

CHAPTER 70: GENERAL PROVISIONS

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TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES

70.01 RATIFICATION OF EXISTING DEVICES.

All traffic-control signs, signals, devices and markings placed or erected in the town prior to the adoption of this subchapter and in use for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic are hereby affirmed, ratified and declared to be official traffic-control devices of the town, provided that the traffic-control devices are not inconsistent with the provisions of this subchapter or with State law.

(Ord. passed 11-11-75)

70.02 AUTHORITY; ERECTION AND INSTALLATION OF MARKING DEVICES.

(A) With the prior approval of the town Board of Commissioners, the Chief of Police shall have the power to designate, lay off, mark and indicate, by appropriate signs and markings: parking spaces and zones, no parking zones, limited parking zones, zones in which vehicles shall be parked at an angle to the curb, loading zones, safety zones, fire lanes, after consultation with the Town Fire Department, and according to G.S. 20-162, as may be applicable, school zones, hospital zones, quiet zones, traffic zones other than the above, speed limits, truck routes, through streets, stop streets and intersections, yield-right-of-way intersections, one-way streets, streets to be laned for traffic, play streets, bus stops and taxicab stands. He shall also have the power to designate and indicate, with the approval of the town Board of Commissioners, intersections at which traffic shall be controlled by traffic signals, intersections at which left turns and right turns and AU@ turns shall be prohibited, and intersections at which markers, buttons or other indications shall be placed to indicate the course to be traveled by vehicles traversing or turning at the intersections.

(B) Whenever any designation is made in accord with this subchapter, the Chief of Police shall cause to be erected and installed the signs, markings, lines, signals and other traffic-control devices as may be necessary to clearly indicate the designation and to put drivers of vehicles on notice of the

restriction, limitation or prohibition resulting from the designation.
(Ord. passed 11-11-75; Am. Ord. passed 4-2-96)

▪ **70.03 NECESSITY OF SIGNS.**

No provision of this subchapter for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if, at the time and place of the alleged violation, an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section of this subchapter does not state that signs are required, the section shall be effective without signs being placed to give notice thereof.
(Ord. passed 11-11-75)

▪ **70.04 OBEDIENCE TO DEVICES.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive, operate or use a vehicle upon the streets of the town contrary to any signs, signals or other traffic-control devices that are placed upon the streets for the purpose of directing traffic, except upon direction of a Police Officer and except as otherwise provided in this subchapter.

(B) When signs are placed, erected or installed, giving notice thereof, or the curbing has been painted yellow or red in lieu of the signs, no person shall park a vehicle at any time in any zone designated as a no-parking zone, as provided in ' 70.02 above. In the event that parking is prohibited in the zone only between certain hours, this subchapter shall apply only between the hours as indicated on the signs erected in the zone.
(Ord. passed 11-11-75) Penalty, see ' 70.99

▪ **70.99 PENALTY.**

If any person shall violate this chapter or any other ordinance of the town regulating the operation or parking of vehicles, he shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be required to pay a penalty of not more than \$50.
(G.S. ' 14-4(b))