TITLE 11

MUNICIPAL OFFENSES

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CHAPTER 1

MISDEMEANORS OF THE STATE ADOPTED

SECTION

11-101. Misdemeanors of the state adopted.\(^2\) All offenses against the State of Tennessee which are committed within the corporate limits and which are defined by the state law or are recognized by the Common Law to be misdemeanors are hereby designated and declared to be offenses against this town also. Any violation of any such law within the corporate limits is also a violation of this section.

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\(^1\)Municipal code references
- Animals and fowls: title 10.
- Housing and utilities: title 12.
- Fireworks and explosives: title 7.
- Property maintenance regulations: title 13.
- Streets and sidewalks (non-traffic): title 16.
- Traffic offenses: title 15.

\(^2\)State law reference
- For the definition of "misdemeanor," see Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 39-11-110 and 39-11-111.
CHAPTER 2

ALCOHOL\(^1\)

SECTION
11-201. Public drunkenness.
11-202. Drinking alcoholic beverages in public, etc.
11-203. Minors in beer places.


11-202. Drinking alcoholic beverages in public, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to drink, consume or have an open can or bottle of beer or intoxicating liquor in or on any public street, alley, avenue, highway, sidewalk, public park, public school ground or other public place.

11-203. 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.

\(^1\)Municipal code reference
Sale of alcoholic beverages, including beer: title 8.
CHAPTER 3

GAMBLING, FORTUNE TELLING, ETC.

SECTION
11-301. Gambling prohibited.
11-302. Fortune telling, etc.


11-302. 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.
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.

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 town 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 town recorder granted for a period while the emergency continues not to exceed thirty (30) days. If the town recorder 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.

(l) **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) **Town vehicles.** Any vehicle of the town 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 town, 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 town recorder. 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.
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.

11-501. **Escape from custody or confinement.** It shall be unlawful for any person under arrest or otherwise in custody of or confined by the town 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.

11-502. **Impersonating a government officer or employee.** No person other than an official police officer of the town 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 town. Furthermore, no person shall deceitfully impersonate or represent that he is any government officer or employee.

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.
CHAPTER 6

FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES

SECTION
11-601. Air rifles, etc.
11-602. Throwing missiles.
11-603. Discharge of firearms prohibited.

11-601. Air rifles, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person in the town 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.

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.

11-603. Discharge of firearms prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to discharge a firearm within the town.
CHAPTER 7
TRESPASSING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AND INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC

SECTION
11-701. Trespassing.
11-702. Malicious mischief.
11-703. Interference with traffic.

11-701. Trespassing.¹ (1) On premises open to the public.
   (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to defy a lawful order,
       personally communicated to him by the owner or other authorized person,
       not to enter or remain upon the premises of another, including premises
       which are at the time open to the public.
   (b) The owner of the premises, or his authorized agent, may
       lawfully order another not to enter or remain upon the premises if such
       person is committing, or commits, any act which interferes with, or tends
       to interfere with, the normal, orderly, peaceful or efficient conduct of the
       activities of such premises.

(2) On premises closed or partially closed to public. It shall be unlawful
    for any person to knowingly enter or remain upon the premises of
    another which is not open to the public, notwithstanding that another part of
    the premises is at the time open to the public.

(3) Vacant buildings. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or
    remain upon the premises of a vacated building after notice against trespass is
    personally communicated to him by the owner or other authorized person or is
    posted in a conspicuous manner.

(4) Lots and buildings in general. It shall be unlawful for any person
    to enter or remain on or in any lot or parcel of land or any building or other
    structure after notice against trespass is personally communicated to him by the
    owner or other authorized person or is posted in a conspicuous manner.

(5) Peddlers, etc. It shall also be unlawful and deemed to be a trespass
    for any peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, or other person to fail

¹State law reference
Subsections (1) through (4) of this section were taken substantially
from Tennessee Code Annotated, section 39-14-405.
to promptly leave the private premises of any person who requests or directs him to leave.¹

11-702. **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.

11-703. **Interference with traffic.**² 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.

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¹Municipal code reference

²Municipal code reference:
Inoperable vehicles: section 15-124