

TITLE 15**MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING****CHAPTER**

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CHAPTER 1**SPEED LIMITS****SECTION**

- 15-101. Speed limits.
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15-101. Speed limits. The speed limit within the Town of Unicoi shall be thirty-five (35) miles per hour in all areas or upon all public thoroughfares unless otherwise designated.¹ (2004 Code, § 15-101)

15-102. Construction, repair and maintenance zones. (1) There shall be established a maximum speed limit of fifteen (15) miles per hour in construction, repair and maintenance zones within the Town of Unicoi.

(2) Construction, repair and maintenance zones to which this section is applicable includes any and all areas of construction, repair and maintenance that affects the public rights-of-way at any specific location in excess of twenty (20) minutes.

(3) The penalty for each violation of this section shall be punishable as a Class C misdemeanor, with a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00), plus Town of Unicoi municipal court costs.

(4) Posting of the fifteen (15) miles per hour speed limit shall be the responsibility of the contractor, utility company or other agency undertaking such construction, repair or maintenance.

(5) Any provision of TDOT regulations concerning construction zone regulation, which is more selective than that set-out herein shall govern. (Ord. #2012-217, Dec. 2012)

¹Ordinances providing exceptions to the thirty-five (35) miles per hour speed limit are of record in the office of the town recorder.

CHAPTER 2

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION

15-201. Adoption of state traffic statutes.

15-202. Restrictions on property owned by town.

15-201. Adoption of state traffic statutes. By the authority granted under *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 16-18-302, the Town of Unicoi adopts by reference as if fully set forth in this section, the "Rules of the Road," as codified in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 55-8-101 through 55-8-307 by reference as if fully set forth in this section. Additionally, the Town of Unicoi adopts *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 55-9-101 through 55-9-610 and § 55-12-139 by reference as if fully set forth in this section. (Ord. #2019-266, Dec. 2019)

15-202. Restrictions on property owned by town. (1) "Motor vehicles" are defined as: any motorized vehicle of any size, including, but not restricted to, cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles and ATVs. "Motor vehicles" within the meaning of this section specifically does not mean any vehicle designed and used for handicapped persons mobility and access to these properties and further does not mean any maintenance or work vehicle being used by the town and/or any of its agents or subsidiaries for the improvement and/or maintenance of the property:

(2) It is hereby prohibited and a violation of this section to operate a motor vehicle on the restricted properties set out in subsection (4) below.

(3) Signage describing this restriction will be placed at the obvious entrance(s) and at other potential entrance locations to these properties.

(4) Restricted properties pursuant to this section are as follows: 3600 Unicoi Drive, 5012 Unicoi Drive, 101 Powder Hollow Road, 507 Massachusetts Avenue and 112 Golf Course Road.

(5) The penalty for each violation of this section shall be punishable as a Class C misdemeanor, with a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00), plus Town of Unicoi municipal court costs. (Ord. #10-200, Oct. 2010)

CHAPTER 3

PARKING

SECTION

15-301. Parking on public rights-of-way.

15-302. Regulations on parking.

15-301. Parking on public rights-of-way. (1) It is hereby prohibited and a violation of this section for any motor vehicle as previously defined within the statutes of the State of Tennessee incorporated into the ordinances of the Town of Unicoi, Tennessee, to park on the public rights-of-way within the Town of Unicoi, Tennessee unless designated by the Town of Unicoi by appropriate signage or other means designed to indicate that parking is permitted on a particular area of the public right-of-way.

(2) This prohibition shall extend beyond the paved right-of-way to the full extent and edge of the right-of-way dedicated to the Town of Unicoi or the State of Tennessee.

(3) The penalty for each violation of this section shall be punishment as a Class C misdemeanor, with a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) in addition to the Town of Unicoi municipal court costs. (Ord. #2015-244, Oct. 2015, as amended by Ord. #2021-295, July 2021)

15-302. Regulations on parking. (1) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within the boundary limits of the town, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

- (a) Blocking a public way or intersection;
- (b) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (c) Within seven and one half feet (7-1/2') of a fire hydrant;
- (d) Within fifty feet (50') of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- (e) Within twenty feet (20') of the driveway entrance of any fire station and/or on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five feet (75') of that entrance when properly signposted;
- (f) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;
- (g) In a parking space clearly identified by an official sign as being reserved for the physically handicapped, unless the person driving the vehicle is physically handicapped or parking the vehicle for the benefit of a physically handicapped person. A vehicle parking in such a space shall display a disabled certificate or placard as set forth by state law, or a disabled veteran's license plate issued pursuant to state law; and

(h) In a fire lane designated as such by the owner of any commercial or public property.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) above do not apply to a police officer engaged in the lawful performance of duty using a vehicle as a barrier or traffic control device at the scene of an emergency or in response to other calls for police service.

(3) Subsection (1) above does not apply to the driver of a vehicle that is disabled while on the paved or improved or main traveled portion of a road, street, or highway in a manner and to an extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving the vehicle in such position.

(4) Subsection (1) above shall not apply to the driver of any vehicle operating as a carrier of passengers for hire who is authorized to operate such vehicle upon the roads, streets or highways in Tennessee, while taking passengers on the vehicle, or discharging passengers from that vehicle; provided, that the vehicle is stopped so that a clear view of the vehicle shall be obtained from a distance of two hundred feet (200') in each direction, upon the roads, streets or highways.

(5) (a) It is hereby prohibited and decreed to be a violation of this section, except as set forth herein, for any motor vehicle, as defined within the statutes of the State of Tennessee, incorporated into the ordinances of the Town of Unicoi, Tennessee to park on the public rights-of-way within the Town of Unicoi unless parking in an area designated by the Town of Unicoi for public parking.

(b) The prohibition set out in (5)(a) shall extend beyond the paved right-of-way to the full extent and edge of the right-of-way dedicated to the Town of Unicoi or the State of Tennessee.

(6) The penalty for each violation of this section shall be punishable as a Class C misdemeanor, with a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus Town of Unicoi Municipal Court costs. (Ord. #10-201, Dec. 2010, as amended by Ord. #2020-277, Sept. 2020)