

CHARLOTTE, NC

CRIMINAL PENALTY LISTING

The following table sets forth code sections and uncodified ordinance provisions, if any, that specifically impose a criminal penalty under or derived from G.S. 14-4(a) authority. This listing excludes provisions imposing only civil fines, the civil fine portion of provisions imposing civil and criminal fines, provisions imposing criminal fines derived from other, non-G.S. 14-4(a) related, statutory authority, and provisions providing that all other remedies and penalties are preserved. (See the bottom of the final page for notes concerning the city's general penalty.)

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
Chapter 3, Animals		
3-32	Interference with animal control officer; concealment of animal to evade animal control regulations; refusal to show proof of license, permit or rabies inoculation	¹ Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-61	Abandoned animals	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-62	Abuse of animals	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-63	Animal bites	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-64	Aggression-trained dogs	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-65	Guard dogs	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-66	Biting or attacking animals	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-67	Animals at city-sponsored events	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-68	Injuring animals by striking with vehicle; failure to notify owner or bureau	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-69	Nuisance animals and animal keeping	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-70	Reckless riding or driving of animal	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-71	Restraint of animals; animals in public parks	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-72	Harboring stray animals	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-73	Exotic or wild animals	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-101	License and rabies tags required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-102	Failure to obtain city permit for keeping certain animals; conditions for keeping certain animals	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-103	Keeping three or more dogs or cats—permit required; conditions of keeping	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
3-133	Duty of owner to surrender dangerous animal to bureau on demand	Sec. 2-21—General penalty

¹ “Sec. 2-21—General penalty” indicates that the section has no penalty provision, thereby making the Class 3 misdemeanor penalty of section 2-21 applicable without limitation, or that the section specifically states that section 2-21 is applicable.

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
Chapter 4, Aviation		
4-3	Ground rules for motor vehicles	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
4-4	Ground rules for aircraft	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
4-32	Commercial activity use permit required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
4-33	Commercial photographic activity permit required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
4-34	Permit required for delivery of aviation fuel	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
4-35	Permit required for ground handling	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
4-69	Solicitation permit required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
4-71	Permit for literature distribution required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
4-72	Picketing or demonstrations—permit required; rules for picketing and demonstrations	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
4-75	Picketing or demonstrations—Time, location, manner and number of persons involved	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
4-103	Ground transportation—Unauthorized operations; soliciting on airport roadways prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty (per sec. 4-110)
4-106	Ground transportation—Permit requirements	G.S. 14-4 penalties (per sec. 4-110)
Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations		
5-37	Non-residential structure—Occupying or knowingly allowing occupancy of a structure posted as unfit under section 5-37(e)	² Class 3 misdemeanor
5-46 to 5-50	Property maintenance standards violation	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
Chapter 6, Businesses and Trades		
6-253	Dancehalls—Permit required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-258	Dancehalls—Operating etc. when permit is suspended	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-259	Dancehalls—Operating etc. when permit is revoked	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-261	Dancehalls—Transfer of permit prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-262	Dancehalls—Operating etc. when permit is expired	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-263	Dancehalls—When persons under 18 permitted in adult dancehalls etc.; knowing violations	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-264	Dancehalls—Persons 18 and over prohibited in juvenile dancehalls etc.; knowing violations	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-265	Dancehalls—Hours of operation of juvenile dancehalls etc.	Sec. 2-21—General penalty

² “Class 3 Misdemeanor” indicates that the section specifically designates an act or omission as such without providing a penalty amount and with no reference to this code’s general penalty provision or G.S. § 14-4.

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
6-266	Dancehalls—Public safety: security required; operation in violation of city fire protection regulations prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-267	Dancehalls—Operation in violation of city zoning regulations prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-268	Dancehalls—Presence of dancehall operator required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-303	Escort and dating services—Permit required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-305	Escort and dating services—Escort registration required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-338	Health massage and bodywork therapists—Privilege license required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-339	Health massage and bodywork therapists—Allowing unlicensed person to perform services prohibited; posting of license required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-367	Junk dealers—Compliance with article required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-370	Junk dealers—Report required; certain purchase prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-371	Junk dealers—Daily purchase report required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-372	Junk dealers—Time for holding certain articles	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-403	Massage parlors, health salons, etc.—Prohibited acts	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-404	Massage parlors, health salons, etc.—License required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-405	Massage parlors, health salons, etc.—Allowing unlicensed person to treat or massage prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-432	Peddlers—License required, merchandise generally	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-433	Peddlers—Permit required, certain produce	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-436	Peddlers—Peddling in congested business district, coliseum district or stadium district	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-437	Peddlers—Time on street limited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-438	Peddlers—Hours restricted in residential areas	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-469	Sexually oriented businesses—License required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-470	Sexually oriented businesses—Posting of license	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-474	Sexually oriented businesses—Operating when permit is suspended	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-475	Sexually oriented businesses—Operating when permit is revoked	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-478	Sexually oriented businesses—Operating when permit is expired	Sec. 2-21—General penalty

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
6-479	Sexually oriented businesses—Prohibitions regarding minors	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-480	Sexually oriented businesses—Owner to ensure that live performance complies with section; live entertainers to comply with section	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-481	Sexually oriented businesses—Adult mini-motion-picture theaters: failure to comply with section unlawful.	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-482	Sexually oriented businesses—Clothing modeling studios: failure to comply with section unlawful.	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-516	Tryon Street Mall Vendors—Permit required; sale of certain goods prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-521	Tryon Street Mall Vendors—Prohibited conduct	³ G.S. 160A-175 and 14-4 misdemeanor
6-525	Tryon Street Mall Vendors—Permit required to vend on public plaza; unlawful to fail to display permit	G.S. 160A-175 and 14-4 misdemeanor
6-526	Tryon Street Mall Vendors—Lying or sleeping in prone position on seats, tables and benches prohibited	G.S. 160A-175 and 14-4 misdemeanor
6-562	Towing and Booting—Towing of vehicles for compensation from private parking lots; article compliance required	G.S. 14-4 misdemeanor with max fine of \$500 (per sec. 6-567)
6-563	Towing and Booting—Trespass towing of vehicles from private parking lots; signs required	G.S. 14-4 misdemeanor with max fine of \$500 (per sec. 6-567)
6-564	Towing and Booting—Booting service, photo ID to be displayed upon demand; vehicle marking required	G.S. 14-4 misdemeanor with max fine of \$500 (per sec. 6-567)
6-565	Towing and Booting—Trespass towing of vehicles from private parking lots, procedural requirements	G.S. 14-4 misdemeanor with max fine of \$500 (per sec. 6-567)
6-566	Towing and Booting—Interference with a towing service prohibited	G.S. 14-4 misdemeanor with max fine of \$500 (per sec. 6-567)
6-582	Residential rentals etc.—Registration required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty

³ “G.S. 160A-175 and 14-4 misdemeanor” indicates that the section specifically designates an act or omission as subject to G.S. 160A-175 remedies or as subject to both G.S. 160A-175 and G.S. § 14-4.

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
6-588	Residential rentals etc.—Prohibited acts; compliance required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
6-591	Alcoholic beverage sales on Sundays restricted	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
Chapter 7, Cemeteries		
7-7	Place of burial restricted	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
7-11	Monuments and markers to comply with city specifications	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
7-12	Trespassing	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
⁴Chapter 8, Fire Prevention and Protection		
8-6	Violations of chapter 8 or the adopted state fire code	Misdemeanor Sec. 2-21—General penalty
8-9	Fraternity and sorority houses to have automatic sprinkler system; disabling prohibited	
Chapter 9, Floodplain Regulations		
9-43	⁵ All violations of or failures to comply with chapter 9	⁶ Max fine of \$500.00 or 30 days incarceration.
Chapter 10, Health and Sanitation		
10-142	Graffiti prohibited—Unlawful to place on certain public and private property and unlawful to remove or effectively obscure graffiti on any property.	⁷ Not less than \$250.00 fine for first offense and not less than \$500 for second and subsequent offenses
Chapter 11, Housing		
11-45(g)	Violations and penalties—Failure to comply with final code enforcement order after appeal periods have expired etc.	⁸ Misdemeanor Sec. 2-21—General penalty
Chapter 13, Licenses		
13-44	Conducting business without a valid license, without paying license tax or without posting business license (sec. 13-1—13-43)	Misdemeanor Sec. 2-21—General penalty

⁴ It is assumed that the penalties of section 8-5 (notices of violations by fire inspectors) are civil penalties since they are not designated as criminal in nature; therefore, they are omitted from this listing. If those penalties are criminal rather than civil, they conflict with sec. 8-6.

⁵ Ord. No. 9339 dated 8-10-2018, not yet adopted in chapter 9, does not affect the penalty shown. The penalty is not specifically tied to code section 2-21 or G.S. 14-14 but is consistent with that authority, so the penalty is included in this listing.

⁶ Undesignated but specifically stated penalty.

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⁸ This penalty is also mandated by City Charter section 6.61.

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
Chapter 15, Offenses		
15-1	General—Distribution of handbills, advertisements, letters, pamphlets or other materials	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-2	General—Curb service sale of beer and wine prohibited during certain hours	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-3	General—Beer and wine consumption; possession of open container; disposal of containers	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-6	General—Congregating on bridges; climbing railings, signposts or other posts	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-7	General—Unauthorized persons on parking lots	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-8	General—Trespassing on motor vehicles	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-9	General—Obstructing view of pool or billiard rooms or bowling alleys	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-10	General—Maintenance of adequate drainage facilities	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-11	General—Operation of vehicles on school grounds	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-12	General—Animals prohibited on school grounds	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-13	General—Shooting	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-14	General—Possession of dangerous weapons	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-15	General—Public solicitation and begging restricted	G.S. 14-4 misdemeanor with max fine of \$500, imprisonment or both
15-19	General—Sniffing of model glue for purpose of becoming intoxicated	G.S. 14-4 misdemeanor with max fine of \$500 (per sec. 6-567)
15-20	General—Curfew during declared state of emergency	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-21	General—Misrepresentation of affiliations by salespersons	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-22	General—Termination of delivery of unsolicited printed material	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-23	General—Loitering for the purpose of engaging in drug-related activity	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-25	General—Failure of pawnbroker to do fingerprinting required in all pawn transactions	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-26	General—Camping and other activity prohibited on public property	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-27	General—Possession of obstruction devices prohibited; placing objects in roadway, public right-of-way prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty

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15-28	General—Possession and dispersal of noxious substances	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-29	General—Police lines and barricades	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-30	General—Kindling bonfires	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-31	General—Attachments to public and private property	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-52	High frequency radio set and auto calling devices—Equipping vehicle or operating inside city	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-53	High frequency radio set and auto calling devices—Permit—Application; issuance; annual renewal required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-54	High frequency radio set and auto calling devices—Transferability; required for removal of set to another vehicle; duty to report change of license number	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-55	High frequency radio set and auto calling devices—Follow-up or interference with police radio calls	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-56	High frequency radio set and auto calling devices—Automatic calling devices	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-61	Noise—Loud, disturbing noises prohibited generally	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-63	Noise—Sounds impacting residential life	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-64	Noise—Amplified sound	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-65	Noise—Permits for additional amplification—failing to obtain or violating permit terms	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-65.1	Noise—Outdoor amplification and music at commercial establishments	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-65.2	Noise—Permits for large outdoor music facilities—failing to obtain or violating permit terms	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-65.3	Noise—Chronic commercial and industrial noise	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-66	Noise—Animals	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-67	Noise—Motor vehicles	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-82	Offenses against morality and decency—Masturbation in public	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-83	Offenses against morality and decency—Urination and defecation on certain property prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-120	Monuments—Placement restricts; damage prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-132	Public parks—Prohibited acts regarding park property and animals	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-133	Public parks—Sanitation—Littering etc.	Sec. 2-21—General penalty

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
15-134	Public parks—Traffic restrictions	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-135	Public parks—Recreational activity restrictions	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-136	Public parks—Additional prohibited acts— consumption of alcoholic beverages, possession or use of illegal drugs, building fires etc., smoking, entering closed areas, sleeping on park equipment, disturbing others	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-137	Public parks—Merchandising, advertising and signs prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
15-153	Youth protection—Offenses (juvenile curfew)— Parent, guardian, owner etc. of establishment permitting juvenile to be present in public place or establishment during restricted hours.	G.S. 14-4 penalty \$100.00 max fine Incarceration for period at discretion of court (per sec. 15-157)
15-251	Carnivals—Failing to obtain permit, operating without valid permit, operating when permit revoked	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
15-255	Prostitution exclusion zone—Violation of exclusion notice issued pursuant to section 15-257	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor (per sec. 15-259)
15-271	Public transportation system—Proper fare and proof of fare payment	Class 3 Misdemeanor (per sec. 15-275(a))
15-272	Public transportation system—Vehicles—Acts prohibited; rules of conduct	Class 3 Misdemeanor (per sec. 15-275(a))
15-273	Public transportation system--Rapid transit rail platforms and other public transportation system related property	Class 3 Misdemeanor (per sec. 15-275(a))
15-274	Public transportation system--Other public transportation system related property	Class 3 Misdemeanor (per sec. 15-275(a))
15-302	Hotels and motels—Prohibited acts: Failing to number etc. each lodging unit, allowing guest registration with valid ID, charging hourly rate for lodging, blocking 911 calls from guest room, allowing guest to remain while participating in criminal activity, failing to allow law enforcement inspection, and failure to provide law enforcement officers with reasonable and timely access to parking area.	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor (per sec. 15-304)

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
Chapter 17, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control		
17-35	Engaging in land-disturbing activity without filing a plan or without complying with the filed plan	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
⁹ Chapter 19, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places		
19-2	General—Damaging or moving guide stakes or markers; failure to conform	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-3	General—Heavy equipment; scattered stones	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-4	General—Potentially dangerous fences	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-5	General—Congregating on sidewalks	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-6	General—Gutters and drains	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-7	General—Deposit of dirt and debris on streets and sidewalks	¹⁰ Max fine of \$500.00 or 30 days incarceration.
19-9	General—Walkways prerequisite to tearing down, remodeling or repairing buildings	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-10	General—Playing games in streets	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-66	General—Constructing or maintaining driveway in violation of article or without valid permit	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-97	Building numbering—General requirements	Misdemeanor Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-100	Building numbering—Owner or occupant's duty to number upon notice	Misdemeanor Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-101	Building numbering—Removing, defacing or allowing incorrect numbers to remain	Misdemeanor Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-137	Non-utility street cuts and land closures—Permit required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-138	Non-utility street cuts and land closures—Bond	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-139	Non-utility street cuts and land closures—Duty of excavator to notify fire department and city engineer; limitations on openings	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-141	Non-utility street cuts and land closures—Restoration and resurfacing of streets and sidewalks	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-143	Non-utility street cuts and land closures—Safety measures—Barricades; flags and signs; red lights	Sec. 2-21—General penalty

⁹ Chapter 18, Stormwater is omitted. In that chapter, only Art. IV, Post Construction Stormwater, has criminal penalties associated with G.S. 14-4. Sec. 18-213(h) provides that violations “may be enforced as a misdemeanor subject to the maximum fine permissible under state law.” That language appears to be part of the model ordinance and, given the detailed structure of civil penalties that precedes it in the section, may have been retained in error or is simply not used by the city. I have omitted the section from this listing.

¹⁰ Undesignated but specifically stated penalty.

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
19-144	Non-utility street cuts and land closures—Walkway	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-173	Sidewalks and drainage facilities—Required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-174	Sidewalks and drainage facilities—Standards of construction	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-175	Sidewalks and drainage facilities—Approval of plans required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-178	Sidewalks and drainage facilities—Occupancy of any building in violation of article	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-208	Decorative signs—Prohibited sign devices	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-209	Decorative signs—Location, size, and placement of signs	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-210	Decorative signs—Erection and removal of signs	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-211	Decorative signs—Insurance; liability	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-213	Decorative signs—Unlawful acts	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-241	Obstructions and encroachments—Obstructions generally	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-242	Obstructions and encroachments—Encroachment agreements required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-243	Obstructions and encroachments—Maximum height of structures etc., violation of section	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-244	Obstructions and encroachments—Grates on sidewalks	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-245	Obstructions and encroachments—Obstructions to cross visibility at intersections deemed nuisance; abatement procedures	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-275	Sidewalk dining—Placement of furnishings	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-302	Picketing—Notice of intent required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-303	Picketing—Regulations, required and prohibited conduct	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-312	Public assemblies and parades—Permit required, violation of permit requirements and restrictions prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
19-313	Public assemblies and parades—regulations	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
Chapter 20, Subdivisions		
20-4	Compliance with chapter required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
20-12	Planning department approved required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
20-26	Subdivision of land prohibited without compliance with chapter requirements	Sec. 2-21—General penalty

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
Chapter 21, Trees		
21-61	Specifications and regulations for trees on public property	¹¹ Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124 ¹²).
21-62	Maintenance requirements for trees on private property	Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124)
21-63	Tree work permit required for certain maintenance activities	Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124)
21-64	Utility personnel to comply with maintenance requirements, submit written specifications	Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124)
21-65	Unlawful for public property owners to fail to comply with chapter	Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124)
21-91	Tree survey required with certain construction related applications	Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124)
21-92	Tree protection plan required with certain construction related applications	Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124)
21-93	General tree saving requirements	Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124)
21-94	Tree save area and tree protection zone requirements for commercial development	Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124)
21-95	Tree save requirements for single-family development	Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124)
21-96	Tree planting requirements	Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124)

¹¹ All penalties with regard to this chapter are alternatives to stated civil penalties.

¹² Sec. 21-124 provides that violations of the chapter are Class 2 misdemeanors punishable as provided in section 2-21 (general penalty section). Since section 2-21 does not address Class 2 misdemeanors, I have assumed that section 21-124 intended to refer to Class 3 misdemeanors under section 2-21.

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
21-122	Refusal of entry or access to authority city representative or agent for inspection prohibited	Class 3 misdemeanor, Sec. 2-21 penalties (per section 21-124)
Chapter 22, Vehicles for Hire		
22-125	Compliance with chapter required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-129	Transfer of certificates and permits prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-150	Operations requirements—Company operating certificate, vehicles operating permit and driver's permit	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-152	Operations requirements—Display of driver's permit, vehicle operating permit, and PVH decal	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-153	Operations requirements—Compliance with set rates and charges required, extra charges for transporting disabled prohibited, when excess baggage charges permitted	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-154	Operations requirements—Posting of rates etc. required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-155	Operations requirements—Shared rides restricted, occupants other than driver and fare prohibited	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-156	Operations requirements—Unlawful to charge excessive rate, customer required to pay fare, receipt to be provided upon demand	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-157	Operations requirements—Return of passenger's property	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-158	Operations requirements—Owner/driver conduct restrictions	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-159	Operations requirements—Metered vehicle stand specifications and operating regulations	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-160	Operations requirements—Compliance with state law and other applicable ordinances required; compliance with speed and other safety regulations required; unlawful to park in certain areas	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-161	Operations requirements—Off-duty placard form and design	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-163	Operations requirements—Advertising restrictions	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-164	Operations requirements—Records required	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-166	Operations requirements—Additional regulations for for-hire vehicles at Charlotte Douglas International Airport	Sec. 2-21—General penalty

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
22-175	Vehicle requirements—Age limits	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
22-176	Vehicles requirements—Additional, unlawful to reduce wheel/tire size on metered vehicle or to change gears that operate meter	Sec. 2-21—General penalty
Chapter 23, Water, Sewers and Industrial Waste Discharge		
23-137	Unauthorized turning on of water after turnoff by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department	¹³ Misdemeanor, \$500.00 fine (per sec. 23-262)
23-140	Damage to elements of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department water system	¹⁴ Misdemeanor, \$500.00 fine (per sec. 23-262)
Appendix A, Zoning		
8.104	Knowing or willful violation of any zoning regulation	Misdemeanor, \$500.00 maximum fine or imprisonment for up to 30 days
10.214	Failure to correction violation within 30 days of notice	Misdemeanor

NOTES RE CITY'S GENERAL PENALTY AND RELATED STATUTES

City Code § 2-21 provides, in pertinent part: “Unless otherwise provided, any person violating any section of this Code or any ordinance of the city shall be guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to punishment in accordance with G.S. 14-4. Unless otherwise provided, the maximum fine for a misdemeanor violation is \$500.00.”

G.S. § 160A-175(b) provides: “Unless the Council shall otherwise provide, violation of a city ordinance is a misdemeanor or infraction as provided by G.S. 14-4. An ordinance may provide by express statement that the maximum fine, term of incarceration, or infraction penalty to be imposed for a violation is some amount of money or number of days less than the maximum imposed by G.S. 14-4.”

G.S. § 14-4(a) provides, in pertinent part: “Any person [who] shall violate an ordinance ... shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$500.00. No fine shall exceed \$50.00 unless the ordinance expressly states that the maximum fine is greater than \$50.00.”

G.S. § 14-3 provides that the maximum punishment for a Class 3 misdemeanor is a fine of up to \$500.00 and incarceration of up to 30 days.

¹³ This penalty is authorized only during water shortage declaration periods.

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