

TOWN OF GAY

TITLE 8 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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Chapter 1 – General Provisions

Sec. 8-1-1 Uniform Rules of the Road Adopted

Pursuant to chapter 6 of Title 40, code sections 40-6-372 through 40-6-376, sections 40-6-1 through 40-6-354 of that chapter known as the Uniform Rules of the Road, are hereby adopted as

and for the traffic regulations of this town with like effect as if recited herein.

Ref: OCGA §40-6-372 through OCGA §40-6-376

Ref: OCGA §40-6-1 through OCGA §40-6-354

Sec. 8-1-2 Temporary traffic regulation

In cases where traffic upon the streets of the town may become congested upon occasions of parades, at theaters and other public assemblages where large numbers of vehicles are assembled, the mayor may make temporary rules directing and regulating the traffic in these congested districts, and any person, after being warned of the temporary traffic regulations, who shall violate them shall be liable therefor as for other violations of this code.

Sec. 8-1-3 Vehicle cover required

No person shall operate or load any vehicle on the public streets and roads of this town 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 town.

Sec. 8-1-4 Traffic, speed, truck, parking and other zones, signs and traffic control devices; schedule

- (a) The mayor and council, by ordinance, shall designate and maintain with appropriate traffic control signs, markings and devices after engineering and traffic investigations:
 - i. speed zones;
 - ii. truck routes and streets to be designated specifically to prohibit various classes of trucks;
 - iii. one-way streets and other directional control devices;
 - iv. freight reading zones and regulations;
 - v. parking and no parking zones and regulations thereon; stop, yield and other right-of-way signs; and
 - vi. stop signals and other traffic signals.
- (b) The town clerk shall maintain or cause to be recorded a current schedule of all traffic rules, regulations and orders under this section, which record shall be available for inspection by the public. This schedule is hereby incorporated herein and copies thereof shall be available for public inspection in the office of the town clerk.
- (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 hereunder for a particular purpose shall, so far as practicable, be uniform as to type and location throughout the town. 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 town.

- (d) Any violation of any traffic zone, marking, sign or other traffic control device established hereunder shall be a violation of this code.

Sec. 8-1-5 Obstruction of view and use by trees and shrubs; notice

- (a) No person owning, occupying or in anywise controlling property in this town shall permit any tree, bush or shrub on the property to project over any street or sidewalk of this town so as to obstruct or interfere with the view and use of persons walking or riding in a vehicle on the street or sidewalk or of other persons or vehicles approaching from cross or intersecting streets.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person, whether the owner, tenant, agent or person controlling property in the town to fail to remove any tree, bush or other obstruction from the streets or sidewalks of this town after 10 days' notice by the town to do so.

Sec. 8-1-6 Trains blocking streets

It shall be unlawful for any railroad train or locomotive to obstruct any street, road crossing, or public right-of-way for more than fifteen (15) minutes at a time. Any violation of this Section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Sec. 1-1-5(a) of this Code and as authorized by state law; and, citations for any violations may be issued against any engineer, conductor, or agent of the subject train, locomotive, or related railroad company. (Amended and replaced as of 08/19/2021)

Chapter 2 – Traffic Regulations

Sec. 8-2-1 Free flow of traffic; obstructions prohibited

All persons are prohibited from engaging in driving procedures which obstruct the free flow of traffic in, around, over and through the streets, alleyways and other public ways of the town. Any person is prohibited from stopping his vehicle (except at a stop signal or stop sign, or to honor another driver's right-of-way, or in an emergency situation) in a manner as to obstruct the free and orderly flow of traffic by the maneuver, or to engage in unduly slow driving procedures so as to obstruct the free flow of traffic or to needlessly "circle the block" or dawdle or make unnecessarily rapid accelerations and decelerations or to in any other manner constitute a traffic nuisance or hazard.

Sec. 8-2-2 Speed limits established

- (a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle or tractor upon any of the streets and highways of the town at a greater speed than is reasonable and proper having regard to the width, traffic and use thereof, or so as to endanger the property or life or limb of any person.
- (b) Twenty-five miles per hour shall be the maximum speed on all streets or portions of streets within the town unless otherwise indicated by officially posted signs designating the maximum vehicular speed upon those streets as approved by the mayor and council. (Amended by resolution prior to 1997)

Sec. 8-2-3 Traffic signs, signals, and markings

All traffic shall obey and be directed by official traffic control signals, signs and markings erected at street intersections and other locations now or hereafter approved by the mayor and council.

Sec. 8-2-4 Tracked vehicles prohibited on streets

It is unlawful for any person to operate any tracked or other vehicle having metal tracks or wheels upon the town streets.

Sec. 8-2-5 Penalty for violation

Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in section 1-1-5 of this code.

Chapter 3 – Parking Regulations

Sec. 8-3-1 Vehicles to be parked within marked spaces

Whenever a space is marked off on any highway for the parking of an individual vehicle, every vehicle there parked shall be parked within the lines bounding that space.

Sec. 8-3-2 Parking prohibited at all times in certain locations

It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle or other vehicle to park the vehicle in any of the places on the streets and alleys of the town specifically designated by posted signs indicating the prohibited parking.

Sec. 8-3-3 Parking prohibited in certain locations, certain days and hours

It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle or other vehicle to park the vehicle in any of the places on the days and between the hours indicated and specified by posted signs indicating the prohibited parking.

Sec. 8-3-4 Parking time limited in certain locations, certain days and hours

It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle, or other vehicle to park the vehicle or allow the vehicle to remain parked in any of the places on the streets and alleys of the town, at any time on the days and between the hours indicated and specified by posted signs limiting parking time in certain locations on certain days and hours.

Sec. 8-3-5 Special purpose parking zones established, parking otherwise prohibited

It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle, or other vehicle to park the vehicle or allow the vehicle to remain parked in any locations on the streets and alleys of the town

established and designated as special purpose parking zones indicated and specified by posted signs approved by the mayor and council.

Sec. 8-3-6 Penalty for violation

Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in section 1-1-5 of this code.

Chapter 4 – Off-street Parking for Fair Vendors

Sec. 8-4-1 Off-street parking for fair vendors

Refer to Title 3, Chapter 4 of this Code of Ordinances