

Chapter 16

**TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES\***

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**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Sec. 16-1. Louisiana Highway Regulatory Act adopted.**

Pursuant to the authority conferred by R.S. 32:41(C), the town hereby adopts the provisions of R.S. 32:1 through 32:399, being the Highway Regulatory Act, and all regulations of the state department of highways and the director of public safety adopted pursuant to such chapter, except for such provisions and regulations as by their nature can have no application in the town and except as otherwise provided in this Code or by ordinance. Any person violating such provisions or regulations shall be punished as provided in section 1-11.

(Code 1964, § 18-1)

**Sec. 16-2. Installation of traffic-control signals.**

The mayor and selectmen may provide for the procuring, erection and maintenance of traffic-control signals exhibiting the words "go," "caution" or "stop," or exhibiting different colored lights successively one (1) at a time, or with arrows, or directing pedestrians to "walk," "don't walk" or "wait," or exhibiting flashing red, yellow or amber lights. Such traffic-control signals when erected shall have the meanings respectively assigned thereto by state law. It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with any such signal in the manner provided by R.S. 32:232, 32:233 and 32:234.

(Code 1964, § 18-21)

**Sec. 16-3. Traffic-control devices to conform to state manual.**

All traffic-control devices erected by the town shall conform to the manual and specifications of the state department of highways adopted pursuant to R.S. 32:235.

(Code 1964, § 18-3)

**\*Charter reference**—Authority of mayor and selectmen to exercise full jurisdiction in the matter of streets, § 16(11).

**Cross references**—Unlawful assemblies obstructing vehicle traffic, § 11-12; parades and demonstrations, § 11-15; vehicles damaging streets, § 14-3; vehicles prohibited on sidewalks, § 14-4; vehicles for hire, Ch. 18; off-street parking, loading and unloading, App. A, art. 6.

**State law references**—Motor vehicles and traffic regulations, R.S. 32:1 et seq.; municipal authority to regulate traffic, R.S. 32:41.

(b) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished in accordance with section 1-1.

(Code 1964, § 18-17)

**State law reference**—Reckless operation prohibited, R.S. 14:99.

**Sec. 16-29. Speed limit generally.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any motor vehicle on any street, alley or other thoroughfare within the town, excepting and excluding those streets and thoroughfares for which another speed limit is established pursuant to section 16-30, at a rate of speed exceeding thirty (30) miles per hour.

(Code 1964, § 18-18)

**State law reference**—Authority to establish speed limits, R.S. 32:41(A)(9).

**Sec. 16-30. Speed limits on specific streets.**

The mayor and selectmen may from time to time establish speed limits on specific streets different from the general speed limit provided in section 16-29. Speed limits so established shall be effective upon posting by the town. A schedule of speed limits so established shall be kept on file in the office of the clerk. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in excess of any speed limit so established and posted.

(Code 1964, § 18-19)

**Secs. 16-31–16-50. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE III. PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING\***

**Sec. 16-51. Regulation of parking at specific locations.**

The mayor and selectmen may from time to time designate areas in which parking shall be prohibited, prohibited during certain hours, limited in time, or otherwise regulated or restricted. It shall be the duty of the police chief to erect, install and maintain suitable signs or markings, giving notice of such regulations and restrictions, and it shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any such sign or marking.

(Code 1964, § 18-35)

**Sec. 16-52. Manner of parking generally.**

(a) Every vehicle standing or parked in a place where parking spaces have been marked off or otherwise indicated, whether in a parking meter zone or not, shall be entirely within a single parking space.

**\*Cross reference**—Off-street parking, loading and unloading, App. A, art. 6.

**State law reference**—Authority to regulate standing or parking of vehicles, R.S. 32:41(A)(1).

(b) In addition to the fine provided in subsection (a)(3) an offender for whom a summons is issued shall be subject to court costs and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed fifteen (15) days.

(Code 1964, § 18-33)

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