

TITLE 11

MUNICIPAL OFFENSES¹

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CHAPTER 1

MISDEMEANORS OF THE STATE ADOPTED

SECTION

11-101. Misdemeanors of the state adopted.

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 city also. Any violation of any such law within the corporate limits is also a violation of this section. (1976 Code, § 10-101)

¹Municipal code references

Animal control: title 10.

Housing and utilities: title 12.

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²State law reference

For the definition of "misdemeanor," see Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 39-11-110 and 39-11-111.

CHAPTER 2

ALCOHOL¹

SECTION

11-201. Public drunkenness.

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11-201. Public drunkenness. See Tennessee Code Annotated, section 39-17-310; see also title 33, chapter 8. (1976 Code, § 10-228)

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. (1976 Code, § 10-229)

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. (1976 Code, § 10-222)

¹Municipal code reference

Sale of alcoholic beverages, including beer: title 8.

State law reference

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

CHAPTER 3

GAMBLING, FORTUNE TELLING, ETC.

SECTION

11-301. Gambling prohibited.

11-302. Fortune telling, etc.

11-301. Gambling prohibited. See Tennessee Code Annotated, section 39-17-501 et seq. (1976 Code, §§ 10-215 and 10-216, modified)

11-302. Fortune telling, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to hold himself forth to the public as a fortune teller, clairvoyant, spiritualist, palmist, phrenologist, or other mystic endowed with supernatural powers. (1976 Code, § 10-234)

CHAPTER 4

OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON

SECTION

11-401. Assault and battery.

11-401. Assault and battery. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit an assault or an assault and battery upon another person. (1976 Code, § 10-201)

CHAPTER 5

OFFENSES AGAINST THE PEACE AND QUIET

SECTION

11-501. Disturbing the peace.

11-502. Anti-noise regulations.

11-501. 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. (1976 Code, § 10-202)

11-502. 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) 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.

(i) 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.

(j) 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.

(k) 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) City 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. (1976 Code, § 10-233)

CHAPTER 6

INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL

SECTION

11-601. Escape from custody or confinement.

11-602. Resisting or interfering with city personnel.

11-603. Impersonating a government officer or employee.

11-604. False emergency alarms.

11-601. 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. (1976 Code, § 10-209)

11-602. 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 or employee is performing or attempting to perform his municipal duties. (1976 Code, § 10-210)

11-603. 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. (1976 Code, § 10-211)

11-604. 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. (1976 Code, § 10-217)

CHAPTER 7

FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES

SECTION

11-701. Air rifles, etc.

11-702. Throwing missiles.

11-703. Weapons and firearms generally.

11-701. Air rifles, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to fire or discharge any air gun, air pistol, spring gun, or spring pistol, or other device which is calculated or intended to propel or project a bullet, pellet, hunting arrow or similar projectile, within the corporate limits of the City of Loudon, but this shall not apply to target bows and arrows.

If any person is arrested for violating any provision of this section, the police are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to confiscate his air gun or pistol, or spring gun or pistol, or other device, and it shall be the duty of the police to turn the same into the city court for disposition by said court. (1976 Code, § 10-213)

11-702. Throwing of missiles. It shall be unlawful for any person to maliciously 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. (1976 Code, § 10-214)

11-703. 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. However, the foregoing prohibition shall not apply to members of the United States Armed Forces carrying such weapons as are prescribed by applicable regulations nor to any officer or policeman engaged in his official duties, in the execution of process, or while searching for or engaged in arresting persons suspected of having committed crimes. Furthermore, the prohibition shall not apply to persons who may have been summoned by such officer or policeman to assist in the discharge of his said duties. It shall also be unlawful for any unauthorized person to discharge a firearm within the municipality,

Any weapon or firearm used in violation of this section shall be confiscated by the police department and surrendered to the city court for disposition. (1976 Code, § 10-212)

CHAPTER 8

TRESPASSING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AND
INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC

SECTION

- 11-801. Trespassing.
 11-802. Trespassing on trains.
 11-803. Malicious mischief.
 11-804. Interference with traffic.

11-801. 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 to promptly leave the private premises of any person who requests or directs him to leave.² (1976 Code, § 10-226, modified)

¹State law reference

Subsections (1) through (4) of this section were taken substantially from Tennessee Code Annotated, section 39-14-405.

²Municipal code reference

Provisions governing peddlers: title 9, chapter 1.

11-802. 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. (1976 Code, § 10-221)

11-803. 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. (1976 Code, § 10-225)

11-804. 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. (1976 Code, § 10-232)

CHAPTER 9

OFFENSES AGAINST THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE

SECTION

11-901. Abandoned refrigerators, etc.

11-902. Caves, wells, cisterns, etc.

11-903. Posting notices, etc.

11-904. Curfew for minors.

11-905. Use of walking trails.

11-901. 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. (1976 Code, § 10-223)

11-902. 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. (1976 Code, § 10-231)

11-903. Posting notices, etc. No person shall paint, make, or fasten, in any way, any show-card, poster, or other advertising device or sign upon any public or private property unless legally authorized to do so. With the approval of the Loudon Utility Board, directional and information signs to the Loudon County Visitor's Center and Carmichael Inn located in the City of Loudon may be placed on utility poles owned by Loudon Utilities. (1976 Code, § 10-227, as amended by Ord. #1999-7, April 1999)

11-904. Curfew for minors. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to be abroad at night between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless upon a legitimate errand for or accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other adult person having lawful custody of such minor. (1976 Code, § 10-224)

11-905. Use of walking trails. No one shall ride a bicycle, skate boards, roller skates, or similar device on or within five (5) feet of a walking trail, provided, however, the city council may designate by resolution areas and times this type of activity may occur within the city's park system. No one shall permit a dog either leashed or unleashed, except for a registered "seeing eye" dog, to be on or within five (5) feet of a walking trail. (as added by Ord. #1997-17, § 1, Nov. 1997, and amended by Ord. #2001-11, Aug. 2001)