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MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING

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15-102. **Curb.** Shall mean the lateral boundary of that portion of the street designated for the use of vehicles, whether marked by curbstones or not. (1971 Code, § 9-103, as repealed and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-103. **One-way street.** Any street which has been designated and marked with posted signs indicating traffic shall proceed only in the one indicated direction. (1971 Code, § 9-104, as renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-104. **Through highway or street.** Every highway or street or portion thereof at the entrances to which vehicular traffic from intersecting highways or streets is required by law to stop or yield the right of way before entering or crossing the same and when stop or yield signs are erected as provided in this title, or by any other authorized public authority. (1971 Code, § 9-105, as repealed and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-105. **Roller skates.** Roller skates has its ordinary meaning and means a pair of shoes mounted either two (2) sets of wheels or multiple wheels in a line, most often propelled by the user in an upright, standing position. (1971 Code, § 9-106, as repealed and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-106. **Skateboard.** The term skateboard includes a board of any material with wheels affixed to the underside, customarily ridden by the user in an upright, standing position, and being propelled by gravitational power, human power, electric motor, or internal combustion engine. (1971 Code, § 9-107, as repealed and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)


15-119. [Repealed.] (1971 Code, § 9-120, as repealed by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

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Under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-307, the following offenses are exclusively state offenses and must be tried in a state court or a court having state jurisdiction: driving while intoxicated or drugged, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-401; failing to stop after a traffic accident, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-101, et seq.; driving while license is suspended or revoked, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-50-504; drag racing, as defined and prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-501; and possession of five (5) or more grams of methamphetamine, as scheduled in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 39-17-408(d)(2), while operating a motor vehicle in this state, with a motor vehicle being in operation if its engine is operating, whether or not the motor vehicle is moving.
15-201. **Motor vehicle requirements.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle within the corporate limits unless such vehicle is equipped with properly operating muffler, lights, brakes, horn, and such other equipment as is prescribed and required by Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 9. (1971 Code, § 9-210)

15-202. **Driving on streets closed for repairs, etc.** Except for necessary access to property abutting thereon, no motor vehicle shall be driven upon any street that is barricaded or closed for repairs or other lawful purpose. (1971 Code, § 9-214)

15-203. **Yellow lines.** On streets with a yellow line placed to the right of any lane line or center line such yellow line shall designate a no-passing zone, and no operator shall drive his vehicle or any part thereof across or to the left of such yellow line except when necessary to make a lawful left turn from such street. (1971 Code, § 9-215, as repealed and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-204. **Miscellaneous traffic-control signs, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian or the operator of any vehicle to violate or fail to comply with any traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device placed or erected by the state or the municipality. (1971 Code, § 9-216, as repealed and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-205. **General requirements for traffic-control signs, etc.** All traffic-control signs, signals, markings and devices shall conform to the latest revision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and

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1Municipal code references

Stop signs, yield signs, flashing signals, pedestrian-control signs, traffic-control signals generally: §§ 15-705--15-709.
Highways,\textsuperscript{1} published by the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and shall, so far as practicable, be uniform as to type and location throughout the municipality. Provided, however, that this provision shall be directive only and it shall not be a defense to any violation of this title that such signs do not conform to such manual or are not uniform throughout the municipality. (1971 Code, § 9-217, as repealed and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

\textbf{15-206. Presumption with respect to traffic-control signs, etc.} When a traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device has been placed, the presumption shall be that it is official and that it has been lawfully placed by the proper municipal authority. All presently installed traffic-control signs, signals, markings and devices are hereby expressly authorized, ratified, approved irrespective of whether or not they were lawfully placed originally. (1971 Code, § 9-218, as renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

\textbf{15-207. School safety patrols.} All motorists and pedestrians shall obey the directions or signals of school safety patrols, when such patrols are assigned under the authority of the chief of police, and are acting in accordance with instructions; provided, that such persons giving any order, signal or direction shall at the time be wearing some insignia and/or using authorized flags for giving signals. (1971 Code, § 9-219, as renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

\textbf{15-208. Riding on outside of vehicles, soliciting rides, etc.} (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, or for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle being operated on a street, alley or other public way or place to permit any person to ride on any portion of such vehicle not designed or intended for the use of passengers. This section shall not apply to persons engaged in the necessary discharge of lawful duties nor to persons riding in the load-carrying space of trucks.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to stand in, by or along any roadway, street or highway for the purpose of soliciting a ride or employment from any occupant of any vehicle.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to stand in, by or along any roadway, street or highway for the purpose of soliciting the watching or guarding of any vehicle while parked or about to be parked on a street or highway. (1971 Code, § 9-220, as amended and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

\textsuperscript{1}This manual may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.
15-209. **Projections from the rear of vehicles, following too closely, etc.** (1) Whenever the load or any projecting portion of any vehicle shall extend beyond the rear of the bed or body thereof the operator shall display at the end of such load or projection, in such position as to be clearly visible from the rear of such vehicle, a red flag being not less than twelve (12) inches square. Between one-half (½) hour after sunset and one-half (½) hour before sunrise there shall be displayed in place of the flag a red light plainly visible under normal atmospheric conditions at least two hundred (200) feet from the rear of such vehicle.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any operator of a motor vehicle to follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the speed of such vehicle and the traffic condition upon the highway. (1971 Code, § 9-221, as repealed and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-210. **Causing unnecessary noise.** It shall be unlawful for any person to cause unnecessary noise by unnecessarily sounding the horn, "racing" the motor, or causing the "screeching" or "squealing" of the tires on any motor vehicle. (1971 Code, § 9-222, as renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-211. **Vehicles and operators to be licensed.** (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in violation of the "Uniform Classified and Commercial Driver License Act of 1988," Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-50-101, et seq. A violation of this section constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00).

(2) **Requirements.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-50-301, and as subsequently amended. Requirements. Sets forth requirements for driver license holders.

(3) **Classifications; qualifications.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-50-302, and as subsequently amended. Classifications; qualifications. Sets forth classifications and qualifications for issuance of driver licenses.


(6) **Learner permits; intermediate driver licenses.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-50-311, and as subsequently amended. Learner permits; intermediate driver licenses. Sets forth the limitations of learner permits and intermediate driver licenses. (1971 Code, § 9-223, as renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006, and replaced by Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)
15-212. **Damaging pavements, hauling filth, cluttering streets, burning in streets, selling in streets, etc.** (1) No person shall operate upon any street of the municipality any vehicle, motor propelled or otherwise, which by reason of its weight or the character of its wheels or track is likely to damage the surface or foundation of the street.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or haul any time, dirt, manure, filth, stone, brick or coal on or over any of the streets of the city, unless the vehicle in which the same is being conveyed is in a sufficiently tight and secure condition as to prevent any of the articles or materials being so hauled or conveyed from scattering or falling upon the street.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to put, place, throw or cause to be put, placed or thrown or tracked in or upon any street or other public place in the city, any broken glass, tacks, builders refuse, mud, dirt, ashes, soot, shavings, papers, rags, weeds or other refuse matter or rubbish or obstruction of any kind.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to build a fire or burn any leaves or refuse of any kind on any of the streets or public places of the city.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to place, keep or maintain upon any street, sidewalk, avenue or alley in the city, any tables, stall, booth or vending machine or to exhibit thereon any articles of merchandise or other articles for sale.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to park upon a street or highway any vehicle displayed for sale or to operate or park on any street any vehicle for the primary purpose of displaying advertisement. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-224, as renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-213. **Safety requirements for motorcycles and motor driven cycles.** The operation of motorcycles and motor driven cycles in the city shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) That all motorcycles and motor driven cycles operated upon any street, avenue, or highway of the city shall be equipped with crash bars approved by the Commissioner of Safety of the State of Tennessee.

(2) That the driver of a motorcycle or motor driven cycle and passenger thereon shall wear a crash helmet of a type approved by the Commissioner of Safety of the State of Tennessee.

(3) That no person shall ride as a passenger upon a motorcycle or motor driven cycle unless a proper seat for a passenger is installed thereon.

(4) That every motorcycle or motor driven cycle operated upon any street, avenue or highway of the city shall be equipped with a windshield of a type approved by the Commissioner of Safety of the State of Tennessee, or, in the alternative, that the operator and any passenger on any such motorcycle or motor driven cycle shall wear safety goggles of a type approved by the
Commissioner of Safety of the State of Tennessee for the purpose of preventing any flying object from striking the operator or any passenger in the eyes.

(5) That it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motorcycle or motor driven cycle in violation of the provisions of this section or for any passenger to ride on such vehicle in violation of the provisions of this section.

(6) That it shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian to knowingly permit a minor to operate a motor cycle or motor driven cycle in violation of the provisions of this section. (1971 Code, § 9-226, as repealed and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-214. Motorized vehicles in or on public parks. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to operate any type of motor driven vehicle upon or in a public park within the municipal limits except that motorized wheelchairs, other personal conveyances specially designed for the handicapped, and public service vehicles shall be allowed. (1971 Code, § 9-227, as renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-215. Playing in streets. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to play at any game or engage in any sport or amusement or skate on roller skates, ride or coast on kiddie cars, sleds, play wagons or to use vehicles of such character within the streets.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person having charge or control of any child to permit such child to violate the provisions of this section.

(3) In the event any such parent, guardian or other person having charge or control of such child who violates the provisions of this section and who shall be proceeded against under the next preceding section, may prove in defense that he is unable to control such child in the observance of the provisions of this section and such parent, guardian or other person having charge of such child may thereupon be discharged from liability and such child may be proceeded against as a delinquent child under the statutes of the State of Tennessee in such cases provided. (1971 Code, § 9-228, as repealed and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-216. Parades and public assemblies upon the streets. (1) All parades, marches, public demonstrations or public assemblies on the streets or other public places are hereby prohibited except upon issuance of a permit granting the same which shall be issued by the director of public safety.

(2) Any person or organization desiring to conduct a parade or other public assembly upon the streets or other public place shall first make application to the director of public safety not less than two days prior to the time planned for said parade or assembly, giving the time of day same is to commence, the probable number of participants and the purpose for which the parade or assembly is to be held and the route to be followed by such parade.
If it be found by the director of public safety that the parade or assembly will not
unduly interfere with the traffic or otherwise obstruct the streets or prohibit the
use of the streets and/or public property in the ordinary and usual manner or
otherwise disturb the public peace and safety, then said permit shall be granted.

(3) Any person or persons participating in any parade, march, public
demonstration, or public assembly on the streets or other public places without
first having obtained a permit therefor as provided herein shall be punished as
hereinafter provided. (1971 Code, § 9-229, as repealed and renumbered by
Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-217. Truck and/or bus streets or routes. The director of public
safety shall by order determine and designate such streets as shall be used as
truck and/or bus streets or routes through the city or from point to point within
the city as may in his judgment be necessary and proper for the systematic,
orderly and convenient flow of traffic within the city and when such streets
and/or routes shall have been determined and designated, the same shall be
plainly marked by appropriate signs and after which it shall be unlawful for any
operator to operate buses and/or trucks other than in accordance with such
designation. (1971 Code, § 9-230, as renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-218. Roller skates and skateboarding ordinance. (1) It shall be
unlawful for any person to use or ride roller skates, skateboard or other similar
devices on or about any public street, alley, public park, parking lot, public
building or other public place, except in such areas and/or times as may be
specifically designated for such purposes by the city commission.

(2) In any area designated by the city commission as allowable for the
use of roller skates, skateboard or other similar devices, all riders and operators
of roller skates, skateboards or other similar devices shall wear proper safety
gear including a safety helmet, and no person shall ride or use roller skates and
skateboards in a negligent, careless or reckless manner.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or ride roller skates,
skateboards or other similar devices on or about private property, regardless of
whether or not such property is open to the public, if "No Skateboarding" signs
are posted in locations reasonably likely to provide notice to possible violators
of this ordinance.

(4) The penalty for a violation of this ordinance shall not exceed a
maximum fine of fifty dollars ($50).

(5) Upon a violation of this ordinance, the police officer citing the
offender may take possession of the roller skates, skateboard or other similar
device and secure it until the ordinance violation is resolved. If the offender is
a minor, the equipment shall be secured until the ordinance violation is resolved
or the parent or guardian of the minor appears at police headquarters and
requests its return, whichever occurs first. (1971 Code, § 9-231, as added by
Ord. #06-085, May 2006, and renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)
15-219. Rules of the Road. Adoption, by reference, the following sections of *Tennessee Code Annotated*, title 55, chapter 8, "Rules of the Road":

(1) 55-8-102 Applicability of Law.
(2) 55-8-103 Crimes and Offenses.
(3) 55-8-104 Obedience to Police Officers.
(4) 55-8-105 Persons Riding Animals or Driving Animal-Drawn Vehicles.
(5) 55-8-106 Officer and Employees.
(6) 55-8-107 Persons Working on Highways.
(7) 55-8-113 Unauthorized Signs, Signals or Markings.
(8) 55-8-114 Interference with Traffic-Control or Railroad Signs or Signals.
(9) 55-8-115 Driving on Right Side of Roadway.
(10) 55-8-116 Passing Vehicles Proceeding in Opposite Directions.
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(33) 55-8-171 Bicycles and Play Vehicles.
(34) 55-8-172 Bicycle - Traffic Laws Apply To.
(35) 55-8-173 Bicycle - Riding On, Use of Play Vehicles.
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(39) 55-8-177 Bicycle - Lamps and Brakes.
(40) 55-8-178 Regulations for Non-Motor Vehicles and Animals.
(41) 55-8-179 Blind Persons; Deaf Persons.
(42) 55-8-180 Blind Pedestrian Right-of-Way.

A violation of this section shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-232, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006, and Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)

15-220. State traffic offenses. Adoption, by reference, of the following sections of Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 8, "State Traffic Offenses":

(1) 55-8-181 Motorcycles; Rights and Duties.
(2) 55-8-182 Motorcycles; Lanes.
(3) 55-8-183 Funerals.
(4) 55-8-184 Traffic Control Signs, Signals, Markers or Devices; Indication of Ownership.
(5) 55-8-185 Off-Highway Motor Vehicles.
(6) 55-8-186 Illegal Parking; Rented or Leased Vehicles.
(7) 55-8-187 Obscene or Offensive Bumper Stickers, Window Signs or Other Markings.
(8) 55-8-188 High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes.
(9) 55-8-189 Transportation of Children in truck Bed; Application.
(10) 55-8-190 Street Sweeper.
(11) 55-8-191 Low Speed Vehicles; Prohibitions.
(12) 55-8-192 School Buses; Hand Held Mobile Telephones.
(13) 55-8-193 Excessive Noise from Motor Vehicles.

A violation of this section shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-225, as replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006, and Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)

15-221. Window tinting. Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-9-107, windows. Regulating the tinting of windows on motor vehicles registered in this state when such vehicles are being operated upon public highways, streets or roads. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-236, as replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-223. **Helmet required.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-9-302, helmets. Specifies the type of helmet required for use, when operating certain type vehicles and under specific conditions. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-205, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-224. **Glasses required.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-50-331, glasses required. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-206, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-225. **Bumper required.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-9-215, bumpers or other energy absorption systems. Requires all motor vehicles operated on any road, street or highway to be equipped with a bumper or other energy absorption system with a similar function. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-207, as replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-226. **Change of address.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-50-333, change of address. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-208, as replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-227. **Compliance with financial responsibility law required.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-12-139, and as subsequently amended. Compliance with financial responsibility law required. Sets forth the requirements of financial responsibility required by all persons operating or driving motor vehicles. A violation of this section constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00) and the possibility of suspension of driving privileges. (1971 Code, § 9-209, as replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006, and Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)

15-228. **School, church and youth buses.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-151, as applicable to Class C misdemeanors, and as subsequently amended. School buses. Regulating movement of traffic in the presence of stopped school, church or youth buses. A violation of this section constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (as added by Ord. #06-085, June 2006, renumbered by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006, and replaced by Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)
15-229. **Television; exceptions; penalty.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-9-105, and as subsequently amended. Regulates the use of television or video screens capable of displaying a television broadcast or video signal within view of the driver of a motor vehicle. (as added by Ord. #15-347, Feb. 2015)

15-230. **Tires.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-9-106, and as subsequently amended. Prohibits the protuberances of a material other than rubber that projects beyond the tread of the traction surface of a tire, except as provided for by statute. (as added by Ord. #15-347, Feb. 2015)

15-231. **Blue flashing emergency lights.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-9-414, and as subsequently amended. Prohibits the installation, maintenance or exhibition of blue flashing emergency lights, except as provided for by statute. (as added by Ord. #15-347, Feb. 2015)

15-232. **Attachment of plates.** Adoption, by reference of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-4-110, and as subsequently amended. Sets forth the requirements for attachment of registration plates and illumination of registration plates. Prohibits the use of tinted materials placed over a license plate. (as added by Ord. #15-347, Feb. 2015)
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PUBLIC SAFETY

SECTION

15-301. Director of public safety.
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15-301. Director of public safety. The city manager is hereby designated the director of public safety. (1971 Code, § 9-201)

15-302. Duties of director of public safety. The director of public safety is hereby authorized and it shall be his duty:

(1) To implement the provisions of this title and give general supervision over its enforcement.
(2) To issue all permits authorized under this title.
(3) To designate all vehicles which shall be considered emergency vehicles which are not specifically designated as such by this title.
(4) To designate and mark all streets which shall be one-way streets; to designate and mark which streets shall be two-laned streets or multiple-laned streets; and to designate and mark which streets shall be truck and/or bus routes.
(5) To design, designate and erect all traffic-control signs, signals, markings and devices and to designate their location.
(6) To designate and mark all no-parking or limited parking areas, pedestrian crosswalks, stop streets, and yield right of way streets, and to close to public traffic any streets or parts of streets upon a temporary basis as may be needed or required.
(7) To designate and mark all streets or street areas with a speed limit for vehicular traffic on said streets and street areas.
(8) To designate and mark all school zones, playground zones and congested area zones. (1971 Code, § 9-202)

15-303. Authority and duties of police and fire departments.

(1) It shall be the duty of the officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned by the chief of police to enforce all street traffic laws of this city, and all the state vehicle laws applicable to street traffic in this city.
(2) Officers of the police department or such officers as are assigned by the chief of police, are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand, or signal in conformance with traffic laws, provided that in the event of a fire or other emergency, or to expedite traffic or to safeguard pedestrians, officers may
direct traffic as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws.

(3) Officers of the fire department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct, or assist the police in directing traffic thereat or in the immediate vicinity. (1971 Code, § 9-203)

15-304. Obedience to police and fire department officers. No person shall wilfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of a police officer or fire department official. (1971 Code, § 9-204)
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15-401. Emergency vehicle defined.
15-403. Following emergency vehicles.
15-404. Running over fire hoses, etc.

15-401. **Emergency vehicle defined.** Emergency vehicle is defined as a vehicle of a governmental department or public service corporation when responding to any emergency, or any vehicle of a police or fire department, or any ambulance. (1971 Code, § 9-101, as repealed by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006, and replaced by Ord. #15-347, Feb. 2015)

15-402. **Emergency vehicles.** Adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-108. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-211, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-403. **Following emergency vehicles.** No driver of any vehicle shall follow any authorized emergency vehicle apparently travelling in response to an emergency call closer than five hundred (500) feet or drive or park such vehicle within the block where fire department vehicle has stopped in answer to a fire alarm. (1971 Code, § 9-212, as amended by Ord. #15-347, Feb. 2015)

15-404. **Running over fire hoses, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to drive over any hose lines or other equipment of the fire department except in obedience to the direction of a fireman or policeman. (1971 Code, § 9-213)
CHAPTER 5

SPEED LIMITS

SECTION
15-501. On all streets and parts of streets of the City of Alcoa.

15-501. On all streets and parts of streets of the City of Alcoa.
(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor
vehicle upon the streets or portions of streets in the City of Alcoa in excess of the
speed posted for said street or parts of streets.
(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor
vehicle in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour upon any street or portions of
streets in the City of Alcoa where the speed limit has not been posted. (1971
Code, § 9-301)

15-502. Speed limits. Adoption, by reference, of the following sections
of Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 8, "Rules of the Road":
55-8-152 Speed Limits.
55-8-153 Speed Limits, Lower Speed Areas or Zones.
55-8-154 Minimum Speed Limits.
55-8-155 Motor Driven Cycles; Speed Limits.
55-8-156 Speed Limits.
A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty
dollars ($50.00). (as added by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)
CHAPTER 6

TURNING MOVEMENTS

SECTION
15-601. Turn signals.
15-602. Turning.
15-603. Turning, curves, crest of grades.
15-604. Turning; procedure.

15-601. **Turn signals.** Replaced by adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-143, entitled "Turn signals." A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-401, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-602. **Turning.** Replaced by adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-140 entitled, "Turning." A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-402, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-603. **Turning, curves, crest of grades.** Replaced by adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-141, entitled "Turning, Curves, Crest of Grades." A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-403, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-604. **Turning; procedure.** Replaced by adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-142, entitled "Turning; Procedure." A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-404, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-605. **U-turns.** U-turns are prohibited, except in four or more lane highways divided by curbs or grass plots and then only at designated crossovers. (1971 Code, § 9-405)
CHAPTER 7

STOPPING AND YIELDING

SECTION
15-701. Through highways; right-of-way.  Adoption, by reference, of
Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-130, and as subsequently amended. Through
highways; right-of-way.  Regulating movement of traffic and passage from and
onto through highways, intersections and other public roadways.  A violation of
this section constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a
maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00).  (1971 Code, § 9-501, as repealed
by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006, and replaced by Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)

15-702. When emerging from alleys, etc.  The drivers of all vehicles
emerging from alleys, parking lots, driveways or buildings shall stop such
vehicles immediately prior to driving onto any sidewalk or street.  They shall not
proceed to drive onto the sidewalk or street until they can safely do so without
colliding or interfering with approaching pedestrians or vehicles.  (1971 Code,
§ 9-503)

15-703. To prevent obstructing an intersection.  No driver shall
enter any intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on
the other side of such intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he
is operating without obstructing the passage of traffic in or on the intersecting
street or crosswalk.  This provision shall be effective notwithstanding any
traffic-control signal indication to proceed.  (1971 Code, § 9-504)

15-705. Stop signs; requirements. Replaced by adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-149, entitled "Stop Signs; Requirements." A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-506, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-706. At "yield" signs. The drivers of all vehicles shall yield the right of way to approaching vehicles before proceeding at all places where "yield" signs have been posted. (1971 Code, § 9-507)

15-707. Traffic-control signal. Replaced by adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-110, entitled "Traffic Control Signal." A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-508, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-708. Flashing red or yellow signals. Replaced by adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-112, entitled "Flashing Red or Yellow Signals." A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-509, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-709. Pedestrian control signals. Replaced by adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-11, entitled "Pedestrian Control Signals." A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-510, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-710. Stops to be signaled. No person operating a motor vehicle shall stop such vehicle whether in obedience to a traffic sign or signal or otherwise, without first signaling his intention in accordance with the requirements of the state law contained in Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 8, except in an emergency. (1971 Code, § 9-511)


15-712. Right of way; intersections. Replaced by adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-128, entitled "Right of Way; Intersections." A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-512, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)
15-713. **Left turns; right of way.** Replaced by adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-129, entitled "Left Turns; Right of Way." A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-513, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006, and amended by Ord. #15-347, Feb. 2015)

15-714. **Crossing at any point other than crosswalk; right of way.** Replaced by adoption of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-135, entitled "Crossing at any Point Other than Crosswalk; Right of Way." A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (1971 Code, § 9-514, repealed and replaced by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)

15-715. **Stopping and yielding.** Adoption, by reference, of the following subsections of Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 8, "Rules of the Road":

55-8-109  Traffic Control Devices.
55-8-131  Private Roads or Driveways; Right of Way.
55-8-133  Pedestrians; Traffic Control Signals.
55-8-134  Crosswalks; Right of Way.
55-8-145(a) Railroad Grade Crossings.
55-8-146  Railroad Grade Crossings; Stop Signs.
55-8-147  Railroad Grade Crossings; Passengers for Hire; School Buses; Explosive Substances or Flammable Liquids.
55-8-148  Railroad Grade Crossings; Machinery and Equipment.

A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (as added by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)
CHAPTER 8

PARKING

SECTION
15-802. Angle parking.
15-803. Occupancy of more than one space.
15-804. Where prohibited.
15-805. Loading and unloading zones.
15-806. Presumption with respect to illegal parking.
15-807. Heavy vehicle parking prohibited.
15-808. Stopping or parking.

15-801. Generally. Except as hereinafter provided, every vehicle parked upon a street within this municipality shall be so parked that its right wheels are parallel to and within eighteen (18) inches of the right edge or curb of the street. On one-way streets where the municipality has not placed signs prohibiting the same, the vehicles may be permitted to park on the left side of the street and in such cases the left wheels shall be required to be within eighteen (18) inches of the left edge or curb of the street, provided that in the event parking lanes have been designated by painted lines, all parking vehicles shall be within such lines.

Furthermore, no person shall wash, grease, or work on any vehicle, except to make repairs necessitated by an emergency while such vehicle is parked on a public street. (1971 Code, § 9-601, as amended by Ord. #01-011, June 2001)

15-802. Angle parking. On those streets which have been signed or marked by the municipality for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle indicated by such signs or markings. No person shall angle park any vehicle which has a trailer attached thereto or which has a length in excess of twenty-four (24) feet. (1971 Code, § 9-602)

15-803. Occupancy of more than one space. No person shall park a vehicle in any designated parking space so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the official markings on the street or curb designating such space unless the vehicle is too large to be parked within a single designated space. (1971 Code, § 9-603)

15-804. Where prohibited. No person shall park a vehicle in violation of any sign placed or erected by the municipality, nor:
(1) On a sidewalk;
(2) In front of a public or private driveway;
(3) Within an intersection or within fifteen (15) feet thereof;
(4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant;
(5) Within a pedestrian crosswalk;
(6) Within fifty (50) feet of a railroad crossing;
(7) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station, and on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of the entrance;
(8) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when other traffic would be obstructed;
(9) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
(10) Upon any bridge;
(11) Alongside any curb painted yellow or red by the municipality.
(12) Park a bus, taxi, construction equipment, farm equipment, trailer, or truck larger than 3/4 (three-quarter) ton net load capacity on any street fronting on residentially zoned property, except for the purpose of the immediate servicing of adjacent property. (1971 Code, § 9-604)

15-805. **Loading and unloading zones.** No person shall park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or merchandise in any place marked by the municipality as a loading and unloading zone. (1971 Code, § 9-605)

15-806. **Presumption with respect to illegal parking.** When any unoccupied vehicle is found parked in violation of any provision of this chapter there shall be a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle is responsible for such illegal parking. (1971 Code, § 9-606)

15-807. **Heavy vehicle parking prohibited.** (1) Prohibition. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation owning, operating or having control of any semi-tractor trailer (defined as a trailer with four or more wheels, supported in front by a truck tractor/towing vehicle of ten wheels) or truck tractor/towing vehicle, to park the same upon any street, avenue, alley, public way or yard in any residential area of the city.

The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to prohibit the lawful parking of such vehicles or equipment upon any street, avenue, alley, public way or yard in any residential area of the city for the actual loading or unloading of goods, wares, or merchandise, provided, however, that loading and unloading as used in this section shall be limited to the actual time consumed in such operation.

Any owner or operator or other person having control of such vehicle or equipment parked upon any street, avenue, alley, unpaved grassy, public way or yard in any residential area of the city in violation of this section may be cited by the police department to appear in the Alcoa City Court, and the court costs
shall be charged to the owner or operator or other person having control of such vehicle or equipment.

(2) **Penalties.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate this section. Any person in violation of this section shall be assessed a civil penalty prescribed in the general penalty provision of this municipal code of ordinances. (as added by Ord. #01-008, April 2001)

**15-808. Stopping or parking.** Adoption, by reference, of the following sections of *Tennessee Code Annotated*, title 55, chapter 8, "Rules of the Road":

- 55-8-158 Stopping or Parking on Roadways.
- 55-8-159 Stopping or Parking Upon Roadways; Removal.
- 55-8-160 Stopping or Parking; Prohibitions; Exceptions.

A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (as added by Ord. #06-105, Dec. 2006)
CHAPTER 9

RAILROADS

SECTION
15-901. Warnings at crossings.
15-902. Crossing tracks after warning.
15-903. Trains not to block street.
15-904. Duty of railroads as to gates.
15-905. Blowing whistles or horns.
15-906. Trespass - generally.
15-907. Trespass - on railroad bridge.
15-908. Getting on or off moving engines or trains.

15-901. **Warnings at crossings.** There shall be erected at all grade crossings on the line of any railroad in the city over which trains are operated, electric signals, crossing gates or provide flagmen or some other warning approved by the city commission. Such warning shall be provided and maintained by the railroad without expense to the city, and when warning devices are used they shall be erected and maintained under the supervision of the city engineer. (1971 Code, § 9-702)

15-902. **Crossing tracks after warning.** It shall be unlawful for any person, when warned against so doing by electric signals, crossing gates, watchmen or any other approved warning device, to cross or attempt to cross any railroad tracks within the city. (1971 Code, § 9-703)

15-903. **Trains not to block street.** It shall be unlawful for any railroad or railroad company or its officers, agents, or servants to operate any train, engine, car or other equipment, or to cause any bell, gong, light signal, gate or other warning device to operate, in such manner as to prevent or prohibit the use of any street for purposes of vehicular travel for a continuous period of time longer than ten (10) minutes, except that this provision shall not apply to trains or cars in continuous motion other than those engaged in switching. (1971 Code, § 9-704)

15-904. **Duty of railroad as to gates.** It shall be unlawful for any railroad company to keep the gates at crossing shut down for any unreasonable time, so as to obstruct travel.

In shall be unlawful for the railroads' employees to shut down the gates while persons are between the gates, so as to keep them on the track.
It shall be unlawful for any engineer or person in charge of an engine or train to move his engine or cars over a crossing unless the warning, as provided in this chapter, has been given. (1971 Code, § 9-705)

15-905. **Blowing whistles or horns.** It shall be unlawful for any person operating or in charge of a locomotive engine within the corporate limits to blow the whistle or horn on the same except as may be absolutely necessary in the use of the signals as laid down by the rules and regulations of railway companies, or as required by the laws of the state. (1971 Code, § 9-706)

15-906. **Trespass - generally.** It shall be unlawful for any person, not an employee, to walk or be upon the tracks of any railroad within the corporate limits, except where it is necessary to cross the same at regular and established street crossings, or to play or loiter about or upon the tracks, or within or upon the cars or engines of any railroad within the corporate limits. (1971 Code, § 9-707)

15-907. **Trespass - on railroad bridge.** It shall be unlawful for any person, not an employee of a railroad company in the necessary discharge of his duty, to get upon or walk upon, or get inside of any railroad bridge. (1971 Code, § 9-708)

15-908. **Getting on or off moving engines or trains.** It shall be unlawful for any person not a bona fide passenger or employee of a railroad company in the discharge of his duty, to jump, step or otherwise get upon or from or swing to or in any manner attach himself to, any moving engine, car or train within the corporate limits. (1971 Code, § 9-709)

15-909. **Construction and repair.** All persons, or corporations, owning or operating a railroad in the state, are required to make and furnish good and sufficient crossings on the public highways crossed by them, and keep same in lawful repair at their own expense. (1971 Code, § 9-710)
CHAPTER 10

STORAGE, ABANDONMENT AND IMPOUNDMENT
OF VEHICLES

SECTION
15-1002. Storage of vehicles on public property.
15-1004. Impoundment.
15-1006. Disposition of unclaimed vehicles.
15-1007. Penalties.
15-1008. [Renumbered.]

15-1001. Definitions. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

(1) "Person" - any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind.

(2) "Vehicle" - any machine propelled by power other than human power designed to travel along the ground by use of wheels, tread, runners, or slides and transport persons or property or pull machinery and shall include, without limitation, automobile, truck, trailer, motorcycle, tractor, buggy and wagon.

(3) "Property" - any real property within the city which is not a street or highway.

(4) "Abandoned motor vehicle" - a motor vehicle that is over four (4) years old and left unattended on public property for more than ten (10) days is considered abandoned; a motor vehicle in an obvious state of disrepair that is left unattended on public property more than three (3) days is considered abandoned; or a motor vehicle that has remained illegally on public property for a period of more than forty-eight (48) hours, or a motor vehicle that has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than forty-eight (48) hours is considered abandoned. (1971 Code, § 9-801, as replaced by Ord. #03-014, April 2003)

15-1002. Storage of vehicles on public property. No person shall use any street, sidewalk, alley, or other publicly owned property within the city for the purpose of storing vehicles. This chapter shall not be construed as

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affecting in any way the right of any person to park a vehicle temporarily in any space set aside and designated as a parking space for vehicles.

Any vehicle which is permitted to remain on any street, sidewalk, alley or other publicly owned property, for a period of forty-eight (48) hours (or seven (7) days with approval of the city manager) without being moved, shall be presumed to be stored in the meaning of this chapter. (1971 Code, § 9-802, as replaced by Ord. #03-014, April 2003)

15-1003. Abandonment of vehicles on public property. No person shall abandon any vehicle on public property within the city or leave any vehicle at any place on public property for such time and under such circumstances as to cause such vehicle reasonably to appear to have been abandoned. (1971 Code, § 9-803, as replaced by Ord. #09-189, April 2009)

15-1004. Impoundment. The city manager or his authorized representative is hereby empowered to remove any vehicle found in violation of §§ 15-1002, 15-1003, or 15-1004 of this code to a safe and secure place designated by him for that purpose. (1971 Code, § 9-804, as replaced by Ord. #03-014, April 2003, Ord. #R04-035, Oct. 2004, and renumbered by Ord. #09-189, April 2009)

15-1005. Notice of impoundment and repossession. Prior to the removal of any vehicle by the city manager, by authority of this chapter, the vehicle will be tagged with notice specifying date and time after which the vehicle will be removed, and the owner of the property will be given ten (10) days notice (by certified mail, return receipt requested) of the impending action of the city and the necessary steps to avoid removal of the vehicle, and subsequent impoundment. After a vehicle is towed, the owner may, within 30 days of the date the vehicle is towed, present to the city manager sufficient evidence of ownership and the ability to comply with all conditions as set forth in chapter 10 of the Alcoa Municipal Code. Upon payment of cost to the towing company for the removal and storage of such vehicle, the same shall be released to the owner thereof. The City of Alcoa will not be responsible for any damage resulting from the removal of said vehicle(s). (1971 Code, § 9-805, as renumbered by Ord. #09-189, April 2009)

15-1006. Disposition of unclaimed vehicles. In the event a vehicle removed from public property under this chapter is not claimed during the period of thirty (30) days from date of removal, the city manager shall proceed to sell such vehicle at public auction for cash to the highest bidder and out of the

1Municipal code reference
   Impoundment of vehicles: § 15-1101.
proceeds of the sale, he shall first defray the expenses of the sale, the expense of removal and storage of the vehicle and the remainder, if any, shall be paid in the general fund in the city. (1971 Code, § 9-806, as replaced by Ord. #R04-035, and renumbered by Ord. #09-189, April 2009)

15-1007. **Penalties.** Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable under the general penalty clause of this code. (1971 Code, § 9-807, as renumbered by Ord. #09-189, April 2009)

15-1008. **[Renumbered.]** (1971 Code, § 9-808, as renumbered by Ord. #09-189, April 2009)
CHAPTER 11

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

SECTION
15-1101. Impoundment of vehicles.
15-1102. Issuance of traffic citations.
15-1103. Failure to obey citation.
15-1104. Illegal parking.
15-1105. Accidents and accident reports.
15-1106. Violation and penalty.
15-1108. [Reserved.]
15-1109. When driver unable to report (incapacity).
15-1110. False reports.
15-1111. Parties to traffic offenses.
15-1112. Owner allowing illegal operation.
15-1113. Garages or repair shops; reports.
15-1114. Reexamination.
15-1115. Registration; prima facie evidence.
15-1116. [Reserved.]
15-1117. Motor vehicle accidents on divided, controlled access or interstate highway.

15-1101. Impoundment of vehicles.¹ Members of the police department are hereby authorized, when reasonably necessary to prevent obstruction of traffic, to remove from the streets and impound any vehicle whose operator is arrested, or any vehicle which is illegally parked, abandoned, or otherwise parked so as to constitute an obstruction or hazard to normal traffic. Any vehicle left parked on any street or alley without permission from the chief of police shall be presumed to have been abandoned if the owner cannot be located after a reasonable investigation. Such an impounded vehicle shall be stored until the owner claims it, gives satisfactory evidence of ownership, and pays all applicable fines and costs. The fee for impounding a vehicle shall be five dollars ($5.00) and a storage costs of one dollar ($1.00) per day shall also be charged, or such charges as may be made by privately operated agencies providing this service. (1971 Code, § 9-901)

¹Municipal code reference
15-1102. **Issuance of traffic citations.** When a police officer halts a traffic violator other than for the purpose of giving a warning, and does not take such person into custody under arrest, he shall take the name, address, and operator's license number of said person, the license number of the motor vehicle involved, and such other pertinent information as may be necessary, and shall issue to him a written traffic citation containing a notice to answer to the charge against him in the city court at a specified time. The officer, upon receiving the written promise of the alleged violator to answer as specified in the citation, shall release such person from custody. (1971 Code, § 9-902)

15-1103. **Failure to obey citation.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his written promise to appear in court after giving said promise to an officer upon the issuance of a traffic citation, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation was originally issued. (1971 Code, § 9-903)

15-1104. **Illegal parking.** Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by this code, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its license number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a citation for the driver and/or owner to answer for the violation within ten (10) days during the hours and at a place specified in the citation. (1971 Code, § 9-904)

15-1105. **Accidents and accident reports.** The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident within the city resulting in property damages or personal injury or death shall perform all the acts and give all the notices required by Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 10, in the manner and within the time required by said chapter. (1971 Code, § 9-905)

15-1106. **Violation and penalty.** Any violation of this title shall be a civil offense punishable as follows:

(1) **Traffic citations.** Traffic citations shall be punishable by a civil penalty up to fifty dollars ($50.00) for each separate offense.

(2) **Parking violations excluding handicapped parking.** For parking violations, excluding handicapped parking violations, the offender may, within thirty (30) days, have the charge against him disposed of by paying to the city recorder a fine of ten dollars ($10.00) provided he waives his right to a judicial hearing. If he appears and waives his right to a judicial hearing after thirty (30) days but before a warrant is issued for his arrest, his civil penalty shall be twenty-five dollars ($25.00).

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¹State law reference

15-1107. **Class C misdemeanors adopted by reference.** Adoption, by reference, of all Class C misdemeanors set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55 (motor and other vehicles), chapters 1 through 6, as of the date of the ordinance comprising this section and as subsequently amended, renumbered, retitled, and/or revised. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (as added by Ord. #13-303, Feb. 2013)

15-1108. [Reserved.]

15-1109. **When driver unable to report (incapacity).** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-109, and as subsequently amended. Incapacity. Sets forth responsibility for reporting accidents when the driver is physically unable to report. A violation of this section constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (as added by Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)

15-1110. **False reports.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-110, and as subsequently amended. False reports. Making it a violation for failing to report an accident when required under state laws adopted in the Alcoa Municipal Code at §§ 15-1105 and 15-1109. A violation of this section constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (as added by Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)

15-1111. **Parties to traffic offenses.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-201, and as subsequently amended. Parties. Defines all potential parties to traffic offenses. A violation of this section constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (as added by Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)

15-1112. **Owner allowing illegal operation.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated § 55-10-202, and as subsequently amended. Owner requiring or knowingly permitting illegal operation. Making it an offense to allow a person to operate a vehicle contrary to law. A violation of this section constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (as added by Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)

15-1113. **Garages or repair shops; reports.** Adoption, by reference, of Tennessee Code Annotated § 55-10-113, and as subsequently amended. Garages or repair shops; reports. Requiring report by a person in charge of a garage or repair shop under certain circumstances. A violation of this section constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (as added by Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)


15-1116. [Reserved.]

15-1117. **Motor vehicle accidents on divided, controlled access or interstate highway.** Adoption, by reference, of *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 55-10-117, and as subsequently amended. Motor vehicle traffic accidents occurring on divided, controlled access highway or interstate highway. Imposes duty to move from the highway a vehicle involved in a non-injury related accident. A violation of this section constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a maximum fine of up to fifty dollars ($50.00). (as added by Ord. #09-213, Oct. 2009)
CHAPTER 12
PRIVATE VEHICLES SALES

SECTION
15-1202. Regulations.

15-1201. Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the following terms are defined and shall be construed as follows:
(1) "Private vehicle sale" shall be the offering for sale or exchange, or the sale or exchange to the public of any vehicle, including a car, truck or motorcycle (or any other type of vehicle that requires a license for operation on public streets) at a sale held on privately owned residentially zoned or used property.
(2) "Residentially zoned or used property" is any real estate, lot or tract located in the City of Alcoa, which is used primarily for residential purposes. (as added by Ord. #03-015, April 2003)

15-1202. Regulations. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association to advertise, promote, conduct or hold any private vehicle sale within the corporate limits of the City of Alcoa, except as provided herein:
(1) Not more than two (2) private vehicle sales may be held during any one (1) calendar year or at any one (1) residentially zoned or used property. The vehicle offered for the private vehicle sale shall be owned at the time of the sale by the occupant of the residentially zoned or used property and shall not have been purchased by the occupant for the purpose of resale.
(2) Each such private vehicle sale may last no longer than sixty (60) continuous days.
(3) Court ordered sales and sales by executors or administrators in the settlement of estates are exempt from the provisions of this section.
(4) Sales of vehicles which are advertised by newspaper or radio for private appointment only, and which are not advertised by signs either on or off the premises, or on the vehicle and are not exhibited on the premises in such a manner as to indicate public sale, are exempt from the provisions of this section. (as added by Ord. #03-015, April 2003)
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FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS¹

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15-1301. Controlled substances and alcohol use and testing. Part 382 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR). (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)

15-1302. Commercial driver's license standards; requirements and penalties. Part 383 of the FMCSR. (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)

15-1303. Minimum levels of financial responsibility for motor carriers. Part 387 of the FMCSR. (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)

15-1304. General. Part 390 of the FMCSR. (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)

15-1305. Qualifications of drivers. Part 391 of the FMCSR. (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)

15-1306. Driving of motor vehicles. Part 392 of the FMCSR. (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)

15-1307. Parts and accessories necessary for safe operation. Part 393 of the FMCSR. (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)

¹Ordinance #04-015, April 2004 adopts the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations in this chapter by reference.
15-1308. **Hours of service of drivers.** Part 395 of the FMCSR. (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)

15-1309. **Inspection, repair and maintenance.** Part 396 of the FMCSR. (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)

15-1310. **Transportation of hazardous materials; driving and parking rules.** Part 397 of the FMCSR. (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)

15-1311. **Employee safety and health standards.** Part 399 of the FMCSR. (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)

15-1312. **Penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate this chapter. Any person in violation of this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty of $50.00 for each violation. (as added by Ord. #04-015, April 2004)