## **Chapter 3: Offenses Subject to a Simple Misdemeanor Penalty**

- **3.1 Simple Misdemeanor Penalty.** Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor and, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of up to six-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$625) and imprisonment not to exceed thirty days (30).
- **3.2 Speed Limit.** The following shall be the lawful speed in each district and any speed in excess thereof shall be per se unlawful:
  - **A. Business District.** A speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour in the business district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.
  - **B.** Parks, Cemeteries, or Parking Lots. A speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour in any public park, cemetery or parking lot, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.
  - **C.** Residential or School District. A speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour in any school or residence district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.
  - **D. Suburban District.** A speed in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour in any suburban district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.
- **Traffic Control Devices.** It shall be unlawful to disobey the requirements of any traffic control device, as defined in Chapter 9.
- **Tampering with Vehicle.** It is unlawful for any person, either individually or in association with one or more other persons, to willfully injure or tamper with any vehicle or break or remove any part or parts of or from a vehicle without the consent of the owner.
- 3.5 Excessive Acceleration. It is unlawful for any person in the operation of a motor vehicle, including motorcycles, to so accelerate such vehicle as to cause audible noise by the friction of the tires on the pavement or to cause the tires of the vehicle to leave marks on the pavement or to throw sand and gravel, or to cause the wheel of a motorcycle to leave the ground more than two (2) inches, except when such acceleration is reasonably necessary to avoid a collision.
- 3.6 Use of Engine Brakes, Compression Brakes, and Mechanical Exhaust Devices. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to use or operate or cause to be used or operated within the corporate limits of the City any engine brake, compression brake or mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of any vehicle that results in excessive, loud, unusual, or explosive noise from such vehicle.
- **3.7 Minimum Speed.** No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation, or in compliance with law.
- 3.8 Requirement to Stop Before Entering Right-of-Way. The driver of a vehicle emerging from a private roadway, alley, driveway, or building shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto the sidewalk area and thereafter shall proceed into the sidewalk area only when able to do so without danger to pedestrian traffic and shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicular traffic on the street into which the vehicle is entering.
- **3.9 Vehicles on Sidewalks.** The driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon or within any sidewalk area except at a driveway.

3.10 Clinging to Vehicles. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on the streets of the City unless all passengers of said vehicle are inside the vehicle in the place intended for their accommodation. No person shall ride on the running board of a motor vehicle or in any other place not customarily used for carrying passengers. No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, in-line skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway.