

CHAPTER 70: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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Statutory reference:

Regulation of traffic on streets and public ways, see
G.S. 160A-300

§ 70.01 TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS.

(A) Town traffic and parking regulations will be established by ordinance and the Council. When a new traffic or parking ordinance is adopted, the Chief of Police shall make certain that the appropriate sign, traffic-control signal, or other markings are made to give proper notice of the regulation.

(B) A list of all town traffic and parking regulations shall be maintained in the office of the Clerk. The current list of regulations is incorporated by reference into this chapter.

§ 70.02 OBEDIENCE TO SIGNS, MARKERS, OR DEVICES.

Any person failing or refusing to comply with the directions indicated on any sign, marker, or device for the control of direction of traffic or regulation of parking erected or placed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, when so placed or erected, shall be guilty of an infraction or misdemeanor. This section shall not be construed to apply when the driver of a vehicle is otherwise directed by a police officer, or when an exception is granted to the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle under § 70.08.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.03 SIGNS AS PREREQUISITE TO ENFORCEMENT.

No provisions of this chapter 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.

§ 70.04 DISPLAY OF UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS.

(A) No person shall place, maintain, or display on or in view of any street or highway any unauthorized sign, signal, marking, or device which purports to be or is imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device, sign, or signal, or which attempts to direct

the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic-control device, sign, or signal.

(B) No person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit on any street or highway any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising.
Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.05 INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICIAL TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES.

No person shall without lawful authority attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down, or remove any official traffic-control device, sign, or signal or any inscription, shield, or insignia thereon, or any other part thereof.
Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.06 AUTHORITY OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

(A) It shall be the duty of the officers of the Police Department to enforce all street traffic laws and all of the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic.

(B) Officers of the Police Department are authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand, or signal in conformance with traffic laws, provided that, in the event of a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police Department may direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws.

(C) Officers of the Fire Department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity.

(D) Officers of the State Highway Patrol and the County Sheriff's Department are authorized to enforce all street traffic laws and all state vehicle laws within the town.

§ 70.07 OBEDIENCE TO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of a police officer or Fire Department official.
Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.08 AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

The provisions of this chapter regulating the operation, parking, and standing of vehicles shall apply to authorized emergency vehicles, as defined in this chapter, except as provided under state law.

Statutory reference:

Emergency vehicles, exceptions to right-of-way rules, see
G.S. 20-156