

Universal Declaration of the Right to Unobstructed License Plates (UDRULP)

Preamble

WHEREAS, license plates are sovereign instruments of governance, essential for tracking, accountability, and the proper administration of justice, serving as the visible identifier of a vehicle and its legal standing;

Reference: Principles of State Sovereignty and Public Registry.

WHEREAS, the deliberate obstruction of these instruments constitutes an act of intentional anonymity, hindering law enforcement, compromising public security, and undermining the societal expectation of transparency;

Reference: Supported by statutes across jurisdictions, e.g., UK Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations, Canadian Highway Traffic Acts, and various US State Vehicle Codes, which penalize obstruction.

WHEREAS, every global citizen has a fundamental right to security and protection, which is inherently jeopardized when vehicle identification is compromised by covers, dirt, snow, or any mechanism designed to defeat scrutiny;

THEREFORE, this Universal Declaration is proclaimed as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, so that every individual and authority shall strive to secure the paramount principle of plate legibility for the common good.

I. The Universal Right to Read (UDHR Style)

Article 1: The Right to Legibility Every individual, regardless of location, has the universal right to instantaneously and clearly read any public-facing vehicle license plate without any form of optical, physical, or electronic obstruction.

Article 2: License Plates as Public Trust A license plate is government property and a matter of public record; its legibility shall be protected against any measure, intentional or negligent, that interferes with human sight or automated scanning equipment.

Reference: Laws governing government property protection and the use of Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) systems.

II. Defining Obstruction and Responsibility (Charter Style)

Article 3: Prohibited Obstructions Any material or substance that covers, obscures, distorts, or alters the visibility of a license plate is explicitly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Clear, tinted, or opaque **covers** or plastic shields.
- Excessive **frames** that infringe upon any lettering, numbers, or validation stickers.
- Coatings, sprays, films, or electronic mechanisms** intended to defeat or interfere with optical recognition systems.
- Accumulations of **dirt, mud, or snow** that render the characters illegible.

Reference: Specific prohibitions on tinted/colored covers and material designed to affect legibility found in numerous state and provincial motor vehicle codes.

Article 4: Owner's Absolute Duty The registered owner of a vehicle bears the absolute and non-negotiable duty to maintain the complete, unimpeded legibility of all required license plates, as determined by the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is registered, at all times the vehicle is in a

public space.

III. The Systemic Duties (Commercial and Government Accountability)

Article 5: Prohibition of Commerce in Obstruction The manufacture, sale, distribution, and marketing of devices designed specifically to obscure, cover, or distort license plates shall be condemned and prohibited, as these items serve no purpose other than to facilitate the evasion of law and accountability.

Reference: The legal principle that aids and abets the commission of an offense.

Article 6: State Obligation to Enforce Governments and law enforcement agencies bear a binding duty to actively penalize obstruction. Indifference or "turning a blind eye" to obscured plates shall be considered a dereliction of duty regarding the protection of state property and public safety.

Reference: Public Trust Doctrine.

Article 7: Integrity of Digital Identification As vehicle identification evolves into digital or electronic formats, the principle of permanent, unalterable visibility must remain absolute. No software or hardware feature shall permit the toggling, dimming, or masking of the vehicle's identity at any time.

Reference: Extends principles of non-tampering to emerging digital plate technology.

IV. The Global Citizen's Right to Act (Manifesto & Protection Style)

Article 8: The Right to Correct (Act of Heroism) The Global Citizen, in the defense of public security and transparency, is hereby affirmed with the absolute right to non-violently and safely remove and clear any obstruction (as defined in Article 3) from a license plate in a public area.

Article 9: Immunity from Mischief The conscientious act of removing such an obstruction shall be considered an act of vigilance and defense against a threat to public order, and shall not, under any circumstance, be classified as vandalism, mischief, or unlawful interference, provided the rest of the vehicle remains untouched.

*Reference: Rooted in the legal concepts of **Necessity** and **Defense of Property**.*

Article 10: Protection Against Retaliation Any aggressive action, physical or verbal, taken by a vehicle owner against a Global Citizen engaged in the lawful clearing of a license plate shall be considered an aggravated offense, as it constitutes an attack on a defender of public order.

Reference: Principles of Self-Defense and Protection of Persons acting in Good Faith.

Article 11: Encouragement of Reporting While the primary duty is to ensure immediate legibility through removal, the Global Citizen is strongly encouraged, though not mandated, to report vehicles with persistent or deliberate plate obstructions to the relevant legislative or law enforcement authorities.

V. Interpretation and Advocacy (Formalizing the Talking Points)

Article 12: Interpretation of Citizen Action For the purposes of public understanding and advocacy, the exercise of the right affirmed in Article 8 shall be promoted using the principle: **"An Act of Clearing is an Act of Heroism,"** establishing the citizen as a defender of public order, and reinforcing that **"Your Right to Know is Your Right to Safety."**

Article 13: Mandate for Legislative Action This Declaration serves as a clear legislative mandate requiring authorities to enforce Article 5 (Prohibition of Commerce in Obstruction) under the principle: **"Stop Aiding and Abetting Crime,"** thereby holding the supply chain

accountable. Furthermore, the State shall be urged to **"Protect Your Own Property,"** making active enforcement of plate legibility a primary governmental duty (Article 6).

Article 14: Ethical Responsibility of the Owner The absolute duty of the vehicle owner (Article 4) shall be interpreted and promoted through the principle: **"Clear Plates, Clear Intentions,"** emphasizing that the only purpose of obscuring a plate is to evade accountability.