

**CHAPTER 11: TRAFFIC CONTROL**

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**Uniform Rules of the Road**

1. Adoption by Reference. Pursuant to the O.C.G.A. § 40-6-372, Sections 40-1-1 through 40-1-5 and 40-6-1 through 40-6-395, known as the Uniform Rules of the Road, are hereby adopted as and for the traffic regulations of this municipality, with like effect as if recited in full herein.
2. Penalties. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by law, any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Code Section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than twelve (12) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.
3. Repeal. All Ordinances, code sections or parts of Ordinances or code sections inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby repealed.

**11-102      Two Hour Parking District**

1.      Designated Two Hour Parking District

- a.      The following geographical area is deemed to be a district where due to limited access and congestion, a two hour parking time limit shall apply. This time limit shall be in effect between the hours of 8:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. every day except Sunday and designated national holidays.

The geographical area is described as follows:

- (1)      CLAYTON STREET in its entirety between the intersection of Luckie Street and the intersection of Oak Street.
- (2)      CROGAN STREET in its entirety between the intersection of Culver Street and the intersection of Chestnut Street.
- (3)      PERRY STREET in its entirety between the intersection of Luckie Street and the intersection of Oak Street.
- (4)      PIKE STREET in its entirety between the intersection of Culver Street and the intersection of Chestnut Street.

- b.      Limitation on Commercial Use of Parking Spaces:

- (1)      No vehicle shall remain parked in a designated two hour parking space for commercial purposes for more than ten (10) minutes.
- (2)      Any vehicle remaining in such a space for more than ten (10) minutes shall be violation of this Ordinance. Such violation shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of this Ordinance.
- (3)      For purposes of this subsection, commercial vehicles shall include, but are not limited to, any taxi or bus service, any pick up or delivery service, and any other vehicle which occupies a parking space for the purpose of transacting business by virtue of its occupation of that space.

2.      Definition of Parking Violation

- a.      For the purpose of this Ordinance, the term "parking violation" shall be defined as any vehicle left parked in a designated two hour

parking area for a period of more than two hours.

3. Notice

- a. The geographical area designated in Section 11 102(1A) shall be prominently and visibly marked so as to afford notice to the public that they are in a two hour parking district and a parking violation as described in Section 11-102(2A) shall subject them to fine or vehicle impoundment or both.

4. Assessment of Fines

Violations of Section 11-102 will be assessed according to the following schedule:

- a. The first through the fourth Parking Summons issued to a specific vehicle will be assessed a minimum fine of twenty-five dollars.
- b. The fifth or subsequent summons issued to the same vehicle with the same registered owner, as the prior Parking Summons, will be assessed a minimum fine of \$50.00 and the vehicle impounded immediately. All outstanding issued Parking Summons must be cleared, either by appearance or appropriate cash bond being posted, before an impound release is given by the Police Department. The registered owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for all impound cost.

5. Enforcement

- a. Violation of the two hour parking limit shall result in the issuance of a Parking Summons by the Lawrenceville Police Department. Such summons shall direct the registered owner or the person violating the two-hour parking limit to appear in the City of Lawrenceville Municipal Court at the time and date designated on the summons. The summons shall further inform the registered owner or the violator of the two hour parking limit that the fine for said violation may be paid prior to the hearing date, in which event there shall be no further need to appear. In the event that there is no prepayment or appearance on the scheduled hearing date, the City Police Department shall mail the registered owner of the vehicle involved a notice advising the registered owner of a second hearing date before the Judge of the City of Lawrenceville Municipal Court, such notice will be by certified mail adding to the fines and cost an administrative fee of \$15.00. This notice will further advise the registered owner that the Parking Summons fine may be paid in lieu of the Court Appearance.

- b. In the event the registered owner fails to appear on the court date as specified in the certified letter or fails to cause the Parking Summons fine to be paid, then a subpoena will be issued by the judge of the City of Lawrenceville Municipal Court requiring the registered owner of the vehicle involved to appear before the Judge of the City of Lawrenceville Municipal Court. This subpoena will require personal service.
  
- c. In the event the registered owner fails to appear or causes the violations to be paid on or before the court date specified on the subpoena a bench warrant shall be issued and the vehicle registered to the same owner impounded and a “hold” placed on the vehicle by the Lawrenceville Police Department until which time the registered owner appears before the Judge of the City of Lawrenceville Municipal Court.
  - (1) For the purpose of Section 11-102, the nearest authorized impound facility shall be that lot designated by the Police Chief.

**11-103**      **Limited Access on Certain Streets**

1.    No Through Street to Certain Truck Traffic. Northdale Road beginning at the intersection of Clayton Street to the intersection of Hurricane Shoals Road and all of Phillips Street is limited to 1 ton truck traffic only. No truck above 1 ton will use this Street as a through street at anytime unless loading or unloading at a place of business or residence.

Windsor Court and Windsor Drive beginning at Grayson Highway to Pineview Road is limited to 1 ton truck traffic only.

Victor Street from Highway 29 to Henson Street is limited to one ton or less truck traffic only.

**11-104****No Parking in Designated Fire Lanes**

1. Designated Fire Lanes. There will be no parking in any designated fire lane in the City of Lawrenceville except to load or unload not to exceed a period of three minutes. Fire lanes will be designated by curbing painted "Traffic Yellow," or by a 20 foot wide, cross hatched, "Traffic Yellow" way of access free of obstructions, or by the placement of Fire Lane signs.
2. Enforcement. Citations for parking in a fire lane can be issued by a member of the Lawrenceville Police Department. A fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) may be imposed by Recorder's Court Judge of the City of Lawrenceville.

**<sup>1</sup>11-105      No Parking Rules**

1. It shall be unlawful at any time to permit any vehicle to stand, stop or park in any of the following places except in compliance with the directions of a law enforcement official or traffic control device:
  - a. in any intersection;
  - b. in a crosswalk;
  - c. within twenty feet of any intersection or crosswalk;
  - d. at any place where the vehicle would block the use of the driveway;
  - e. at any place where the standing, stopping or parking of a vehicle will reduce the useable width of the roadway for moving traffic to less than twenty feet.
  - f. at any place in the area of Nash Street from Neal Boulevard to Clayton Street next to the Lawrenceville City Hall.
  
2. The Police Chief or any other person authorized by the Mayor and Council shall cause signs to be posted in all areas where parking is prohibited.

**Parking Rules for Specific Zoning Classifications**

1. Parking in residential districts shall in addition to the requirements of the zoning ordinance meet the following requirements:
  - a. All vehicles in the front or side yard must be parked on a concrete, asphalt, grass crete, or other non-pervious surfaces including but not limited to pavers. Parking in the rear may be on gravel but not grass or dirt.
  - b. No person shall stop or stand any truck or bus with a body more than eight feet or 2.4384m wide or ten feet or 3.048m high on any street or public property including any parking lot for use by the general public without the driver or chauffeur being actually present and in charge thereof.
  - c. No person shall park or stand any truck camper, camper trailer, motor home, boat, boat trailer or other recreational vehicle on any residential street or public property for more than one hour at any time during the day or night.
2. All public parking in office, business and commercial zoning classifications shall be subject to the following use restriction:
  - a. No delivery/service vehicles and vehicles, including but not limited to, 18 wheel tractor trailers and vehicles displaying advertising shall be parked in the front yard of the property except vehicles parked temporarily while making a delivery, providing a service, or purchasing goods or services.
  - b. No person shall park or stand any bus, truck or other freight- or passenger-carrying vehicle in excess of one-half ton capacity upon any public street or highway for a period longer than one hour at any time during the day or night.
  - c. No person shall stop or stand any truck or bus with a body more than eight feet or 2.4384m wide or thirteen feet six inches or 4.145m high on any street or public property including any parking lot for use by the general public without the driver or chauffeur being actually present and in charge thereof.
  - d. No person shall park or stand any truck camper, camper trailer, motor home, boat, boat trailer or other recreational vehicle on any street or public property for more than one hour at any time during the day or night.

- e. Parking of a vehicle for sale or for private sale of the vehicle is prohibited except in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 40-2-39.1(a), or at a dealership or lot specifically approved in the zoning ordinance as a car lot or dealership for the sale of vehicles. Private sale is defined as a sale by an entity or individual that is not a licensed new or used vehicle dealer.
3. Any vehicle in violation of this article and which remains in violation for the period of 24 hours or more shall be presumed to be abandoned and may be impounded by the police department.

**11-107****Speed Zones**

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to revise the previous speed zones established for the City of Lawrenceville and to incorporate by reference those speed zones adopted by the Mayor and Council at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting held August 20, 1998, a copy of said zones being attached to this Ordinance as Attachment "2" and made a part hereof.
2. Enforcement
  - a. The Police Department of the City of Lawrenceville shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Ordinance through the issuance of appropriate citations and/or arrests.
  - b. In the exercise of these duties, the Police Department is authorized to use any appropriate speed detection devices whether hand held or attached to a motor vehicle.

**Speed Limits in Work Zones**

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to reduce the speed limits in construction and maintenance work zones located on or adjacent to any street or highway in accordance with Department of Transportation (the "Department") policy and Georgia law. Generally, temporary speed limit reductions in work zones should be implemented only for areas where workers are present, or where roadway or roadside conditions are of concern due to construction or maintenance activities. To reduce the speed limit in any Temporary Traffic Control Zone and be in compliance with Georgia Law (Code Section 40-6-188) the following guidelines and procedures shall be followed:
2. Responsibility. The Department shall be responsible for determining the appropriate speed limit reduction for all roadways under its supervision. For a construction project let to contract, the contractor may request a reduction of the existing speed limit; however, the Department shall make the final determination.

Any reduction in the established speed limit shall have written approval of the Mayor and Council of the City of Lawrenceville. A copy of this written approval shall be kept in the appropriate Project or Maintenance file, the District Speed Zone file for that particular roadway section, and a copy sent to the General Office Traffic Operations Section for their files.

The Project Engineer responsible for the construction project or the Maintenance Foreman/Superintendent responsible for the maintenance activity requiring the reduced speed zone will be responsible for reviewing and determining the appropriate reduction in the speed limit, its duration, and the length of the work zone. A temporary speed reduction zone will be established for a section of roadway according to an identified need. A speed reduction will not be put in place for the entire length of the project unless conditions warranting the speed reduction are present for the entire project length. When establishing a reduced speed zone, the minimum reduction of the posted speed limit shall be no less than 10 mph and the maximum reduction shall be no greater than 20 mph.

3. Documentation. The appropriate Project Engineer or Maintenance Foreman/Superintendent shall record in a diary the date and time that each temporary speed reduction zone is installed and removed, the limits of the zone, and, if applicable, the traffic direction.
4. Signing Requirements. To temporarily reduce the speed limit in any construction or maintenance area and be in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 40-6-188, the following sequence of signs shall be required:

- a. At a minimum of 600 feet in advance of the beginning of the reduced speed zone, a standard R2-5a (REDUCED SPEED AHEAD) sign shall be erected.
- b. If the speed limit is to be reduced a total of 20 mph, a standard R2-1 (SPEED LIMIT XX) sign shall be erected at a minimum of 600 feet in advance of the beginning of the reduced speed zone in order to reduce the speed in 10 mph increments.
- c. A black on white regulatory sign R2-Special (WORK ZONE/SPEED LIMIT XX/MINIMUM FINE \$100) shall be erected 600 feet past the previous sign erected in Step 1 or 2.
- d. Intermediate R2-1 (SPEED LIMIT XX) signs shall be erected at intervals not to exceed one mile within the reduced speed zone.
- e. A standard R2-1 (SPEED LIMIT \_\_\_) shall be erected 600 feet past the work zone. This sign shall post the normal speed limit for the roadway.

All existing speed limit signs shall be covered or removed while the temporary reduction in the speed limit is in effect. All signs shall be erected to comply with the minimum requirements of the MUTCD.

**<sup>4</sup>11-109      Concrete Trucks; Required Equipment**

It shall be unlawful for any rear-loaded cement truck to operate on the streets of Lawrenceville or the county roads or state highways within the corporate limits of the City of Lawrenceville without having a device in place at the terminus of their chute designed to deter the spillage of cement onto the streets, roads, or highways.

Any person operating a rear-loaded cement truck not equipped with such a device shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months.

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<sup>1</sup>Ordinance to amend Section 11-105 was adopted on May 7, 2001.

<sup>2</sup>Ordinance to amend Section 11-106 was adopted on November 14, 2001.

<sup>3</sup>An Ordinance to Amend the Penalties Subsection of Section 11-101, Uniform Rules of the Road, was adopted on December 5, 2005.

<sup>4</sup>Ordinance to Amend Penalty Provisions and to make Technical Revisions within Certain Sections of the City of Lawrenceville's 2005 Lawrenceville Code of Ordinances was adopted on September 10, 2007.

<sup>5</sup>Ordinance to Amend 11-107 of the City of Lawrenceville's General Code was adopted on March 2, 2009.

<sup>6</sup>Ordinance to move the rules regarding Speed Zones to Section 11-107 and replace them with the Parking Rules for Specific Zoning Classifications was adopted on December 7, 2009.

<sup>7</sup>Ordinance to move the rules regarding Speed Zones to Section 11-107 was adopted on December 7, 2009.