

CHAPTER 71: TRAFFIC RULES

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Traffic regulated on certain streets, see Ch.73

§ 71.01 LIMITATIONS ON TURNING AROUND.

No driver of a vehicle shall turn the vehicle and proceed in the opposite direction within the business district (U-Turn). ('81 Code, § 17-112) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.02 ILLEGAL STARTING.

No person shall upon a public street, highway, road, alley, drive or other public way, or upon the grounds and premises of any service station, drive-in theater, store, restaurant or other business establishment providing parking or loading and unloading automobile space for customers, patrons or the public; operate a motor vehicle from a standing or parked position by rapid acceleration and/or other mechanical means of operation so as to cause the wheels of the vehicle to spin in place prior to and/or during the initial forward movement from a standing or parking position to travel at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and necessary for the normal operation of the vehicle according to accepted standard practice for vehicle operation; or at a rate of speed or in such manner that will endanger or is likely to endanger person or property, or in a heedless manner willfully disregarding the rights of others and without due caution. These methods of vehicle operation are sometimes referred to as “scratching off.” ('81 Code, § 17-117) (Ord. Passed 12-6-63) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.03 MUFFLER REQUIRED.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on or off a street in the Town unless the motor vehicle is equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise, annoying smoke and smoke screens. ('81 Code, § 17-118) (Ord. Passed 5-10-77) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.04 MUFFLER CUT-OUTS PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use a “muffler cut-out” on any motor vehicle. ('81 Code, § 17-119) (Ord. Passed 5-10-77) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.05 GENERAL SPEED LIMIT.

The speed limit on the streets and highways of the Town shall be as established by State law under G.S. § 20-141, except as set forth in Chapter 73 unless otherwise posted. ('81 Code, § 17-123) (Ord. Passed 10-12-65)

Cross-reference: Speed limit in cemeteries, see § 92.04

§ 71.06 HOUSE-MOVING.

Any person desiring to move any dwelling or structure over the Town streets shall first obtain permission to do so from the Town Manager, Street Department Supervisor and the Code Enforcement Officer and after the permission is granted, shall pay a fee to be set and

amended from time to time by the Town Board of Commissioners, and in addition thereto, shall pay any damage done to the street or Town property. ('81 Code, § 17-128) Penalty, see § 70.99

Cross-reference: *Buildings and building regulations, see Ch. 150*

Statutory reference: *Authority of Town to keep streets open for travel and free from unnecessary obstructions, see G.S. § 160A-296*

§ 71.07 USE OF SKATES, COASTERS, BICYCLES AND THE LIKE.

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by this chapter applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this title and except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application.

No person upon skates, coasters, bicycles or similar device shall ride upon any sidewalk within the Town except upon streets set aside as play streets or sidewalks in a residential district. ('81 Code, § 17-131) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.08 DRIVING PROHIBITED DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

No vehicle shall be driven on South Hillsborough Street from South Main Street west to the round-a-bout and on North Hillsborough Street from Mason Street to Vine Street during school hours. ('81 Code, § 17-127) Penalty, see § 70.99

Cross-reference: *Parking prohibited during school hours, see § 72.09*

§ 71.09 COMMERCIAL TRUCKS IN THE CITY LIMITS.

(A) No through commercial trucks allowed on Town streets except for loading and unloading of cargo.

(B) The term “through commercial truck” shall mean any truck having three or more axles towing a trailer which passes through the city without stopping for the purpose of either collecting or discharging cargo or for the purpose of either collecting or discharging passengers. (Ord. Passed 7-20-04)

(C) No motor vehicle operated within the Town limits shall utilize an engine retarding system to aid in the braking process of the vehicle, which causes loud noise uncharacteristic of the normal operating sound of said motor vehicle. (Jake Braking)

Statutory reference: *Similar provisions, see G.S. § 160A-300*