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General Provisions

§ 71.01 ONE WAY STREETS.

Upon the streets, and parts of streets, described in Chapter 74, Schedule IV, attached hereto and made a part hereof, 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.

('85 Code, § 72.01) Penalty, see § 70.99

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§ 71.02 DRIVING ON ROADWAYS LANED FOR TRAFFIC.

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 the lane until the driver has first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety.

('85 Code, § 72.02) Penalty, see § 70.99

Statutory reference:

Driving on right side of road, see G.S. § 20-146

§ 71.03 LIMITATIONS ON BACKING.

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 the movement can be made in safety, and he shall have given ample warning to those who may be behind, by hand and horn or other signal.

('85 Code, § 72.03) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.04 MOVING CARS FROM PARKED POSITIONS.

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.

('85 Code, § 72.04) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.05 DRIVING THROUGH FUNERAL PROCESSION.

No vehicle shall be driven through a funeral procession, except fire department vehicles, police patrols and ambulances, when the same are responding to calls.

('85 Code, § 72.05) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.06 SQUEALING TIRES.

It shall be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle within the town limits in a manner as to cause the wheels thereof to lose traction with the surface on which they are driven, or so as to cause the tires to squeal.

('85 Code, § 72.10) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.07 BOARDING PUBLIC CONVEYANCES.

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

('85 Code, § 72.11) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.08 UNLAWFUL RIDING.

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 truck bodies in spaces intended for merchandise.

('85 Code, § 72.12) Penalty, see § 70.99

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§ 71.09 RIDING VEHICLES WITHOUT PERMISSION.

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

('85 Code, § 72.13) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.10 PERSONS RIDING TO STAY INSIDE.

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

('85 Code, § 72.14) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.11 RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONS IN FRONT SEAT.

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

('85 Code, § 72.15) Penalty, see § 70.99

STOP AND YIELD REGULATIONS

§ 71.30 ENTERING INTERSECTION.

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 the signs before entering the intersection and shall not proceed into or across the through street until he has first determined that no conflict with traffic will be involved.

('85 Code, § 72.25) Penalty, see § 70.99

Statutory reference:

Erection of signs, see G.S. § 20-158.1

§ 71.31 STOP INTERSECTIONS.

Those intersections described in Chapter 74, Schedule IV attached hereto and made a part hereof, are declared to be stop intersections when entered from the streets first named, and when stop signs are placed, erected, or installed at the intersections every driver of a vehicle, or street car, shall stop in obedience to the signs before entering the intersection, and shall not proceed into, or across, the through street until he has first determined that no conflict with traffic will be involved.

('85 Code, § 72.26) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.32 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 is operating without

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obstructing the passage of other vehicles, or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

('85 Code, § 72.27) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.33 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR PRIVATE DRIVE.

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

('85 Code, § 72.28) Penalty, see § 70.99

TURNING MOVEMENTS

§ 71.45 NO RIGHT OR LEFT TURN PERMITTED.

(A) No vehicle shall make a left turn at any street intersection where prohibited.

(B) No vehicle shall make a right turn at any intersection where prohibited.

('85 Code, § 72.40) Penalty, see § 70.99

Statutory reference:

Turning at intersections, see G.S. § 20-153

§ 71.46 LIMITATIONS ON TURNING AROUND.

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, described in Chapter 74, Schedule II of this title.

('85 Code, § 72.41) Penalty, see § 70.99

TRAINS

§ 71.60 TRAINS BLOCKING CROSSING.

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. Railroad cars shall not be parked less than 30 feet from each side of the crossings within the town.

('85 Code, § 72.50) Penalty, see § 70.99

TRUCKS

§ 71.70 WEIGHT LIMITS.

(A) All trucks and tractor trailer trucks and other vehicles with an axle load limit in excess of 26,000 pounds are prohibited from the streets and roads within the town except those designated in Chapter 74, Schedule V. However, trucks and tractor trailer trucks and vehicles may travel on the streets

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or parts of streets when necessary to load or unload commodities at a destination upon the streets.

(B) All through trucks and other vehicles with an axle load limit in excess of 13,000 pounds shall be restricted to US and NC numbered routes within the corporate limit of the town.

('85 Code, Ch. 73, Sched. VI(A), (B)) (Ord. passed 11-6-80; Am. Motion passed 3-15-94) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.71 SIGNS.

The Chief of Police is directed to post and maintain at all approaches to parts of streets on which trucks are prohibited, appropriate signs prohibiting truck traffic in accordance with this chapter. The Secretary of Transportation is requested to post and maintain appropriate signs on state highways and state maintained streets within the town in accordance with this chapter.

('85 Code, Ch. 73, Sched. VI(D)) (Ord. passed 11-6-80)