TOWN OF PRINCETON, NC

CODE OF ORDINANCES

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§ 10.01 TITLE OF CODE

This codification of ordinances by and for the Town of Princeton shall be designated as the Code of Princeton, North Carolina and may be so cited.

§ 10.02 INTERPRETATION

Unless otherwise provided herein, or by law or implication required, the same rules of construction, definition and application shall govern the interpretation of this code as those governing the interpretation of state law.

§ 10.03 APPLICATION TO FUTURE ORDINANCES

All provisions of Title I compatible with future legislation shall apply to ordinances hereafter adopted amending or supplementing this code unless otherwise specifically provided.

§ 10.04 CAPTIONS

Headings and captions used in this code other than the title, chapter and section numbers are employed for reference purposes only and shall not be deemed a part of the text of any section.

§ 10.05 DEFINITIONS

(A) *General rule.* Words and phrases shall be taken in their plain, or ordinary and usual sense. However, technical words and phrases having a peculiar and appropriate meaning in law shall be understood according to their technical import.

(B) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this code, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. The Mayor and governing body of the Town of Princeton, North Carolina.

CODE, THIS CODE or ***THIS CODE OF ORDINANCES***. This municipal code as modified by amendment, revision and adoption of new titles, chapters or sections.

COMPUTATION OF TIME. The time within which an act is to be done shall be computed by excluding the first and the last day; and if the last day is Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, that day shall be excluded.

COUNTY. The County of Johnston, North Carolina.

G.S. or ***GENERAL STATUTES***. The latest edition of the GENERAL STATUTES of North Carolina, as amended.

GENDER. Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neutral.

GOVERNOR. The Governor of North Carolina.

JOINT AUTHORITY. All words giving a joint authority to 3 or more persons or officers shall be construed as giving the authority to a majority of persons or officers.

MAY. The act referred to is permissive.

MONTH. A calendar month.

NUMBER. Words used in the singular include the plural, and the plural includes the singular number.

OATH. An affirmation in all cases in which, by law, an affirmation may be substituted for an oath, and in those cases the words ***SWEAR*** and ***SWORN*** shall be equivalent to the words ***AFFIRM*** and ***AFFIRMED***.

OFFICER, OFFICE, EMPLOYEE, COMMISSION or ***DEPARTMENT***. An officer, office, employee, commission or department of this municipality unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

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

OWNER. Applied to any property, shall include any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant or tenant by the entirety, of the whole or a part of the property.

PERSON. Extends to and includes person, persons, firm, corporation, co-partnership, trustee, lessee or receiver. Whenever used in any clause prescribing and imposing a penalty, the terms PERSON or WHOEVER as

applied to any unincorporated entity shall mean the partners or members thereof, and as applied to corporations, the officers or agents thereof.

PERSONAL PROPERTY. Every species of property except real property.

PRECEDING or ***FOLLOWING***. Next before or next after, respectively.

PROPERTY. Includes real and personal property.

REAL PROPERTY. Includes lands, tenements and hereditaments.

SHALL. The act referred to is mandatory.

SIDEWALK. Any portion of a street between the curb-line and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.

SIGNATURE or ***SUBSCRIPTION***. Includes a mark when the person cannot write.

STATE. The State of North Carolina.

STREET. Any public way, road, highway, street, avenue, boulevard, parkway, dedicated alley, lane, viaduct, bridge and the approaches thereto within the town and shall mean the entire width of the right-of-way between abutting property lines.

SUBCHAPTER. A division of a chapter, designated in this code by a heading in the chapter analysis and a capitalized heading in the body of the chapter, setting apart a group of sections related by the subject matter of the heading. Not all chapters have subchapters.

TENANT or ***OCCUPANT***. When applied to a building or land, shall include any person who occupies the whole or a part of the building or land, whether alone or with others.

TENSE. Words used in the past or present tense include the future as well as the past and present.

TOWN. The Town of Princeton, in the County of Johnston, North Carolina.

WRITTEN. Any representation of words, letters or figures, whether by printing or otherwise.

YEAR. A calendar year, unless otherwise expressed.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. One designated by the Commission. Statutory reference: Computation of time, see G.S. § 1-593

§ 10.06 RULES OF INTERPRETATION

The construction of all ordinances of this town shall be by the following rules, unless the construction is plainly repugnant to the intent of the legislative body or of the context of the same ordinance:

(A) ***AND*** or ***OR***. Either conjunction shall include the other as if written "and/or," if the sense requires it.

(B) ***Acts by assistants***. When a statute or ordinance requires an act to be done which, by law, an agent or deputy as well may do as the principal, the requisition shall be satisfied by the performance of an act by an authorized agent or deputy.

(C) ***Gender*, *singular and plural, tenses***. Words denoting the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine and neuter genders; words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular; the use of a verb in the present tense shall include the future, if applicable.

(D) ***General term***. A general term following specific enumeration of terms is not to be limited to the class enumerated unless expressly so limited.

§ 10.07 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this code as now or later amended or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

§ 10.08 REFERENCE TO OTHER SECTIONS

Whenever in one section reference is made to another section hereof, that reference shall extend and apply to the section referred to as subsequently amended, revised, re-codified or renumbered unless the subject matter is changed or materially altered by the amendment or revision.

§ 10.09 REFERENCE TO OFFICES

Reference to a public office or officer shall be deemed to apply to any office, officer or employee of this town exercising the powers, duties or functions contemplated in the provision, irrespective of any transfer of functions or change in the official title of the functionary.

§ 10.10 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

If a manifest error is discovered, consisting of the misspelling of any words; the omission of any word or words necessary to express the intention of the provisions affected; the use of a word or words to which no meaning can be attached; or the use of a word or words when another word or words was clearly intended to express the intent, that spelling shall be corrected and the word or words supplied, omitted or substituted as will conform with the manifest intention, and the provisions shall have the same effect as though the correct words were contained in the text as originally published. No alteration shall be made or permitted if any question exists regarding the nature or extent of the error.

§ 10.11 OFFICIAL TIME

The official time, as established by applicable state and federal laws, shall be the official time within this town for the transaction of all municipal business.

§ 10.12 REASONABLE TIME; COMPUTING TIME

(A) In all cases where an ordinance requires an act to be done in a reasonable time or requires reasonable notice to be given, reasonable time or notice shall be deemed to mean the time which is necessary for a prompt performance of the act or the giving of the notice.

(B) The time within which an act is to be done, as herein provided, shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last. If the last day be Sunday, it shall be excluded.

§ 10.13 ORDINANCES REPEALED

This code, from and after its effective date, shall contain all of the provisions of a general nature pertaining to the subjects herein enumerated and embraced. All prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects treated by this code shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of this code.

§ 10.14 ORDINANCES UNAFFECTED

(A) All ordinances of a temporary or special nature and all other ordinances pertaining to subjects not embraced in this code shall remain in full force and effect unless herein repealed expressly or by necessary implication.

(B) Nothing in this code or the ordinance adopting this code shall be construed to repeal or otherwise affect the validity of any of the following:

(1) Any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any contract or right established or accruing before the effective date of this code

(2) Any ordinance or resolution promising or guaranteeing the payment of money for the town or authorizing the issuance of any bonds of the town or any evidence of the town's indebtedness;

(3) Any contract of obligation by the Town;

(4) Any ordinance fixing the salary of any town officer or employee;

(5) Any right or franchise granted by the town;

(6) Any ordinance dedicating, naming, establishing, locating, relocating, opening, widening, paving and the like, any street or public way in the town;

(7) Any appropriation ordinance;

(8) Any ordinance which, by its own terms, is effective for a stated or limited term;

(9) Any ordinance providing for local improvements and assessing taxes therefore;

(10) Any zoning ordinance or zoning map amendment;

(11) Any ordinance dedicating or accepting any subdivision plat;

(12) Any ordinance describing or altering the boundaries of the town;

(13) The administrative ordinances or resolutions of the town not in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this code;

(14) Any ordinance levying or imposing taxes not included herein;

(15) Any ordinance establishing or prescribing street grades in the town; and/or

(16) Any personnel ordinance.

(C) Nor shall any ordinance be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance which is repealed by this chapter; and all ordinances are hereby recognized as continuing in full force and effect to the same extent as if set out at length herein.

Statutory reference:

Statutes not repealed by General Statutes, see G.S. § 164-7

§ 10.15 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES

All ordinances passed by the legislative body requiring publication shall take effect from and after the due publication thereof, unless otherwise expressly provided; Ordinances not requiring publication shall take effect from their passage, unless otherwise expressly provided.

§ 10.16 REPEAL OR MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES

(A) Whenever any ordinance or part of an ordinance shall be repealed or modified by a subsequent ordinance, the ordinance or part of an ordinance thus repealed or modified shall continue in force until the due publication of the ordinance repealing or modifying it when publication is required to give effect thereto, unless otherwise expressly provided.

(B) No suit, proceedings, right, fine, forfeiture or penalty instituted, created, given, secured or accrued under any ordinance previous to its repeal shall in any way be affected, released or discharged, but may be prosecuted, enjoyed and recovered as fully as if the ordinance had continued in force unless it is otherwise expressly provided.

(C) When any ordinance repealing a former ordinance, clause or provision shall be itself repealed, the repeal shall not be construed to revive the former ordinance, clause or provision, unless it is expressly provided.

§ 10.17 ORDINANCES WHICH AMEND CODE; EFFECT OF NEW ORDINANCES

(A) All ordinances passed subsequent to this code which amend, repeal or in any way affect this code may be numbered in accordance with the numbering system hereof and printed for inclusion herein. When subsequent ordinances repeal any chapter, section or subsection, or any portion thereof, the repealed portions may be excluded from this code by omission from reprinted pages. The subsequent ordinances as numbered and printed, or omitted in the case of repeal, shall be prima facie evidence that the subsequent ordinances numbered or omitted are readopted as a new code by the town.

(B) Amendments to any of the provisions of the code shall be made by amending provisions by specific reference to the section number of this code in language substantially similar to the following: "Section_____ of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Princeton, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: …" The new provisions shall then be set out in full as desired.

(C) If a new section not heretofore existing in the code is to be added, language substantially similar to the following shall be used: "The Code of Ordinances, Town of Princeton, North Carolina, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered _____, which section shall read as follows: …" The new section shall then be set out in full as desired. ~

(D) All sections, articles, chapters or provisions desired to be repealed must be specifically repealed by section, article or chapter number, as the case may be.

§ 10.18 SECTION HISTORIES; SECTIONS HEADINGS; STATUTORY REFERENCES

(A) As histories for the code sections, the specific number and passage date of the original ordinance and amending ordinances, if any, are listed following the text of the code section.

Example: (Ord. 10, passed 5-13-1960; Am. Ord. 15, passed 1-1-1970; Am. Ord. 20, passed 1-1-1980; Am. Ord. 25, passed 1-1-1985)

(1) A statutory cite included in the history indicates that the text of the section reads substantially the same as the statute.

Example:
(G.S. § 160A-11) (Ord. 10, passed 1-17-1980; Am. Ord. 20, passed 1-1-1985)

(2) A statutory cite set forth as a "statutory reference" following the text of the section indicates that the reader should refer to that statute for further information.

Example:
§ 39.01 PUBLIC RECORDS AVAILABLE.
This municipality shall make available to any person for inspection or copying all public records, unless otherwise exempted by state law.
Statutory reference:
Inspection of public records, see G.S. § 132-1 et seq.

(B) If a section of this code is derived from the prior code of ordinances of the town, the prior code section number shall be indicated in the history by "(Prior Code, § ___)." The history notes following sections and the

references scattered throughout the code are not part of the code, but are merely for the benefit of the user of the code.

§ 10.99 GENERAL PENALTY

(A) In accordance with G.S. § 160A-175, violation of any provision hereof shall be a misdemeanor or infraction as provided in G.S. § 14-4, punishable on conviction by a fine not exceeding $50 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days. An ordinance may provide by express statement that the maximum fine or term of imprisonment to be imposed for its violation shall be some figure or number of days less than the maximum penalties prescribed by G.S. § 14-4.

(B) An ordinance contained herein may provide for its enforcement by other remedies, as authorized in G.S. § 160A-175, including the imposition of civil fines, the ordering of specific equitable relief, including injunctions, or a combination of remedies. In addition, any ordinance contained herein may be enforced by an appropriate equitable remedy issuing from a court of competent jurisdiction.

(C) An ordinance may provide, when appropriate, that each day's continuing violation shall be a separate and distinct offense.

Statutory reference:

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§ 30.01 REGULAR MEETINGS

The regular meetings of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Princeton shall be held on the Monday after the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall unless otherwise designated by the Board.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. I, § 1)

§ 30.02 SPECIAL MEETINGS

(A) Special meetings of the Board may be held upon the call of the Mayor or upon the request of any 2 members of the Board of Commissioners

(B) Notice of the time and purposes of the special meetings shall be posted at the town hall and due notice shall be given to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the time and purposes of the meetings.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. I, § 2)

§ 30.03 QUOROM

A majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners shall constitute a quorum and no official business of the town shall be transacted by the Board unless a quorum is present.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. I, § 3)

§ 30.04 MINUTES

It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to be present at all meetings of the Board of Commissioners, and to keep in a book provided for that purpose a record of all the proceedings of the Board.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. I, § 4)

§ 30.05 MAYOR TO PRESIDE

The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Board and in his or her absence the Mayor Pro Tempore shall preside.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. I, § 5)

§ 30.06 MAYOR NOT TO VOTE

The Mayor shall not vote on any question before the Board except in the case of a tie vote deadlocking a decision of the Board of Commissioners.
(Prior Code. Ch. A, Art. I, § 6)

§ 30.07 COMMITTESS

The Mayor and Commissioners may create Committees of the Board for special purposes as they deem best.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. I, § 7)

ORDINANCES

§ 30.20 EFFECTIVE DATE

All ordinances shall be effective after the ratification thereof, except ordinances specifying some other effective date or ordinances required by state law to be effective only after having met specific date requirements.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. II, § 1)

§ 30.21 ORDINANCES CONFINED TO ONE SUBJECT

All ordinances shall be confined to 1 subject except appropriation ordinances which shall be confined to the subject of appropriations only.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. II, § 2)

§ 30.22 OFFICIAL COPY

(A) A true copy of an ordinance, which has been duly enacted by the Board, signed by the Mayor, and attested to by the Town Clerk shall be known as an official copy of any ordinance for the town.
(B) All ordinances or a true copy thereof shall be inserted in this code in the proper chapter.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. II, § 3)

§ 30.23 ORDINANCES APPROPRIATING MONEY

No appropriation ordinance or an ordinance to alter or repeal an appropriation ordinance shall be enacted at any meeting other than a regular meeting except by a unanimous vote of the entire Board.
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§ 31.01 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

(A) It shall be the duty of the Mayor to cause an ordinances of the town to be enforced, and to attend and preside over all meetings of the Board.

(B) It shall be further the duty of the Mayor to require within 30 days after the close of each year a report for the Board of Commissioners from the various departments of the town government for the previous year and recommend adjustments as he or she sees fit, and the Mayor shall perform other duties as the Board may from time to time require.

(C) The Mayor shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the town.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. III, § 1)

§ 31.02 OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk shall be appointed by the Board at the first meeting in May each year.

(A) (1) The Town Clerk shall attend all meetings of the Board of Commissioners and shall regularly and fairly record all of their proceedings in a book to be kept by him or her for that purpose. (2) He or she shall also keep a well bound book to be styled the Code of Ordinances, in which he or she shall fairly and correctly transcribe an ordinances which are enacted by the Board of Commissioners.

(B) It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to keep true, accurate and just books of accounts of the dealings and transactions of the town, which book shall show at all times the true condition of the town, its resources and liabilities and the disposition and use of the monies coming under the control of the town.

(C) The Town Clerk shall keep or cause to be kept in a safe place all monies, records, and accounts.

(D) The Town Clerk shall perform other duties as the Board may from time to time require.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. III, § 2)

§ 31.03 OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

(A) Other officers and employees that are deemed necessary shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners at the first meeting in May each year.

(B) All officers and employees shal1 serve at the pleasure of the Board and receive compensation as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. III, § 3)

§ 31.04 EMPLOYEES BOND

(A) The Town Clerk and other officers or employees required by the Board shall, before entering upon their duties, post bond in the amounts specified by the Board.

(B) All bond premiums shall be paid from town funds, provided that when 2 officers are combined, as Clerk and Treasurer, on 1 bond shall be required.
(Prior Code, Ch. A, Art. III, § 4)

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The Police Department of the town shall consist of a chief and as many police officers as the Board of Commissioners shall from time to time determine and elect and as many special police officers as the Mayor and Board may deem necessary to appoint for special purposes.
(Prior Code, Ch. B, § 1)

§ 32.002 BOARD TO HAVE CONTROL

The Board of Commissioners shall have general supervision over the Police Department. The Board may suspend, for cause, any member of the Police Department until the next regular meeting at which time final disposition shall be made.
(Prior Code, Ch. B, § 2)

§ 32.003 UNIFORMS

All police officers shall wear uniforms as shall be provided by the town and shall keep the uniforms in a neat and clean condition, and shall surrender all uniforms and equipment upon leaving the police service of the town if the uniforms and equipment were furnished by the town.
(Prior Code, Ch. B, § 3)

§ 32.004 DUTIES OF POLICE

The Police Department shall carry out all orders of the Board, enforce all laws and ordinances of the town and the State of North Carolina, and shall at all times preserve the peace, protect the property and the safety of the citizens of Princeton.
(Prior Code, Ch. B, § 4)

§ 32.005 CHIEF OF POLICE

(A) The Chief of Police shall have control over the Police Department under the supervision of the Board of Commissioners.

(B) The Chief shall keep the Board informed of the Police Department's activities and make reports that the Board may from time to time require, and he or she shall perform other duties as my be required of him or her by the Board.
(Prior Code, Sh. B, § 5)

§ 32.006 AUXILLARY POLICE DIVISION

There is hereby established within the Police Department, as a division thereof, an Auxiliary Police Division. The Auxiliary Police Division shall be a volunteer organization. Its members shall serve without compensation a minimum of 12 hours per 28-day pay cycle. It shall be composed of as many members as may, from time to time, be determined by the Chief of Police and approved by the Board of Commissioners. Further, responsibility for state-mandated training and any associated costs will the responsibility of the individual officer.
(Ord. passed 6-1-2009)

APPEARANCE COMMISSION

§ 32.015 ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

(A) There is established for the municipality of the town, a community Appearance Commission under the provisions of G.S. §§ 160A-451 *et seq*.

(B) This Commission shall consist of a minimum of 3 members.

(C) The Board of Commissioners may vary the size of the Commission from time to time.

(D) The Board of Commissioners may remove any appointee at any time without cause.
(Ord. passed 9-7-1999; Am. Ord. passed 3-5-2012)

§ 32.016 DUTIES

(A) The Appearance Commission shall deliver a report to the Board of Commissioners of the town at least annually.

(B) As provided in G.S. § 160A-451, the members of the Appearance Commission pursuant to this subchapter may be reimbursed for their actual expenses incidental to the performance of their duties within the limits of any funds available to the Appearance Commission, with the responsibility upon the members of the Appearance Commission to first, before making expenditures and incurring expenses, inquire of the Town Administrator and obtain approval of the expenses to be incurred and the expenditures to be made.

(C) The members of the Commission shall serve without pay and membership in the Commission as provided in the statutes shall be declared to be an office that may be held concurrently with any other elective or appointive office pursuant to North Carolina State Constitution Art. 4, § 9.
(Ord. passed 9-7-1999; Am. Ord. passed 3-5-2012)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

§ 32.030 ORGANIZATION

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Princeton hereby create a unit to be named Parks and Recreation Committee to be composed of up to 7 in-town members and 2 Members residing outside of town in the extra-territorial planning jurisdiction.
(Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.031 POWER AND DUTIES

(A) The Parks and Recreation Committee shall serve as an advisory body for the Town of Princeton. The Parks and Recreation Committee shall suggest policies to the Princeton Board of Commissioners within its powers and responsibilities as stated in this subchapter.

(B) The Parks and Recreation Committee shall serve as a liaison between the Princeton Board of Commissioners and citizens of the community.

(C) The Parks and Recreation Committee shall consult with and advise the Princeton Board of Commissioners in matters affecting recreation policies, program, personnel, finances and the acquisition and disposal of lands and properties related to the total community recreation program, and to its long-range, projected program for recreation.

(D) The Parks and Recreation Committee shall assume duties for recreation purposes, as follows:

(1) Make recommendations for the establishment of a system of supervised recreation for the unit;

(2) Make recommendations to set apart for use as parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, water areas or· other recreation areas or structures, any unit's authorized body, and may suggest improvements of lands and for the construction and for the equipping and staffing of buildings and structures as may be necessary to the recreation program within those funds allocated;

(3) Advise in the acquisition of lands and structures through gifts, purchase, lease or loan, or by condemnation by the unit, eminent domain, of the North Carolina General Statutes and as approved by the Princeton Board of Commissioners;

(4) Advise in the acceptance by the Town of Princeton of any grant, gift, bequest or donation, any personal or real property offered or made available for recreation purposes and which is judged to be of present or possible future use for recreation. Any gift, bequest of money or other property, any grant, devise of real or personal property so acquired shall be held, by the Town of Princeton, used and finally disposed of in accordance with the terms under which grant, gift or devise is made and accepted; and

(5) Advise in the construction, equipping, operation, and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, recreation centers and all buildings and structures necessary or useful, and will advise in regard to other recreation. (Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.032 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

The Princeton Board of Commissioners shall appoint each member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, (Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.033 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

(A) A member of the Princeton Board of Commissioners might be designated as an ex-officio member of the Committee.

(B) The ex-officio member will not have a vote on items coming before The Parks and Recreation Committee. (Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.034 LENGTH OF APPOINTMENT

(A) Each member shall be appointed for a 3-year term.

(B) Initial appointments shall be arranged so that approximately 1/3 of the terms will expire each year, except for the representative from the Princeton Board of Commissioners who shall serve on The Parks and Recreation Committee concurrent with his or her term of office on the Board of Commissioners. (Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.035 MEETINGS

(A) The Parks and Recreation Committee meetings shall be held on a monthly basis unless when determined otherwise by the Committee.

(B) The Chairperson of the Committee or, in his or her absence, the Vice Chairperson, may call a special meeting of the Committee at any time by giving each member 24-hour notice.

(C) Four or more Committee members will schedule special meetings upon request.

(D) A quorum of the Committee shall be in attendance before action of an official nature can be taken. A quorum is at least 1 more than the number absent of the appointed members. (Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.036 ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

(A) An appointed member who misses more than 3 consecutive regular meetings loses his or her status as a member of the Committee until reappointed or replaced by the Princeton Board of Commissioners.

(B) Absences due to sickness, death or other emergencies of a like nature shall be regarded as approved absences and shall not affect the member's status on the Committee except that in the event of a long illness, or other cause for prolonged absence, the member may be replaced. (Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.037 COMPENSATION

(A) Committee members shall serve without monetary compensation.

(B) Members shall be reimbursed for travel and subsistence to professional recreation meetings, conferences and workshops, with reimbursement being made in compliance with the general policies of the Town of Princeton.
(Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.038 OFFICERS

(A) There shall be a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Committee.

(B) An annual election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be held by the Committee members and shall occur at the regular monthly meeting in July.

(C) Officers shall serve for 1 year from election with eligibility for re-election.

(D) New officers shall take office at the subsequent regular meeting in August.

(E) In the event an officer's appointment to the Committee is terminated, the Committee shall elect a replacement to this office from its membership at the meeting following the termination.
(Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.039 OFFICER DUTIES

(A) The Committee Chairperson shall preside at all meetings and sign all documents relative to action taken by the Committee.

(B) The Chairperson shall appoint all subcommittees including a nominating committee composed of 2 Committee members. A nominating committee shall be appointed at least 30 days prior to the July meeting.

(C) When the Chairperson is absent the Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.

(D) When both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are absent, those members who are present shall select a temporary Chairperson.

(E) The Director of Recreation shall serve as Secretary to the Committee. He or she may delegate all or part of these duties to a Department employee with the approval of the Committee, but shall hold the office of Secretary and shall be held responsible for the satisfactory accomplishment of the secretarial duties.

(F) The Secretary shall mail to all members copies of official reports and the official minutes of all regular and special meetings, prior to the next scheduled meeting.
(Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.040 COMMITTEES

(A) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary (Director) and the representative from the Princeton Board of Commissioners.

(B) The Committee Chairperson is authorized to appoint committees as, in the opinion of the Committee, are needed.

(C) Standing committee suggestions are:

(1) Program and activities;

(2) Areas and structures;

(3) Budget;

(4) Personnel; and

(5) Policies and procedures.

(D) Temporary and project committees shall be appointed as needed.
(Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.041 BY-LAWS

Operational policies and procedures may be incorporated into a set of by-laws as developed and approved by the Committee in line with this chapter and the policies of the Town of Princeton.
(Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

§ 32.042 EFFECTIVE DATE

This subchapter is effective upon February 4, 2002.
(Ord. passed 2-4-2002)

PLANNING BOARD

§ 32.060 DESIGNATION OF PLANNING AGENCY

(A) Pursuant to G.S. §§ 160A-361 and 160A-362, the Planning Board of the Town of Princeton, as constituted at the time this subchapter was adopted, is hereby re-established as the official planning agency for the town and sha11 be referred to as the Planning Board.

(B) The Planning Board shall perform the functions and duties herein prescribed.
(Ord. passed 4-7-2003)

§ 32.061 MEMBERSHIP TERMS AND VACANCIES

(A) The Planning Board shall consist of 7 regular members and 2 alternate members.

(1) Five regular members and 1 alternate member shall reside within the corporate limits of Princeton and shall be appointed by the Town Board of Commissioners.

(2) Two regular members and 1 alternate member shall reside in the extraterritorial jurisdiction as established by the Town of Princeton and shall be appointed by the Johnston County Board of Commissioners.

(B) Regular members shall have full voting rights on all matters upon which the Planning Board is authorized to take action.

(C) An alternate member shall have full voting rights when serving in the absence of a regular member.

(D) Faithful attendance at Planning Board meetings is a prerequisite for membership on the Board. Unexcused absence from 3 consecutive meetings shall be deemed adequate reason for termination of membership on the Planning Board by the legislative body.

(E) Members of the Planning Board at the time this subchapter was adopted are hereby appointed as the regular members of the Planning Board.

(F) Each member's appointment shall continue until the expiration of that member's current term.

(G) Alternate members and all succeeding members shall be appointed pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter.

(H) All succeeding terms shall be for a period of 3 years or until a successor has been appointed.

(I) Vacancies occurring for reasons other than expiration of terms shall be filled for the period of the unexpired term of the member whose vacancy is being filled.
(Ord. passed 4-7-2003)

§ 32.062 OFFICERS, RULES, MEETINGS AND RECORD

(A) The Planning Board shall elect a chairperson and may create and fill other offices that it deems necessary.

(B) The Planning Board shall adopt rules for the election and terms of officers and for the conduct of its meetings.

(C) The Board shall hold at least 1 monthly meeting unless there is no business to be discussed or acted upon, and all of its meetings shall be in accordance with G.S. Ch. 143, Art. 33C.

(D) A quorum shall consist of 4 voting members for the purpose of taking any official action required or authorized by state law or the Board of Commissioners.

(E) (1) Any member who is a party at interest to matters under consideration by the Board shall declare the interest prior to a vote of the Board on the question, and shall abstain from voting on the question. (2) This provision shall not prohibit the members from participating in discussions of the Board on matters prior to a vote.

(F) The Board shall keep accurate record of its meetings, including attendance by its members and its findings, recommendations and other actions, which shall be made part of the public record.
(Ord. passed 4-7-2003)

§ 32.063 COMPENSATION

(A) All members of the Planning Board shall serve without compensation.

(B) Members or employees of the Planning Board may attend planning conferences or meetings of planning institutes or hearings upon pending planning legislation.

(C) The Planning Board may pay the reasonable expenses incidental to attendance, with the concurrence of the Board of Commissioners and within the approved budget for the Planning Board.
(Ord. passed 4-7-2003)

§ 32.064 DUTIES

(A) It shall be the duty of the Planning Board to prepare plans and studies related to the physical development of Princeton.

(B) The Planning Board, as authorized by the North Carolina General Statutes, shall have the power and duties to:

(1) Make studies of the area within its territorial jurisdiction and surrounding areas;

(2) Determine objectives to be sought in the physical development of land in the study area;

(3) Prepare and adopt plans for achieving objectives;

(4) Develop and recommend policies, ordinances, administrative procedures, and other means for carrying out plans in a coordinated and efficient manner;

(5) Advise the legislative body concerning the use and amendment of means for carrying out plans;

(6) Prepare and recommend a proposed zoning ordinance in accordance with G.S. § 160A-387;

(7) Exercise any function in the administration and enforcement of various means for carrying out plans that the Board of Commissioners may direct; and

(8) Perform any other related duties that the Board of Commissioners may direct.
(Ord. passed 4-7-2003)

§ 32.065 ANNUAL REPORT AND BUDGET REQUEST

(A) The Planning Board shall submit a written annual report to the Board of Commissioners.

(B) The report shall include a summary of the previous year activities, an analysis of the expenditures to date for the current fiscal year, and its requested budget of funds needed for operation during the ensuing fiscal year.
(Ord. passed 4-7-2003)

§ 32.065 EFFECTIVE DATE

This subchapter shall be in full force and effect as a chapter of the Town of Princeton from and after its adoption date by the Board of Commissioners.
(Ord. passed 4-7-2003)

§ 32.999 PENALTY

Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99.

CHAPTER 33: TOWN POLICIES

Section

33.01 Procedure for Disposing of Personal Property Valued at Less Than $5,000

§ 32.999 PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSING OF PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUED AT LESS THAN $5,000

(A) *Property that can be disposed of under this section.*

(1) The Town Administrator is hereby authorized to declare surplus and dispose of any personal property owned by the Town of Princeton when, in his or her judgment, each of the following 3 criteria are met:

i. The item or group of items to be disposed of has a fair market value of less than $5,000;

ii. The property is no longer necessary for the purpose of conducting town business; and

iii. Sound property management principles and financial considerations indicate that the interests of the Town of Princeton would be best served by disposing of the property.

(2) Personal property that, in the judgment of the Town Administrator, meets these 3 criteria is referred to in this section as "surplus property."

(B) *Methods of disposition*. The Town Administrator may dispose of surplus property by any means which he o:r she judges reasonably calculated to secure for the town the fair market value in money or other consideration and to accomplish the disposal efficiently and economically, including but not limited to the methods of sale provided in G.S. § 160A-266 and § 160A-270. The sale may be public or private, and with or without notice, and minimum waiting period.

(C) *Sale by electronic auction*. As one of several means of disposing of surplus property, the Town Administrator is specifically authorized to dispose of surplus property by electronic means. The Town Administrator is authorized to establish procedures for disposing of surplus property by electronic means, and is further authorized to use existing public or private electronic auction services to dispose of surplus property. Notwithstanding the requirements of G.S. § 160A-270, the town shall not be required to provide advance notice of electronic auctions of the surplus property.

(D) *Terms of disposition*. The surplus property shall be sold to the party who tenders the highest offer, or exchanged for any property or services useful to the Town of Princeton if greater value may be obtained in that manner, and the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any applicable title documents necessary or appropriate to consummate the sale. If no offers are received within a reasonable time, the Town Administrator may retain the property for the town, obtain any reasonably available salvage value, or cause it to be disposed of as waste material. No surplus property may be donated except by resolution of the Town Council.

(E) *Records and reports*. The Town Administrator Director of Financial Services shall keep a record of all property sold under the authority of this section and that record shall describe the property sold or e changed, to whom it was sold, or with whom it was exchanged, and the amount of money or other consideration received for each sale or exchange.

(F) *Delegation*. The Town Administrator is authorized to delegate any or all of the authority granted or responsibilities assigned under this section to the Director of Financial Services. (Ord. passed 3-3-2008)

TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS

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51. WATER CONSERVATION

CHAPTER 50: SOLID WASTE

Section

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§ 50.01 COLLECTION TO BE MADE UPON DESIGNATED ROUTES AND SCHEDULES

(A) All residential customers will receive once per week curbside collection of garbage, yard waste (limbs, grass clippings, plant trimmings and the like), and trash.

(B) To ensure an equitable and timely collection of solid wastes all residential areas shall be placed into collection routes.

(1) Each route shall receive this collection service once per week.

(2) The day of service may change as routes increase or decrease in size, but not without notice.

(3) Each affected customer shall be notified, in advance, of any changes to their collection schedule.

(C) Each commercial customer (if applicable) shall be required to contract with a private solid waste contractor.

(D) Interruptions in service may occur in any of the normal collection schedules due to extreme weather conditions, holidays, equipment breakdowns, and/or due to other unusual circumstances.

(E) In the case of holidays, each affected customer will be notified in advance of any schedule change. (Ord. passed 9-7-1999)

§ 50.02 CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS; PLACEMENT OF CONTAINERS FOR COLLECTION

(A) The town, or its contractor, shall provide one 90-gallon container on wheels to each residential customer, and commercial customer if applicable, for the purpose of garbage and trash collection.

(B) Yard waste, hazardous materials, tires and all other materials banned from landfill disposal shall be prohibited.

(C) All containers provided by the town, or its contractor, shall be kept on the private premises of the customer, property owner, resident or occupant.

(D) Every container required by this chapter shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and shall be cleaned (washing or otherwise) by the customer, property owner, resident or occupant.

(E) It shall be the responsibility of each customer of the town to place containers beside the street (behind the curb or edge of pavement) on or prior to their scheduled collection day.

(F) For those customers who are unable to physically move the container out to the street, either due to age, illness or other physical disabilities, the town, or its contractor, shall provide a pull out service to be performed by the collection personnel.

(1) These customers must contact the town, or its contractor, to request this special service.

(2) Each request shall be taken into consideration by the town, or its contractor, to determine the actual need of the customer making the request.

(G) Containers should be placed at curbside during the afternoon on the day before the scheduled collection day in order for trash to be picked up. Containers should be removed from the curbside on the day following the scheduled collection day.

(H) The garbage, trash and other household refuse shall be contained within the container provided by the town, or its contractor, with the lid closed at all times.

(I) The customer shall be allowed to place up to, but not to exceed, 3 medium-sized (less than 45 gallons) plastic bags for collection each week in addition to the 90-gallon container. These bags must be placed in close proximity to the 90-gallon container, but shall not be placed in the street, on the sidewalk or in the drainage ditch.

(J) Each customer shall be responsible for the care and custody of their container.

(1) It shall be the customer's responsibility to have replaced any container damaged or destroyed by improper use or neglect and shall care for the container as though it was their own.

(2) It shall be the responsibility of the town, or its contractor, to replace those containers which are damaged or destroyed as a result of neglect or improper handling by the town or its contractor.

(3) The town, or its contractor, shall also be responsible for replacing all old, broken-down containers.
(Ord. passed 9-7-1999)

§ 50.03 TRASH COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

(A) The town, or its contractor, shall collect trash along with scheduled garbage collection.

(1) For the purpose of this chapter, the following word shall be defined as follows unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

TRASH. Household debris, construction materials, boxes (broken down) or other rubbish.

(2) The town, or its contractor, shall include the collection of this trash, in addition to what is contained within the 90-gallon container, once per week on the scheduled collection day.

(3) This additional trash must be containerized in medium-sized (less than 45-gallon) plastic bags or boxes (3 or less).

(4) Construction materials may be placed out in tied bundles (2 or less) in quantities equal to or less than 6 cubic feet for each bundle.

(5) The town, or its contractor, shall pick up household debris (90-gallon container) every Wednesday.

(6) Additional trash will be picked up on the north side of the railroad on Fridays and on the south side of the railroad on Thursdays.

(7) Mixing of yard wastes with trash shall be prohibited.

i. If yard wastes (including but not limited to grass clippings, pine straw, leaves, soil, trees, limbs, shrubbery, shrubbery clippings and the like) are mixed with this additional trash the town, or its contractor, shall not collect the trash or yard waste.

ii. If mixed, the wastes shall be separated before collection will be permitted.

(8) Amounts in excess of the above referenced quantities will not be collected again until the next scheduled collection day.

(B) As a part of the town's monthly solid waste fee, the town, or its contractor, shall collect up to 2 dump truck loads of limbs per customer per week.

(1) Limbs must be no greater than 6 inches in diameter and no greater than 6 feet in length.

(2) Limbs greater than 6 inches but less than 10 inches in diameter shall be collected only if cut into lengths of 2 feet or less.

(3) Limbs shall be stacked neatly behind the curb and sidewalk with all sawed ends facing the street, not in the gutter or drainage ditch.

(C) Yard waste (including but not limited to leaves, grass clippings, pine straw, shrubbery, shrubbery clippings, other small natural waste materials and the like) shall be contained in plastic bags, boxes, or other plastic

and/or metal containers no greater than 50 gallons each and shall be placed behind the curb and sidewalk for collection once per week, not in the gutter or drainage ditch. Collection of yard waste shall be included as part of the monthly solid waste fee.

(D) The town, or its contractor, shall not collect any construction materials left by a contractor. It shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor and/or owner to properly dispose of these waste materials.

(E) The town, or its contractor, shall not collect trees, stumps, limbs and general debris related to land-clearing operations. It shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor and/or owner to properly dispose of the materials.

(F) The town, or its contractor, shall collect tree cuttings related to the work completed by a tree care professional (tree surgeon, tree trimmer and the like) hired by a residential customer, but only if the cuttings comply with all requirements set forth in division (B) above.
(Ord. passed 9-7-1999)

§ 50.04 SPECIAL PICK-UPS

(A) If a customer wishes to have additional waste materials (including but not limited to trash, limbs, furniture, household debris and the like) collected, they may request a special pick-up.

(1) This request must be placed with the Princeton town hall prior to collection, to authorize the pickup and assessment of a special collection fee.

(2) See § 50.08 for fee.

(B) The request must include a description of all materials and quantities to be collected.

(C) This special collection fee shall then be applied to the customer's monthly utility bill after collection.

(D) If the requester is not a resident of Princeton, but has residential property in town, the requester must also include a mailing address so that the collection fee may be invoiced to the requester for payment.
(Ord. passed 9-7-1999)

§ 50.05 DISPOSAL OF APPLIANCES (WHITE GOODS)

(A) The town, or its contractor, shall collect white goods (water heaters, stoves, ovens, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers and the like).

(B) Customers wishing to have white goods picked up must place a request with the Princeton town hall to schedule the pickup (including address and location, description of white goods and quantities), and to authorize the assessment of a collection fee for this additional service. See § 50.08 for fee.

(C) This fee shall then be applied to the customer's monthly utility bill after collection.

(D) If the requester is not a resident of Princeton, but has residential property in town, the requester must also include a mailing address so that the collection fee may be invoiced to the requester for payment. (Ord. passed 9-7-1999)

§ 50.06 TIRE DISPOSAL

(A) The town, or its contractor, shall collect tires upon request from residential customers only.

(1) There shall be an additional charge for this collection service.

(2) Customers wishing to request collection of tires shall contact the Princeton town hall to schedule the pickup (including address, location and quantity of tires) and to authorize the assessment of a collection fee for this additional service. See§ 50.08 for fee.

(3) This fee shall then be applied to the customer's monthly utility bill after collection.

(B) All tires must be clean and free of dirt and other foreign matter prior to collection.

(C) The town, or its contractor, shall not collect or handle any tires known or suspected to have come from outside of the town limits.

(D) Tires shall not be collected by the town, or its contractor, from any commercial customers.

(E) Passenger and light truck tires shall be the only tires collected by the town or its contractor.

(F) The maximum number of tires to be collected from any 1 location per week shall be 8.

(G) Placement of tires in containers provided by the town, or its contractor, shall be prohibited.

(H) Any container found to have tires inside will not be emptied until the tires are removed by the customer and disposed of properly in accordance with this chapter.
(Ord. passed 9-7-1999)

§ 50.07 NONCONCORMING MATERIALS

(A) Any materials that do not conform to the requirements set forth in § 50.03 shall not be allowed to remain along the streets of Princeton for more than 7 days.

(B) In the event that any materials that do not conform to the requirements of § 50.03 are allowed to remain along the streets of Princeton for more than 7 days, the town shall have the authority to collect the nonconforming materials and to assess a $50 administrative fee plus the cost (including, but not limited to, manpower, equipment, vehicles, landfill fees and the like) to remove and properly dispose of the nonconforming materials.

(C) All administrative fees and charges assessed by the town for the collection of nonconforming materials shall be applied to the customer's monthly utility bill after collection of the materials and shall be in addition to any other charges that would normally be due under any other sections of this chapter.

(D) Prior to collection of nonconforming materials the town, or its contractor, shall cause a notice to be posted upon the premises of the customer notifying the customer that they are in violation of the town's solid waste chapter and that the town shall collect the materials pursuant to this section and assess a fine in the amount set forth herein in addition to any other applicable charges (disposal costs and the like) unless the nonconforming materials are removed prior to the expiration date documented on the notice. (Ord. passed 9-7-1999)

§ 50.08 NONCONCORMING MATERIALS

The complete fee schedule of solid waste rates, copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk, is adopted and incorporated as part of this code of ordinances as if set out a length herein.
(Ord. passed 9-7-1999)

CHAPTER 51: WATER CONSERVATION

Section

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§ 51.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter is to declare the official phase of a water supply shortage, and to provide for the implementation of voluntary and mandatory water conservation measures throughout the service area of the Town of Princeton. The service area includes all connections served or supplied by the town. Because its water supply is provided solely by purchase from Johnston County, the town shall, at a minimum, adhere to the conservation measures currently in effect with Johnston County. However, this chapter will work in conjunction with Johnston County's water conservation measures to ensure efficient and effective water conservation. (Ord. passed 4-5-2011)

§ 51.02 DEFINITIONS

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

ADVISORY. Conditions exist that indicate the potential for water shortages.

ALERT. Any of the following:

(1) The raw water supply (streamflow) is consistently below seasonal averages. If the raw water supply continues to decline, the supply may not be adequate to meet normal needs; or

(2) Due to mechanical failure or limitations of the water treatment facilities (capacities), adequate water supplies cannot be maintained and the conditions may be sufficient to cause a water shortage.

CRISIS. Any of the following:

(1) The raw water level is below the level necessary to meet normal needs; or

(2) Due to mechanical failure or limitation of the water treatment facilities (capacities), a water shortage is subject to occur.

CUSTOMER. Any person or entity using water for any purpose from the town and for which a regular charge is made.

EMERGENCY. Any of the following:

(1) The raw water supply is below the level necessary to meet normal needs and serious water shortages exist; or

(2) Due to mechanical failure or limitation of water treatment facilities (capacities), a prolonged water shortage is subject to occur.

JCDPU. The Johnston County Department of Public Utilities.

WASTER OF WATER. Means, but is not limited to, the failure to repair a controllable leak of water due to defective plumbing.

WATER. Water available to the town service area through JCDPU.

WATER USE CLASS. Shall mean and be established as follows.

(1) *Class 1: Essential Water Uses*.

i. *Domestic use*. Water necessary to sustain human life and the lives of domestic pets, and to maintain minimum standards of hygiene and sanitation.

ii. *Health care facilities*. Patient care and rehabilitation.

iii. *Public use*. Firefighting, health and public protection purposes, if specifically approved by health officials and/or the governing bodies of the health officials.

(2) *Class 2: Socially or Economically Important Uses of Water*.

i. *Domestic use*.

1. All other uses other than those included in Class 1 and 3.

2. Home water use, including kitchen, bathroom, and laundry use.

ii. *Outdoor non-commercial water (public or private)*.

1. Agricultural irrigation for the production of food and fiber or maintenance of livestock,

2. Water by commercial nurseries at a minimum level necessary to maintain stock, to the extent that sources other than the town are not available or feasible to use.

3. Watering of golf course greens.

4. Uses of water at a minimum rate necessary to implement re-vegetation following earthmoving, where the vegetation is required by an erosion and sedimentation control plan adopted pursuant to law or regulation, to the extent water sources other than the town are not available or feasible to use.

5. Water use by public gardens of national, state, or regional significance, where necessary to preserve specimens, to the extent water sources other than the town are not available or feasible to use.

iii. *Operating and filling swimming pools*.

1. Municipal pools; and

2. Health Care facility pools used for patient care and rehabilitation.

iv. *Washing of motor vehicles*. Commercial car and truck washes, unrestricted hours of operation.

v. *Commercial laundromats*. Unrestricted hours of operation.

vi. *Restaurants, clubs, and eating establishments*. Unrestricted hours of operation.

(3) *Class 3: Non-Essential Uses of Water*.

i. *Ornamental purposes*. Fountains, reflecting pools, and artificial waterfalls.

ii. *Outdoor non-commercial watering (public or private)*. Gardens, lawns, golf courses, park playing fields, and other recreational areas. Exceptions:

1. Agricultural irrigation for the production of food and fiber or maintenance of livestock;

2. Water used by commercial nurseries at a minimum level necessary to maintain stock, to the extent water sources other than the town are not available or feasible to use;

3. Use of water at a minimum necessary to implement re-vegetation following earthmoving, where the vegetation is required pursuant to an erosion and sedimentation control plan adopted pursuant to law or regulation, to the extent water sources other than the town are not available or feasible to use; and

4. Water use by public gardens of national, state, or regional significance where necessary to preserve specimens, to the extent water sources other than the town are not available or feasible to use.

iii. *Operating and filling swimming pools*. Exceptions:

1. Health care facility pools used for patient care and rehabilitation; and

2. Municipal pools.

iv. *Washing of motor vehicles*. Automobiles, trucks, boats, and trailers. Exceptions: Commercial car and truck washes.

v. *Serving water in restaurants, clubs, and eating establishments*. Exception: Specific request by customer.

vi. *Fire hydrants*. Any purpose, including the use of sprinkler caps, testing of equipment, and Fire Department drills. Exceptions:

1. Firefighting;

2. Health protection purposes; and

3. Testing and drill by Fire Departments, if in the interest of public safety and the town.

vii. *Hydrant and sanitary sewer flushing*. Exception: As needed to ensure public safety. (Ord. passed 4-5:-2011)

§ 51.03 DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE ADVISORY

In the event JCDPU determines a potential shortage of water supply is indicated, such that adequate potable water supplies cannot be maintained, whether the shortage is caused by drought, mechanical failure, or limitations of the water treatment facilities, the town shall be empowered to declare a water shortage advisory; The Director of JCDPU shall monitor the supply and demands on the system on a daily basis. The Town Administrator shall call upon all customers of the town to employ voluntary water conservation measures to limit

water use (especially Class 3 uses) and to eliminate waste of water.
(Ord. passed 4-5-2011)

§ 51.04 DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE ALERT

(A) In the event JCDPU determines the raw water supply is below the level necessary to meet normal demands, and if the supply continues to decline such that there may not be sufficient water supply to meet normal demands and/or there are water treatment facility limitations that cannot provide adequate supplies of potable water, the town shall be empowered to declare a water shortage alert.

(B) The town shall continue to encourage voluntary water conservation measures as defined in the advisory declaration.

(C) The Town Administrator shall impose a ban on all Class 3 water uses for the duration of the shortage until the water shortage has ended as advised by the JCDPU.
(Ord. passed 4-5-2011)

§ 51.05 DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY

In the event JCDPU determines the raw water supply is below the level necessary to meet normal demands, and serious shortages exist and/or there are water treatment facility limitations that cannot provide adequate supplies of potable water, the Town Administrator shall be empowered to declare a water shortage emergency. Class 1 Essential Uses may be targeted for voluntary conservation initiatives. Class 2 Socially and Economically Important Uses shall be banned, in addition to Class 3 Non-Essential Uses. These restrictions shall be enforced until the emergency is declared ended by the JCDPU.
(Ord. passed 4-5-2011)

§ 51.06 PUBLIC NOTICATION

In the event of a water shortage advisory, alert, or emergency, the Town Administrator shall notify the system employees and residents that this plan and subsequent required response measures has been enacted. Notification will be delivered by the followings channels of communication:

(A) The notification and location for additional information shall be posted at the Town Hall for the dates and times included in the notification.

(B) The notification and response measures shall be posted in *The Princeton News Leader*. Response measures are identified in § 52.07.

(C) The notification, response measures, and time range shall be broadcast over the radio on station WTSB 1090 AM.

(D) Other local media sources will be utilized as available.
(Ord. passed 4-5-2011)

§ 51.07 MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION

(A) The Town Administrator is hereby authorized to impose mandatory water restrictions, as described below, on the usage of water obtained directly or indirectly from the water distribution system of the town by declaring a water distribution crisis. This declaration shall be based on written recommendations from the Director of JCDPU that conditions exist such that a water shortage is imminent.

(B) The Town Administrator may implement a water distribution crisis by signing a notice of declared water distribution crisis. The notice shall be in effect beginning with the date and time specified in the notice, and the restrictions imposed shall apply during the times specified in the notice.

(C) During a declared water distribution crisis, each of the following uses of water obtained directly or indirectly from the town water distribution system are prohibited:

(1) Watering of any grass, lawn, shrubbery, flowers, or other vegetation; provided, however, any person or entity regularly engaged in the business of the sale of plants will be permitted, with approval from the town, to water plants grown for sale;

(2) Filling, refilling, or otherwise adding water to any swimming pool;

(3) Washing, rinsing, or cleaning any automobile, truck, van, motorcycle, or other motor vehicles or trailer; provided, however, that any person or entity engaged in business of washing vehicles will be permitted, with approval from the town, to continue this activity; and

(4) Washing, rinsing, or cleaning an exterior wall, floor, or paved areas.

(D) Declaration procedures:

(1) The Town Administrator may impose the restrictions in division (C) above at all times during such limited times as the Town Administrator and JCDPU determines to be appropriate. The restricted hours will be set forth in the notice of water distribution crisis.

(2) The Town Administrator may modify the times of restricted water use by signing an amended notice of a declaration of water distribution crisis.

(3) Restrictions on water use will be terminated by the Town Administrator signing a notice of termination of a declared water distribution crisis.

(4) All restrictions and/or terminated restrictions shall be posted in the Town Hall and/or other designated places required by law or the Town Board.

(5) All notices cannot be enforced or terminated for a period of 12 hours after posting. All notices shall state the time and date of posting.
(Ord. passed 4-5-2011)

§ 51.08 SHORTAGE WATER RATES

(A) Upon the declaration of a water supply shortage as provided in § 51.03 through § 51.06, the town shall have the authority to adopt shortage water rates designed to conserve water supplies.

(B) The rate may provide for:

(1) Increasing block rate: higher charges per unit for increasing usage;

(2) Uniform unit rates: uniform charges for water usage per unit of use;

(3) Excess demand surcharge: charges for use in excess of a specific level; and

(4) Good citizen rate: discounts for conserving water beyond specified levels.
(Ord. passed 4-5-2011)

§ 51.09 VARIANCE PROTOCOLS

At times during a water crisis it may become necessary for water usage within a class addressed by the declaration. In this event, the following procedure shall be followed:

(A) Variance request forms will be available at the Town Hall during normal business hours.

(B) The request form shall be completed in full, describing the nature of the variance, the duration of water usage, and the approximate amount of water to be used during this activity.

(C) If a variance request form is submitted to the town during a water shortage alert, as defined in § 52.04 above, the Town Administrator shall have the authority to approve the request.

(D) If a variance request form is submitted to the town during a water shortage emergency, as defined in § 52.05 above, the Town Administrator shall have the authority to approve the request after consulting with JCDPU.

(E) Variances will be approved based on the importance of the usage as defined in Class 1.2 and 3 above in § 51.02.
(Ord. passed 4-5-2011)

§ 51.10 RETURN TO NORMAL

When water shortage conditions have abated and the situation is returning to normal, water conservation measures employed during each phase should be decreased in reverse order of implementation. Permanent measures directed toward long-term monitoring and conservation should be implemented or continued so that the community will be in a better position to prevent shortages and respond to recurring water shortage

conditions.
(Ord. passed 4-5-201I)

§ 51.11 EFFECTIVENESS

It is of critical importance that the effectiveness of this plan be monitored to ensure optimal impact on water conservation. Upon the issuance of a water shortage alert or water shortage emergency, the Town Administrator shall document the water usage by comparison of previous month billing from JCDPU to current billing during each month the water shortage is in effect. Fluctuations in the amount of water purchased from JCDPU, on the month to month comparison during the shortage, will determine whether this chapter is effective in saving water.
(Ord. passed 4-5-2011)

§ 51.12 REVISIONS TO THIS CHAPTER

This chapter win be reviewed and revised as needed on an annual basis. Should this chapter need to be revised and/or expanded to meet the needs of the town, a meeting will be held with the Town Board to approve changes. In the event that JCDPU makes a change in its rules, regulations or practices, this chapter shall be reviewed and modified to meet those changes at the next subsequent Board meeting.
(Ord. passed 4-5-2011)

§ 51.99 PENALTY

(A) The direct or indirect use of water from the town distribution system in violation of this chapter is prohibited. Any water customer of the town distribution system, direct or indirect, that violates or permits the violation of these rules and regulations shall be subject to the following penalties:

(1) First offense: $100;

(2) Second offense: $200; and

(3) Third and subsequent offenses: $300.

(B) Each violation shall be added to the customer's water bill and paid in the same manner as current payments due to the town.

(C) Each day a violation occurs shall be considered a separate violation.

(D) The Town Administrator or its designee shall be responsible for enforcing any restrictions imposed by this chapter. If a violation is known to have occurred pursuant to this chapter, a written violation shall be affixed to the property where the violation occurred, and mailed to the customer of record and any other person known to the town who is responsible for the violation and its correction. The written notice shall describe the violation and order an immediate compliance with the restrictions, within a specified time as determined reasonable by the town under the circumstances.

(E) If a violation is not complied with, or if violation fees for previous violations are not paid, the town may restrict or terminate water service, subject to the following procedures.

(1) The town shall give the customer notice by mail or by a law enforcement officer that, due to reoccurring violations or failure to pay for previous violations, the water se ice will be restricted or terminated within a specific time. The custom r will have the opportunity to appeal restriction or termination by requesting a hearing before the Water and Sewer Commissioner. The request for the hearing shall be made before the cut-off date. A prompt conference with the Water and Sewer Commissioner will be held.

(2) If a hearing is requested by the customer charged with the violation, he or she will be given the opportunity to be heard before service is restricted or terminated.

(3) After hearing evidence presented, the Water and Sewer Commissioner shall order the water service continued, restricted, or terminated. The customer may appeal the order pf the Water and Sewer Commissioner to the Town Board. The Town Board shall make findings of fact and overrule or sustain the ruling of the Water and Sewer Commissioner.

(4) Any customer charged with the violation of this chapter may appeal the findings of the Water and Sewer Commissioner or Town Board to the North Carolina Court System.

(F) A fee of $50 shall be paid for the reconnection of any water service restricted or terminated pursuant to division (E) above. In the event of multiple violations, the reconnection fee shall be $100 for the second violation, and $150 for each additional violation.
(Ord. passed 4-5-2011)

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 70.01 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this chapter, 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 2 intersections 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. That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection of the lateral lines of sidewalks at intersections, and 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 2 or more highways which join at an angle whether or not 1 highway 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 chapter placed or erected by authority of the governing body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNALS. 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 and 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 compromising a business district when the frontage on the 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. That 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. That 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 *or* ***STOPPING, WHEN PROHIBITED***. 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.

STOP, WHEN REQUIRED. Complete cessation of movement.

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 chapter·, a bicycle or a ridden animal shall be deemed a vehicle.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. I)

§ 70.02 OBEDIENCE TO POLICE

No person shall willfully fail or refuse, to comply with any lawful order, or direction, by a police officer.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. II, § 2)

§ 70.03 AUTHORITY OF POLICE IN SPECIAL CASES

In the event of a fire or other emergency, or when necessary to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, police officers may direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. II, § 3)

§ 70.04 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO OBEY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the driver of any vehicle owned by, or used in the service of, the United States Government, this state, county, or town/ and it shall be unlawful for any driver to violate any of the provisions of this chapter, except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, or by state statute.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. II, § 4)

§ 70.05 EXEMPTIONS TO AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES

(A) 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 follows:

(1) A driver when operating a vehicle in any emergency, except when otherwise directed by a police officer, may:

i. Park or stand, notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter.

ii. Proceed past a red or stop signal, or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation.

iii. Exceed the prima facie speed limits so long as he or she does not endanger life or property.

iv. 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 vehicle from the consequences of his or her reckless disregard of the safety of others.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. II, § 5)

§ 70.06 PERSONS PROPELLING PUSH CARTS, OR RIDING BICYCLES OR ANIMALS, TO OBEY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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 chapter applicable to the driver of any vehicle, except those provisions of this chapter which, by their very nature, can have no application.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. II, § 6)

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

§ 70.20 OBEDIBNCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

(A) The driver of any vehicle shall obey the directions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto and placed in accordance with the traffic provisions of this town, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in § 70.05 of this chapter.

(B) No provision 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.

(C) Whenever a particular section does not state that signs are required, action shall be effective without signs being placed to give notice thereof.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. ill, § 1)

§ 70.21 OBEDIBNCE TO NO-TURN SIGNS AND TURNING MARKERS

Whenever authorized signs are placed, erected, or installed indicating that no right or left or "U" tum is permitted, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any authorized 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 the indications. (Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. III, § 2)

§ 70.22 OBEDIBNCE TO NO- PARKING SIGNS 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. III, § 3)

§ 70.23 TRAFFIC SIGNAL LEGEND

When traffic is controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution" or "Stop," or exhibiting differently colored lights, successively, 1 at a time, the following colors only shall be used and the 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 the place prohibits either tum. But vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians, lawfully within the intersection at the time the 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 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 the 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 the 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 the signal shall enter the roadway unless he or she can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. III, § 4)

§ 70.24 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. III, § 5)

CHAPTER 71: STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING

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§ 71.01 VEHICLES NOT TO STOP IN STREETS; EXCEPTIONS

No vehicle shall stop in any street except for the purpose of parking as prescribed in this chapter, unless the 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 a pedestrian, or by some emergency; and in any case covered by these exceptions the vehicles shall stop so as not to obstruct any footway, pedestrian aisle, safety zone, crossing or street intersection if the obstruction can be avoided.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 1)

§ 71.02 VEHICLES NOT TO OBSTRUCT PASSING OF OTHER VEHICLES

No vehicle shall so stand on any street as to interrupt, or interfere with, the passage of public conveyances or other vehicles.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 2) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.03 PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES IN DESIGNATED PLACES

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 described by the Board of Commissioners from time to time.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 3)

§ 71.04 PARKING PROHIBITED AT CERTAIN HOURS IN DESIGNATED PLACES

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 described by the Board of Commissioners from time to time, unless other hours are designated, provided that this section shall not apply to automobiles, or other vehicles, parked on the 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, or near, which automobiles or other vehicles are parked.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 4)

§ 71.05 PARKING LIMITED TO ONE HOUR IN DESIGNATED PLACES

When signs are placed, erected or installed in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than 1 hour at any time between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., of any day except Sunday and public holidays, upon any of the streets described by the Board of Commissioners from time to time, and the changing of the position of a vehicle from 1 point directly to another point, within the same block, shall be deemed as 1 continuous parking period.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 6)

§ 71.06 PARKING TIME LIMITED APPLIES ONLY TO DESIGNATED PLACES

When signs are placed, erected or installed in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than 10 minutes at any time upon any streets described by the Board of Commissioners from time to time, and the changing to the position of a vehicle from 1 point directly to another point within the same block, shall be deemed as 1 continuous parking period.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 7)

§ 71.07 PARKING PARALLEL TO CURB

Where not otherwise indicated by this chapter, 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 10)

§ 71.08 VEHICLES BACKED UP TO CURB

(A) In no case shall a vehicle remain backed up to curb, except when actually loading or unloading.

(B) If the vehicle be horse-drawn, the horse, or horses, shall stand parallel to the curb and face the direction of traffic.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 11)

§ 71.09 LEFT SIDE TO CURB NOT PERMITTED IN BUSINESS DISTRICT

No vehicle shall stop with its left side to the curb in the business district, except that on 1-way streets vehicles shall stop headed in the direction of traffic. (Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 12) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.10 PARKING WITHIN LINES WHERE PROVIDED

On any street which is marked off with lines indicating the parking spaces for cars, the same shall be parked between the lines.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 13)

§ 71.11 UNLAWFUL PARKING

No person shall stand, or park a vehicle upon any street for the principal purpose of:

(A) Displaying it for sale;

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

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

(D) Storage of any detached trailer, or van, when the towing unit has been disconnected, or for the purpose of transferring merchandise, or freight, from 1 vehicle to another.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 16) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.12 PARKING FOR ADVERTISING PROHIBITED

No person shall stand or park on any street any vehicle for the primary purpose of advertising.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 17) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.13 STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING PROIDBITED IN SPECIFIC PLACES

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 the 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; and/or

(G) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped, standing or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. IV, § 18) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.14 PARKING ON BARTHOLOMEW DRIVE; REGULATIONS

(A) Parking on the east side of Bartholomew will be for the residential parking of residents and their guests.

(B) Parking on the west side of Bartholomew will be for parking of students, teachers, visitors, and persons attending athletic events.

(C) All vehicles shall park in the marked confines of the parking space and shall be parked with the curbside wheels 12 inches or less from the curb.

(D) Vehicles parked in violations of division (C) above will receive a parking citation in the amount of $10 payable to the Town of Princeton at the Town Hall to the Town Clerk within 48 hours from time of issuance. In the event the fine is not paid within the time frame specified, the registered owner of the vehicle will be cited to appear in district court located in Smithfield within 30 days.
(Ord. passed 10-1-2007)

CHAPTER 72: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

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§ 72.01 STOP BEFORE ENTERING A THROUGH STREET

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

(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 the 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 1)

§ 72.02 STOP BEFORE ENTERING CERTAIN STREET INTERSECTIONS

Those intersections described by the Board of Commissioners as stop intersections, are hereby 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 or she has first determined that no conflict will be involved.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 2)

§ 72.03 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 3)

§ 72.04 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 by the Board of Commissioners from time to time.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 8)

§ 72.05 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 or she shall have given ample warning to those who may be behind, by band and horn or other signal.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 9)

§ 72.06 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR PRIVATE DRIVEWAY

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 or she shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 10)

§ 72.07 LIGHTS ON PARKED VEIDCLES

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

§ 72.08 MOVING 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 17)

§ 72.09 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 19)

RESTRICTIONS

§ 72.25 DRIVING THROUGH 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 5) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.26 VEHICLES SHALL NOT BE DRIVEN ON SIDEWALKS

The driver of a vehicle shall not drive within any sidewalk area.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 11) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.27 CLINGING TO MOVING VEHICLES

Any person riding upon any bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, sled, roller skates, skateboard or any toy vehicle, shall not attach the same, or himself or herself, to any public conveyance, or moving vehicle upon any roadway.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 12) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.28 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS OR WITHOUT HANDS ON HANDLEBARS PROHIBITED

No person shall ride a bicycle or motorcycle on any street without having his or her hands upon the handlebars, nor shall any person ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk or walkway within the town.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 14) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.29 USE OF COASTERS, ROLLER-SKATES AND SIMILAR DEVICES RESTRICTED

No person upon roller-skates, or riding in, or by means of any coaster, toy-vehicle, skateboard 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 15) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.30 DRIVING OVER FIRE HOSE

No vehicle shall be driven over any hose of the Fire Department when laid down on any street, or driveway, to be used at any fire, without the consent of the Fire Department official in command.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. V, § 20) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.31 BOARDING OR ALIGHTING FROM PUBLIC CONVEYANCE OR OTHER VEHICLES

No person shall board or alight from any public conveyance or other vehicle while the conveyance or vehicle is in motion.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. VI, § 1) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.32 UNLAWFUL RIDING

(A) No person shall ride on any public conveyance, or vehicle, or any portion thereof, not designed or intended for the use of passengers.

(B) 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. VI, § 2) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.33 ENTERING, JUMPING ON, OR 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. VI, § 3)

§ 72.34 ENTERING, JUMPING ON, OR RIDING VEHICLES WITHOUT PERMISSION

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.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. VI, § 4) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.35 NOT MORE THAN THREE PERSONS PERMITTED IN FRONT SEAT

It shall be unlawful for the driver, or the person in charge, of any motor vehicle to permit more than 3 persons (including driver) to ride in the front or driver's seat of a motor vehicle.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. VI, § 5) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.36 SPINNING WHEELS CAUSING TIRES TO SQUEAL

It is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle within the town 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.
(Ord. 102, passed 5-4-1981) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.99 PENALTY

Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99.
(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. VI, § 8)

CHAPTER 73: BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, SKATES AND LIKE DEVICES

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73.99 Penalty

§ 73.01 INTENT AND PURPOSE

It is the intent and purpose of the Town of Princeton to promote a safe and healthy environment for the citizens of Princeton by adopting a town chapter regulating bicycles, skates, skateboards, roller blades and like devices being ridden on the sidewalks within the Princeton town limits. The intent is to ensure the safety of both pedestrians and riders.
(Ord. 112, passed 12-12-1997)

§ 73.02 DEFINITIONS

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

ADULT. Any person who is 16 years of age or older.

BICYCLE. Any non-motorized vehicle that is powered by chain driven pedals.

DOWNTOWN AREA. One block north, south, east or west of the intersection of South Center Street and Edwards Street and includes the Branch Banking and Trust parking lot.

PEDESTRIAN. Any person walking.

SIDEWALK. Any paved or concrete walkway that is designed for the purpose of foot traffic to and from residences and businesses within the town limits.
(Ord. 112, passed 12-12-1997)

§ 73.03 CHAPTER ESTABLISHED

The Town of Princeton does hereby establish and adopt the following chapter restricting the riding of bicycles, skates, skateboards, roller blades or like devices on public sidewalks and walkways within the town limits. It shall be unlawful for a parent or guardian of any minor child to allow the child to intentionally violate this chapter.
(Ord. 112, passed 12-12-1997) Penalty, see § 73.99

§ 73.04 SKATES, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER BLADES AND LIKE DEVICES

(A) It is unlawful for any person to ride skates, skateboards, roller blades or like devices in the downtown area.

(1) For the definition of downtown area see § 73.02.

(B) It is unlawful to ride these devices on any business property or town property on the north or south side of Dr. Donnie H. Jones Jr. Blvd. from the Princeton town limits east to west.
(Ord. 112, passed 12-12-1997) Penalty, see § 73.99

§ 73.05 OFFICER'S DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY

(A) Each officer will be responsible for maintaining a master copy of all chapter violations so that the appropriate action may be taken if a violation occurs.

(B) Each officer will be responsible for updating the master copy per shift and providing the oncoming officer with a copy.

(C) An impoundment log will be maintained in the Police Department that will be a permanent record of impoundment, storage and release of any vehicle seized.

(D) Each officer, upon seizing a vehicle, shall log as much pertinent information regarding the seizure as possible and place a description tag on the item seized.

(E) A number shall be assigned to each seizure and this number will be used for tracking purposes.

(F) The Chief of Police or his or her designee shall be responsible for the release of any seized item.
(Ord. 112, passed 12-12-1997)

§ 73.06 PENALTY

(A) Bicycles.

(1) *First offense*.

i. Adult: Verbal warning.

ii. Minor: Verbal warning.

(2) *Second offense*.

i. Adult: Written warning.

ii. Minor: Written warning. (Officer to contact and advise parent or guardian)

(3) *Third offense*.

i. Adult: Written citation and/or confiscation of vehicle pending court disposition.

ii. Minor: Confiscation of vehicle to be released at the discretion of the Chief of Police and/or written citation to be issued to the parent or guardian for allowing minor to violate the provisions of this chapter.

(B) *Skates, skateboards, roller blades and like devices*. Violation of this chapter will result in the confiscation of the skates, skateboard or roller blades and may result in criminal charges against the offender. In the case of juvenile offenders charges may also be filed against the minor's parent or guardian for allowing the minor to intentionally violate the chapter.

(C) *Adult violators*. An adult in violation of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and as defined by G.S. § 14-4(a). This punishment may result in a fine up to but not to exceed $50 plus any court costs.

(D) *Habitual violations by a minor*. Habitual violations by a minor may result in the minor being petitioned to appear in juvenile court.
(Ord. 112, passed 12-12-1997)

CHAPTER 74: TRUCKS AND HEAVY VEHICLES

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§ 74.01 PURPOSE

(A) It is the desire of the Princeton Town Board of Commissioners to create an ordinance regulating the movement of trucks and heavy equipment on town-maintained streets and rights-of-way.

(B) This course of action will prevent the town streets and rights-of-way from damage, as the streets were not designed to be traveled by heavy vehicles.

(C) This action will also prevent possible damages to the water and sewer lines located under these streets and rights-of-way and ensure the safety of citizens in residential areas.
(Ord. passed 6-4-2001)

§ 74.02 DEFINITIONS

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

EMERGENCY VEHICLE. Any fire or rescue apparatus or any other vehicle providing services in the event of an emergency.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT. Any equipment of the size and magnitude with either rubber tires or tracks that may result in damage to the street surface or right-of-way.

OPERATOR. The person physically operating a truck or heavy equipment or a person therein and directing its operation.

PARKED. Any truck or heavy equipment left standing and not operating for a period of time greater than 1 hour and not being used to collect or discharge cargo, freight or passengers.

RIGHT-OF-WAY. The property extending a distance of 20 feet (+/-) in either direction from the center of the paved portion of the street.

SIGN. Any approved posted notice of prohibited activity or statement of caution.

STREET. The paved portion, either with asphalt or concrete intended for vehicular traffic and not maintained by the North Carolina Division of Highways.

THROUGH HEAVY EQUIPMENT. Any equipment of the size and magnitude with either rubber tires or tracks that may result in damage to the street surface or right-of-way which passes through town without the purpose of providing service within the town.

THROUGH TRUCK. Any truck having 3 or more axles or any 2-axle truck with dual rear wheels towing a trailer which passes through town without stopping for the purpose of either collecting or discharging cargo, freight or passengers

TRUCK. Any truck having 3 or more axles or any 2-axle truck with dual rear wheels towing a trailer.
(Ord. passed 6-4-2001)

§ 74.03 THROUGH TRAFFIC RESTRICTED

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or business to cause to be operated upon a street, as defined and listed as a regulated street within Ch. 75, Schedule II and upon which "No Through Trucks" signs are posted, any through truck or through heavy equipment, as defined in this chapter.
(Ord. passed 6-4-2001) Penalty, see§ 74.99

§ 74.04 PARKING RESTRICTED

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or business to cause to be parked, as defined in this chapter, upon a street, as defined and listed as a regulated street within Ch. 75, Schedule II and upon which "No Through Trucks" signs are posted, any truck or heavy equipment, as defined in this chapter.
(Ord. passed 6-4-2001) Penalty, see§ 74.99

§ 74.05 TOWN EXEMPT

Nothing described in this chapter shall prevent the normal traffic of vehicles when the operation of like vehicles is performed by employees of the Town of Princeton or its contractors.
(Ord. passed 6-4-2001)

§ 74.06 EMERGENCY VEHICLES EXEMPT

Nothing described in this chapter shall prevent emergency vehicles, as defined in this chapter, from being operated upon any street, as defined in this chapter.
(Ord. passed 6-4-2001)

§ 74.99 PENALTY

Any violation of the provisions set forth in this chapter by an operator is a misdemeanor that is punishable by a fine of $50 or 30 days in jail or both or as governed by the North Carolina General Statutes.
(Ord. passed 6-4-2001)

CHAPTER 75: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES

Schedule

I. Speed Limits
II. Restricted Streets

SCHEDULE I: SPEED LIMITS

(A) It is the will of the Princeton Town Board of Commissioners to create a chapter regulating the speed limits which a motor vehicle may be operated upon the streets within the town limits. The creation of this chapter will provide an added measure of safety to the citizens of Princeton and to the motoring public, thus creating a safer community.

(B) It shall be the responsibility of the Chief of Police and all officers of the Police Department to enforce the speed limits within the town limits and its jurisdiction. This authority is in accordance with G.S. § 20-141.

(C) It shall be unlawful f r any person to operate any motor vehicle or other motorized conveyance upon any street or highway within the Princeton town limits at a speed greater than the posted speed limit for that street or highway.

(D) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle or other motorized conveyance in a manner or speed that is not reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions of rain, sleet, snow, ice and the like.

(E) The streets and speed limits are as follows:

20 MPH
Azalea Street from Langston Street, east to Pearl Street.
Bartholomew Drive from Pearl Street, north to the dead end.
Camelia Drive from Pearl Street, west to the dead end.
Center Street from Donnie H. Jones Blvd., south to the dead end.
Cloverdale Subdivision, entirety of subdivision.
Church Street from Edwards Street, south to the dead end.
Edwards Street from south Elm Street, east to Pearce Street.
Eagles Crest Subdivision, entirety of subdivision.
Elm Street from Pool Street, south to Floors Street.

Everette Street from First Street, south to Second Street.
First Street from Powell Street, east to the dead end of First Street extension.
Floors Street from Pine Street, west to the dead end.
Hinnant Street from Linda Street, north to the dead end.
Iris Drive from Pearl Street, west to the dead end.
James Street from Donnie H. Jones Blvd., north to the dead end.
John Street from Edwards Street, south to First Street.
Langston Street from Camelia Street, north to Azalea Street.
Lee Street from Pine Street, west to Toler Street.
Linda Street from Pine Street, west to the intersection of Barden Street.
Lynch Street from First Street extension, south to Pineview Street.
Mason Street from First Street extension, south to the dead end.
Mercer Street from Pine Street, east to the dead end.
Pearce Street from Edwards Street, south to the southern- town limit.
Pearl Street from Donnie H. Jones Blvd., south to Third Street.
Pine Street from U.S. 70 by-pass at the northern town limit, south to the southern town limit.
Pineview Street from Lynch Street, east to the dead end.
Pool Street from Toler Street, east to Elm Street.
Powell Street from Edwards Street, south to First Street.
Railroad Street from Pearl Street, west to the dead end.
Second Street from Everette Street, east to Pearce Street.
Smith Street from Pine Street, east to the dead end.
South James Street from Edwards Street, south to Third Street.
South Elm from Edwards Street, south to Third Street.
Southview Street from Walnut, east to the dead end.
Third Street from Holts Pond Road, west to the dead end.
Toler Street from Lee Street, north to Pool Street.
Walnut Street from Edwards Street, south to New Ball Park Road.

25 MPH
Princeton High School zone in effect from 30 minutes before to 30 minutes after school begins and ends on school days only.

35 MPH
Barden Street from Railroad Street, north to U.S. 70 by-pass.
Donnie H. Jones Blvd. from the west town limit boundary, east to the eastern town limit.
Edwards Street from South Elm Street, west to the western town limit.
North Pearl Street from Donnie H. Jones Blvd. north to us 70 by-pass.
Pearl Street from Third Street, south to the southern town limit.
Railroad Street from Pearl Street, east to the eastern town limit.
South Pine Street from the southern town limit, south to New Ballpark Road.
Third Street from Pearce Street, west to southwestern town limit on Holts Pond Road.

45 MPH
Donnie H. Jones Blvd. from the eastern town limit, east to U.S. 70 by-pass.
Donnie H. Jones Blvd. from the western town limit, west to U.S. 70 by-pass.

55 MPH
All of U.S. 70 by-pass on the northern part of town limits.
Pearl Street from the southern town limit southward.
Old Hinton Road from the southern town limit of Pearce Street southeastward.
Holts Pond Road from the southwestern town limit, southwest.
New Ballpark Road from Holts Pond Road, eastward to Old Hinton Road.

(F) Violators of these speed limits that are issued citations will be disposed of through the courts of the state with fines and punishment set forth by the state.

(Ord. passed 1-19-1987; Am. Ord. passed 1-5-1998; Am. Ord. 02003-9-1, passed 9-8-2003) Penalty, see § 10.99

SCHEDULE II: RESTRICTED STREETS

The following streets are defined as streets upon which through trucks and through heavy equipment and parking of trucks and heavy equipment are prohibited.
(Ord. passed 6-4-2001)

Azalea Drive
Bartholomew Drive
Camelia Drive
Church Street
East Second Street
East First Street
Hinnant Street
John Street
Langston Drive
Lee Street
Linda Street
Mercer Street
North Center Street
North James Street
North Elm Street
Pierce Street
Pool Street
Powell Street
Smith Street
South Center Street
South James Street
South Elm Street
Toler Street
Walnut Street
West First Street
West Second Street

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CHAPTER 90: ANIMALS

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§ 90.01 INTENT AND PURPOSE

It is the intent and purpose of the Town of Princeton to promote and provide a safe and healthy environment for the citizens of Princeton by adopting a town chapter regulating the harboring and keeping of animals within the Princeton town limits.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000)

§ 90.02 ANIMAL CONTROL PERSONNEL

(A) Each and every member of the Princeton Police Department and each employee of the Princeton Public Works are authorized animal control officers and shall have the authority to impound all animals found to be in violation of this chapter.

(B) It shall be the responsibility of the Princeton Police Department to investigate any and all complaints of violations of this chapter.

(C) Princeton Police Department employees will have the responsibility of issuing written warnings or citations to owners for court appearances when necessary due to violations.

(D) All animal control officers will make every effort to capture all animals in violation of this chapter and impound the animals as required by this chapter.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000)

§ 90.03 DEFINITIONS

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

ANIMAL AT LARGE. Any animal shall be deemed to be an ANIMAL AT LARGE when the animal is off the property of the owner and not under the control of a competent person.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER. Any person designated to perform duties as described in this chapter.

TORTURE, TORMENT or ***CRUELTY***. Every act or neglect whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused or permitted.

OWNER. Any person, group of persons, firm, partnership or corporation owning, keeping, having charge of, sheltering, feeding, harboring or providing care of any animal, The owner is responsible for the care, actions and behavior of his or her animals.

PUBLIC NUISANCE. Any animal or group of animals which:

(1) Is repeatedly found to be an ***ANIMAL AT LARGE***;

(2) Damages the property of anyone other than the owner;

(3) Is vicious;

(4) Causes fouling of the air by odors;

(5) Causes unsanitary conditions of enclosures or surroundings;

(6) By virtue of type is offensive or dangerous to the public health, safety or welfare of citizens;

(7) Makes excessively disturbing noises, which shall include but not be limited to, habitual howling, yelping or barking;

(8) Is diseased and dangerous to the public health; and/or

(9) Frequently runs after or chases persons, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles.

RESTRAINT. An animal is under restraint if the animal is controlled by means of a chain, leash or other like device or is on or within a vehicle being driven or parked or is within a secure enclosure.

VICIOUS ANIMAL. Any animal that bas made an unprovoked attack on a human by biting or which attacks other animals.

VICIOUS/DANGEROUS DOG. Any dog that:

(1) Without provocation bas bitten or inflicted injury to a person; and/or

(2) Is determined by animal control officers of the Town of Princeton to be potentially dangerous due to the dog engaging in 1 or more of the following activities:

i. Inflicted a bite on a person that resulted in broken skin or abrasions or required medical attention;

ii. Killed or inflicted injury upon a domestic animal;

iii. Approached any person when not on the owner's property in a vicious or terrorizing manner in an apparent attitude of attack; and/or

iv. Is kept or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or any dog trained for dog fighting.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000)

§ 90.04 ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

No animal shall be permitted to run at large within the Princeton Town Limits. All animals caught running at large shall be impounded by the animal control officers and unless claimed by the owner within 3 days, shall be disposed of by releasing custody of the animal to the Johnston County Animal Control authorities.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000)

§ 90.05 RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNER

Once an animal is deemed to be at large and impounded, the owner, if known, will be notified and shall be responsible for the impoundment fees and daily boarding fees payable to the Town of Princeton before release of the animal to the owner. Impoundment fees and daily boarding fees are set forth in § 90.14 of this chapter.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000)

§ 90.06 CLEANLINESS OF PREMISES

All areas where animals are harbored shall be kept clean at all times by the owner of the areas so as not to cause offensive odors or unsightly conditions that a reasonable person would find offending. The conditions will be abated immediately by owner once notified.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000)

§ 90.07 KEEPING ANIMALS NEAR PROPERTY BOUNDARIES

It shall be unlawful to keep, tie or stake any animal within 20 feet of a street right-of-way or any public utility meter or to keep, tie, or stake any animal in such a manner that any animal could progress to the property of another to avoid the possibility of neighbors, pedestrians or utility workers coming in contact with unknown animals.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000) Penalty, see § 90.99

§ 90.08 LIMITATION OF NUMBER KEPT

It shall be unlawful to harbor more than 4 animals; that are required to be registered, at any 1 residence within the town limits regardless of the number of owners at the residence. Offspring of an animal that exceed this limit are permitted provided that the number limitation shall be complied with no later than 90 days after birth of offspring.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000) Penalty, see § 90.99

§ 90.09 RABIES VACCINATION AND CONTROL

(A) *Owner provide proof of vaccination*. It shall be unlawful for an owner to fail to show proof of current inoculation against rabies (Hydrophobia) with an approved vaccine for his or her dog or cat. It is further unlawful for an owner to fail to provide for a current inoculation against rabies.

(B) *Owner must provide collar or harness*. It shall be unlawful for any animal owner to fail to provide a suitable collar or harness in which to attach the rabies tag issued when the vaccine is administered to the animal. The tag will be attached to the collar or harness and must be worn by the animal at all times.

(C) *Bite cases*. Any animal which has bitten anyone or shows symptoms of rabies, shall be confined immediately. The incident shall be reported to animal control officers by the owner, by the person bitten or by the treating physician. Upon receiving notification of an animal bite, the animal control officer shall confine the animal separate and apart from other animals in a secure facility for a period of 10 days and shall not be released by anyone for that period of time.

(D) *Inspection and observation*. The biting animal and its records of vaccination and registration shall be inspected by animal control officers and the following guidelines will be observed.

(1) A properly vaccinated and registered animal shall be confined at the impoundment facility operated by the Town of Princeton for the duration of the confinement period.

(2) An animal not properly vaccinated or registered shall be confined in a veterinary hospital or the Johnston County Animal Shelter in which case, the expense of confinement shall be borne by the owner of the animal.

(3) All stray or non-owned animals shall be confined at the Johnston County Animal Shelter for the 10 day period and then disposed of in an approved manner.

(E) *Surrender on Demand*. It shall be unlawful for any owner of any animal that has bitten any human or one that shows symptoms of rabies to refuse to surrender the animal to animal control officers for confinement upon demand. The expense of confinement will be borne by the owner at a cost of $3 per day for the confinement period.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000) Penalty, see § 90.99

§ 90.10 LICENSE AND REGISTRATION

(A) All dogs and cats kept, harbored or maintained by their owners within the town limits of Princeton, shall be licensed and registered if over the age of 6 months.

(1) All dogs and cats shall have evidence supporting rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian at the time of licensing and registration.

(2) Animal license and registration will be issued by the Town Clerk's office upon payment of a license and registration fee of $2 per animal.

(B) The owner shall, at the time of application for license and registration, provide the owner's name, address and phone number, the name, breed, color and sex of each dog or cat harbored within the town limits.

(C) The license and registration fee will be an annual fee payable beginning in January and due by April 15. Any dog or cat becoming 6 months of age after April 15 shall be licensed and registered immediately at the same license and registration fee of $2 per animal.

(D) Upon payment of license and registration fee, the Town Clerk's office will issue a metallic tag for each dog or cat licensed and registered. The tag will have the year of registration and a registration number stamped on the tag for identification purposes. The owner shall provide a collar or harness for each animal registered and shall affix the metallic license tag to the collar or harness of each animal and shall see that the animal wears the collar or harness at all times with the tag attached at all times.

(E) Any dog or cat not registered will be picked up by animal control officers and impounded. If a licensed dog or cat is picked up for running at large, the owner will be responsible for all fees imposed by the Town. Schedule of fees are described in § 90.14 of this chapter.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000) Penalty, see § 90.99

§ 90.11 IMPOUNDMENT AND REDEMPTION

(A) *Authority of officers*. It shall be the authority of the animal control officers to seize and impound any dog or cat that is running at large within the corporate town limits. Upon impoundment, the officer shall make a complete registry of breed, color and sex of the animal and whether or not the animal is licensed. If licensed, he or she shall enter the name and address of the owner and the license tag number of the animal.

(B) *Period of impoundment*. Impounded dogs and cats shall be kept for a period of not less than 3 days unless reclaimed by the owner. If an impounded animal has a license tag, it shall be the duty of the impounding officer, to notify the owner of the dog or cat within 48 hours of the dog or cat's impoundment, if possible. Any dogs or cats remaining in impound for more than 3 days, shall be turned over to the Johnston County Animal Control.

(C) *Impounding and keeping*. A fee of $15 will be charged for the pickup and impoundment of any dog or cat. The owner or owners of any dog or cat impounded may redeem the animal by paying all the costs, charges and penalties assessed, if any have accrued up to the time of making the redemption, to the

Town of Princeton. It shall be the duty of the Police Department to release the animal to the owner after satisfaction of the above provisions.

(D) *Redemption by owner*. If an animal is impounded and is unlicensed, an owner may redeem the animal by:

(1) Paying for and procuring an animal license and registration;

(2) Having the animal duly vaccinated for rabies if it has not been currently vaccinated before redemption time; and

(3) Paying all costs, fees and charges associated with the capture, daily board and pickup of the impounded animal.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000)

§ 90.12 VICIOUS AND/OR DANGEROUS ANIMALS

It shall be unlawful for any owner to keep any vicious and/or dangerous animal within the town limits of Princeton unless it is confined within a secure building or enclosure or unless it is securely muzzled and under restraint by a competent adult who by means of a leash, chain or rope has the animal firmly under control and within 5 feet of the controlling adult at all times.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000) Penalty, see § 90.99

§ 90.13 CRUEL TREATMENT

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to molest, torture, torment, deprive of necessary sustenance, fail to provide adequate shelter likely to be detrimental to the animal's health, cruelly beat, needlessly mutilate or kill, wound, injure, poison, abandon or subject to conditions detrimental to the health or general welfare of any animal or to cause or procure the action.

(B) The definition of torture, torment or cruelly is locate in § 90.03.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000) Penalty, see § 90.99

§ 90.14 FEES

The following fees are hereby set and approved by the Board of Commissioners in regards to violations of the Princeton Animals Chapter.

License and Registration	$2 per animal annually
Late Fee for License and Registration	$2 per animal, per month
Impoundment Fee	First offense: $15 – Verbal Warning Second offense: $30 – Written Warning Third offense: $50 – Citation to Court

Daily Boarding Fee	$3 per day, per animal

(Am. Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 90.99 PENALTY

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding $50 or imprisonment of not more than 30 days.
(Ord. passed 8-1-2000)

CHAPTER 91: PUBLIC NUISANCE

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 91.01 LOUD AND DISTURBING NOISE

(A) Subject to the provisions of this subchapter, the creation of any unreasonably loud and disturbing noise in Princeton is prohibited and unlawful. Noise of the character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of any individual is prohibited.

(B) The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud and disturbing noises in violation of this subchapter, but the enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

(1) The use of any loud, boisterous or raucous language or shouting so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity;

(2) The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle, except as a danger signal or as required by law, so as to create any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; or the sounding of the device for an unreasonable period of time;

(3) The playing of any radio, television set, record player, musical instrument or sound-producing or sound-amplifying device in the manner or with the volume as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person of normal sensibilities in any dwelling, motel, hotel or other type of residence;

(4) The creation of any excessive noise on Sundays on any street adjacent to any church;

(5) The use of any automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in the manner as to create loud grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1994) Penalty, see § 91.99

§ 91.02 HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING; REGULATIONS

(A) Trick-or-Treating will be allowed on October 31 of each year from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. unless this day falls on a Sunday. When October 31 falls on Sunday, Trick-or-Treating will be allowed on Saturday, October 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There shall be no rain dates for Trick-or-Treating.

(B) Those who wish to participate in Trick-or-Treating should indicate their participation to others by turning on their front porch light.

(C) Participants shall not visit homes where porch lights are off.

(D) Trick-or-Treaters should be age 12 and under.
(Ord. 02007-1105-1, passed 11-5-2007) Penalty, see § 91.99

UNCONTROLLED GROWTH OF NOXIOUS WEEDS, GRASS, AND THE ACCUMULATION OF REFUSE

§ 91.15 CONDITIONS FOR PUBLIC NUISANCE; DECLARATION

The existence of any of the following conditions on any parcel of land within the corporate limits is hereby declared to be dangerous and prejudicial to the public health or safety and to constitute a public nuisance:

(A) The uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds or grass to a height in excess of 12 inches causing or threatening to cause a hazard detrimental to the public health or safety;

(B) Any accumulation of rubbish, trash, or junk causing or threatening to cause a fire hazard, or causing or threatening to cause the accumulation of stagnant water or causing or threatening to cause the inhabitation therein of rats, mice, snakes, or vermin of any kind which is or may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health;

(C) Any accumulation of animal or vegetable matter that is offensive by virtue of odors or vapors or by the inhabitation therein of rats, mice, snakes, or vermin of any kind which are or may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health;

(D) The open storage of any abandoned ice box, refrigerator, stove, glass, building material, building rubbish or similar items; and/or

(E) Any condition detrimental to the public health which violates the rules and regulations of the County Health Department.
(Ord. passed 5-7-2001)

§ 91.16 INVESTIGATION

The Board of Commissioners, upon notice from any person of the possible existence of any of the conditions described in § 91.15 above, shall cause to be made by the appropriate County Health Department official, or town official, an investigation as may be necessary to determine whether conditions exist which may constitute a public nuisance as described in § 91.15.
(Ord. passed 5-7-2001)

§ 91.17 NOTICE

If it appears that the conditions exist, the Board of Commissioners shall cause to be delivered or mailed to the owner of the property upon which the conditions exist a notice stating the reasons why the conditions may constitute a violation and that a hearing will be held before· the Board of Commissioners at a place therein fixed, not less than 10 nor more than 30 days after the delivery or mailing of the notice.

(A) The owner or any party in interest shall have the right to file an answer to the notice and to appear in person, or otherwise, and give evidence at the place and time fixed in the notice.

(B) Any person desiring to do so may attend the hearing and give evidence relevant to the matter being heard. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling in the hearings.
(Ord. passed 5-7-2001) Penalty, see § 91.99

§ 91.18 ORDER OF ABATEMENT

If a determination is made that the conditions constituting a public nuisance exist, the Board of Commissioners shall notify in writing the owner of the premises in question of the conditions constituting a public nuisance and shall order the prompt abatement thereof within 5 days from the receipt of the written notice.
(Ord. passed 5-7-2001)

§ 91.19 FAILURE TO ABATE

(A) If the owner, having been ordered to abate such a public nuisance, fails, neglects or refuses to abate or remove the condition constituting the nuisance within 5 days from receipt of the order, the Board of Commissioners shall cause the condition to be removed or otherwise remedied by having employees of the town to go upon the premises and remove or otherwise abate the nuisance under the supervision of an officer or employee designated by the Board of Commissioners.

(B) Any person who has been ordered to abate a public nuisance may within the time allowed by this subchapter request the town in writing to remove the condition, the cost of which shall be paid by the

person making the request.
(Ord. passed 5-7-2001)

§ 91.20 TOWN NOT LIABLE FOR COST

The actual cost incurred by the town in removing or otherwise remedying a public nuisance shall be charged to the owner of the lot or parcel of land, and it shall be the duty of the Tax Collector to mail a statement of the charges to the owner or other person in possession of the premises with instructions that the charges are due and payable within 30 days from the receipt thereof.
(Ord. passed 5-7-2001)

§ 91.21 EFFECTIVE DATE

This subchapter shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption, May 7, 2001.
(Ord. passed 5-7-2001)

§ 91.99 PENALTY

(A) A violation of § 91.01 by any person is a misdemeanor and shall subject the offender to a fine of up to $50 and/or imprisonment for up to 30 days.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1994)

(B) Violation of § 91.02 is considered a misdemeanor offense and will be punishable by a fine of $500.
(Ord. 02007-1105-1, passed 11-5-2007)

(C) In the event charges for the removal or abatement of a public nuisance are not paid within 30 days after the receipt of a statement of charges as provided for in § 91.17 of this subchapter, the charges shall become a lien upon the land or premises where the public nuisance existed and shall be collected as unpaid taxes, as provided in G.S. § 160A-193.

(1) The procedure set forth in § 91.15 through § 91.21 shall be in addition to any other remedies that may now or hereafter exist under law for the abatement of public nuisances and this subchapter shall not prevent the town from proceeding in a criminal action against any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this subchapter as provided in G. S. § 14-4.
(Ord. passed 5-7-2001)

CHAPTER 92: HEALTH PROTECTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 92.01 ENFORCEMENT

The enforcement of this chapter shall be under the supervision of the County Health Officer.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. I, § 1)

§ 92.02 UNLAWFUL TO HINDER HEALTH OFF1CER OR ASSISTANT

It shall be unlawful for any person to hinder, obstruct or delay the Health Officer or any of his or her assistants in the lawful discharge of their duties.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. I, § 2) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 92.03 RIGHT TO ENTER

The Health Officer or any of his or her assistants shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any premises for the purpose of making the inspections or investigations as required by this chapter.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. I, § 3)

§ 92.04 PROPERTY REQUIRED TO BE KEPT CLEAN

(A) Every person owning or occupying any premises in the corporate limits shall keep the premises free from noxious weeds, trash and all other forms of animal or vegetable refuse which may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health, or which may constitute a public nuisance.

(1) No owner or occupant of any premises shall bury therein any animal or vegetable matter which, upon decaying, may become dangerous or prejudicial to the public health, or may constitute a nuisance.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. I, § 4(a))

(B) Every person owning or occupying any premises in the corporate limits shall keep the premises free of all inoperative automobiles that are partially dismantled, cannot motivate on their own, or that have not been licensed in the last 2 years.

(1) Owners will be given a 30-day notice to remove the automobiles and if not moved, the subjects will be prosecuted by law.

(2) Any owner that fails to comply with this chapter, the Town of Princeton will remove the inoperative automobile and the owner will be assessed with cost.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. I, § 4(b))

(C) If any person shall violate the provisions above it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police or the Sanitary Inspector or his or her associates to give notice to the owner or person in possession of the premises that within 15 days, or sooner from the date of the notice, all weeds, trash and other offensive animal or vegetable manner, be removed from the lot.

(1) Should any owner or occupant fail to comply with notice, the Chief of Police or Sanitary Inspector shall proceed to have the nuisance or hazard removed, and the owner or occupant shall be responsible to the Town of Princeton for the cost thereof.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. I, § 4(c))

(D) Every owner or person in possession of a vacant lot within the corporate limits shall shrub down, within 4 inches of the ground, all weeds, grass or other noxious growth from the lot at least twice each year; the first not later than June 15, and the second not later than August 15 of each and every year.

(E) If the weeds or other noxious growth are not cut in compliance with this chapter, the Chief of Police or Sanitary Inspector shall proceed to have the weeds or other noxious growth cut, and the owner or person in possession of the lot, shall be responsible to the Town of Princeton for the cost thereof.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. I, § 4(d))

§ 92.05 HUMAN WASTE

No person shall urinate or deposit any human waste of any kind on any street, lot or premises except in approved sanitary facilities.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. I, § 5) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 92.06 STAGNANT WATER

No person or occupant of any property shall allow stagnant water to accumulate or remain in cellars or anywhere on their property.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. I, § 6) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 92.07 SALE OF FOOD

All persons, firms or corporations selling food of any kind or serving prepared meals shall comply with all requirements pertaining thereto of the North Carolina State Board of Health.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. I, § 7) Penalty, see§ 10.99

§ 92.08 DEBRIS FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION

All refuse, lumber and debris, remaining both as a result of the repair of any new buildings, or of the erection and completion of any new buildings, shall be removed by the property owner within 10 days from the completion of the work.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. I, § 8) Penalty, see § 10.99

PRIVIES AND SEPTIC TANKS

§ 92.20 SEPTIC TANKS REGULATED

Septic tanks may be installed where a sewer is not reasonably accessible, provided the tank is constructed in accordance with the specifications of the North Carolina State Board of Health, and a permit therefore is issued by the Johnston County Health Department.
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CHAPTER 93: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

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DAMAGING STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

§ 93.01 PERMIT TO DIG IN STREETS

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to dig any hole, ditch or excavation of any kind whatsoever, on any street in the Town of Princeton without first securing a permit in writing from the Town Clerk. (Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. I, § 1) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.02 SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

No sidewalk of any description shall be built by any individual, firm or corporation, of any brick, wood or other material without a written permit from the Town of Princeton.
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. I, § 2) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.03 STREET REPAIR

It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation, who shall open or dig a ditch, trench or hole in any street, public alley or sidewalk of the town to put the street, public alley or sidewalk in as good condition in all respects as it was before.
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. I, § 3) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.04 LEAVING EXCAVATIONS UNPROTECTED

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation making any excavation for any purpose whatsoever in any of the streets or sidewalks to fail to securely cover such excavations with plank or place ropes around the same 3 feet from the ground or shall fail to place a sufficient number of red lights around the excavation before dark and to keep the light burning all night every night the excavation shall be open.
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. I, § 4) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.05 STREETS NOT TO BE DAMAGED

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to drag, or run, or cause to be dragged or run any harrow, or other implement, engine, machine or tool upon any asphalt, bithulitic, warrenite or other permanently paved street of the town which shall be liable, in any way to injure or cut the surface thereof. It shall also be unlawful to injure any dirt street in the same manner.
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. I, § 5) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.06 HOUSE MOVING

No person shall move any house or building upon or across the public street or sidewalks without the written consent of the Board of Commissioners and the deposit of a good and sufficient bond in the sum of $500 to cover damage done to the street or sidewalk or to any property of any person.
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. I, § 6) Penalty, see§ 93.99

§ 93.07 DAMAGE TO BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

No person shall injure or misplace any part of any bridge, culvert, ditch and drain or other property belonging to or used by the town, or shall place any obstruction in any culvert, ditch or drain, to prevent the free flow of water on or over the streets of the town.
(Prior Code, Ch. D Art. I, § 7) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.08 DAMAGE TO BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

No person shall injure, tamper with, remove paint upon or deface any sign, sign post, street light, traffic signal or bulletin board or other municipal property upon the streets and sidewalks except employees of the town in performance of their duties.
(Prior Code, Ch. D Art. I, § 8) Penalty, see § 93.99

OBSTRUCTION STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

§ 93.20 ASSEMBLY ON SIDEWALKS

(A) *Assembly on sidewalks*. All persons are forbidden from assembling or collecting and standing so as to obstruct any sidewalk or street and all persons so collecting and standing shall disperse and move upon the demand of any police officer.

(B) *Parades*. No person or persons shall parade upon the streets of Princeton without first obtaining a written permit, at least 24 hours before the parade.
(Prior Code, Ch. D Art. II, § 1) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.21 DISPLAY OF GOOD PROHIBITED

No person shall place for display or sale any goods, wares or merchandise of any kind upon any of the sidewalks of the town, which will prevent passage on the sidewalks.
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. II, § 2) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.22 PLACING OBJECTS ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

No brick, stone or wood or other substances obstructing the free passage of persons and vehicles shall be placed or suffered to lie in any of the alley ways, streets or other routes of the town, nor shall any person place on or in any of the streets, sidewalks or alley ways of the town any boxes, crates, casks, or barrels of any description, or any other obstruction of any kind. Provided that any person erecting a building, may with permission place building material for immediate use on the streets in a way as to not interfere with the usual traffic.
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. II, § 3) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.23 CONSTRUCTION NEAR SIDEWALK

Before building or remodeling at any place where the same is in close proximity to the sidewalk a passageway shall be constructed so as to leave the sidewalk unobstructed and provide safe and easy passage. (Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. II, § 4)

§ 93.24 SHEDS AND AWNINGS

No person shall erect or repair over any sidewalk or street any shed or awning without the permission of the Board of Commissioners.
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. II, § 5) Penalty, see § 93.99

USE AND CLEANLINESS

§ 93.35 THROWING OR BURNING TRASH ON STREETS PROHIBITED

No paper, straw, lemon peel, banana peel, watermelon rind or any trash of any kind shall be thrown or swept upon any sidewalk of the town, nor shall any trash, refuse, or rubbish be burned thereon.
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. III, § 1) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.36 TREE TRIMMINGS

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or allow to be placed any tree trimmings or shrubbery on any street or sidewalk without permission of Board of Commissioners except as provided in § 50.03(B).
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. III, § 2) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.37 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Every occupant of a store building in front of which the sidewalk is paved with stone, brick, asphalt or cement, shall remove snow, ice or other obstruction from the sidewalk at the earliest possible time and as soon as the weather permits.
(Prior Code, Ch. D Art. III, § 3) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.38 BICYCLES ON SIDEWALK PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle on any sidewalk in the town. This provision is applicable to the business district only.
(Prior Code, Ch. D Art. III, § 4) Penalty, see § 93.99

§ 93.39 PLAYING BALL ON SIDEWALK PROHIBITED

No person shall play ball or bat or catch ball on any of the streets of the town.
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. III, § 5) Penalty, see § 93.99.

§ 93.99 PENALTY

(A) Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99.

(B) Every person, firm or corporation violating or failing to observe the provisions of§ 93.03 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
(Prior Code, Ch. D, Art. I, § 3)

CHAPTER 94: ABANDONED AND JUNK VEHICLES

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§ 94.01 INTENT AND PURPOSE

It is the intent of the town to prohibit the abandonment of motor vehicles on public streets or on public or private property within the town and the town may enforce this chapter by removing and disposing of junked or abandoned motor vehicles according to the procedures prescribed herein.
(Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981)

§ 94.02 DEFINITIONS

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

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE. A motor vehicle shall be deemed to have been abandoned for the purposes of this chapter in the following circumstances:

(1) If it is left unattended upon a street or highway for longer than 12 hours in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking;

(2) It is left unaccompanied on property owned or operated by the town for a period longer than 24 hours;

(3) It is left unaccompanied on any public street or highway for a period longer than 7 days; or

(4) It is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant, or lessee thereof for longer than 2 hours.

JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLE. A motor vehicle that does not display a current license plate or that:

(1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked;

(2) Cannot be self-propelled or removed in the manner in which it was originally intended to move; or

(3) Is more than 5 years old and appears to be worth less than $100.
(Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981)

§ 94.03 DUTY OF OWNER TO REMOVE

(A) If a motor vehicle is abandoned or junked on a public street or highway, it shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner of that motor vehicle to cause the removal thereof immediately and pay all cost incident to the removal.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a motor vehicle owned by him or her to remain abandoned on a public street or highway after notice has been duly given to that person to have the vehicle removed.

(C) If a motor vehicle is junked on private property, it shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner of the motor vehicle to cause the removal thereof immediately and not allow a motor vehicle owned by him or her to remain junked on private property after notice has been given to the person to have the vehicle removed.
(Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.04 REMOVAL BY TOWN

Whenever any motor vehicle is abandoned or junked on a public street or highway or on property owned or operated by the town, or on private property, any vehicle may be removed by or under the direction of the Chief of Police, or their designee to a storage garage or area; provided, no merely abandoned vehicle shall be removed from private property without the written request or permission of the owner, lessee or occupant thereof unless the same has been declared by the Board of Commissioners to be a health or safety hazard.
(Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981)

§ 94.05 COST OF REMOVAL; NOTICE TO OWNER

(A) When an abandoned or junked motor vehicle is removed from private property at the request of the owner, lessee or occupant thereof, the person at whose request the vehicle is removed shall be required to pay or otherwise indemnify the town for any expenses incurred by reason of the removal and storage of the vehicle.

(B) The owner of any vehicle removed hereunder from any public street or highway, or any property owned or operated by the town, or any private property shall pay to the town all reasonable costs incident to the removal and storage of the vehicle and to locating the owner thereof.

(C) Written notice of each removal of an abandoned or junked motor vehicle and of the possible sale or disposition thereof shall be given as promptly as possible to the owner thereof at his or her last known address according to the latest registration certificate on file with the state's Department of Motor Vehicles.

(D) Notice need not be given to the registered owner when the vehicle does not display a license plate and the vehicle identification numbers have been removed or defaced so as to be illegible.
(Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981)

§ 94.06 SALE OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEIDCLES

(A) If an abandoned motor vehicle is worth $100 (value to be determined by the Chief of Police) or more and should the owner thereof refuse to pay the aforementioned costs or should the identity or whereabouts of the owner be unknown and unascertainable after a diligent search, it shall, after being held by the town for 30 days and after 20-days' written notice to the registered owner at his or her last known address if his or her identity is known, and to the holders of all liens of record against the vehicle, and to the state's Department of Motor Vehicles, be sold by the Chief of Police or his or her designee at public auction.

(B) Any person having an interest in the vehicle may redeem it at any time before the sale by paying the costs, including administrative and legal fees of the town, which have accrued to date.
(Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981)

§ 94.07 DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS OF SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

(A) The proceeds of the sale of an abandoned motor vehicle shall be paid to the town and the Town Clerk shall pay from the proceeds the costs of removal, storage investigation, sale and liens, in that order, the remainder of the proceeds of the sale, if any, shall be paid over to the registered owner or held by the town for 60 days if the registered owner cannot be located with reasonable diligence.

(B) If the owner does not claim the remainder of the proceeds within 60 days after the sale, the funds shall be deposited into the town's general fund and the owner's rights therein shall be forever extinguished. (Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981)

§ 94.08 DISPOSITION OF JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES

(A) With the consent of the owner, the Chief of Police, or his or her designee, may dispose of any vehicle as a junked motor vehicle without holding it for any prescribed time.

(B) Any unclaimed junked motor vehicle as defined by this chapter shall be held for a period of 15 days.

(1) The owner of any vehicle may claim his or her vehicle during the 15-day retention period by exhibiting proof of ownership to the Chief of Police and after paying all reasonable costs incident to the removal and storage of the vehicle plus administrative expenses.

(2) If after the vehicle is held 15 days it remains unclaimed, the vehicle may be destroyed or sold at private sales as junk.

(3) Within 15 days of final disposition of a junked motor vehicle, written notice thereof shall be given to the Department of Motor Vehicles that the vehicle has been determined to be a junked motor vehicle and disposed of. The notice shall contain as full and accurate description of the vehicle as can be reasonably determined.
(Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981)

§ 94.09 DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS OF SALE OF JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLE

(A) The proceeds of the sale of a junked motor vehicle, after all costs of removal storage, investigation and sale, and satisfaction of any liens of record on the vehicle have been deducted therefrom, shall be held by the Town Clerk for 30 days and paid to the registered owner upon demand.

(B) If the owner does not appear to claim the remainder of the proceeds within 30 days after disposal of the vehicle, the funds shall be deposited into the town's general fund and the owner's rights therein shall be forever extinguished.
(Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981)

§ 94.10 DISPOSITION OF UNIDENTIFIED MOTOR VEHICLE

Vehicles not displaying a license plate and whose identification numbers have been removed or defaced so as to be illegible may be destroyed or sold at a private sale, without regard to value, after being held for 48 hours.
(Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981)

§ 94.11 IMMUNITY

Neither the town nor any person shall be held to answer in any civil or criminal action to any owner or other person legally entitled to the possession of any abandoned, lost, or stolen vehicle for disposing of the vehicle as contemplated by this chapter.
(Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981)

§ 94.11 EXEMPTION

Nothing in this chapter shall apply to any vehicle in an enclosed building or any vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise, or to any vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place or manner.
(Ord. 110, passed 6-8-1981)

CHAPTER 95: FIRE PREVENTION; HAZARDS

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§ 95.01 FOLLOWING FIRE EQUIPMENT

It shall be unlawful to follow any fire apparatus which is responding to a call, by automobile or any other vehicle, unless the vehicle is used for transporting firefighters to the scene of the fire, at a distance closer than 1 block, or to pass the apparatus or to park within the same block in which the fire is in progress.
(Prior Code, Ch. C, Art. I, § 4) Penalty, see§ 10.99

§ 95.02 INTERFERING WITH FIREFIGHTER OR FIRE APPARATUS

No person shall interfere with a firefighter in the discharge of his or her duty, or hinder him or her in the performance of duty, nor shall any person other than members of the Fire Department loiter about any fire stations, or change, handle or meddle in any manner with any fire engine or any other fire apparatus.
(Prior Code, Ch. C, Art. I, § 5) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 95.03 INTERFERING WITH FIRE ALARM APPARATUS

No person shall interfere carelessly or willfully with the fire alarm system or injure the poles, wires, boxes or other apparatus connected therewith.
(Prior Code, Ch. C, Art. I, § 7) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 95.04 GIVING FALSE ALARM OF FIRE FORBIDDEN

No person shall give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire by means of the fire alarms system or otherwise.
(Prior Code, Ch. C, Art. I, § 8) Penalty, see § 10.99

FIRE HAZARDS

§ 95.20 BURNING TRASH WITH FIRE LIMITS PROHIBITED

No person shall burn or cause to be burned any trash, refuse, shavings, paper, leaves, litter or other materials of any kind outside any house, on or in any street, sidewalk, alley, lot or yard within the town limits of the town. (Prior Code, Ch. C, Art. II, § 1) Penalty, see § 10.99

CHAPTER 96: CONCEAL AND CARRY SIGN POSTING

Section

96.01 Posting of Signs Required
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§ 96.01 POSTING OF SIGNS REQUIRED

The Police Department is hereby authorized and instructed to post conspicuous signage at appropriate locations on or within each park and each building or portion of a building owned, leased as lessee, operated, occupied, managed or controlled by the town, as well as the appurtenant premises to the buildings, indicating that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited therein.
(Ord. Passed 1-2-1996)

§ 96.02 LOCATION OF SIGNS

Signs on buildings shall be visibly posted on the exterior of each entrance by which the general public can access the building. The Police Department shall exercise discretion in determining .the number and appropriate location of signs to be placed n or within appurtenant premises and parks.
(Ord. passed 1-2-1996)

§ 96.03 EFFECTIVE DATE

This chapter shall be effective on and after December 31, 1995.
(Ord. passed 1-2-1996)

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§ 97.01 HOURS OF OPERATION

The parks and recreation facilities shall be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. until sunset each day. Town approved activities will be the only exceptions.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006)

§ 97.02 APPLICATION FOR USE

At the time of the adoption of this chapter, there is no application or fee for use of the facilities. Use is by a first come, first serve basis. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to amend this section as needed.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006)

§ 97.03 USE FOR POLITICAL OR PRIVATE PROFIT PROIDBITED

No recreation area shall be used for a political or private profit-making enterprise.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006) Penalty, see § 97.99

§ 97.04 OBSCENE LANGUAGE; DISORDERLY CONDUCT; NUISANCES

No persons shall conduct themselves in a disorderly or obscene manner or commit any nuisance upon the grounds of any parks and recreation areas.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006) Penalty, see § 97.99

§ 97.05 INJURING, DEFACING BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, PLANTS AND THE LIKE

No person shall in any manner deface or injure any building, equipment, grounds, trees, shrubs, or plants growing in any of the parks and recreation areas or upon any premises under the jurisdiction of the Town of Princeton.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006) Penalty, see § 97.99

§ 97.06 FIREARMS, WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES, KNIVES, OR ANY SIMILARITY OF WEAPONS

The carrying or use of firearms, explosives; knives, or weapons of any character upon parks and recreation areas is prohibited unless approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Princeton. This includes but is not limited to toy guns, air guns, pellet guns, BB guns, and paint guns.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006) Penalty, see § 97.99

§ 97.07 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED

No alcoholic beverages shall be brought upon, possessed, or used in any parks and recreation areas.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006) Penalty, see § 97.99

§ 97.08 GAMBLING PROHIBITED

Gambling is prohibited on or in any parks and recreation areas or building.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006) Penalty, see § 97.99

§ 97.09 FIRES

No fire shall be lighted or made in any parks and recreation areas except in the places provided.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006) Penalty, see § 97.99

§ 97.10 PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Motor vehicles shall be parked only in designated parking areas. Parking of vehicles in other areas within any parks or recreational areas such as the playground or walking trail is prohibited. All vehicle parking is prohibited during the hours that the parks and recreation facilities are closed. Vehicles in violation will be towed at the owner's expense. No skateboards, roller skates, or stunt bikes will be allowed in the parking area or on the walking trails.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006) Penalty, see § 97.99

§ 97.11 WALKING TRAIL

The walking trail comprising the perimeter of the park facilities is a designated walking trail. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride any motor driven vehicle on the path. It is unlawful for any person to ride or walk a horse on the walking trail. No motorized vehicles, bicycles, scooters, roller skates, skate boards or like devices will be allowed on any paved, grassed, or concrete surfaces of the walking trail or any other area of the facility.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006) Penalty, see § 97.99

§ 97.12 DISCRIMINATION; CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

No person or group shall conduct activities on the parks and recreation grounds for the purpose of discriminating against any person or group on the basis of race, national origin, sex, or age.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006) Penalty, see § 97.99

§ 97.13 ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CHAPTER

Any employee of the Town of Princeton, including the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, shall have authority to enforce these regulations or any regulation necessary to the proper conduct and operation of the parks and recreation facilities. Chargeable offenses are the responsibility of the Princeton Police Department.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006) Penalty, see § 97.99

§ 97.14 VIOLATIONS

Violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor as provided in G.S. § 14-4.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006)

§ 97.15 GENERAL RULES

(A) Children under the age of 14 shall be accompanied by a parent, competent sitter, or guardian at all times while in the park.

(B) Animals are prohibited in all areas of the park.

(C) Visitors are responsible for their own trash and keeping the park litter free.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006)

§ 97.16 RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPENING, CLOSING, AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES

(A) It will be the responsibility of the town Maintenance Department to open the park each week day. The Police Department will have the responsibility of opening the facility on Saturday and Sunday.

(B) Cleaning and general maintenance of bathroom facilities and picnic areas will be the responsibility of the town Maintenance Department and will be done daily at the opening of the facility. On Saturday and

Sunday, it will be the responsibility of the Police Department to monitor the bathroom facilities and picnic areas and to clean and restock the facilities as needed.

(C) Trash cans will be monitored daily and disposal will take place as needed by the town Maintenance Department. It will be the responsibility of the Police Department to monitor the facilities and dispose of trash and debris as necessary on Saturday and Sunday

(D) Grounds maintenance, including but not limited to, litter pick-up, grass cutting, weed eating, and spraying will be the responsibility of the town Maintenance Department and will be completed as needed.

(E) The maintenance of the Azalea Garden and other plants throughout the facility, including but not limited to, watering, weeding, and pruning will be the responsibility of the town Maintenance Department and will be completed as needed.

(F) The closing of the park facility will be the responsibility of the Police Department. The on duty officer will officially close the facility at sundown each day.
(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006)

§ 97.99 PENALTY

(A) The following acts are unlawful and violations of this chapter.

(B) Civil penalties listed herein shall be payable to the Town of Princeton.

Section	Description	Penalty
97.03	Use for political or private profit prohibited	$100
97.04	Obscene language; disorderly conduct; nuisances	$50
97.05	Injuring, defacing buildings, equipment and the like	$500
97.06	Weapons, explosives, knives, or any similarity of weapons	$500
97.07	Alcoholic beverages prohibited	$100
97.08	Gambling prohibited	$50
97.09	Fires	$50
97.10	Parking of motor vehicles	$20
	Parking in handicapped areas	$250
97.11	Walking trail	$50
	Motorized or other vehicle outside of parking lot	$50

(Ord. 02006-4, passed 8-7-2006)

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PRIVILEGE LICENSE

§ 110.01 DEFINITIONS

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

AGENT. The person having the agency for the manufacturer, producer, or distributor.

BUSINESS. Any business, trade, occupation, profession, avocation or calling of any kind, subject, by the provision of this chapter, to a license tax.

ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS. Engaged in the business as owner or operator.

FISCAL YEAR. The period beginning with the July 1 and ending with the June 30 of next following.

PERSON. Any person, firm, partnership, company or corporation.

QUARTER. Any 3 consecutive months.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. I, § 1)

§ 110.02 LICENSE TAX UPON CERTAIN TRADES AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS

(A) In addition to the tax on property and polls, as otherwise provided for, and under the power and authority conferred in the laws of North Carolina, there shall be levied and collected annually or more often where

provided for, a privilege license tax on trades, professions, business operations, exhibitions, circuses, and all subjects authorized to be licensed as set out in the following sections and schedule.

(B) All licenses shall be a personal privilege and shall not be transferable.

(C) Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Board of Commissioners from imposing from time to time, as they may see fit, the license taxes as are not specifically herein defined, or from increasing or decreasing the amount of any special license tax, or from prohibiting or regulating the business or acts licensed, and all licenses are granted subject to the provisions of existing chapters or those hereafter enacted.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. I, § 2)

§ 110.03 UNLAWFUL TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITHOUT A LICENSE

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person or his or her agent or servant to engage in or carry on a business in the Town of Princeton for which there is required a license, without first having paid the license tax and obtained the license.

(B) For the purpose of this section the opening of a place of business or offering to sell, followed by a single sale or the doing of any act or thing in furtherance of the business shall be construed to be engaging in or carrying on business, and each day that the person, firm or corporation shall engage in or carry on business as aforesaid, shall be construed to be a separate offense.
(Prior C de, Ch. H, Art. I, § 3) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 110.04 LICENSE TAX SHALL BE FOR TWELVE MONTHS

All taxes provided for and fixed in the following sections and schedule shall be for 12 months, unless otherwise specified, and shall so remain for 12 months beginning July 1 and ending June 30; provided, that where the license is issued after January 1, then the licensee shall be required to pay 1/2 the tax prescribed, except where otherwise specifically provided for.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. I, § 4)

§ 110.05 LICENSE REQUIRED FOR EVERY SEPARATE BUSINESS

The payment of any particular tax imposed by this chapter shall not relieve the person paying the same from the payment of any other tax imposed by this chapter for any other business he or she may carry on, unless so provided by the section imposing tax; it being the intent of this chapter that license taxes prescribed by various sections or divisions of this chapter applicable to any business shall be cumulative except where otherwise specifically provided.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. I, § 5)

§ 110.06 LICENSE TAX REQUIRED FOR EVERY PLACE OF BUSINESS

(A) A license issued for the privilege of conducting a business is only valid for the business conducted at the place and by the licensee named therein.

(B) Every person doing business in more than 1 factory, mill, warehouse or store, stall or stand, or other place of business, shall secure a separate license for each place of business, unless the places of business are contiguous to each other, communicate directly with an opening into each other and are operated as a unit.

(C) If the business is moved or if the licensee sells to another, then a new license is necessary, unless a special permit to continue business under the original license is obtained from the Board of Commissioners.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. I, § 6)

§ 110.07 LICENSE MUST BE DISPLAYED AT THE PLACE OF BUSINESS

Every license must be kept prominently displayed at the place of business of the licensee named in the license, or, if the licensee has no fixed place of business, the licensee must keep the same wherever the business is being operated and where it can be inspected at any time by the proper municipal official.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. I, § 7)

§ 110.08 NO ABATEMENT OF LICENSE TAX

No license tax shall be abated nor shall any refund of any part thereof be made, in any case where the licensee discontinues his or her business before the end of the period for which the license was issued.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. I, § 8)

§ 110.09 SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL PRIVILEGE LICENSES

For annual privilege licenses, see current schedule on file in the office of the Town Clerk.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. I, § 9)

HOURS OF OPERATION

§ 110.20 CLOSING TIME REGULATED FOR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS; FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS

Businesses will be allowed to remain open until 1:00AM on Friday and Saturday nights only.
(Ord. passed 6-4-1990)

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Appendix A: Tax Schedule

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 111.01 DEFINITIONS

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

BUSINESS. Includes each trade, occupation, profession, business and franchise taxed under this chapter.

PERSON. Includes individual, trustee, executor, other fiduciary, corporation, unincorporated association, partnership, sole proprietorship, company, firm or other legal entity.

SEASONAL. A business is SEASONAL in nature when it is conducted for profit 6 months out of the year or less.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.02 CONSTRUCTION OF TIDS CHAPTER

(A) This chapter is enacted for revenue purposes only. Therefore, it should be construed to require payment of the maximum tax permitted under its terms.

(B) Issuance of a license in accordance with this chapter does not excuse a licensee form compliance with any other applicable chapter or statute.

(C) This chapter does not prevent the town from imposing license taxes on additional businesses, from increasing or decreasing the amount of any license tax, or from regulating any business taxed.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

LEVY

§ 111.15 LEVY OF TAX

An annual privilege license tax is hereby levied on each business conducted within this town listed in Appendix A of this chapter in the amounts set forth in the appendix.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.16 WHO MUST PAY TAX

(A) Each person who conducts a business within the town is subject to this chapter.

(B) A person conducts business when he or she engages in 1 act of business taxed under this chapter.

(C) He or she conducts the business within the town if he or she maintains a business location within the town; or if, either personally or through agents, he or she solicits business within the town limits or picks up or delivers goods or services within the town limits.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.17 PERIOD OF LICENSE; DUE DATE

(A) *Annual licensee*. Unless the section of this chapter levying the privilege license tax applicable to a particular business provides otherwise, a license issued in accordance with this chapter is good for the 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

(1) The tax is due on July 1 of each year.

(2) If a person begins a business after July 1 of a year, the tax for that year is due before the business is begun.

(B) *Licenses for periods shorter than 1 year*. If the section of this chapter levying the privilege license tax applicable to a particular business so provides, a license may be issued for a period of 1 day, 1 week or some comparable period of less than a full license year. A person may not commence a business conducted within the town and taxed under a provision until the privilege license tax due is paid and may not continue a business beyond the period for which the license is issued.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.18 PRORATION OF TAX

If a business is begun after January 31 and before July 1, the amount of tax due is half the amount otherwise due. If a business is seasonal in nature and if the amount of tax is not based on gross receipts, the amount of tax due is half the amount otherwise due.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.19 REFUNDS

If for any reason a licensee discontinues his or her business during the license year, he or she is not entitled to a refund.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

LEVY AND COLLECTION OF BUSINESS TAX

§ 111.20 SEPARATE BUSINESSES

(A) A separate license is required and a separate privilege license tax must be paid for each place of business unless 2 or more places of business under common ownership are contiguous to each other,

communicate directly with and open into each other and are operated as a unit.

(B) A separate privilege license tax must be paid for each business taxable under this chapter conducted by the taxpayer at any 1 location; however, the Tax Collector may issue a single license for all taxable business conducted at 1 location by a single taxpayer. (Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.21 COMPUTATION OF TAX BASED ON GROSS RECEIPTS

(A) Whenever this chapter levies a privilege license tax computed on the basis of gross receipts, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

GROSS RECEIPTS. The amount reported as gross receipts on a business's state income tax return- , or on the federal income tax return filed with the state income tax return if the state return does not separately state gross receipts for the most recently completed tax year.

(B) If a business has not been in operation long enough for the information required in division (A) above to be available, the Tax Collector shall estimate gross receipts for the business on the basis of gross receipts of comparable businesses, or any other information that the Tax Collector considers useful.

(C) On or before the July 31 immediately after the license year, each licensee who paid the tax for the past license year based on estimated gross receipts shall submit to the Tax Collector a sworn final report showing the amount of gross receipts for the license year.

(1) If the amount shown is more than estimated gross receipts, the licensee shall pay the amount of additional tax that would have been due had the estimate been accurate.

(2) If the amount shown is less than estimated gross receipts, the town shall refund to the licensee the difference between the actual tax paid and the amount of tax that would have been due had the estimate been accurate.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.22 EXEMPTIONS

(A) ***Generally***. Except as otherwise provided in this section or by state law, no person is exempt from the payment of a privilege license tax levied by this chapter.

(B) ***Charitable organizations***. A person who operates a business for a religious, educational, civic, patriotic, charitable or fraternal purpose, when the entire gross income of the business is used for the purpose of 1 of the above, is exempt from paying any privilege license tax levied by this chapter.

(C) ***Blind persons and members of the Armed Forces and Merchant Marine***. Blind persons and persons who serve in the United States Armed Forces or the Merchant Marine are exempt from paying any privilege license tax levied by this chapter to the extent provided by law.

(D) ***Must obtain license***. A person exempt from paying a privilege license tax levied by this chapter shall nevertheless obtain a license from the Tax Collector. The license shall state that the licensee is exempt from paying the privilege license tax.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

LICENSES

§ 111.35 APPLICATIONS

(A) A person shall apply to the Tax Collector for each license required by this chapter no less than 30 days before the date the tax is due.

(B) The application, which shall be submitted on forms provided by the Tax Collector, shall contain:

(1) The name of the applicant and whether the applicant is an individual, a partnership, a corporation or some other entity;

(2) The nature of the business;

(3) Where the business is conducted;

(4) An address where notices and statements may be mailed to as required by this chapter;

(5) Whether the business is regulated by a state occupational licensing board subject to G.S. Ch. 93B, and if so, the serial number of the state license the applicant currently holds; and

(6) Any other information the Tax Collector determines to be necessary to compute the amount of tax due.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.36 REASONS FOR REFUSAL OF A LICENSE

The Tax Collector shall refuse to issue a license or shall revoke a license for either of the following reasons:

(A) The applicant misrepresents a fact relevant to the amount of tax due or his or her qualifications for a license.

(B) The applicant refuses to provide information necessary to compute the amount of tax due.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.37 UNQUALIFIED APPLICANTS; RIGHT TO A CONFERENCE

(A) After receipt of the completed application, if the Tax Collector believes that a reason exists for refusing a license under§ 111.36, the Tax Collector shall refuse to accept payment of the tax and shall not issue the license.

(B) At the applicant's request, the Tax Collector shall, in accordance with § 111.46 of this chapter, give the applicant a written statement of the reason for refusing the license.

(C) The applicant may, within 10 days after the day the statement is received, request a conference to discuss the refusal. In the request the applicant shall specify why the application for a license should not be refused.

(1) The Tax Collector shall arrange the conference within a reasonable time.

(2) If the Collector refuses to issue a license, the applicant may reapply for a license at any time thereafter.

(D) If the reason for which the application was refused no longer exists, and if no other reason exists for refusing to issue a license, the Tax Collector shall issue the license in compliance with § 111.38 of this chapter. (Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.38 TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE LICENSE; PAYMENT A PREREQUISITE

(A) After receipt of the completed application, if the Tax Collector believes that no reason exists for refusal of a license under § 111.36 of this chapter, the Tax Collector shall determine the amount of tax due and notify the applicant of that amount.

(B) The Tax Collector shall not issue a license until the tax is paid.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.39 AMOUNT OF TAX DISPUTED

(A) If disputes arise over the amount of tax the Collector determines to be due, the applicant may either refuse to pay and request a conference with the Tax Collector to discuss the determination or pay the amount and request a conference to discuss the right to a refund.

(B) If a conference is requested, the Tax Collector shall arrange it within a reasonable time.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.40 REVOCATION

(A) The Tax Collector shall revoke a license if a reason exists to revoke it as set forth in § 111.36 of this chapter.

(B) Before revoking a license, the Tax Collector shall give the licensee written notice of the grounds for revocation, in accordance with § 111.46 of this chapter.

(C) The license may within 10 days after the day on which notice is served request a conference with the Tax· Collector in writing. The request shall specify the reasons why the license should not be revoked.

(1) The Tax Collector shall arrange the conference within a reasonable time.

(2) If the licensee fails to request a conference within 10 days after the day on which notice is served, the Tax Collector shall revoke the license.

(3) If the licensee requests a conference, the Tax Collector shall not revoke the license until after the conference.

(D) If the Tax Collector revokes a license, the former licensee may apply for a new license at any time thereafter.

(E) If the reason for which the license was revoked no longer exists and if no other reason exists for refusing to issue a license, the Tax Collector shall issue the license in accordance with § 111.38 of this chapter.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.41 FORM AND CONTENT OF LICENSE

(A) A license shall show the name of the person licensed, the place where the business is conducted (if it is to be conducted at 1 place), the nature of the business licensed, the period for which the license is issued and the amount of tax paid.

(B) If a machine is licensed, the license shall show the serial number of the machine.

(C) The Tax Collector shall keep a copy of each license issued.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.42 ASSIGNMENTS

(A) A license may be assigned if a business licensed under this chapter and carried on at a fixed place is sold as a unit to any person, and the purchaser is to carry on the same business at the same place.

(B) The change shall be reported to the Tax Collector in accordance with § 111.43 of this chapter.

(C) Other than the aforementioned, each license issued under this chapter is a personal privilege and is not assignable.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.43 CHANGES IN THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY LICENSEE DURING THE TAX YEAR

(A) ***Report of change***. A licensee or an assignee shall report a change in the information contained in the license application to the Tax Collector within 10 days after the change occurs.

(B) ***License affected***. If information shown on the license itself is affected, the licensee or assignee shall surrender the license to the Tax Collector when reporting the change.

(C) ***Changes affecting the amount of tax due***. If there are no reasons for revoking the license under § 111.36 of this chapter and the change results in the imposition of a separate or additional tax, the Tax Collector shall reissue a license reflecting the change upon payment of the separate or additional tax.

(D) ***Changes not affecting the amount of tax due***. If there are no reasons for revoking the license under § 111.36 of this chapter and the change does not result in an imposition of a separate or additional tax, the Tax Collector shall reissue a license reflecting the change upon payment of a fee as provided by the current fee schedule, copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

(E) ***Change requiring refusal of a license***. If there is reason for revoking the license under § 111.36 of this chapter, the Tax Collector shall refuse to reissue a license and shall instead begin proceedings to revoke the license in accordance with § 111.40 of this chapter.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.44 TAX COLLECTOR TO FURNISH DUPLICATES

Upon satisfactory proof that a license has been lost or destroyed, the Tax Collector shall furnish a duplicate for a fee as provided by the current fee schedule, copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.45 RECORD OF CONFERENCES

(A) The Tax Collector shall maintain for 3 years a record of each conference held in accordance with this chapter.

(B) The record shall contain the applicant's or licensee's name, the date of the conference, and a brief statement of the issues discussed and the result reached.

(C) After 3 years, the Tax Collector shall dispose of the record in accordance with G.S. § 121-5.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.46 PROVIDING NOTICE TO AN APPLICANT OR LICENSEE

Whenever this chapter requites the Tax Collector to give a written statement or notice to an applicant or a licensee, the Tax Collector may do so in 1 of 3 ways:

(A) By personally delivering the statement or notice to the applicant or licensee;

(B) By mailing the statement or notice by registered or certified mail and returning the receipt requested to the address specified for that purpose in the license application; or

(C) By causing the statement or notice to be served on the applicant or licensee in accordance with the procedures for service of process under Rule 4, North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. (Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION

§ 111.60 DUTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER TAX DUE

Each person has the duty to determine whether the business he or she conducts is taxed under this chapter and if so, whether that tax has been paid for the current tax year.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.61 TAX COLLECTOR TO INVESTIGATE

If the Tax Collector has reason to believe that a person is conducting a business in the town in violation of this chapter, the Tax Collector shall conduct an investigation to determine the person's tax liability.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.62 DUTY TO KEEP BOOKS

(A) Each person who conducts a business taxed under this chapter shall keep all records and books necessary to compute the tax liability.

(B) If a person fails to keep books and records as required, the Tax Collector shall make a determination of that person's tax liability from the information available. (Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.63 DUTY TO PERMIT INSPECTION

Each person who conducts business in the town shall permit the Tax Collector to inspect the business premises during normal business hours to determine the nature of the business conducted there and to examine the books and records to determine the nature and amount of business transacted.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.64 DUTY TO POST LICENSE

(A) A licensee shall post the license or licenses conspicuously in the place of business licensed.

(B) If the licensee has no regular place of business, the license must be kept where it may be inspected at all times by the proper town officials.

(C) If a machine is licensed, the license shall be affixed to the machine.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.65 NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

(A) If the Tax Collector determines that a person has not paid the full amount of tax due under this chapter, either for the current license year or for a prior license year, the Tax Collector shall give the person written notice of the deficiency, in accordance with§ 111.46 of this chapter.

(B) The notice of deficiency shall specify the total amount of tax due; the section of this chapter upon which the tax is based; the amount of tax paid; any interest due; the balance owed; the manner and time period in which the person may respond to the notice of the deficiency, and the consequences of failing to respond as specified.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.66 REQUEST FOR A CONFERENCE

(A) The person may, within 10 days after the day on which notice is served, request a conference in writing.

(B) The request shall specify the person's objections to the notice of deficiency. By way of illustration but not limitation, a person who receives notice of a deficiency may object on the following grounds:

(1) That the tax due has already been paid;

(2) That a Tax Collector miscalculated the amount of tax due;

(3) That the Tax Collector based his or her calculation on incorrect or insufficient information concerning either the nature or the amount of business conducted; and/or

(4) That the Tax Collector based the determination on an erroneous interpretation of a section of this chapter that establishes a category of business subject to a particular tax.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.67 DEFICIENCY TO BECOME FINAL

If the taxpayer fails to request a conference under § 111.66 of this chapter, the deficiency becomes final and the Tax Collector shall proceed to collect the deficiency. (Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.68 CONFERENCE HELD

(A) If the taxpayer requests a conference, the Tax Collector shall not proceed to collect the deficiency until hearing the taxpayer's objections and determining that the deficiency should become final.

(B) The Tax Collector shall maintain a record of each conference held for 3 years in accordance with § 111.66 of this chapter.

(C) The record shall contain the name of the taxpayer, the date of the conference, a brief statement of the issues discussed and the results of the discussion.

(D) After 3 years, the Tax Collector shall dispose of the record in compliance with G.S. § 121-5.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

§ 111.99 PENALTY

(A) ***Collection of deficiency***. The Tax Collector may use any of the following methods to collect a deficiency:

(1) Criminal prosecution in accordance with § 111.99(C) of this chapter;

(2) Equitable relief in accordance with § 111.99(D) of this chapter; The remedies of levy, sale, attachment and garnishment in accordance with G.S. § 160A-207; or

(3) The remedies of levy and sale of real and personal property of the taxpayer within the town in accordance with the provisions of G.S. § 105-109.

(B) ***Additional tax***. Any person who commences or continues to conduct a business taxed under this chapter without payment of the tax is liable for the additional tax of 5% every 30 days as imposed by G.S. § 105-109.

(C) ***Criminal remedies***.

(1) Conducting business within this town without having paid the privilege license tax imposed by this chapter, or without a valid license issued in accordance with this chapter, or without posting a license in compliance with § 111.64 of this chapter is a misdemeanor, punishable as provided in G.S. § 105-109.

(2) Each day that a person conducts business in violation of this chapter is a separate offense.

(3) Payment of a fine imposed in criminal proceedings in accordance with this section does not relieve the person of the liability for taxes imposed under this chapter. (Ord. passed 6-7-1993)

(D) ***Equitable remedies***. In addition to the criminal remedies set forth in division (C) above and in compliance with G.S. § 160A-175(d), the town may seek an injunction against any person who conducts a business in violation of this chapter.
(Ord. passed 6-7-1993, Art. IV§ 33(b))

Levy and Collection of Business Tax

APPENDIX A: TAX SCHEDULE

A license tax shall be levied and collected for the privilege of engaging in the following businesses.

Business	Previous Rates	Increased Rates
Collection agencies	$25	$40
Day care centers	$25	$40
Day care- in home	N/A	$15
Dry cleaners	$25	$40
Gasoline dealer	$25	$40
General license	$12.50	$20
Laundries	$25	$40
Plumbing, heating and electric	$12.50	$30
Restaurant- 5 seats or more	$25	$45
Restaurant- less than 5	$12.50	$20
Undertakers	$25	$40
Wholesale supply dealer	$12.50	$30

(Ord. passed 6-7-1993; Am. Ord. passed 6-4-2001)

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SHORT TERM LEASE OR RENTAL VEHICLES; TAX LEVY

§ 112.01 DEFINITIONS

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

CUSTOMER. Any person that leases or rents a vehicle on a short-term lease or rental basis.

GENERAL STATUTES. The North Carolina General Statutes and any reference to a particular section thereof shall include the same as may be from time to time amended, modified, supplemented, revised or superseded.

GROSS RECEIPTS. The amount that is or would be reported as gross receipts on a business's state income tax return, or on the federal income tax return filed with the state income tax return if the state return does not separately state gross receipts for the most recently completed tax year. Taxes collected hereunder are not subject to the tax herein imposed and are not included in GROSS RECEIPTS.

LEASE or RENTAL. A transfer, for consideration, of the use but not the ownership of property to another for a period of time, G.S. § 105-164.3(7a).

LONG-TERM LEASE OR RENTAL. A lease or rental made under a written agreement to lease or rent property to the same person for a period of at least 365 continuous days, G.S. § 105-187.1(3).

PERSON. Any individual, trustee, executor, other fiduciary, corporation, unincorporated association, partnership, sole proprietorship, company, firm or other legal entity.

SHORT-TERM LEASE OR RENTAL. Any lease or rental of vehicle that is not a long-term lease or rental, G.S. §§ 160A-215.1(e)(2) and 105-187.1(4).

TAX COLLECTOR. The individual appointed by the governing body pursuant to G.S. § 105-349, to collect taxes on behalf of the town and any other person authorized to carry out the duties and functions of the individual.

TAXPAYER. Any person liable for the taxes imposed by this subchapter.

VEHICLE. Any of the following:

(1) A motor vehicle of the private passenger type, including a passenger van, minivan or sport utility vehicle.

(2) A motor vehicle of the cargo type, including a cargo van, pickup truck or truck with a gross vehicle weight of 26,000 pounds or less used predominantly in the transportation of property for other than commercial freight, and that does not require the operator to possess a commercial driver's license.

(3) A trailer or semitrailer with a gross vehicle weight of 6,000 pounds or less, G.S. § 160A-215.1(e)(l). (Ord. passed 6-26-2000)

§ 112.02 LEVY OF TAX

(A) A tax is hereby imposed and levied in an amount equal to 1.5 % of the gross receipts derived from the short-term lease or rental of vehicles at retail to the general public.

(B) This tax on gross receipts is in addition to the privilege taxes authorized by G.S. § 160A-211. (Ord. passed 6-26-2000)

§ 112.03 COLLECTION OF TAX

(A) Every person engaged in the business of the short-term lease or rental of vehicles at retail to the general public shall collect at the time of the lease or rental the tax herein levied, place the tax so collected in a segregated account and thereafter remit the tax to the Tax Collector in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter.

(B) The taxpayer shall include a provision in each retail short-term lease or rental agreement stating that the percentage amount enacted by this subchapter of the total lease or rental price, excluding sales tax, is being charged as a tax on gross receipts.

(C) The amount of the tax shall be stated separately on the taxpayer's records. The tax shall be paid by the customer to the taxpayer as trustee for an account of the town.

(D) The taxpayer shall be liable for collection thereof and for its payment to the Tax Collector and the taxpayer's failure to charge or collect the tax from the customer shall not affect the liability.
(Ord. passed 6-26-2000)

§ 112.04 REPORT AND PAYMENT OF TAX

(A) Taxes levied under this subchapter are due and payable when a return is required to be filed.

(B) Every taxpayer shall, within the time specified, submit a return to the Tax Collector on the form prescribed by the Tax Collector.

(1) A return must be signed by the taxpayer or the taxpayer's agent.

(2) Returns of taxpayers are due to the Tax Collector each month on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month in which the tax accrues.

(3) As provided in G.S. § 160A-208.1, a return shall not be considered a public record and information contained in a return may be disclosed only in accordance therewith.
(Ord. passed 6-26-2000)

§ 112.05 TAXPAYER TO KEEP RECORDS

(A) The taxpayer shall keep and preserve suitable records of the gross receipts received by the taxpayer in the conduct of business and other books or accounts as may be necessary to determine the amount of tax for which the taxpayer is liable under the provisions of this subchapter.

(B) It shall be the duty of the taxpayer to keep and preserve for a period of 3 years all records of gross receipts and other books and accounts described.

(C) All records, books and accounts herein described shall be open for examination at all reasonable hours during the day by the Tax Collector or his or her duly authorized agent.
(Ord. passed 6-26-2000)

§ 112.06 TAXCOLLECTOR TO PROVIDE FORMS

(A) The Tax Collector shall design, prepare, print and make available to all taxpayers operating with the municipal boundaries of the town forms and instructions for filing returns to ensure a full collection of and an accounting for taxes due.

(B) The failure of any taxpayer to obtain or receive forms shall not relieve the taxpayer from the payment of the tax at the time and in the manner provided.
(Ord. passed 6-26-2000)

§ 112.07 SITUS

The transactions giving rise to the tax herein levied shall be deemed to have occurred at the location of the entity from which the customer takes delivery of the vehicle, G.S. § 160A-215.1(b).
(Ord. passed 6-26-2000)

§ 112.08 ADMINISTRATION

In addition to the provisions herein, the levy and collection of the taxes herein imposed shall be otherwise administered in the same manner as the Sales and Use Tax as provided in G.S. Ch. 105, Art. 5(1), G.S. § 160A-215.1(d).
(Ord. passed 6-26-2000)

§ 112.09 AUTHORITY

This subchapter is enacted pursuant to the provisions of G.S. § 160A-215.1.
(Ord. passed 6-26-2000)

§ 112.10 EFFECTIVE DATE

This subchapter and the taxes thereby levied and imposed shall become effective July I, 2000.
(Ord. passed 6-26-2000)

TAXICABS

§ 112.20 DEFINITIONS

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

PERSONS. Includes both singular and plural, and includes persons, individuals, firms, corporations, partnerships and associations.

TAXICAB. Any motor vehicle seating nine (9) or fewer passengers, operated upon any street or highway on call or on demand, accepting or soliciting passengers indiscriminately for hire between points along streets or highways as may be directed by the passenger or passengers so being transported, and shall not include motor vehicles or motor vehicle carriers as defined in G.S. § 62-3(17).
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 1)

§ 112.21 UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE WITHOUT CERTIFICATE

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a taxicab upon and over the streets of the Town of Princeton without first having applied for and secured from the Board of Commissioners a certificate of convenience and necessity as hereinafter set forth.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 2) Penalty, see § 112.99

§ 112.22 APPLICATION REQUIRED

Every person desiring to operate a taxicab upon and over the streets of Princeton shall file on forms supplied by the Town Clerk an application for certificate of convenience and necessity.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 3)

§ 112.23 BOARD ISSUES CERTIFICATES

The Board of Commissioners shall have power and it will be its duty to order certain certificates issued or refuse to issue certain certificates or to issue certificates for partial exercise of the rights granted only by the certificate, the terms and conditions as in its judgement the public convenience and necessity may require.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 4)

§ 112.24 DURATION OF CERTIFICATES

(A) A certificate shall constitute a franchise from the Town of Princeton for the operation of taxicabs within the Town of Princeton subject to the provisions of this subchapter for 1 year, unless a shorter period of time is specified in the certificate.

(B) Applications for renewal shall be filed annually and hearing conducted as herein provided.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 5)

§ 112.25 DETERMINATION OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

(A) In determining whether the public convenience and necessity require the franchising of a taxicab or taxicabs, the Board of Commissioners shall, among other things, take into consideration the following factors:

(1) Whether or not the public convenience and necessity require the proposed or additional taxicab service within the Town of Princeton;

(2) The financial responsibility of the applicant and the likelihood of the proposed service being permanent, responsible and satisfactory;

(3) The number and condition of equipment;

(4) The schedule of proposed rates, if required by the Board of Commissioners to be charged;

(5) The number of taxicabs now operated and the demand for increased service, if any;

(6) Whether or not the safe use of the streets by the public, both vehicular and pedestrian, will be preserved;

(7) Whether or not adequate provision has been made for off-street parking of taxicabs;

(8) The experience of applicant in the taxicab business; and

(9) Other relative facts as may be deemed necessary and advisable.

(B) Before making any decision with respect to the issuance of a certificate of convenience and necessity, the Board of Commissioners, or a committee thereof, shall make a full and complete investigation of all facts, if it so desires, subpoena witnesses and utilize the services of the Chief of Police or any other officer or employee of the town.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 6)

§ 112.26 HEARING NOTICES

(A) Each application for certificate of convenience and necessity shall be scheduled for a hearing not later than 30 days after the same is filed, and the applicant shall be notified by the Town Clerk by mail to the business address set forth in the application of the date and time of the hearing.

(B) The Town Clerk shall also, within the same time, notify all persons who at the time hold certificates of convenience and necessity for the operation of taxicabs within the municipality, of the date and time for the hearing and the name of the applicant.

(C) The Board of Commissioners shall have the power to have published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation at least 10 days before the hearing, a notice setting forth the name of the

applicant and the date and time of hearing. The cost of the publication to be paid by the applicant. (Prior Code, Ch. **H,** Art. II, § 7)

§ 112.27 BURDEN OF PROOF

The burden of proof shall be upon the applicant to establish the existence of public convenience and necessity for the operation of the taxicab or taxicabs specified in his or her application, and all other facts required for the granting of a certificate.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 8)

§ 112.28 FAILURE TO BEGIN OPERATIONS

If a certificate is granted to an applicant, and the applicant shall fail, in accordance with the provisions of the certificate, to begin operations within 60 days after the date of the certificate, then the certificate shall become null and void, and no refund of any amount paid by the applicant will be made by the Town of Princeton.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 9)

§ 112.29 TRANSFER

(A) A certificate is not transferable without the consent and approval of the Board of Commissioners.

(B) Applications for a permit to transfer shall be filed in the same manner as an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity.

(C) The proceedings upon the application for a transfer shall be the same as those prescribed for the issuance of a certificate except that the question of public convenience and necessity need not be proved.

(D) No certificate will be issued to any applicant unless:

(1) The applicant be the holder in due course and for value of the title to the taxicab and the holder of the certificate only shall be permitted to operate the taxicab; and

(2) The applicant shall not be allowed to engage the services of any person to operate his or her taxicab for him or her or in his or her stead at any time.
(Prior Code, Ch. H**,** Art. II, § 10)

§ 112.30 REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE

(A) A The Board of Commissioners may at any time after a public hearing revoke any certificate issued by authority of this subchapter for any 1 or more of the following causes:

(1) Failure to operate the taxicab specified in the certificate in the manner as to serve the public adequately and efficiently;

(2) Failure to maintain motor equipment in good repair;

(3) Failure to carry liability insurance or bond as required by law;

(4) Failure to pay to the town taxes or license fees imposed upon taxicabs. The complete license fee schedule is on file in the office of the Town Clerk and is adopted and incorporated as part of this code of ordinances as if set out a length herein;

(5) Repeated and persistent violation by the taxicab drivers of traffic and safety ordinances, or state law as relating to alcoholic beverages or prostitution;

(6) Failure to report accidents; and/or

(7) Willful failure to comply with any provision of this subchapter or other ordinances or state laws relating to the operation of taxicabs, whether the ordinances and laws be now in force or hereafter enacted into ordinances and into laws.

(B) No certificate shall be revoked until the owner has had at least 5 days' notice by personal service or registered mail of the charges against him or her, and of the time and place of the hearing.

(C) If after the hearing it is found that the owner is guilty of 1 or more of the offenses listed above, the Board of Commissioners shall have the power to revoke the certificate, or to condition a revocation upon compliance of its order within any time fixed by it.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 11)

§ 112.31 SUBSTITUTION OF VEHICLES

(A) The person to whom a certificate has been issued may, by proper endorsement thereon by the Town Clerk, substitute another vehicle, or other vehicles, for the vehicle or vehicles for which certificate was granted.

(B) In the instance of substitution, the liability insurance or bonds shall also be transferred to the substitute vehicle or vehicles.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 12)

§ 112.32 NO PERSON TO HOLD MORE THAN ONE CERTIFICATE

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to issue only one (1) certificate to any 1 person, and the person holding the certificate shall be required to operate his or her taxicab himself or herself and shall have no power or authority by virtue of his or her certificate to delegate the operation of the taxicab to any

person.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 13)

§ 112.33 PENALTY

(A) Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99.

(B) The provisions with respect to remedies and penalties applicable to local government sales and use tax of G.S. § Ch. 105, Art. 5(8) and 9(1) thereof, shall be applicable in like manner to the tax authorized to be levied and collected under this subchapter, to the extent that the same are not inconsistent with the provisions hereof.

(C) The governing body of the town may exercise any power the Secretary of Revenue may exercise in collecting sales and use taxes, G.S. § 160A-215. l(f).
(Ord. passed 6-26-2000

CHAPTER 113: PROVISIONS REGARDING SPECIFIC BUSINESSES

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§ 113.01 DOOR TO DOOR SELLING PROHIBITED

There shall be no door to door soliciting nor selling within the town limits except for local churches and other local organizations.
(Ord. passed 9-16-1985)

GAME ROOMS

§ 113.15 DEFINITIONS

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

GAME ROOM. Any place of business that principally operates mechanical games or pay devices or tables for which charge is made either directly or indirectly. Examples of game rooms, by way of illustration and not limitation, are pool rooms, bowling alleys, billiard halls, amusement centers and the like.
(Ord. passed - -)

§ 113.16 LICENSE REQUIRED

(A) Every operator of a game room shall be required to pay a privilege license tax in accordance with the privilege license subchapter of the Town of Princeton, North Carolina.

(B) Every operator of a game room shall apply for and obtain a license from the Town of Princeton Board of Commissioners to operate a game room. Applications for the license shall be made upon forms provided by the Town Clerk.

(C) An application fee as provided by the current fee schedule on file in the office of the Town Clerk, shall be paid to and collected by the Town of Princeton Clerk when the application is submitted to cover the cost of administration of this subchapter.

(D) It shall be unlawful to operate a game room within the Town of Princeton without a license as required by division (B) above.
(Ord. passed - -) Penalty, see§ 10.99

§ 113.17 RESTRICTIONS

The Town of Princeton Board of Commissioners shall not issue a license to any applicant who has been convicted of unlawfully selling alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs or a gambling offense.
(Ord. passed - -)

§ 113.18 PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Licensees under this subchapter shall not, and neither shall their employees:

(A) Suffer or permit any gambling on the licensed premises at any time, nor the sale or use of any racing, football, or other parlay cards or gambling boards or devices;

(B) Suffer or permit the licensed premises to become disorderly, or permit any profane, obscene, or indecent language thereon;

(C) Employ in carrying on the business any person who has been convicted of unlawfully selling alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs or a gambling offense; or

(D) Suffer or permit the advertisement of alcoholic beverages in any form or display any pictures depicting narcotic drugs.
(Ord. passed - -) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 113.19 RULES OF OPERATION

The following rules shall be observed by all operators of game rooms within the Town of Princeton:

(A) All game rooms shall be closed from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday and shall close by 1:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.
(Am. Ord. passed 9-7-2004)

(B) Game rooms may be open on Sunday only between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

(C) No play on any game shall be allowed during the times when game rooms are required by this subchapter to remain closed.

(D) All game rooms shall be operated only on the ground floor of buildings, and plate glass windows shall be in those parts of the building facing any street, so that a clear view inside may be had from the street.

(E) No screens, curtains, blinds, partitions, or other obstructions shall be placed between the entrance to the room where games are played and the rear wall of the room so that a clear view of the interior may be had from the street.

(F) No loud noises or music shall be allowed to emanate beyond the licensed premises.

(G) There must be an adult 18 years of age or older managing the business and must, at all times, be on the premises during hours of operation.

(H) Law enforcement officers shall have full access to the premises during operating hours.
(Ord. passed - -) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 113.20 REVOCATION OF LICENSE

After giving the operator of a game room adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard, the Town of Princeton Board of Commissioners may revoke the license of any game room operator who:

(A) Violates the provisions of §§ 113.18 or 113.19; or

(B) Is convicted of unlawfully selling alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs or a gambling offense.
(Ord. passed - -)

POOL HALLS

§ 113.35 MINOR PLAY PROHIBITED IN POOL ROOMS

No person or owner of any pool room or billiard room shall allow any person under 18 years of age to play at games or to loiter in public pool rooms in the Town of Princeton.
(Prior Code, Ch. H, Art. II, § 14) Penalty, see § 10.99

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§ 130.01 VAGRANTS

Any and all tramps, vagrants, persons under suspicion, who shall be found with no visible means of support, either male or female, shall not be allowed on the streets or other public places.
(Prior Code, Ch. I, Art. I, § 2) Penalty, see § 130.99

§ 130.02 HOUSE OF ILL FAME

No person shall keep a house or other place of ill fame in the town and no person shall knowingly rent any house to be used as a house of ill fame. All adult persons living in a house of ill fame shall be considered as keepers thereof and be subject to the penalties of this code.
(Prior Code, Ch. I, Art. I, § 3) Penalty, see § 130.99

§ 130.03 DRINKING IN PUBLIC

No person shall consume, serve or drink wine, beer, whiskey or alcoholic beverages of any kind on the public streets, sidewalks, boulevards, alleys, or town property without a permit
(Prior Code, Ch. I, Art. I, § 6) Penalty, see § 130.99

(A) ***Special Event Permit***

(1) Required at least 7 days prior to any event serving alcohol.

(2) Approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Police Chief.

(3) Must comply with NC ABC Commission laws.

(4) Alcohol must be contained within barriers (rope, fence, etc.) on designated town streets (with town administrator or zoning official approval).

(5) Off-duty police required: 1 officer per 25 attendees.

(6) Road closures must be approved by the Police Chief.

(B) ***Restaurants***

(1) Alcohol may be consumed/served in approved public restaurants in C2 zones.

(2) Requires proper land-use application approval and NC ABC Commission documentation.

(C) ***Sidewalk Exemptions***

(1) Alcohol may be consumed in front of licensed commercial storefronts in C2 with required permits.

(2) Limited to 100 sq. ft. in front of the storefront.

(3) Requires additional zoning permit.

(D) ***Enforcement***

(1) Illegal consumption, serving, or selling of alcohol results in immediate revocation of all permits/licenses.

(2) Violations are enforced by the Police Department and Code Enforcement Officer:

a. 1st offense: $100

b. 2nd offense: $250

c. 3rd or repeat offense: $500 per day

§ 130.04 POSTING BILLS AND OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS

No person shall stick, paint, brand, stamp, write or put upon any house, fence, wall, pavement, post, or upon any property, owned by a person, firm or corporation, or owned by the Town of Princeton, any printed, written, painted or other advertisement, bill notice, sign or poster, without first having obtained the written permission of the owner of the property and having received a permit from the Town Clerk.
(Prior Code, Ch. I, Art. II, § 4) Penalty, see § 130.99

§ 130.05 FIREARMS REGULATED

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm of any type unless deemed necessary, within the corporate limits except a peace officer in the performance of his or her duty.
(Prior Code, Ch. I, Art. II, § 3) Penalty, see § 130.99

§ 130.06 BB GUNS, PELLET GUNS, AND AIR GUNS

The firing of BB guns, pellet guns or air guns in the Princeton town limits is illegal.
(Ord. passed 9-22-1986) Penalty, see§ 130.99

§ 130.99 PENALTY

(A) Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99.

(B) Violators of § 130.06 will have their guns confiscated and parents or guardian will be held liable for damages.
(Ord. passed 9-22-1986)

CHAPTER 131: CURFEW FOR MINORS

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§ 131.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter shall be to establish a curfew in the town, regulating the movement of minors because of the particular vulnerability of children, their inability to make decisions in an informed mature manner and the importance of the parental role in child rearing. It shall also promote the health, safety and welfare of both minors and adults in the town by creating an environment offering protection and security for all concerned. (Ord. 111, passed 4-7-1997)

§ 131.02 DEFINITIONS

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

CURFEW ESTABLISHED. A curfew applicable for all minors is established and shall be enforced as set forth in this chapter.

FUNCTION. Any event including, but not limited to activities involving the free exercise of religion, speech, assembly and activities sponsored by the town, a church, the Johnston County public schools or other non-profit or community organization.

GUARDIAN. Any person having legal custody of a minor such as:

(1) A natural or adopted parent;

(2) A legal guardian;

(3) A person who stands in loco parentis; or

(4) A person to whom legal custody has been given by the court

MINOR. A person who has not reached his or her sixteenth birthday and is not married, emancipated, or a member of the Armed Services of the United States.

PUBLIC PLACE. Any street, alley, highway, sidewalk, park, playground or place to which the general public has access and a right to resort for business, entertainment or other lawful purpose. A public place shall include any store, shop, restaurant, tavern, cafe, theater, drugstore, poolroom or other place devoted to amusement or entertainment of the general public.
(Ord. 111, passed 4-7-1997)

§ 131.03 TIME LIMITS

It is unlawful for any minor to be or remain upon any public place as defined in this chapter in the Town of Princeton between 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
(Ord. 111, passed 4-7-1997) Penalty, see § 131.99

§ 131.04 EXCEPTIONS

This chapter does not apply to a minor who is:

(A) Accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian;

(B) On an errand at the direction of the minor's parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;

(C) In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;

(D) Engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop;

(E) Involved in an emergency;

(F) On the sidewalk abutting the minor's residence or abutting the residence of a next-door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the police department about the minor's presence;

(G) Attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the city, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop, an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the city, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor;

(H) Exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly; or

(I) Married or had been married or had disabilities of minority removed in accordance with state law.

§ 131.05 RESPONSIBILITY OF GUARDIAN

It is unlawful for any guardian to allow or permit a minor to be in or upon public place within the town withjn the curfew hours set, except as otherwise provided.
(Ord. 111, passed 4-7-1997) Penalty, see § 131.99

§ 131.06 AIDING AND ABETTING BY ADULT OR GUARDIAN

It shall be a violation of this chapter for any adult or guardian to allow, permit, encourage, aid or abet a minor in the violation, except as otherwise provided.
(Ord. 111, passed 4-7-1997) Penalty, see § 131.99

§ 131.07 REFUSAL OF GUARDIAN TO TAKE CUSTODY OF A MINOR

If a guardian refuses to take custody of his or her minor found to be in violation of this chapter, the officer with physical custody of the minor shall contact the Johnston County Department of Social Services and release the minor to that agency pending further investigation by the Police Department and the Department of Social Services. Refusal to take custody constitutes a violation of this chapter.
(Ord. 111, passed 4-7-1997) Penalty, see § 131.99

§ 131.99 PENALTY

(A) When a minor is found to be in violation of this chapter, an officer will complete the applicable juvenile custody report. The officer shall then take the minor home (if within the town limits) or make a reasonable attempt to contact the minor's guardian and make arrangements for the minor to be picked up by the guardian.

(B) If after a reasonable attempt has been made and the officer is unable to locate the guardian, the officer shall make contact with the Johnston County Department of Social Services for further disposition.

(C) If contact is made with guardian, or upon taking the minor home and releasing them to their guardian the officer shall issue a written warning to the guardian regarding the violation and attach a copy of the warning to the juvenile custody report.

(1) The written warning shall describe the action of the minor that constitutes a violation of this chapter, advise the guardian that if the guardian allows and permits a second or subsequent violation of this chapter that the guardian shall be subject to criminal prosecution for allowing a violation of this chapter to occur.

(2) The written warning shall also advise the guardian that in all cases in which the minor is under 12 years of age a report will be made to the Johnston County Department of Social Services.

(3) The juvenile custody report (with written warning attached) shall be turned in with the officer's daily reports. It will then be entered into the Police Department record system.

(4) The Chief of Police or bis or her designee shall review all reports on a daily basis.

(5) If a juvenile custody report has been filed pertaining to a violation of this chapter, the report will be cross referenced with existing juvenile custody reports to determine if the violation is a first, second or subsequent offense.

(6) If upon checking the juvenile custody reports and it is found that it is the first offense, then the report will be filed, and no other action will be taken.

(7) If the minor is found to have prior violations of this chapter, the guardian of the minor shall be subject to a criminal citation. The reporting officer will be notified, and appropriate action will be taken.

(8) A copy of the action shall be added to the appropriate file serving as part of the case file for any criminal action.

(9) If the juvenile person is under 12 years of age a report will be made and a copy forwarded to the Johnston County Department of Social Services.
(Ord. 111, passed 4-7-1997)

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

§ 150.01 FINDINGS AND AUTHORITY

Pursuant to G.S. § 160A-425, it is hereby declared that there exist in the planning jurisdiction of the Town of Princeton dwellings which are unfit for human habitation due to dilapidation; defects increasing the hazards of fire, accidents and other calamities; lack of ventilation, light and sanitary facilities; and other conditions rendering the dwellings unsafe or unsanitary, dangerous and detrimental to health, safety and otherwise inimical to the welfare of the residents of the planning jurisdiction.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.02 JURISDICTION

This subchapter shall be effective throughout the town's planning jurisdiction.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.03 PURPOSE

In order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the planning jurisdiction as authorized by G.S. Ch. 160A, it is the purpose of this subchapter to establish minimum standards of habitation and

property maintenance.
(Ord. pas ed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.04 BONA FIDE FARMS NOT AFFECTED

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to affect bona fide farm structure including permitted migrant labor housing facilities.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.05 EXISTING OWNER-OCCUPIBD DWELLINGS

(A) Any dwelling unit occupied by the owner of the property at the time of the adopted date of this subchapter shall not be subject to these regulations, except elderly or disabled owner-occupants who have been declared mentally incompetent to handle their business affairs or who have voluntarily given a Power of Attorney to someone to represent them in matters. For those dwelling units, the town would only inspect and enforce this subchapter if they were contacted to inspect for the safety and protection of the elderly or disabled owner-occupant or to enable them to receive financial assistance in rehabilitating their home.

(B) When ownership of a dwelling or property is transferred after the adopted date of this subchapter, that dwelling is then subject to the provisions herein.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.06 DEFINITIONS

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

BASEMENT. A portion of a dwelling which is located partly underground, having direct access to light and air from windows or doors located above the level of the adjoining ground.

CELLAR. A portion of a dwelling which is located partly or wholly underground having an inadequate access to light and air from windows or doors located partly or wholly below the level of adjoining ground.

DETERIORATE. When a dwelling is unfit for human habitation and can be repaired, altered or improved to comply with all of the minimum standards established by this subchapter except at a cost of 50% of its tax value.

DILAPIDATED. When a dwelling is unfit for human habitation and cannot be repaired, altered or improved to comply with all the minimum standards established by this subchapter except at a cost of 50% of its tax value.

DWELLING. Any building, structure or part thereof which is wholly or partly used or intended to be used for living, sleeping or habitation by human occupants, except those structures legally permitted for temporary or short-term use. For the purpose of this subchapter, the definition of dwelling shall include

any room or group of rooms located within a structure forming a single habitable unit; usually referred to as a ***DWELLING UNIT***.

EXTERMINATION. The control and elimination of insects, rodents or other pests by removing or making inaccessible materials that may serve as their food by poisoning, spraying, fumigating or trapping; or by any other recognized and legal pest elimination methods approved by the Inspector.

HABITABLE ROOM. A room or enclosed floor space used or intended to be used for living, including, but not limited to cooking or eating purposes, excluding bathrooms, water closet compartments, laundries, heater rooms, foyer or communication corridors, closets or storage spaces.

INFESTATION. The presence within or around a dwelling of any insects, rodents or other pests in a manner as to constitute a menace to the health, safety or general welfare of the occupants or the public.

INSPECTOR. The Johnston County Building Inspector or designated code official.

MULTIPLE DWELLING. Any dwelling containing more than 2 dwelling units.

OCCUPANT. Any person living or sleeping in a dwelling or dwelling unit.

OPERATOR. Any person who has charge, care or control of a building, or part thereof, in which dwelling units are let.

OWNER. Any person or persons who is listed in the Johnston County tax records, or who shall have title to any dwelling or dwelling unit shall be presumed to be the owner of a subject property.

UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION. That condition or conditions which exist in a dwelling which violate or do not comply with 1 or more of the minimum standards for fitness or 1 or more of the requirements established by this subchapter.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.07 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DWELLINGS

(A) Every dwelling used for human habitation, or held out for use as a human habitation, shall comply with all of the minimum standards of fitness for human habitation and all of the requirements of § 150.08 through 150.13 of this subchapter.

(B) No person shall occupy as owner-occupant, or let to another for occupancy, or use as a human habitation, any dwelling which does not comply with all of the minimum standards of fitness for human habitation and all of the requirements of § 150.08 through 150 .13 of this subchapter.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.08 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR STRUCTURAL CONSTRUCTION

The following standards shall constitute the minimum standards for structural condition of a dwelling.

(A) Walls, partitions or supporting members, stills, joists, rafters or other structural members shall not list, lean or buckle and shall not be rotted, deteriorated or damaged, and shall not have holes or cracks which

admit rodents.

(B) Floors or roofs shall have adequate supporting members and strength to be reasonably safe for the purpose used.

(C) Foundations, foundation walls, piers or other foundation supports shall not be deteriorated or damaged.

(D) Steps, stairs, landings, porches or other parts or appurtenances shall be maintained in the condition that they will not fail or collapse.

(E) Adequate facilities for egress in case of fire or panic shall be provided.

(F) There shall be no chimneys or parts thereof which are so defective or deteriorated as to present a danger by falling, as a fire hazard or unsafe to use.

(G) Interior walls and ceilings of all rooms, closets and hallways shall be finished of suitable materials which will, by use of reasonable household methods promote sanitation and cleanliness, and shall be maintained in a manner so as to enable the occupants to maintain a reasonable privacy between spaces.

(H) The roof, flashings, exterior walls, basement walls, floors and all doors and windows exposed to weather shall be constructed and maintained so as to be weather and watertight. (Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.09 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR BASIC PLUMBING, HEATING, AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

The following standards shall constitute the minimum standards for basic plumbing, heating and electrical equipment of a dwelling.

(A) ***Plumbing system***

(1) Each dwelling shall be connected to a potable water supply and to approved sewage disposal system.

(2) Each dwelling unit shall contain not less than a kitchen sink, lavatory, tub or shower, water closet and adequate supply of both cold and hot water.

(3) All water shall be supplied through an approved pipe distribution system connected to a potable water supply.

(4) All plumbing fixtures shall meet the standards of the state's Plumbing Code and shall be maintained in a state of good repair and in good working order.

(5) All required plumbing shall be located within the dwelling unit and be accessible to the occupants of the same.

(6) The water closet and tub or shower shall be located in a room or rooms affording privacy to the user.

(B) ***Heating system***

Every dwelling shall have facilities for providing heat in accordance with the following:

(1) Every central or electric heating system shall be of sufficient capacity to heat all habitable rooms per state's Building Code.

(2) Where a central or electric heating system is not provided, the dwelling shall be provided with sufficient fireplaces, chimneys, flues, gas vents or other facilities to which heating appliances may be connected to heat all habitable rooms per state's Building Code.

(C) ***Electrical system***

(1) Every dwelling shall be wired for electrical lights and at least 2 floor or wall type convenient receptacles.

(2) All fixtures, receptacles, equipment and wiring shall be maintained in a state of good repair, safe, capable of being used and installed in accordance with the state's Electrical Code.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.10 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR VENTILATION

The following standards shall constitute the minimum standards for ventilation of a dwelling.

(A) *General*. Every habitable room shall have a least one (1) window or skylight facing directly to the outdoors.

(B) *Habitable rooms*. Every habitable room shall have at least 1 window, skylight or door which can be easily opened, or other device as will adequately ventilate the room.

(C) *Bathroom and/or water closet rooms*. Every bathroom and water closet compartment shall comply with the above light and ventilation requirements except that no window or skylight shall be required in adequately ventilated bathrooms or water closet compartment equipped with an approved ventilation system of 50 cfm's.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.11 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SAFE AND SANITARY MAINTENANCE

The following standards shall constitute the minimum standards for safe and sanitary maintenance of a dwelling.

(A) *Exterior foundation, walls and roofs.* Every foundation wall, exterior wall and exterior roof shall be:

(1) Substantially weather tight and rodent proof;

(2) Kept in sound condition and good repair;

(3) Capable of according privacy; and

(4) Safe to use and capable of supporting the load which normal use would cause to be placed thereon.

(B) *Interior floors, walls and ceilings.* Every floor, interior wall and ceiling shall be:

(1) Substantially rodent proof;

(2) Kept in sound condition and good repair;

(3) Safe to use and capable of supporting the load which normal use would cause to be placed thereon; and

(4) At least 1/2 of the floor area of every habitable room shall have a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet.

(C) *Windows and doors.* Every window, exterior door, basement or cellar door and hatchway shall be substantially weather tight and rodent proof and be kept in sound condition and good repair.

(D) *Stairs, porches and appurtenances.* Every outside stair(s), porches and appurtenances shall be kept in sound condition and good repair and be safe to use and capable of supporting the load which normal use would cause to be placed thereon.

(E) *Bathroom floors.* Every bathroom floor surface .and water closet compartment shall be constructed and maintained so that it will be reasonably impervious to water and will permit the floor to be easily kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

(F) *Egress.* Every dwelling shall be provided with adequate means of egress as required by the state's Residential Building Code.

(G) *Exterior grounds.* All property shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Johnston County Solid Waste Chapter.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.12 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CONTROL OF INSECTS, RODENTS, AND INFESTATIONS

The following standards shall constitute the minimum standards for control of insects, rodents and infestations of a dwelling.

(A) *Rodent control*. Every basement or cellar window used or intended to be used for ventilation, and every other opening to a basement which might provide an entry for rodents, shall be equipped with screens or

other approved devices, kept in a condition as to effectively prevent entrance by rodents.

(B) *Infestation*. Every occupant of a dwelling, or an individual dwelling unit, shall be responsible for the extermination of any insects, rodents or other pest therein or on the premises.

(C) *Owner responsibility*. Whenever infestation is caused by failure of the owner to maintain a dwelling in a rodent proof or reasonable insect proof condition, extermination shall be the ultimate responsibility of the owner.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.13 RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS

The following shall constitute the mtn1mum standards of responsibility of owners and occupants.

(A) *Public or common areas*. Every owner of a building containing 2 or more dwelling units shall be responsible for maintaining in a clean and sanitary condition the common, or shared, areas of the dwelling and premises thereof.
(B) *Cleanliness*. Every occupant of a dwelling shall keep in a clean and sanitary condition that part of the dwelling and premises thereof which they occupy and control.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

§ 150.14 ADMINISTRATION

(A) *Division of Property Maintenance Inspection*. The Division of Property Maintenance Inspection is hereby created and the executive official in charge thereof shall be known as the Code Official.

(B) *Duties and powers of the Code Official*. The Code Official shall enforce the provisions of this subchapter.
(Ord. passed 3-4-2002)

CHAPTER 151: ZONING

Section

151.01 Regulations adopted by reference

§ 151.01 REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE

The town's zoning regulations are hereby adopted by reference and incorporated herein as if set out in full.