

AN ORDINANCE TO DEFINE CERTAIN OFFENSES OF  
DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND TO PROVIDE PUNISHMENT  
THEREFOR, AMENDED 4 March 1975

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hampton, acting by virtue of the authority contained in its Municipal Charter, that on and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful in the City of Hampton for any person to:

1. Drive or operate a motor vehicle upon the public streets of said City in a reckless and unsafe manner, and so as to endanger the lives and property of others, and to so operate a motor vehicle is hereby declared to be disorderly conduct and shall be punishable as hereinafter stated.
2. Drive or operate a motor vehicle upon the public streets of said City, except state roads, at a greater rate of speed than twenty-five (25) miles per hour, or fifteen (15) miles an hour in posted school zone, and said offense is hereby declared to be disorderly conduct and shall be punishable as hereinafter set forth. Speed limits on state roads are separately specified.
3. While driving or operating a motor vehicle upon the public streets of said City, to fail to stop at all stop signs or signals, or fail to observe all caution signs or signals, or fail to observe all signs or signals placed upon the public streets in said City for the purpose of directing, controlling or regulating traffic of vehicles using said streets, and that failure to comply with this ordinance is hereby declared to be disorderly conduct and shall be punishable as hereinafter set forth.

4. Drive or operate a motor vehicle upon the public streets of said City between sunset and sunrise unless said vehicle shall be equipped with two lights in front, one on the left and one on the right, which shall light the roadway at least seventy-five (75) feet in front of said vehicle, and a red light on the left rear of said vehicle visible for at least seventy-five(75) feet to the rear, nor shall said lights be focuses so as to blind approaching traffic, and each of said offenses is hereby declared to be disorderly conduct and shall be punishable as is hereinafter set forth.

5. Operate a motor vehicle upon the public streets of said City, with an open cutout, or to blow the horn unnecessarily, or by any means to attempt wilfully to create unnecessary noise by the operation of said vehicle, and same is hereby to be disorderly conduct and shall be punishable as hereinafter set forth.

6. Block or in anywise obstruct the public streets of said City by parking motor vehicles in same or by any other method, and same is hereby declared to be disorderly conduct and shall be punishable as hereinafter set forth.

7. The general laws of the State of Georgia shall be in effect in said City upon its public streets in regard to the operation of motor vehicles, and where local conditions require the police department of said City may, with the approval of the Mayor and Council, place such local traffic regulatory signs, signals and lights as may be necessary to direct properly the flow of traffic and control the operation

of such vehicles, and any operator of any vehicle failing or refusing to observe such regulations when notice is given by such sign, signal or light shall be punishable under Section #3 of this Ordinance. And said police department may outline parking and no-parking areas wherever it may be necessary, in order that certain streets upon which traffic is heavy, may not be obstructed, and failure to observe said areas when properly marked shall be punishable under Section #6 of this Ordinance.

8. Drive or operate a motor vehicle upon the public streets of said City at an excessive rate of speed, or fail to slow down for intersection streets, or fail to reduce the speed of said vehicle while rounding curves or turning at an intersection, or operate said vehicle to the left of the center of any street except while passing another vehicle, or operate said vehicle in a manner known as "weaving" which is going from one side of the street to another, or in running over stop signs, or in not checking speed in slow zones, or in traveling through the business section of the City without using due caution in regard to other vehicles and pedestrians.

9. It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully make, continue, or cause to be made or continued any excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud noise which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing within the city limits.

10. Exhausts. The discharging into the open air of the exhaust of any internal combustion engine, motor boat, or motor vehicle except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.

For the purpose of this ordinance all portions of State or National Highways running through said City shall be considered as public streets of the City, except as specified.

It is further ordained that any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance may be tried by the Recorders Court of the City of Hampton and that the Recorder thereof may, to his discretion, impose a fine of not less than one (\$1.00) dollar nor more than Three Hundred Dollars or imprisonment of not less than one (1) day nor more than sixty days, either one or both, for the violation of any one of the offenses set forth in this ordinance, and if more than one of the offenses named herein are violated he may in his discretion impose said named punishment in each of said offenses.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Hampton, Georgia, held on the 8th day of August 1950, and amended on 4 March, 1975, at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council.

First reading to add items 9 and 10 September 11, 1979.

Adopted items 9 and 10 October 9, 1979.

Signed E. M. Fortson  
Mayor

Signed Glenn Mitchell  
Council

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Mayor

Signed Cary H. Hall  
City Clerk

Tommy N. Smith  
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