

TITLE 11

MUNICIPAL OFFENSES¹

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CHAPTER 1

ALCOHOL²

SECTION

- 11-101. Public drunkenness.
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11-101. Public drunkenness. See Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-17-310; see also title 33, chapter 8. (1983 Code, § 10-228, modified)

11-102. Drinking beer, etc., on streets, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or consume, or have an open container of beer or intoxicating liquor in or on any public street, alley, avenue, highway, sidewalk, public park,

¹Municipal code references

- Animal control: title 10.
 Housing and utilities: title 12.
 Fireworks and explosives: title 7.
 Traffic offenses: title 15.
 Streets and sidewalks (non-traffic): title 16.

²Municipal code reference

- Sale of alcoholic beverages, including beer: title 8.

State law reference

- See Tennessee Code Annotated § 33-8-203 (Arrest for Public Intoxication, cities may not pass separate legislation).

public school ground, or other public place unless the place has an appropriate permit and/or license for on premises consumption. It shall also be unlawful for any person to have an open container of beer or intoxicating liquor in his or her motor vehicle or in the above set out public places. (1983 Code, § 10-229)

11-103. Minors in beer places. No person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall loiter in or around or otherwise frequent any place where beer is sold at retail for on premises consumption. (1983 Code, § 10-224)

CHAPTER 2

GAMBLING, FORTUNE TELLING, ETC.

SECTION

11-201. Gambling prohibited.

11-202. Fortune telling, etc.

11-201. Gambling prohibited. See Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-17-501 et seq. (1983 Code, §§ 10-215 and 10-216, modified)

11-202. Fortune telling, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to hold himself forth to the public as a fortune teller, clairvoyant, hypnotist, spiritualist, palmist, phrenologist, or other mystic endowed with supernatural powers. (1983 Code, § 10-234)

CHAPTER 3

OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON

SECTION

11-301. Assault and battery.

11-302. Coercing people not to work.

11-301. Assault and battery. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit an assault and battery upon another person. (1983 Code, § 10-201)

11-302. Coercing people not to work. It shall be unlawful for any person in association or agreement with any other person to assemble, congregate, or meet together in the vicinity of any premises where other persons are employed or reside for the purpose of inducing any such other person by threats, coercion, intimidation, or acts of violence to quit or refrain from entering a place of lawful employment. It expressly is not the purpose of this section to prohibit peaceful picketing. (1983 Code, § 10-230)

CHAPTER 4

OFFENSES AGAINST THE PEACE AND QUIET

SECTION

11-401. Disturbing the peace.

11-402. Anti-noise regulations.

11-401. Disturbing the peace. No person shall disturb, tend to disturb, or aid in disturbing the peace of others by violent, tumultuous, offensive, or obstreperous conduct, and no person shall knowingly permit such conduct upon any premises owned or possessed by him or under his control. (1983 Code, § 11-501)

11-402. Anti-noise regulations. Subject to the provisions of this section, the creating of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity, or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual, or in disturbance of the public peace and welfare, is prohibited.

(1) Miscellaneous prohibited noises enumerated. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(a) Blowing horns. The sounding of any horn or other device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, truck, or vehicle while not in motion except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching, apparently out of control, or if in motion, only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

(b) Radios, phonographs, etc. The playing of any radio, phonograph, or any musical instrument or sound device, including but not limited to loudspeakers or other devices for reproduction or amplification of sound, either independently of or in connection with motion pictures, radio, or television, in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of person in any office or hospital, or in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

(c) Yelling, shouting, etc. Yelling, shouting, whistling, or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the

quiet, comfort, or repose of any person in any hospital, dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

(d) Pets. The keeping of any animal, bird, or fowl which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

(e) Use of vehicle. The use of any automobile, motorcycle, truck, or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded, or in such manner as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise.

(f) Blowing whistles. The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger, or upon request of proper city authorities.

(g) Exhaust discharge. To discharge into the open air the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor vehicle, or boat engine, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.

(h) Building operations. The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building in any residential area or section or the construction or repair of streets and highways in any residential area or section, other than between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on week days, except in case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the building inspector granted for a period while the emergency continues not to exceed thirty (30) days. If the building inspector should determine that the public health and safety will not be impaired by the erection, demolition, alteration, or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., and if he shall further determine that loss or inconvenience would result to any party in interest through delay, he may grant permission for such work to be done between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. upon application being made at the time the permit for the work is awarded or during the process of the work.

(i) Noises near schools, hospitals, churches, etc. The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any hospital or adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church, or court while the same is in session.

(j) Loading and unloading operations. The creation of any loud and excessive noise in connection with the loading or unloading of any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates, and other containers.

(k) Noises to attract attention. The use of any drum, loudspeaker, or other instrument or device emitting noise for the purpose of attracting attention to any performance, show, or sale or display of merchandise.

(1) Loudspeakers or amplifiers on vehicles. The use of mechanical loudspeakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving or standing vehicles for advertising or other purposes.

(2) Exceptions. None of the terms or prohibitions hereof shall apply to or be enforced against:

(a) Municipal vehicles. Any vehicle of the city while engaged upon necessary public business.

(b) Repair of streets, etc. Excavations or repairs of bridges, streets, or highways at night, by or on behalf of the city, the county, or the state, when the public welfare and convenience renders it impracticable to perform such work during the day.

(c) Noncommercial and nonprofit use of loudspeakers or amplifiers. The reasonable use of amplifiers or loudspeakers in the course of public addresses which are noncommercial in character and in the course of advertising functions sponsored by nonprofit organizations. However, no such use shall be made until a permit therefor is secured from the board of mayor and aldermen. Hours for the use of an amplified or public address system will be designated in the permit so issued and the use of such systems shall be restricted to the hours so designated in the permit. (1983 Code, § 10-233)

CHAPTER 5

INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL

SECTION

11-501. Escape from custody or confinement.

11-502. Impersonating a government officer or employee.

11-503. False emergency alarms.

11-504. Resisting interfering with city personnel.

11-501. Escape from custody or confinement. It shall be unlawful for any person under arrest or otherwise in custody of or confined by the city to escape or attempt to escape, or for any other person to assist or encourage such person to escape or attempt to escape from such custody or confinement. (1983 Code, § 10-209)

11-502. Impersonating a government officer or employee. No person other than an official police officer of the city shall wear the uniform, apparel, or badge, or carry any identification card or other insignia of office like or similar to, or a colorable imitation of that adopted and worn or carried by the official police officers of the city. Furthermore, no person shall deceitfully impersonate or represent that he is any government officer or employee. (1983 Code, § 10-211)

11-503. False emergency alarms. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally make, turn in, or give a false alarm of fire, or of need for police or ambulance assistance, or to aid or abet in the commission of such act. (1983 Code, § 10-217)

11-504. Resisting or interfering with city personnel. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to resist or in any way interfere with or attempt to interfere with any officer or employee of the city while such officer, employee is performing or attempting to perform his municipal duties, or to resist arrest. (1983 Code, § 10-210)

CHAPTER 6

FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES

SECTION

11-601. Air rifles, etc.

11-602. Throwing missiles.

11-603. Weapons and firearms generally.

11-601. Air rifles, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person in the city to discharge any air gun, air pistol, air rifle, "BB" gun, or sling shot capable of discharging a bullet or pellet, made of metal, plastic or any other kind of material, whether propelled by spring, compressed air, expanding gas, explosive, or other force-producing means or method. (1983 Code, § 10-213)

11-602. Throwing missiles. It shall be unlawful for any person maliciously to throw any stone, snowball, bottle, or any other missile upon or at any vehicle, building, tree, or other public or private property or upon or at any person. (1983 Code, § 10-214)

11-603. Weapons and firearms generally. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry in any manner whatever, with the intent to go armed, any razor, dirk, knife, blackjack, brass knucks, pistol, revolver, or any other dangerous weapon or instrument. It shall also be unlawful for any unauthorized person to discharge a firearm within the city. (1983 Code, § 10-212, modified)

CHAPTER 7

TRESPASSING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AND INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC

SECTION

- 11-701. Trespassing.
11-702. Trespassing on trains.
11-703. Malicious mischief.
11-704. Interference with traffic.

11-701. Trespassing. The owner or person in charge of any lot or parcel of land or any building or other structure within the corporate limits may post the same against trespassers. It shall be unlawful for any person to go upon any such posted lot or parcel of land or into any such posted building or other structure without the consent of the owner or person in charge.

It shall also be unlawful and deemed to be a trespass for any peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, or other person to fail to leave promptly the private premises of any person who requests or directs him to leave.¹ (1983 Code, § 10-221)

11-702. Trespassing on trains. It shall be unlawful for any person to climb, jump, step, stand upon, or cling to, or in any other way attach himself to any locomotive engine or railroad car unless he works for the railroad corporation and is acting in the scope of his employment or unless he is a lawful passenger or is otherwise lawfully entitled to be on such vehicle. (1983 Code, § 10-222)

11-703. Malicious mischief. It shall be unlawful and deemed to be malicious mischief for any person to willfully, maliciously, or wantonly damage, deface, destroy, conceal, tamper with, remove, or withhold real or personal property which does not belong to him. (1983 Code, § 10-227)

11-704. Interference with traffic. It shall be unlawful for any person to stand, sit, or engage in any activity whatever on any public street, sidewalk, bridge, or public ground in such a manner as to prevent, obstruct, or interfere with the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic thereon. (1983 Code, § 10-232)

¹Municipal code reference

Provisions governing peddlers: title 9, chapter 1.

CHAPTER 8

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION

11-801. Abandoned refrigerators, etc.

11-802. Caves, wells, cisterns, etc.

11-803. Curfew for minors.

11-804. Synthetic drugs prohibited.

11-805. Ephedrine control.

11-801. Abandoned refrigerators, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave in any place accessible to children any abandoned, unattended, unused, or discarded refrigerator, icebox, or other container with any type latching or locking door without first removing therefrom the latch, lock, or door or otherwise sealing the door in such a manner that it cannot be opened by any child. (1983 Code, § 10-226)

11-802. Caves, wells, cisterns, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit to be maintained on property owned or occupied by him any cave, well, cistern, or other such opening in the ground which is dangerous to life and limb without an adequate cover or safeguard. (1983 Code, § 10-231)

11-803. Curfew for minors. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of sixteen (16) years to be abroad at night between 11:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. unless going directly to or from a lawful activity or upon a legitimate errand for, or accompanied by, a parent, guardian, or other adult person having lawful custody of such minor. (1983 Code, § 10-225)

11-804. Synthetic drugs prohibited. (1) Definitions. (a) "Synthetic drug" as used in this section shall mean:

(i) Any substance, however denominated, and no matter the common street, brand or trade name of such substance, containing one (1) or more of the following chemicals:

(A) Salvia divinorum or salvinorum A; all parts of the plant presently classified botanically as salvia divinorum, whether growing or not, the seeds thereof; any extract from any part of such plant, and every compound, manufacture, salts derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds, or extracts;

(B) (6aR, 10aR)-9-(hydroxymethyl)-6,6dimethyl-3(2methyloctan-2yl)-6a, 7, 10, 10a-tetrahydrobenzo[c]chromen-1-ol (some trade or other names being: HU-210);

(C) 1-Pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl) indole (some trade or other names being: JWH-018);

(D) 1-Butyl-3-(1naphthoyl) indole (some trade or other names being: JWH-073);

(E) 1-(3{trifluoromethylphenyl}) piperazine (some trade or other names being: TFMPP);

(F) 3, 4-methylenedioxypropylvalerone (MDPV), (some trade or other names being: MDPK);

(G) 4-methylmethcathinone (Mephedrone);

(H) 3,4 - methylenedioxypropylmethcathinone (Methylone);

(I) 3, - methoxymethcathinone;

(J) 4 - methoxymethcathinone;

(K) 3 - fluoromethcathinone;

(L) 4 - fluoromethcathinone.

(ii) Any other substance which mimics the effects of any controlled substance (to include, but not limited to, any opiates, opium derivatives, hallucinogenic substances, methamphetamine, MDMA, cocaine, PCP, marijuana, cannabis, cannabinoids, cannabicyclohexanol, and tetrahydrocannabinoids), to include, but not limited to, "bath salts," "plant food," "incense," or "insect repellent," but excluding legitimate bath salts containing as the main ingredient the chemicals sodium chloride (sea salt) and/or magnesium sulfate (Epsom salt), or legitimate plant foods or insect repellent not intended for human consumption, or legitimate incense used as an odor elimination product.

(iii) Any similar substances to the above which when inhaled, or otherwise ingested, may produce intoxication, stupefaction, giddiness, paralysis, irrational behavior, or in any manner, changes, distorts, or disturbs the auditory, visual, or mental process, and the product or substance has no other apparent legitimate purpose for consumers.

(b) "Deliver " or "delivery " as used in this section shall mean the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer from one person to another of a synthetic drug as defined herein, with or without any consideration, and whether or not there is an agency relationship.

(c) "Manufacture" as used in this section shall mean the production, preparation, propagation, compounding, conversion, or processing of any synthetic drug as defined herein, either directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or relabeling of its container, except that the term "manufacture" shall not include the

preparation, compounding, packaging, or labeling of any synthetic drug as defined herein by:

(i) A practitioner as an incident to administering or dispensing any synthetic drug as defined herein in the course of professional practice; and

(ii) A practitioner, or an authorized agent under the practitioner's supervision, for the purpose of, or as an incident to, research, teaching or chemical analysis and not for sale.

(d) "Administer" as used in this section shall mean the direct application of a synthetic drug as defined herein, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by:

(i) A practitioner or by the practitioner's authorized agent in the practitioner's presence; or

(ii) The patient or research subject at the direction and in the presence of the practitioner.

(e) "Agent" as used in this section shall mean an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser. "Agent" does not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseman, or employee of the carrier or warehouseman.

(f) "Dispense" as used in this section shall mean to deliver a synthetic drug as defined herein to an ultimate user or research subject by or pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner, including the prescribing, administering, packaging, labeling, or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for that delivery.

(g) "Distribute" as used in this section shall mean to deliver other than by administering or dispensing a synthetic drug as defined herein.

(h) "Practitioner" as used in this section shall mean:

(i) A physician, dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, pharmacist, scientific investigator or other person who is licensed, registered, or otherwise lawfully permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to, or to administer a synthetic drug as defined herein in the course of professional practice or research in the State of Tennessee; or

(ii) A pharmacy, hospital or other institution licensed, registered, or otherwise lawfully permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to, or to administer a synthetic drug as defined herein in the course of professional practice or research in the State of Tennessee.

(i) "Person" as used in this section shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, estate, association, organization, business, or any other legal entity.

(j) "Sell" or "sale" as used in this section shall mean a bargained-for or agreed upon offer and acceptance and an actual or constructive transfer or delivery of a synthetic drug as defined herein.

(k) "Production" as used in this section shall mean the planting, cultivating, tending, growing, or harvesting of a synthetic drug as defined in this section.

(l) "Possess" or "possession" as used in this section shall mean either actual possession or constructive possession.

(i) "Actual possession" as used in this section shall mean the exercise of direct physical control or dominion over an object.

(ii) "Constructive possession" as used in this section shall mean the power and intent to exercise control over an object although not in actual physical possession of an object.

Possession may be sole or joint and may be inferred from all relevant facts surrounding the circumstances.

(2) Prohibited conduct. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to use, possess, sell, deliver, distribute, transport, transfer, trade, barter, exchange or purchase any synthetic drug as defined herein, or to attempt to use, possess, sale, deliver, distribute, transport, transfer, trade, barter, exchange or purchase any synthetic drug as defined herein, within the city corporate limits.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to publicly display for sale any synthetic drug as defined herein, within the city corporate limits.

(3) Exception. An act otherwise prohibited and unlawful under this section shall not be unlawful if done by or under the direction of a "practitioner" as defined herein, provided such act is otherwise permitted by general law, or to otherwise prohibit substances regulated as controlled substances by the United States Food and Drug Administration or the Drug Enforcement Administration, and is not intended to and shall not be construed to supersede any other federal or state law pertaining to synthetic drugs now or hereafter in effect, but to supplement any such laws in so far as lawfully permitted.

(4) Civil penalty. Any City of Winchester sworn law enforcement officer is hereby empowered to issue a citation to any person for any violation of the provisions of this section. Citations so issued may be delivered in person to the violator or they may be delivered by registered mail to the person so charged if he cannot be readily found. Any citation so delivered or mailed shall direct the alleged violator to appear in city court on a specific day and at a specific hour stated upon the citation; and the time so specified shall be not less than seventy-two (72) hours after its delivery in person to the alleged violator, or less than ten (10) days of mailing of same. Citations issued for a violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be tried in the city court. The city court judge shall determine whether a defendant has committed a violation of this section. The city shall bear the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence. If a defendant pleads guilty or "no contest" to the alleged violation, or

is found guilty by the city court judge, the city court judge shall assess a civil monetary fine as a penalty against any person found to have violated any of the provisions of this section, said fine to be in an amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each violation. Each day of violation shall be deemed a separate violation. Each separate package containing any substance containing any synthetic drug as defined herein shall be deemed a separate violation. In addition to the civil monetary fine, any defendant who pleads guilty or "no contest" to the alleged violation, or who is found guilty by the city court judge, shall be assessed court costs as provided by law, and in addition shall be ordered to pay an administrative fee to the city in an amount to recoup the cost incurred by the city law enforcement agency for any chemical test conducted by or at the request of the law enforcement agency that is used to determine the chemical content of any substance collected from the defendant which formed the basis for any citation charge. Appeal may be had as provided by law. (as added by Ord. #936, Oct. 2011)

11-805. Ephedrine control. (1) Definitions. As used in this section, the following words and/or phrases shall have the following meanings as set forth herein.

(a) "Ephedrine." All forms of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, ephedrine hydrochloride, pseudoephedrine hydrochloride, phenylpropanolamine and all other combinations of these chemicals.

(b) "Ephedrine product." Any product that contains ephedrine, its salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, as its sole active ingredient or in combination with less than therapeutically significant qualities of other active ingredients.

(c) "Person." Any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, limited liability company, firm, association or other entity selling an ephedrine product to customers.

(d) "Sell." To knowingly furnish, give away, exchange, transfer, deliver, surrender or supply, whether for monetary gain or not.

(e) "Package." Any number of pills, tablets, capsules, caplets or individual units of a substance held within a container intended for sale.

(2) Restrictions on public access to ephedrine products. It shall be illegal to sell, deliver, or distribute ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, their salts, their optical isomers or salts of their optical isomers, without a valid prescription from a physician or other healthcare professional licensed by the State of Tennessee to write prescriptions and filled by a Tennessee-licensed pharmacist.

(3) Exception. The prohibition contained in subsection (b) shall not apply to the sale of animal feed containing ephedrine or dietary supplement products containing natural occurring or herbal Ephedra and extract of Ephedra.

(4) Reporting theft of ephedrine products. (a) Any person who sells ephedrine products and who discovers a theft, disappearance or other loss of an ephedrine product shall report the theft, disappearance, or loss in writing to the Winchester Police Department within twenty-four (24) hours of such a discovery.

(b) Any person who sells ephedrine products shall report to the Winchester Police Department any difference between the quantities of ephedrine products shipped and the quantity of ephedrine products received within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery.

(5) Penalty and injunctive relief. (a) Each violation of this section shall be considered a separate offense.

(b) The city administrator may institute an action for injunctive relief to enforce the provisions of this section.

(c) Every act or omission constituting a violation of any of the provisions of this section by any agent or employee of any person shall be deemed and held to be the act of such person, and said person shall be punishable in the same manner as if said act or omission had been done or omitted by him/her or it personally, provided such an act or omission was within the scope of employment or the scope of authority of such agent or employee. (as added by Ord. #959, June 2013)