published by SAE International.”.

8. Section 7 is replaced by the following:

“7. The flashing green light used by a firefighter must be installed on the inside of the windshield, in the area covered by the motion of the windshield wipers and outside the tinted area letting in less than 70% of light. Its maximum size, excluding the attachment system, must be 260 mm wide, 76 mm high and 185 mm deep.

The light must be equipped with a light-shield that reduces the glare affecting the driver due to the reflection of the light. It must be placed so as not to obstruct the driver’s view, interfere with driving manoeuvres, prevent the operation of vehicle equipment or reduce its efficiency and in a manner that does not present a risk of injury in case of an accident.”.

9. Section 8 is replaced by the following:

“8. The driver of a tow truck equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights in accordance with section 227 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) may, when the lights are activated and the tow truck is required by an emergency service, use one or more flashing green lights, which may be installed inside or outside the tow truck. A maximum of 8 flashing green lights may be installed on the tow truck. In addition, the number of flashing green lights installed so as to be visible from the front, the rear or one of the 2 sides of the tow truck cannot be more than 3.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, the technical standards and the method for the installation of a flashing green light are as follows:

(1) the light may not be a rotating light or emulate the appearance of a rotating light;

(2) if only one light is visible from the front, the rear or one of the 2 sides of the tow truck, its maximum size, excluding the attachment system, must be 260 mm wide, 76 mm high and 185 mm deep;

(3) if 2 or 3 lights are visible from the front, the rear or one of the 2 sides of the tow truck, the maximum size of each light, excluding the attachment system, must be 158 mm wide, 61 mm high and 185 mm deep;

(4) the total luminous area of the lenses of any flashing green light installed so as to be visible from the front, the rear or one of the 2 sides of the tow truck must, in each case, be less than that of the flashing or rotating amber

lights installed on the tow truck and that are visible, as applicable, from the front, the rear or one of the 2 sides of the tow truck.

If a flashing green light is installed inside the tow truck, it must comply with the technical standards and method for installation prescribed by the second paragraph of section 7.”.

10. Section 9 is amended by striking out “, except subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 1, which comes into force on the date of coming into force of the first regulation made by Société under subparagraph 8.2 of the first paragraph of section 624 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2)”.

11. The following Schedule is added at the end:

“**SCHEDULE 1**
(ss. 3 and 4)

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO USE A FLASHING GREEN LIGHT

Certificat d'autorisation pour l'utilisation d'un feu vert clignotant	Date de délivrance (Année-Mois-Jour)	Date d'expiration (Année-Mois-Jour)
	Numéro de certificat	
Nom et prénom du pompier ou de la pompière	Pour valider l'autorisation prévue par ce certificat, veuillez contacter l'autorité municipale :	
Numéro de permis de conduire	Téléphone	poste
Service de sécurité incendie	Adresse du site Web où l'information est disponible	

Recto

Renseignements généraux

1. Le ou la titulaire doit toujours avoir en sa possession ce certificat d'autorisation.
2. Un certificat d'autorisation pour l'utilisation d'un feu vert clignotant n'est pas transférable.
3. Consultez l'article 226.2 du *Code de la sécurité routière* pour plus de détails.

Important

Le ou la titulaire de cette autorisation ne peut s'en prévaloir que si son permis de conduire est valide. Elle permet d'utiliser un feu vert clignotant uniquement sur un véhicule routier, autre qu'un véhicule d'urgence, conduit par un pompier ou une pompière répondant à un appel d'urgence provenant d'un service de sécurité incendie. Le feu vert permet à la personne qui l'active, lorsque les circonstances l'exigent et qu'elle agit de façon sécuritaire, de circuler sur l'accotement et d'immobiliser son véhicule à tout endroit. Toute autre dérogation aux règles de circulation constitue une infraction au *Code de la sécurité routière*.

Verso

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12. If the period of validity of the firefighter's certificate of authorization issued by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec under section 226.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), as it reads before (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*), ends on a date other than 15 September of the year of its expiry, the new certificate issued as a renewal by the municipal authority is valid until 15 September of the year following the second year from the date on which it was issued.

If the municipal authority issues a new certificate of authorization while the certificate of authorization issued by the Société is still valid, the new certificate is valid until 15 September of the year following the second year from the date on which it was issued.

13. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2)

Identification stickers for parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting identification stickers for parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The main goal of the draft Regulation is to

— extend the list of persons who can do an evaluation under paragraph 2 of section 2 of the Regulation respecting identification stickers for parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons (chapter C-24.2, r. 52);

— determine the conditions on which the owners of a motorcycle or moped may obtain, use and renew a self-adhesive identification sticker and the attestation certificate accompanying it;

— modify some of the conditions for the renewal of a hangtag identification sticker and the attestation certificate accompanying it;

— determine the period of validity of an identification sticker and the attestation certificate accompanying it issued to a non-resident;

— revoke some of the rules for the use of an identification sticker already provided for in section 11.1 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), and include the fees for the obtention, renewal or replacement of an identification sticker and the attestation certificate accompanying it, which are currently set out in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects (chapter C-24.2, r. 27).

The draft Regulation has no impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting identification stickers for parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2, s. 618, par. 20)

1. The Regulation respecting identification stickers for parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons (chapter C-24.2, r. 52) is amended in section 2

(1) by replacing the portion before paragraph 1 by the following: