

Chapter 17

TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Section 17.1 **Adoption of Uniform Rules of the Road.**

The Uniform Rules of the Road, as set out in O.C.G.A. § 40-6-370, O.C.G.A. §§ 40-6-1 through 40-6-395, are hereby adopted as and for the traffic regulations of the City with like effect as if recited in this chapter.

Section 17.2 **Temporary Traffic Regulations.**

In cases where traffic upon the roads of the City may become congested upon occasions of parades, athletic events, and other public assemblages where large numbers of vehicles are assembled, the Chief of Police may make temporary rules directing and regulating the traffic in these congested districts, and any person, who, after being warned of the temporary traffic regulations, shall violate them, shall be liable therefor as for other violations of this Code.

Section 17.3 **Traffic, Speed, Safety, and Other Zones; Signs and Traffic Control Devices.**

a. The speed limit shall be 30 miles per hour on all streets, roads, and highways within the corporate limits of the City of Coolidge unless otherwise determined by ordinance. The Mayor, with the advice and assistance of the Chief of Police, is instructed to post speed limits signs in those areas deemed appropriate for adequate notice of the speed limit.

b. Upon approval of the Mayor and Council, the Chief of Police is authorized to designate and maintain by appropriate traffic control signs, markings, and devices:

1. Crosswalks at intersections where there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway.
2. Other safety zones for pedestrians.
3. Traffic lanes.
4. Speed, parking, truck, or other traffic control zones.
5. Stop, yield, one-way, and other directional devices.
6. Any other sign, marking, device, or zone necessary for orderly and safe conditions on the roads and streets of the City.

c. All traffic control signs, signals, devices, and markings shall conform to specifications in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices adopted by the state

transportation Board. All signs and signals required under this chapter for a particular purpose shall so far as practicable be uniform as to type and location throughout the City. All traffic control devices so erected and not inconsistent with the provisions of state law or this Code shall be official traffic control devices of the City.

d. The City Clerk shall keep and maintain an accurate official map setting out all traffic zones, markings, signs, and other traffic control devices. The map and any amendments or changes thereto shall be adopted by the Mayor and Council and the map shall be known as the official traffic control map of the City. An official copy thereof shall be kept in the office of the City Clerk; shall be available to the public; and copies certified by the City Clerk shall be admissible in court as proof of the location of any traffic zone, marking, sign, or other traffic control device.

e. No person shall be charged with violating a traffic zone, marking, sign, or other traffic control device unless appropriate signs, markings, or devices are in fact operating or in existence on the streets involved.

f. Any violation of any traffic zone, marking, sign, or other traffic control device established under this chapter shall be a violation of this Code.

Section 17.4 **Speed Detection Devices.**

a. The City is hereby authorized to use speed detection devices for the purpose of traffic control on the roads and streets in the City.

b. Such speed detection devices shall be used only for the purpose of public safety and traffic control and shall not be used for the purpose of raising revenue.

Section 17.5 **Covering of Loads.**

No person shall operate or load any vehicle on the public streets and roads of the City unless the vehicle is constructed, loaded, and securely covered so as to prevent any of its load from dropping, escaping, or shifting in such a manner as to create a safety hazard or in such a manner so as to litter the streets and roads of the City.

Section 17.6 **One Way Streets.**

The Mayor and Council may establish such one way streets as is necessary and proper for traffic flow in the City.

Section 17.7 **School Zones.**

a. The Mayor and Council may establish school zones on the public streets and roads

of the City by resolution establishing such speed limits and times for enforcement as is necessary to protect the health and safety of school children in the City.

b. The school zone speed limit shall be enforced from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days only.

Section 17.8 - 17.9

Reserved.

ARTICLE II. TRUCK ROUTES

Section 17.10 Definition of Commercial Trucks.

- a. The following classes of vehicles are hereby declared to be commercial trucks:
1. *Pole trailer* – Every vehicle without motive power designed to be drawn by another vehicle and attached to the towing vehicle by means of a reach or pole, or by being boomed or otherwise secured to the towing vehicle and ordinarily used for transporting long or irregular shaped loads, such as poles, pipes or structural members capable, generally, of sustaining themselves as beams between the supporting connections.
 2. *Semi-trailer* - Every vehicle with or without motive power, other than a pole trailer, designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.
 3. *Tractor* - Any self-propelled vehicle designed for use as a traveling power plant or for drawing other vehicles but having no provision for carrying loads.
 4. *Truck* - Every motor vehicle designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property; **except**, that class of vehicles known as pickup trucks shall not constitute commercial trucks unless they are towing a pole trailer or a semi-trailer.
 5. *Truck tractor* - Every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the vehicle and load so drawn.
 6. *Dump trucks, earth movers, crane trucks, and other heavy equipment* when such vehicle or equipment is not necessary for the construction, renovation, or maintenance of the road or structures within the subdivision.

Section 17.11 Operation Prohibited.

The operation or parking of a commercial truck or other vehicle, as defined in Section 1 of this ordinance, upon the residential streets of the City of Coolidge is hereby prohibited; provided, however, commercial trucks, while being used in making deliveries or taking on cargo for transportation from within a residential subdivision, shall not be prohibited.

Section 17.12 **Truck Routes.**

Those streets or portions of streets listed below within the corporate limits of the City of Coolidge are designated as truck routes. The operation of commercial trucks shall be permitted on designated truck routes.

1. Trucks with over ten (10) wheels shall only be allowed within the City limits of the City of Coolidge on the following streets: Highway 319, Highway 188, Zoe Avenue, West Geranium Avenue, East Woodhaven Road, South Walnut Street, Jones Street, East Verbena Avenue East Arbutus Avenue, and Mamie ~~Street~~.

Sections 17.13 - 17.19 **Reserved**

ARTICLE III. PARKING

Section 17.20 **Establishment of Limited or Restricted Parking Areas.**

a. Signs are Required.

When the Mayor and Council shall determine that parking in any area should be limited or restricted it shall by resolution direct the Chief of Police to have appropriate signs placed in or near such area in a manner that any ordinarily observant person may readily see such signs. The signs shall clearly indicate the restriction imposed in the area affected but no one parking in such areas shall be subject to prosecution until such signs have been so placed. Upon the adoption of such resolution, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police promptly to have such signs prepared and placed.

b. Obedience to Signs.

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in a restricted or limited parking area in violation of parking restrictions or regulations established by resolution of the Mayor and Council when such area and limitational restriction is clearly indicated by appropriate signs or markings.

c. Parking in Area Marked with Yellow Paint.

In addition to signs it shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to park on any public street or road in any area that has been painted with yellow paint by the city as authorized by the Mayor and Council. Yellow paint shall be the marking that establishes no parking zones.

Section 17.21 **Vehicles to Be Parked Within Limit Lines.**

All vehicles shall be parked within the areas designated by the Police Department of the City for such purposes by limit lines drawn or painted upon the pavement of the streets of the City. Where no such lines have been painted or marked designating such parking spaces, then each vehicle shall be parked in a manner that shall not impede the flow of traffic on the City street and in compliance with this article.

Section 17.22 **Encroaching on Street, Alley, Crossing or Crosswalk.**

No vehicles shall be parked in such manner as to close or encroach upon any intersecting street, alley, crossing, or crosswalk.

Section 17.23 **Parking in Public Driveways.**

No vehicle shall be parked in any public driveway.

Section 17.24 **Double Parking; Center Parking.**

It shall be unlawful to double park or center park any vehicle in any street; that is no vehicle shall be parked between the line of vehicles parked adjacent to the curb on one side of such street and the line of vehicles parked adjacent to the curb on the opposite side of the street.

Section 17.25 **Parking Vehicle of Excessive Length.**

No vehicle shall have a length greater than the standard automobile, measured from its front bumper to the extreme rear of the body and load of such vehicle, shall be parked at an angle in any of the streets and ways of the City but such vehicle should be parked adjacent to and parallel to the curb on the right hand side of the street in which such vehicles preceding.

Section 17.26 **Unlawful Parking Hours.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any automobile, truck or any other motor or other vehicle upon the paved streets in the City, or leave such vehicle parked upon the streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Section 17.27 **Authority Establishing Loading and Unloading Zones, Bus Stops and Taxi Cab Stands.**

Nothing in this article shall be construed as prohibiting the Mayor and Council from providing for parking space for unloading and loading commercial vehicles, for bus stops, for taxi cab stands, or for other matters of similar nature.

Section 17.28 **Parking Within Fire Lanes.**

It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to park within any fire lane at any time for any purpose. This section does not apply to any emergency vehicle of the City or vehicle of any utility company or ambulance providing service to any occupants of any building adjacent to a fire land during an emergency.

Section 17.29 **Parking in Deceleration in Lanes.**

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to park any automobile, truck, bus, truck tractor, trailer, tractor/trailer combination, motorcycle, moped, or other motor vehicle within or upon the deceleration or acceleration lanes lying in the incorporated areas of the City.

b. Deceleration and acceleration lanes shall be defined for the purpose of this section as those strips of pavement lying adjacent to and to the east of the northbound lanes of traffic and adjacent to and to the west of the southbound lanes of traffic which are not part of the regular roadway but afford access into and out of the driveways and side roads along the highway.

Sections 17.30 - 17.40 **Reserved.**