

## **TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE**

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## CHAPTER 70: GENERAL PROVISIONS

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### ***Cross-reference:***

*Abandoned Vehicles and Property, see Chapter 94*

### **§ 70.01 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this title, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

***AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE.*** Vehicles of the Fire Department, police vehicles, and ambulances designated or authorized by the Chief of Police.

***BLOCK.*** A portion of any street located between two intersections next adjacent to each other.

***BUSINESS DISTRICT.*** The territory contiguous to a highway when 50% or more of frontage thereon for a distance of 300 feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business.

***CROSSWALK.*** The portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection of the lateral lines of sidewalks at intersections. Any portion of a roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

***DRIVER.*** Every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

***INTERSECTION.*** The area embraced within the prolongation of the lateral curb lines or if none, then the lateral boundary lines of two or more highways which join one another at an angle whether or not one of these highways crosses the other.

***MOTOR VEHICLE.*** Every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails.

**OFFICIAL TIME STANDARD.** Whenever certain hours are named herein, they shall mean standard time or daylight saving time as may be in current use in this town.

**OFFICIAL TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES.** All signs, signals, markings, and devices not inconsistent with this title, placed or erected by authority of the governing body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

**OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL.** Any device, whether manually, electrically, or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

**PARK.** The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading.

**PEDESTRIAN.** Any person afoot.

**PERSON.** Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association, or corporation.

**POLICE OFFICER.** Every officer of the municipal Police Department or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violation of traffic regulations.

**PRIVATE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY.** Every road or driveway not open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

**PUBLIC CONVEYANCE.** Any vehicle other than a taxicab or railroad train for transporting for fare.

**RESIDENCE DISTRICT.** The territory contiguous to a highway not comprising a business district when the frontage on that highway for a distance of 300 feet or more is mainly occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY.** The privilege of the immediate use of the roadway.

**ROADWAY.** The portion of a street improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

**SAFETY ZONE.** The area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a **SAFETY ZONE**.

**SIDEWALK.** The portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians.

**STANDING.** Any stopping of a vehicle, whether occupied or not.

**STOP.** When required, means complete cessation of movement.

**STOP** or **STOPPING**. When prohibited, means any stopping of a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal.

**STREET** or **HIGHWAY**. The entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purpose of vehicular traffic.

**TRAFFIC**. Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, street cars, and other conveyances either singly or together while using any street for purposes of travel.

**VEHICLE**. Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks; provided, that for the purpose of this title, a bicycle or a ridden animal shall be deemed a **VEHICLE**.

( ` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article I, § 1)

#### § 70.02 GENERAL VIOLATIONS.

(A) Any person, firm, or corporation receiving citations for violating any of the regulations of the traffic ordinances in division (B) below may, before a warrant is issued, be permitted to pay at the Town Hall to the Town Clerk, or to the officer on duty in the absence of the Clerk, such fines as are set forth in the conditions below. A receipt shall be given for the payment of these fines, and a duplicate of the receipt shall be retained in the Clerk's office.

- (B) (1) U-turn in business block;
- (2) Illegal turn;
- (3) Parking on wrong side of the street;
- (4) Double parking;
- (5) Parking in a no-parking zone;
- (6) Parking in a loading zone;
- (7) Parking in a taxi stand or bus stop;
- (8) Obstructing traffic, vehicular or pedestrian;
- (9) Parking more than 12 inches from the curb;

- (10) Failure to park within a parking space;
- (11) Parking on sidewalk;
- (12) Failure to stop at a stop sign;
- (13) Improper lights;
- (14) Failure to stop at a stop light when red;
- (15) Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
- (16) Driving too near a fire truck;
- (17) Vehicle entering a block in which fire is in progress;
- (18) Speed limit violators, as described in § 71.080 of this code;

~~(19) No person shall talk on a hand held cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle in motion within the city limits. (Upon receiving a call, vehicle operator will be allowed ten seconds to pull to the side of the road.)~~

~~(Ord. 0-61-001, passed 6-5-61) Penalty, see § 70.99~~

#### § 70.99 PENALTY.

(A) If any person shall violate an ordinance regulating the operation or parking of vehicles, he or she shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be required to pay a penalty of not more than \$50. (G.S. § 14-4(b))

(B) (1) A warrant shall be issued for any person cited for violation of any of the regulations in § 70.02 and who fails to pay the penalties provided.

(2) No state tax shall be paid to the state in cases disposed of by this division.

(3) All penalties collected under this division shall be paid into the General Fund of the town. (Ord. passed 6-5-61)

## CHAPTER 71: TRAFFIC RULES

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**GENERAL PROVISIONS****§ 71.001 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC ORDINANCES REQUIRED.**

It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden, or fail to perform any act required, in this title.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article II, § 1) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.002 OBEDIENCE TO POLICE OFFICERS.**

No person shall wilfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction by a police officer.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article II, § 2) Penalty, see § 70.99



**§ 71.003 AUTHORITY OF POLICE OFFICERS.**

In the event of a fire or other emergency, or where necessary to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, police officers may direct traffic as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of this title.

( ' 59 Code, Chapter F, Article II, § 3)

**§ 71.004 APPLICATION TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.**

(A) The provisions of this title shall apply to the driver of any vehicle owned by, or used in the service of, the United States government, or this state, county, or town.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any so described driver to violate any of the provisions of this title, except as otherwise permitted in this title, or by state statute.

( ' 59 Code, Chapter F, Article II, § 4) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.005 AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES; APPLICATION AND EXEMPTIONS.**

(A) The provisions of this title regulating the operation, parking, and standing of vehicles shall apply to authorized emergency vehicles, as defined in this chapter, except as follows. A driver when operating such a vehicle in any emergency, except when otherwise directed by a police officer, may:

(1) Park or stand, notwithstanding the provisions of this title;

(2) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;

(3) Exceed the prima facie speed limits so long as it does not endanger life or property; and

(4) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement, or turning, in specified directions so long as he or she does not endanger life or property.

(B) The foregoing exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any authorized emergency vehicle from the consequences of reckless disregard of the safety of others.

( ' 59 Code, Chapter F, Article II, § 5)

**§ 71.006 PUSH CARTS, BICYCLES, AND ANIMALS; APPLICATION.**

Every person propelling any push cart, or riding a bicycle or an animal upon a roadway, and every person driving any animal drawn vehicle, shall be subject to the provisions of this title applicable to the driver of any vehicle, except those provisions which, by their very nature, can have no application.

( ' 59 Code, Chapter F, Article II, § 6)

**TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES****§ 71.020 OBEDIENCE REQUIRED.****(A) *Obedience to official traffic-control devices.***

(1) The driver of any vehicle shall obey the directions of any official traffic-control device applicable thereto and placed in accordance with the traffic ordinances of this town, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in § 71.005 of this code.

(2) No provision of this title for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if, at the time and place of the alleged violation, an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that signs are required, that section shall be effective without signs being placed to give notice thereof.

**(B) *Obedience to no-turn signs and turning markers.*** Whenever authorized signs are placed, erected, or installed indicating that no right or left or U-turn is permitted, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any such sign, and when authorized markers, buttons, or other indications are placed within an intersection indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles traversing or turning thereat, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of those indications.

**(C) *Obedience to no-parking and safety zone markers.*** Whenever authorized signs or markings are placed, erected, or installed indicating no-parking zones or safety zones, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the regulations in connection therewith.

( '59 Code, Chapter F, Article III, §§ 1 - 3) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.021 SIGNAL LEGEND.**

Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting the words "go," "caution," or "stop," or exhibiting differently colored lights, successively, one at a time, the following colors only shall be used, and these terms and lights shall indicate as follows.

**(A) *Green alone, or "go."***

(1) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through, or turn right or left unless a sign at that place prohibits either turn. But vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection at the time this signal is exhibited.

(2) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

(B) *Yellow alone, or "caution," when shown following the green or "go" signal.*

(1) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at the intersection, but if the stop cannot be made in safety, a vehicle may be driven cautiously through the intersection.

(2) Pedestrians facing the signal are hereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross a roadway, and any pedestrian then starting to cross shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.

(C) *Red alone, or "stop."*

(1) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection, or at such other point as may be indicated by a clearly visible line, and shall remain standing until green or "go" is shown alone.

(2) No pedestrian facing this signal shall enter the roadway unless he or she can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.

(D) *Red with green arrow.*

(1) Vehicular traffic facing this signal may cautiously enter the intersection, only to continue the movement in the direction indicated by the arrow, but shall not interfere with other traffic.

(2) No pedestrian facing this signal shall enter the roadway unless he or she can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.

(` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article III, § 4) Penalty, see § 70.99

## § 71.022 FLASHING SIGNALS.

Whenever flashing red or yellow signals are used, they shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows.

(A) *Flashing red (stop signal).* When a red lens is illuminated by rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection, or at a limit line when marked, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

(B) *Flashing yellow (caution signal).* When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past the signal only with caution.  
(` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article III, § 5) Penalty, see § 70.99

**STOPS AND YIELDS****§ 71.035 STOP BEFORE ENTERING A THROUGH STREET.**

(A) Those streets and parts of streets as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners, are hereby declared to be through streets for the purpose of this section.

(B) When stop signs are placed, erected, or installed upon highways intersecting a through street at the entrance thereto, or at the entrance to any intersection, every driver of a vehicle or street car shall stop in obedience to those signs before entering the intersection and shall not proceed into or across the through street until he or she has first determined that no conflict with traffic will be involved.

( ` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 1) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.036 STOP BEFORE ENTERING CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS.**

Those intersections as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners, are hereby declared to be stop intersections when entered from the streets so named, and when stop signs are placed, erected, or installed at those intersections every driver of a vehicle or street car shall stop in obedience to those signs before entering the intersection, and shall not proceed into or across the through street until he or she has first determined that no conflict will be involved.

( ` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 2) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.037 STOP WHEN TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTED.**

No driver shall enter an intersection, or a marked crosswalk, unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he or she is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles, or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to proceed.

( ` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 3) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.038 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY.**

The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway, or building shall stop that vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or into the sidewalk areas extending across any alleyway, and upon entering the roadway he or she shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on that roadway.

( ` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 10)

***TURNING MOVEMENTS*****§ 71.050 LEFT TURNS AS INDICATED.**

In making left turns at those street intersections as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners, all traffic shall travel to the left of the center of those intersections as may be indicated by buttons, markers, or other directing signs.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 6)

**§ 71.051 RESTRICTED RIGHT OR LEFT TURNS.**

(A) No vehicle shall make a left turn at any street intersection as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners.

(B) No vehicle shall make a right turn at any intersection as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 7) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.052 TURNING AROUND RESTRICTED.**

No driver shall turn any vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction in the business district, except at street intersections, in the streets, or portions of streets, as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 8) Penalty, see § 70.99

***RIDING REGULATIONS*****§ 71.065 BOARDING AND ALIGHTING.**

No person shall board or alight from any public conveyance or other vehicle, while that conveyance or vehicle is in motion.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article VI, § 1) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.066 NON-PASSENGER AREAS.**

No person shall ride on any public conveyance or vehicle, or any portion thereof, not designed or intended for the use of passengers. This provision shall not apply to an employee engaged in the

necessary discharge of a duty, or to persons riding within a truck body in spaces intended for merchandise.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article VI, § 2) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 71.067 RIDING OR ENTERING WITHOUT PERMISSION.**

No person shall enter, jump on, or ride any automobile or other vehicle without the consent of the owner or driver.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article VI, § 3) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 71.068 RIDING FULLY INSIDE VEHICLE.**

No person when riding shall allow any part of his or her body to protrude beyond the limits of the vehicle in which he or she is riding, except to give signals as are by law required, and no person shall hang on to any vehicle whatsoever.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article VI, § 4) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 71.069 FRONT SEAT; THREE PERSONS MAXIMUM.**

It shall be unlawful for the driver or the person in charge of any motor vehicle to permit more than three persons, including the driver, to ride in the front or driver's seat of a motor vehicle.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article VI, § 5) Penalty, see § 70.99

### ***ADDITIONAL DRIVING RULES***

#### **§ 71.080 SPEED LIMIT.**

A vehicle may be operated on any street of this town designated as a business section, at a rate of speed not exceeding 20 miles per hour; provided, however, that at no time shall the speed be greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing. The speed limit on state highways in residential sections shall be 35 miles per hour, and 25 miles per hour on all other streets unless otherwise posted.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 18) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.081 ONE-WAY STREETS.**

Upon those streets and parts of streets as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners, vehicular traffic shall move only in the indicated direction, when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and maintained at every intersection where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited.  
(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 4) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.082 FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.**

No vehicle shall be driven through a funeral procession, except Fire Department vehicles, police patrols, and ambulances, when the same are responding to calls.  
(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 5) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.083 BACKING RESTRICTED.**

The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same into any intersection, or over a crosswalk, and shall not in any event, or at any place, back a vehicle unless that movement can be made in safety, and he or she shall have given ample warning to those who may be behind, by hand and horn or other signal.  
(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 9) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.084 DRIVING ON SIDEWALK PROHIBITED.**

The driver of a vehicle shall not drive within any sidewalk area.  
(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 11) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.085 DRIVING ON LANED ROADWAYS.**

All vehicles operated on any roadway which has been clearly marked with lanes for traffic, shall be driven as nearly as practical entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from that lane until the driver has first ascertained that this movement can be made with safety.  
(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 19) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.086 LIGHTS ON PARKED VEHICLES.**

The displaying of lights upon a vehicle, when lawfully parked at night upon a street of the town in accordance with this title, shall not be required when there is sufficient light to reveal any person within a distance of 200 feet upon that street.  
(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 16)

**§ 71.087 MOVING CARS FROM PARKED POSITION.**

Cars parked shall move out in the direction headed, or if they are parked at an angle with the curb they shall back out on that angle until they have cleared the other cars and shall then proceed in the direction they are most nearly headed in.

(` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 17)

***MOTORCYCLES, BICYCLES, COASTERS, AND THE LIKE*****§ 71.100 CLINGING TO VEHICLES PROHIBITED.**

Any person riding upon any bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, sled, roller-skates, or any toy vehicle, shall not attach the same, or himself or herself, to any public conveyance or moving vehicle upon any roadway.

(` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 12) Penalty, see § 70.99

***Cross-reference:***

*Bicycles on sidewalks prohibited, see § 90.05*

**§ 71.101 RIDING ON HANDLEBARS PROHIBITED.**

The operator of motorcycle or bicycle, when upon a street, shall not carry any person upon the handlebar, frame, or tank of that vehicle, nor shall any person so ride upon any so described vehicle.

(` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 13) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.102 HANDLEBAR USE REQUIRED.**

No person shall ride a bicycle or motorcycle on any street without having his or her hands upon the handlebars.

(` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 14) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.103 ROLLER-SKATES, COASTERS, AND THE LIKE.**

No person upon roller-skates, or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device, shall go upon any roadway, unless it be while crossing a street at a crosswalk or intersection; except upon streets set aside as play streets.

(` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article V, § 15) Penalty, see § 70.99



***TRAINS*****§ 71.115 BLOCKING CROSSINGS RESTRICTED.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to allow a railroad train, locomotive, or any railroad vehicle to stand upon a public crossing, or any part thereof, for more than five minutes at any time.

( `59 Code, Chapter F, Article VI, § 6) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.116 SPEED LIMIT.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to operate any locomotive engine or train or railroad car within the corporate limits of the town at any speed in excess of 35 miles per hour.

( `59 Code, Chapter F, Article VI, § 7) Penalty, see § 70.99



## CHAPTER 72: PARKING REGULATIONS

### Section

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**GENERAL PARKING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS****§ 72.01 STOPPING IN STREETS PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS.**

No vehicle shall stop in any street except for the purpose of parking as prescribed in this chapter, unless that stop is made necessary by the approach of fire apparatus, by the approach of a funeral or other procession which is given the right-of-way, by the stopping of a public conveyance, by the lowering of railway gates, by the giving of traffic signals, by the passing of some other vehicle or pedestrian, or by some emergency; and in any case covered by these exceptions, vehicles shall stop so as not to obstruct any footway, pedestrian aisle, safety zone, crossing, or street intersection if that can be avoided.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 1) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.02 OBSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC PROHIBITED.**

No vehicle shall so stand on any street as to interrupt or interfere with the passage of public conveyances or other vehicles.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 2) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.03 TAXICABS PARKING IN ONE BLOCK; RESTRICTIONS.**

Not more than two taxicabs owned by the same company shall be parked in one block at the same time, except taxicabs as may be parked in established taxi stands as set out in § 72.23 of this code.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 9) Penalty, see § 70.99

***Cross-reference:***

*Taxicabs, see Chapter 112*

**§ 72.04 PARK PARALLEL TO CURB; EXCEPTIONS.**

Where not otherwise indicated by this title, and where the street is not marked to show how vehicles shall park, all vehicles shall park parallel to the curb, and not more than 12 inches therefrom.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 10) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.05 PARKING BACKED TO CURB PROHIBITED.**

In no case shall a vehicle remain backed up to a curb, except when actually loading or unloading. If the vehicle be horse-drawn, the horse or horses shall stand parallel to the curb and face the direction of traffic.

(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 11) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.06 PARKING WITH LEFT SIDE TO CURB RESTRICTED.**

No vehicle shall stop with its left side to the curb in the business district, except that on one-way streets vehicles shall stop headed in the direction of traffic.

(` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 12) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.07 MARKED PARKING SPACES; PARK WITHIN LINES.**

On any street which is marked off with lines indicating the parking spaces for cars, the same shall be parked between those lines.

(` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 13)

**§ 72.08 UNLAWFUL PARKING PURPOSES.**

(A) No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any street for the principal purposes of:

(1) Displaying it for sale;

(2) Washing, greasing, or repairing the vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency;

(3) Storage thereof by garages, dealers, or other persons when that storage is not incident to the bona fide use and operation of the automobile or other vehicles; or

(4) Storage of any detached trailer or van, when the towing unit has been disconnected, or for the purpose of transferring merchandise or freight from one vehicle to another.

(B) No person shall stand or park on any street any vehicle for the primary purpose of advertising.

(` 59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, §§ 16, 17) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.09 STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED; NO SIGNS REQUIRED.**

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

(A) On the sidewalk;

(B) On a crosswalk;

(C) Within 30 feet of any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a street or roadway;

(D) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction, when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;

(E) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure or within any underpass structure;

(F) Within 15 feet in either direction of the entrance to a hotel, theater, hospital, sanatorium, or any public building; or

(G) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped, standing, or parked at the edge or curb of a street. (<sup>1</sup>59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 18) Penalty, see § 70.99

### **§ 72.10 MOVING VEHICLE TO UNLAWFUL LOCATION BY NON-OWNER PROHIBITED.**

No person shall move a vehicle not owned by that person into any prohibited area, or sufficiently away from the curb to make that distance unlawful.

(<sup>1</sup>59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 19) Penalty, see § 70.99

## ***PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN DESIGNATED AREAS***

### **§ 72.20 DESIGNATED NO-PARKING ZONES.**

When signs are placed, erected, or installed giving notice thereof, or the curbing has been painted yellow in lieu of signs, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners.

(<sup>1</sup>59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 3) Penalty, see § 70.99

### **§ 72.21 DESIGNATED RESTRICTED HOURS PARKING ZONES.**

When signs are placed, erected, or installed in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. upon any of the streets as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners, unless other hours are designated; provided that this section shall not apply to automobiles or other vehicles parked on those streets between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. when the owners thereof are at work in the building or on the premises in front of which, or near which, the automobiles or other vehicles are parked.

(<sup>1</sup>59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 4) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.22 DESIGNATED LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONES.**

(A) *Two-hour parking.* When signs are placed, erected, or installed in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than two hours at any time between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on any day, except Sundays and public holidays, upon any of the streets as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners, and the changing of the position of a vehicle from one point directly to another point within the same block shall be deemed one continuous parking period.

(B) *One-hour parking.* When signs are placed, erected, or installed in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than one hour at any time between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. of any day, except Sundays and public holidays, upon any of the streets as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners, and the changing of the position of a vehicle from one point directly to another point within the same block shall be deemed one continuous parking period.

(C) *Ten-minute parking.* When signs are placed, erected, or installed in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than ten minutes at any time upon any streets as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners, and the changing of the position of a vehicle from one point directly to another point within the same block shall be deemed one continuous parking period.  
(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, §§ 5 - 7) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.23 RESERVED STANDS FOR SPECIFIC VEHICLES.**

Those streets or parts of streets as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners, shall be reserved as stands for the specific purpose and at the exact location named thereby, and no automobile or other vehicle shall park therein except those for which the space or stand has been designated.  
(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 8) Penalty, see § 70.99

***Cross-reference:***

*Taxicabs, see Chapter 113*

**§ 72.24 DESIGNATED DOUBLE DIAGONAL PARKING.**

Double diagonal parking, at an angle of approximately 45 degrees, shall be allowed in the center of designated streets or portions of streets.  
(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 14)

**§ 72.25 DESIGNATED FORTY-FIVE DEGREE ANGLE PARKING.**

Automobiles and other vehicles shall be parked at an angle of approximately 45 degrees with the curb on those streets or parts of streets as may be so designated by the Board of Commissioners.  
(`59 Code, Chapter F, Article IV, § 15)

**§ 72.26 TOWN PARKING LOTS; HOURS OF OPERATION.**

(A) For the purpose of this section, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

***TOWN PARKING LOT.*** Any parking lot owned or controlled by the town and maintained for public use.

(B) The hours of operation for the town parking lot(s) shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days per week, for public parking.

(C) The town parking lot(s) shall be closed and not available for public parking or use during the hours of 6:01 p.m. to 5:59 a.m., seven days per week.

(D) The town shall cause signs to be constructed and placed at the entrance of the parking lot(s) at locations that are clearly visible.

(E) It shall be unlawful for a person to enter upon and/or remain on the town parking lot(s) during the hours of non-operation as defined in division (C) hereof.

(F) Violation shall be a misdemeanor as provided by G.S. § 14-4.  
(Ord. O-98-002, passed 3-2-98) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.27 TOWN PARKING LOTS; UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY.**

(A) *Town parking lot.* It shall be unlawful for any person to assemble with one or more other persons on a town owned or controlled parking lot except for the purpose of lawfully parking a vehicle in the lot. It shall not be a violation of this section to lawfully park a vehicle in a town parking lot and leave the lot without delay, or go upon a town parking lot and without delay proceed to a lawfully parked vehicle and then leave during the hours of operation set forth in § 72.26.

(B) *Constitutional exception.* The prohibition in division (A) shall not apply to a congregation of persons pursuant to any lawfully issued permit for a parade, demonstration, picketing, or other event or congregation protected under the Constitution of the United States or of the state.

(C) *Definition.* For the purpose of this section, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

***TOWN PARKING LOT.*** Any parking lot owned or controlled by the town and maintained for public or public and leased space parking.

(D) *Violations.* Violation shall be a misdemeanor as provided by G.S. § 14-4.  
(Ord. O-98-002, passed 3-2-98) Penalty, see § 70.99