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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) (1) 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:

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

(a) Park or stand, notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter.

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

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

(d) 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 OBEDIENCE 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. III, § 1)

§ 70.21 OBEDIENCE TO NO-TURN SIGNS AND TURNING MARKERS.

Whenever authorized signs are placed, erected, or installed indicating that no right or left or "U" turn 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 OBEDIENCE 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.

Whenever 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 turn. 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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| 71.02 | Vehicles not to obstruct passing of other vehicles | |
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| 71.05 | Parking limited to one hour in designated places | 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 |
| 71.06 | Parking time limited applies only to designated places | |
| 71.07 | Parking parallel to curb | |
| 71.08 | Vehicles backed up to curb | |
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| 71.11 | Unlawful parking | 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) |
| 71.12 | Parking for advertising prohibited | |
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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

§ 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 PROHIBITED 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) Along side 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)

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CHAPTER 72: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

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VEHICLE OPERATION

§ 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 hand 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 VEHICLES.

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 PERSONS RIDING MUST STAY
INSIDE.**

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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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.

(A) 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.

(B) 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

§ 73.01 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.

§ 73.04 SKATES, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER BLADES AND LIKE DEVICES.

(A) (1) It is unlawful for any person to ride skates, skateboards, roller blades or like devices in the downtown area.

(2) 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)

§ 73.99 PENALTY.

(A) *Bicycles.*

(1) *First offense.*

(a) Adult: Verbal warning.

(b) Minor: Verbal warning.

(2) *Second offense.*

(a) Adult: Written warning.

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

(3) *Third offense.*

(a) Adult: Written citation and/or confiscation of vehicle pending court disposition.

(b) 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 for 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:

<i>20 mph</i>
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.

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<i>20 mph</i>
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.

<i>25 mph</i>
Princeton High School zone in effect from 30 minutes before to 30 minutes after school begins and ends on school days only.

<i>35 mph</i>
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.

<i>45 mph</i>
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.

<i>55 mph</i>
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.

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

(Ord. passed 6-4-2001)

