

TITLE 15

MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING¹

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CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS²

SECTION

15-101. Adoption of state traffic statutes.

15-101. Adoption of state traffic statutes. Pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 16-18-302, the Town of Kingston Springs adopts by reference as if fully set forth in this section those traffic statutes codified in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 55-8-101 through 55-8-131, §§ 55-8-133 through 55-8-191, §55-8-193, §§55-9-401 through 55-9-408, §§ 55-9-601 through 55-9-606, §55-4-101, §§55-4-103 through 55-4-128, §§ 55-4-130 through 55-4-131, §§55-4-135 through 55-4-138, and §55-50-351. (Ord. #20-007, Aug. 2020)

¹Municipal code reference

Excavations and obstructions in streets, etc.: title 16.

²State law references

Under *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 55-10-307, the following offenses are exclusively state offenses and must be tried in a state court or a court having state jurisdiction: driving while intoxicated or drugged, as prohibited by *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 55-10-401; failing to stop after a traffic accident, as prohibited by *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 55-10-101, *et seq.*; driving while license is suspended or revoked, as prohibited by *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 55-7-116; and drag racing, as prohibited by *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 55-10-501.

CHAPTER 2

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

SECTION

15-201. Authorized emergency vehicles defined.

15-202. Operation of authorized emergency vehicles.

15-203. Following emergency vehicles.

15-204. Running over fire hoses, etc.

15-201. Authorized emergency vehicles defined. Authorized emergency vehicles shall be fire department vehicles, police vehicles, and such ambulances and other emergency vehicles as are designated by the chief of police. (1996 Code, § 15-201)

15-202. Operation of authorized emergency vehicles. (1) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the privileges set forth in this section, subject to the conditions herein stated.

(2) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this title; proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down to ascertain that the intersection is clear; exceed the maximum speed limit and disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions so long as he does not endanger life or property.

(3) The exemptions herein granted for an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds an audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one (1) lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the front of such vehicle, except that an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with or display a red light visible from in front of the vehicle.

(4) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of his reckless disregard for the safety of others. (1996 Code, § 15-202)

15-203. Following emergency vehicles. No driver of any vehicle shall follow any authorized emergency vehicle apparently traveling in response to an emergency call closer than five hundred feet (500') or drive or park such vehicle

within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm. (1996 Code, § 15-203)

15-204. Running over fire hoses, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive over any hose lines or other equipment of the fire department except in obedience to the direction of a fireman or police officer. (1996 Code, § 15-204)

CHAPTER 3

ENFORCEMENT

SECTION

15-301. Issuance of traffic citations.

15-302. Failure to obey citation.

15-301. Issuance of traffic citations.¹ When a police officer halts a traffic violator other than for the purpose of giving a warning, and does not take such person into custody under arrest, he shall take the name, address, and operator's license number of said person, the license number of the motor vehicle involved, and such other pertinent information as may be necessary, and shall issue to him a written traffic citation containing a notice to answer to the charge against him in the town court at a specified time. The officer, upon receiving the written promise of the alleged violator to answer as specified in the citation, shall release such person from custody. It shall be unlawful for any alleged violator to give false or misleading information as to his name or address. (1996 Code, § 15-701)

15-302. Failure to obey citation. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his written promise to appear in court after giving said promise to an officer upon the issuance of a traffic citation, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation was originally issued. (1996 Code, § 15-703)

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 7-63-101, et seq.

CHAPTER 4

SPEED LIMITS

SECTION

15-401. In general.

15-402. At intersections.

15-403. Penalty.

15-401. In general. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle upon any highway or street at a rate of speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour except where official signs have been posted indicating other speed limits, in which cases the posted speed limit shall apply and except with respect to the following roads and streets:

(1) East Kingston Springs Road and West Kingston Springs Road shall have a speed limit of no greater than thirty-five (35) mph, unless the speed limit for East Kingston Springs Road (which road is a state highway) shall otherwise be set by the State of Tennessee.

(2) Mt. Pleasant Road, Harpeth View Trail, and CC Road shall have a speed limit of no greater than thirty (30) mph. (as added by Ord. #22-001, Feb. 2022 *Ch1_03-17-21*)

15-402. At intersections. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any intersection at a rate of speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour unless such person is driving on a street regulated by traffic control signals or signs which require traffic to stop or yield on the intersecting streets. (as added by Ord. #22-001, Feb. 2022 *Ch1_03-17-21*)

15-403. Penalty. A penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be imposed for each violation of this chapter. (as added by Ord. #22-001, Feb. 2022 *Ch1_03-17-21*)