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CHAPTER 90: ANIMALS

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(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.

§ 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)

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.

§ 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.

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

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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 has made an unprovoked attack on a human by biting or which attacks other animals.

VICIOUS/DANGEROUS DOG. Any dog that:

(1) Without provocation has 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:

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

(b) Killed or inflicted injury upon a domestic animal;

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

(d) 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 RESPONSIBILITY 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 located 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.

(B) 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.

(C) 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) (1) 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.

(2) 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)

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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 OFFICER 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) (1) 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.

(2) 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))

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(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) (1) 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 matter, be removed from the lot.

(2) 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) (1) 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.

(2) 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.
(Prior Code, Ch. G, Art. III, § 2)

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 streets 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 LIGHTS, SIGNS.

No person shall injure tamper with, remove or 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

OBSTRUCTING 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 GOODS 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 SIDEWALKS 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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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.

§ 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.

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 VEHICLES.

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

(2) 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.

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

(4) 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 or 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)

§ 94.12 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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- 95.20 Burning trash with fire limits prohibited

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 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 WITHIN 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
- 96.02 Location of signs
- 96.03 Effective date

§ 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 on 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)



CHAPTER 97: PARKS AND RECREATION

Section

97.01	Hours of operation	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)
97.02	Application for use	
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97.05	Injuring, defacing buildings, equipment, plants and the like	§ 97.03 USE FOR POLITICAL OR PRIVATE PROFIT PROHIBITED.
97.06	Firearms, weapons, explosives, knives, or any similarity of weapons	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
97.07	Alcoholic beverages prohibited	
97.08	Gambling prohibited	
97.09	Fires	
97.10	Parking of motor vehicles	
97.11	Walking trail	
97.12	Discrimination; civil rights violations	§ 97.04 OBSCENE LANGUAGE; DISORDERLY CONDUCT; NUISANCES.
97.13	Enforcement of this chapter	
97.14	Violations	
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97.16	Responsibility for opening, closing, and maintenance of facilities	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
97.99	Penalty	

§ 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

§ 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.

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<i>Section</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Penalty</i>
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)