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GENERAL TRAFFIC

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8.04.01 Regulation of traffic

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any motor vehicle upon the public way or upon any private driveway within the city of Lake City, Arkansas, in an inattentive manner.
- B. An inattentive manner of driving is defined as the operation of any motor vehicle on the public way or private way of the city of Lake City, Arkansas, while failing to give reasonable regard or attention to the act of driving or operation of such vehicle.

- C. Any person adjudged guilty of violation of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined in the amount of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00,) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). (Ord. No. 2001-183, Sec. 1.)

8.04.02 Passing on the shoulder

- A. It shall be illegal for any person to cause his motor vehicle to pass another motor vehicle on the shoulder of any street in Lake City.
- B. **Shoulder** is that portion of the street immediately adjacent to the designated travel lane area.
- C. Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00). (Ord. No. 95-161, Secs. 1-3.)

8.04.03 Farm equipment on Catfish Drive

- A. From and after the effective date of this ordinance, the unauthorized use, operation or transfer of any vehicle, truck, tractor, farm implement or any other mechanical device wider than eight (8) feet upon Catfish Drive from the intersection of Highway 18 to CR 808 shall be prohibited.
- B. Provided however, any person or entity engaged in farming lands which abut this street shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance to travel to and from the adjoining fields only.
- C. Any person or entity violating this ordinance shall, on conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) together with costs of prosecution. (Ord. No. 95-162, Secs. 1-3.)

CHAPTER 8.08

TRUCK TRAFFIC

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8.08.01 Definitions

Truck is defined as all truck tractors accompanied by a trailer, whether loaded or unloaded. (Ord. No. 85-109, Sec. 1.)

8.08.02 Truck routes All truck traffic is prohibited on all streets in the city of Lake City, except for such streets as are designated truck routes by appropriate signs, such truck routes being designated as follows:

- A. Catfish Drive
- B. All of Main east of Catfish to Walnut
- C. Nash Street
- D. Fourth Street
- E. Cottonwood Street
- F. Second Street
- G. Hickory Road
(Ord. No. 85-109, Sec. 2.)
- H. Cedar Street
- I. Prairie Street from Fourth Street to Main Street
(Ord. No. 85-109-1, Sec. 1.)

8.08.03 Fine Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of from Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense, and by a fine of from Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for any subsequent offense within a period of three (3) years. (Ord. No. 85-109, Sec. 3.)

CHAPTER 8.12

PARKING

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8.12.01 Application of article The provisions of this article or any traffic ordinance prohibiting the standing or parking of a vehicle shall apply at all times or at those times specified or indicated on official signs, except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or official traffic control device. The provisions of this article or any traffic ordinance imposing a time limit on parking shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles in specified places or specified times. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 1.)

8.12.02 Street parking It shall be unlawful to park, except for emergency vehicles, within the boundaries of the traveled portion of any street whether paved, gravel or dirt. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 2.)

8.12.03 Fire station entrance It shall be unlawful for any vehicle except a fire truck to park in front of the fire station entrance on Cobean Boulevard. (Ord. No. 1979,-84, Sec. 3.)

8.12.04 Certain streets When signs are erected on any street or part of street giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle on the side or sides of any such street or part of street so designated for no parking. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 4.)

8.12.05 Certain hours When signs are erected on any street or part of street in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle on any such street or part of street in each block so designated between the hours specified by the signs, except Sundays and public holidays. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 5.)

8.12.06 Signs Whenever by any provision of this chapter or any traffic ordinance a parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited on any street or part of street, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police, or some person designated by him, to erect appropriate signs on such street or part of street giving notice thereof and no such regulations shall be effective unless said signs are erected and in place on the side or sides of the street or part of street where parking time is limited or prohibited at the time of any alleged offense. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 6.)

8.12.07 Obstructing traffic No vehicle shall be stopped as to obstruct a crossing and shall not be stopped or allowed to stand within the intersection of any street or alley. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 7.)

8.12.08 Blocking sidewalks and driveways It shall be unlawful to park, stop or leave standing any vehicle in such manner that any part thereof extends over or onto any sidewalk or

any public or private driveway so that free passage over said sidewalk or ingress or egress from such driveway is prohibited or impaired. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 8.)

8.12.09 Highway 18 parking No vehicle shall be parked within ten feet of either side of the paved portion of Highway No. 18 in the city limits. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 9.)

8.12.10 Private property It shall be unlawful for any person to park or place any vehicle upon private property without the consent of the owner. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 10.)

8.12.11 Intersections It shall be unlawful for any person to stop or park a vehicle on any street in the city unless the front or rear end of said vehicle be at least fifteen feet from the curb line of the street or avenue intersecting said street. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 11.)

8.12.12 Fire hydrants It shall be unlawful for any person to stop or park an automobile, motorcycle, or vehicle of any kind whatsoever on any street, avenue or alley, within a radius or distance of eight feet of any fire hydrant within the corporate limits of the city. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 12.)

8.12.13 Towing

- A. In addition to the penalties provided in the following section, when any vehicle is found illegally parked, the Chief of Police is authorized to contact a wrecker service for the purpose of towing such vehicle away. The wrecker may tow the vehicle to the place of business of the owner of the wrecker.
- B. The owner of the vehicle may reclaim it from the wrecker service by paying the standard and customary charge for such towing service, plus any additional charges for storage. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 13.)

8.12.14 Penalty Any person violating any of the terms of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of not more than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each offense. Responsibility for any such violation shall rest with the owner of any vehicle illegally parked, regardless of who actually placed the vehicle in the parking area. (Ord. No. 1979-84, Sec. 14.)

CHAPTER 8.16

LARGE VEHICLE PARKING

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8.16.01 Tractor trailer It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association or partnership to park or cause to be parked any tractor trailer vehicle that is in excess of twenty (20) feet in length on any property that is zoned Residential R-1 or Residential R-2 in the city of Lake City, Arkansas. This shall not apply to the parking of a tractor only, but shall apply to either a trailer or tractor-trailer connected of a length in excess of twenty (20) feet and that no more than one (1) tractor may be parked in the R-1 and F-2 zoned areas at any one time. (Ord. No. 134, Sec. 1.)

8.16.02 Loading or unloading freight Provided however, any person, firm, corporation, associate or partnership may park said vehicle only for the purpose of loading or unloading freight or persons for a period not to exceed one (1) hour. (Ord. No. 134, Sec. 2.)

8.16.03 Recreational vehicles This ordinance shall not apply to the parking of recreational vehicles or motor homes not used in the conduct of a business. (Ord. No. 134, Sec. 3.)

8.16.04 Fine Any person, firm, corporation, association or partnership which violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per day and each day shall represent a separate violation. (Ord. No. 134, Sec. 4.)

8.16.05 Towing In addition to the penalties provided in the above section, when any vehicle is found illegally parked as provided above, the Chief of Police is authorized to contact a wrecker service for the purpose of towing such vehicle away. The wrecker may tow the vehicle to the place of business of the owner of the wrecker. (Ord. No. 134, Sec. 5.)

8.16.06 Reclaiming The owner of the vehicle may reclaim it from the wrecker service by paying the standard and customary charge for such towing service plus any additional charges for storage. (Ord. No. 134, Sec. 6.)

8.16.07 Mechanical vehicles

- A. It shall be unlawful to leave unattended any mechanical transportation devices, whether motorized or not, in any area between the southern base of the St. Francis levee and the middle of the main channel of the St. Francis River for a period of time exceeding five minutes unless left in an area clearly marked as a parking area.

- B. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall for each offense be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Further, the city shall have the right to tow the vehicle away from the prohibited area at the owner's expense and the towing and storage expense shall be charged as costs. (Ord. No. 98-174, Secs. 1-2.)

CHAPTER 8.20

INOPERABLE VEHICLES

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8.20.01 Definitions

Inoperable motor vehicle shall be interpreted to mean any vehicle placed on blocks or one that does not have current, valid license plates, or has one or more wheels removed, or is not in proper condition to be legally operated on the streets of the city because of lack of proper mufflers, tires, headlights or other mechanical defects or because of lack of an integral part of assembly, or is not capable of self-locomotion.

Public property shall be construed as any street, alley, right-of-way or property that is owned or under the control and supervision of the municipality.

Private property shall be interpreted to mean any and all other property that is not classified as public. (Ord. No. 88-117, Sec. 1.)

8.20.02 Public property It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm, company or corporation to maintain, store or keep upon any public property a junked, wrecked, inoperable or unlicensed vehicle as defined in this ordinance. (Ord. No. 88-117, Sec. 2.)

8.20.03 Private property It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or store, junked, wrecked, inoperable or unlicensed vehicles, as defined in this ordinance, upon private property, in the open within the corporate limits of the city for a period of more than fourteen (14) days. (Ord. No. 88-117, Sec. 3.)

8.20.04 Penalty Any violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00), nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and each day such violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense. (Ord. No. 88-117, Sec. 4.)

8.20.05 Removal of vehicle Whenever officers of the Police Department, Street Department, Fire Department or any other designated persons, observe any such vehicles as defined in this ordinance, placed or stored in the open upon public property, they shall file a written report with the Police Department, setting forth the location of said vehicle, its make or model, the license number and the name of the owner, if known. The Police Department shall notify the owner in writing to remove the vehicle within twenty-four (24) hours and in the event said vehicle is not removed, the Police Department is hereby authorized and directed to remove said vehicle and impound the same in accordance with the laws governing abandoned motor vehicles. In the event said motor vehicle obstructs the movement of traffic or constitutes a traffic hazard, the Police Department shall immediately remove said motor vehicle. The primary responsibility for the enforcement of this ordinance is placed upon the Police Department. (Ord. No. 88-117, Sec. 5.)

8.20.06 Exception for dealers Nothing in this ordinance is to be interpreted as preventing any licensed business dealing in any manner with any type of automobile from operating in a properly zoned area. (Ord. No. 88-117, Sec. 6.)

8.20.07 Exception for repairs or racing It is hereby further provided that nothing in this ordinance is to be interpreted as preventing a person from keeping upon his private property one such inoperable motor vehicle, as defined in this ordinance, for the purpose of making minor repairs or preparing and/or modifying a vehicle for the purpose of racing the same upon sanctioned drag strips or racecourses. In either of the situations mentioned above, the owner of said vehicle shall be permitted to obtain a permit from the Police Department or other designated persons allowing him to keep such an automobile upon his property for a period of three (3) months for the purposes stated aforesaid. Said permit may be extended for an additional three (3) months where necessary to complete construction or repairs. (Ord. No. 88-117, Sec. 7.)

8.20.08 Lien on vehicles The cost of investigation, towing, removal and storage of said motor vehicle shall constitute a lien upon said property from which it was removed and the city may take the necessary legal action to establish and perfect a lien against said property. (Ord. No. 88-117, Sec. 8.)

CHAPTER 8.24

ABANDONED ITEMS

Sections:

8.24.01	Abandoned items
8.24.02	Removal
8.24.03	Vehicles
8.24.04	Fine

8.24.01 Abandoned items From and after the passage and approval of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of a residential or commercial building, structure or property to utilize the premises of such residential or commercial property for the open storage of any abandoned motor vehicles, iceboxes, refrigerators, stoves, glass, building material, building rubbish, or similar items. An abandoned motor vehicle, for the purpose of this ordinance, is defined as one that is in a state of disrepair and incapable of being moved under its own power. (Ord. No. 2000-182, Sec. 1.)

8.24.02 Removal It shall be the duty and responsibility of every such owner or occupant to keep the premises of such residential and commercial property clean and to remove from the premises all such abandoned items, as listed above. However, up to two (2) abandoned motor vehicles may be openly stored behind a privacy fence on residential or commercial property. (Ord. No. 2000-182, Sec. 2.)

8.24.03 Vehicles Any owner or occupant that fails to remove an abandoned motor vehicle or all such abandoned items, after written notice to do so from the office of the Mayor, within ten (10) days after receipt of said notice, shall be in violation of this ordinance, and said abandoned items shall be removed by the city of Lake City and the costs of towing, removal and/or storage of said items shall constitute a lien upon property from which it was removed. The city's attorney is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary legal action to establish and perfect a lien against such property. (Ord. No. 2000-182, Sec. 3.)

8.24.04 Fine Any violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and each day such violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense. (Ord. No. 2000-182, Sec. 4.)

CHAPTER 8.28

OUTDOOR SHIELDED LIGHTING

Sections:

- 8.28.01 Cost
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8.28.01 Cost The City Council finds that (the additional cost of shielded fixtures over non-shielded ones, factoring in the projected energy cost of operating with shielded fixtures and knowing what the additional net cost to the city would be). (Ord. No. 2006-221, Sec. 1.)

8.28.02 Prohibitive The City Council hereby determines that the cost of acquiring shielded outdoor lighting fixtures will be prohibitive. (Ord. No. 2006-221, Sec. 2.)

8.28.03 Exemption The city of Lake City hereby expressly intends to avail itself of the exemption from the requirements of the act pertaining to the purchase of shielded outdoor lighting fixtures. (Ord. No. 2006-221, Sec. 3.)

CHAPTER 8.32

VACATING STREETS AND ALLEYS

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8.32.01 Vacating streets

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Elm Street
- Ord. No. 65-50 Oak Street

8.32.02 Vacating alleys

Ord. No. 61-41	Alley between Main St. and Court St. in Springer's Third Addition
Ord. No. 79-81	Alley between Lots 6 & 7 in Block B of Springer's Third Addition
Ord. No. 111	Alley adjoining Lots 1 & 2 of Block J, Springer's Second Addition
Ord. No. 113	Alley between Lots 7 & 8 of Cobb and Lees' survey of irregular lots
Ord. No. 94-154	Alley between Maumelle St. and Lake St.
Ord. No. 2008-232	Bush Street from Carter Street to Buffalo Street