Town of Granite Falls

We believe that our entire Code of Ordinances are criminal offenses pursuant to G.S.14-4(a). All Chapters not specifically listed are subject to the following provision §10.99.

§ 10.99 GENERAL PENALTY.

- (A) In accordance with G.S. § 160A-I75, violation of any provision hereof shall be a misdemeanor or infraction as provided in G.S. § 14-4, punishable on conviction by a fine not exceeding \$50 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days. An ordinance may provide by express statement that the maximum fine or term of imprisonment to be imposed for its violation shall be some figure or number of days less than the maximum penalties prescribed by G.S. § 14-4.
- (B) An ordinance contained herein may provide for its enforcement by other remedies, as authorized in G.S. § 160A-175, including the imposition of civil fines, the ordering of specific equitable relief, including injunctions, or a combination of remedies. In addition, any ordinance contained herein may be enforced by an appropriate equitable remedy issuing from a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (C) An ordinance may provide, when appropriate, that each day's continuing violation shall be a separate and distinct offense.

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The following list is the code sections that specifically reference criminal offenses.

Misdemeanor Offenses (explicitly adopted pursuant to NCGS 14-4)			
Ch. Title	Code Citation	What is the criminal violation?	Code Excerpt
CHAPTER 33: STATE OF EMERGENCY	33.99	Violating Ordinances during a declared State of Emergency	As provided in G.S. § 14-288, any person who violates any provision of § 33.05(B) after a curfew has been imposed pursuant to this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$50 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both.
CHAPTER 50: SOLID WASTE,	50.99	Violating Ordinances concerning accumulation of scrap materials, noxious growth of vegetation, solid waste, and abandoned and junk motor vehicles.	(A) A violation of §§ 50.02, 50.04 through 50.28 of this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable as provided in G.S. § 14-4.

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JUNK AND		(B) A violation of any of the provisions specified in
WEEDS		division (A) of this section (as well as § 50.03) shall
		also subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$50. If
		the offender fails to pay this penalty within 15
		calender days after being cited for a violation, the
		penalty may be recovered by the town in a civil
		action in the nature of debt.
		(C) Each day that any violation continues after a
		person has been notified that such violation exists
		and that he or she is subject to the penalties specified
		in divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall constitute
		a separate offense.
		(D) This chapter may also be enforced by any
		appropriate equitable action, including injunctions or
		orders of abatement. If charges for the removal or
		abatement of a public nuisance are not paid within 30
		days after the receipt of a statement of charges, the
		charges shall become a lien upon the land or
		premises where the public nuisance existed and shall
		be collected as unpaid taxes.
		(E) The town shall notify a chronic violator of any
		nuisances enumerated herein that, if the violator's
		property is found to be in violation of this chapter,
		the town shall, without further notice in the calendar
		year in which notice is given, take action to remedy
		the violation, and the expense of the action shall
		become a lien upon the property and shall be
		collected as unpaid taxes. The notice shall be sent by
		certified mail. A chronic violator is a person who
		owns property whereupon, in the previous calendar
		year, the town gave notice of violation at least 3
		times under any provision of the public nuisance
		ordinance, as provided in G.S. § 160A-200.1.
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			(F) The town may enforce this chapter by any one or any combination of the foregoing remedies. (Prior Code, § 11-36)
CHAPTER 51: WASTEWATER	51.99	Violation of Ordinances Related to Wastewater Discharge	Penalties for violation of this chapter may include any 1 or combination of the following: (A) Emergency suspension. (1) The Water Resources Director may suspend the wastewater treatment service and/or wastewater permit when suspension is necessary in order to stop an actual or threatened discharge which: (a) Presents or may present an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of persons or the environment; and/or (b) Interferes with the POTW or causes the POTW to violate any condition of its NPDES permit. (2) Any user notified of a suspension of the wastewater treatment service and/or the wastewater permit shall immediately stop or eliminate the contribution. (3) A hearing will be held within 15 days of the notice of suspension to determine whether the suspension may be lifted or the user's waste discharge permit terminated. (4) In the event of a failure of the person to comply voluntarily with the suspension order, the Water Resources Director shall take steps as deemed necessary, including immediate severance of the sewer connection, to prevent or minimize damage to the POTW system or endangerment to any individuals. (5) The Water Resources Director shall reinstate the wastewater permit and the wastewater treatment

service upon proof of the elimination of the
noncompliant discharge.
(6) The industrial user shall submit a detailed written
statement describing the causes of the harmful
contribution and the measures taken to prevent any
future occurrence to the Water Resources Director
prior to the date of the hearing outlined in division
(A) above.
(B) Termination of permit. Any user who violates the
following conditions of this chapter, or applicable
state and federal regulations, is subject to having its
permit terminated. Violations may include but are
not limited to:
(1) Failure to factually report the wastewater
constituents and characteristics of discharge;
(2) Failure to report significant changes in operation
or wastewater constituents and characteristics;
(3) Refusal of reasonable access to the user's
premises for the purpose of inspection or monitorin
and/or
(4) Violation of conditions of the permit.
(C) Civil penalties. Any user who is found to have
failed to comply with any provision of this chapter,
the orders, rules, regulations and permits issued
hereunder, shall be fined up to \$1,000 for each
offense.
(1) Each day on which a violation shall occur or
continue shall be deemed a separate and distinct
offense.
(2) The assessments may be added to the user's new
scheduled sewer service charges and the POTW sha
have the remedies for the collection of the
assessments as it has for collection of other service
charges.

(D) Judicial remedies. If any person discharges
sewage, industrial wastes or other wastes into the
wastewater disposal system contrary to the
provisions of this chapter or any order or permit
issued hereunder, the Water Resources Director,
through the Town Attorney, may commence an
action for appropriate legal and/or equitable relief in
the General Court of Justice for Caldwell County.
(E) Criminal violations. Any user who is found to have
failed to comply with any provision of this chapter, or
the orders, rules, regulations and permits issued
hereunder, shall be, upon conviction, guilty of a
misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or imprisonment
or both as provided in G.S. § 14-4.
(F) Penalty for falsifying information. Any person who
knowingly makes any false statements,
representations, or certifications in any application,
record, report, plan or other document filed or
required to be maintained pursuant to this chapter,
or wastewater permit, or who falsifies, tampers with,
or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring
device or method required under this chapter, shall,
upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more
than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 6
months, or by both.
(G) Injunctive relief. Whenever an industrial user is in
violation of the provisions of this chapter or an order
or permit issued hereunder, the Water Resources
Director, through the Town Attorney, may petition
the General Court of Justice for the issuance of a
preliminary or permanent injunction, or both as may
be appropriate, which restrains or compels the
activities in question.

(1) In the event the POTW chooses to correct the violation itself, the cost of correction may be added to the next scheduled sewer service charge payable by the user(s) causing the violation. (2) The POTW shall have remedies for the collection of costs as it has for the collection or other sewer service charges. (H) Annual publication of reportable noncompliance. At least annually, the Water Resources Director will publish in the largest daily newspaper circulated in the service area, a list of those industrial users which are found to be in significant violation; as defined by § .0903(b)(10) of the NRCD rules, with this chapter or any order or permit issued hereunder, during the 12 month period since the previous publication. (I) Water-supply severance. Whenever an industrial
Any user(s) creating a public nuisance shall be subject to the provisions of G.S. § 14-4 governing nuisances, including reimbursing the POTW for any costs incurred in removing, abating or remedying said nuisance. (Ord. 68, passed 8-6-1990)

CHAPTER 52:	52.999	Violating Ordinances Related to the Public Water and Sewer	(A) The town will seek to enforce this chapter by
PUBLIC WATER	32.333	System including Tampering with the System or Meters,	using any 1 or combination of the foregoing
AND SEWER		Required Connections, Obstruction of Flow, a Declared	remedies. (Prior Code, § 14-127)
SYSTEM		Water Emergency, etc.	(1) Disconnection. Should any person fail to obtain a
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			permit or authorization from the approving authority
			as required in §§ 52.001, 52.045, and/or 53.21 the
			approving authority shall, upon 24 hours notice, if the
			person is using town water, disconnect the
			connection with the town water system.
			(a) The connection will only be restored at the
			expense of the person.
			(b) If the person does not use town water, the
			person, after 24 hours notice shall have his or her
			connection with the town sewer system severed, and
			the severance will only be restored at the person's
			expense. (Prior Code, § 14-121)
			(2) Non-compliance. Non-compliance shall result
			from the failure of any person to comply with any of
			the provisions of this chapter except those
			enumerated in division (A) above. (Prior Code, § 14-
			122)
			(3) Misdemeanors. A violation of §§ 52.004, 52.010,
			52.074 and/or 52.075 shall constitute a misdemeanor
			punishable as provided in G.S. § 14-4. (Prior Code, §
			14-123)
			(4) Civil penalties. A violation of any of the sections
			listed below shall subject the offender to a civil
			penalty of the amount corresponding to the section
			violated. If a persons fails to pay this penalty within
			10 days after being cited for a violation, the town
			may seek to recover the penalty by filing a civil action
			in the nature of a debt. The civil penalties are as
			follows:

			\$500 for commercial/industrial users. Each occurrence of a violation of this section shall be considered a separate violation. Penalties shall be added to the customers water bill. A second violation and/or failure to pay fines shall result in discontinuation of service. (Ord. 210A, passed 11-4-2002)
CHAPTER 53: WATER AND SEWER EXTENSIONS	53.99	Violating Ordinances Related to Water and Sewer Extensions	Violation of provisions contained within this chapter shall make the violator subject to any 1 or combination of penalties contained within § 52.999.
CHAPTER 54: ELECTRIC	54.99	Violating Ordinances Related to Electric Service including Meter Tampering	(A) Any person violating any of the provisions of § 54.46 shall be fined, imprisoned, or both fined and imprisoned, in accordance with state statute. (B) Whoever is found in a civil action to have violated any provision of § 54.46 shall be liable to the electric or water supplier in triple the amount of losses and damages sustained or \$500, whichever is greater. (Prior Code, B § 6.1) (C) The minimum penalty for meter tampering shall be in accordance with the North Carolina state statutes. (Prior Code, B § 6.2)

CHAPTER 70 and	70.99	Violating Ordinances Related to Traffic, Parking, Loading and	(A) Any violation of the following sections or
CHAPTER 71:		Unloading, etc.	schedules shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable
TRAFFIC CODE		G.	by a fine not more than \$50, or imprisonment for not
			more than 30 days, or both: §§ 70.02, 70.03, 70.04,
			70.05, 70.07, 70.08, Ch. 72 Schedule II, or Ch. 72
			Schedule III.
			(B) Any violation of the following sections shall
			constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not
			more than \$100: §§ 71.01, 71.02, 71.03, 71.04, 71.05,
			71.06, 71.07, 71.08, 71.09, or 73.01.
			(C) Any violation of the following sections shall
			subject the offender to a civil penalty as follows:
			(1) One dollar: §§ 71.02, 71.03, 71.05, 71.07, or
			71.08, 73.01.
			(2) Five dollars: §§ 71.01 (except division (A)(2)), or
			71.02.
			(3) Twenty-five dollars: § 71.01(A)(2).
			(D) If the offender fails to pay this penalty within 10
			days after being cited for a violation and notified of
			the penalty, the town may seek to collect it in a civil
			action in the nature of a debt. (Prior Code, § 6-39)

ANIMALS AND FOWL of Livestock and Animals including Wild, Exotic, or Dangerous Animals (Exotic plane)	 (A) Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99. (B) Violation of § 90.36 is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100 or imprisonment for not
(c)	more than 30 days or both. (Prior Code, § 10-21C) (C) The owner of a dangerous dog that attacks a person and causes physical injuries requiring medical treatment in excess of \$100 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment up to 6 months, or both. (Prior Code, § 10-22) (D) (1) If any person, firm or corporation shall violate any provision or section of §§ 90.35 et seq., he or she shall upon conviction be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not to exceed \$50 or be imprisoned for a period not to exceed 30 days, or both, as provided in G.S. § 14-4 unless stated otherwise. (2) A violation of any of the provisions of §§ 90.35 et seq. shall also subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$50. If the offender fails to pay this penalty within 15 calendar days after being cited for a violation, the penalty may be recovered by the town in a civil action in the nature of a debt. (3) Each day that any violation continues, after a person has been notified that the violation exists and that he or she is subject to the penalties specified in divisions (D)(3) and (4) hereof, shall constitute a separate violation or offense. (4) Sections 90.35 et seq. may also be enforced by any appropriate equitable action, including injunctions or orders of abatement.

			(5) The town may enforce §§ 90.35 et seq. by any 1 or any combination of the foregoing remedies. (Prior Code, § 10-26)
CHAPTER 91: CEMETERIES	91.99	Violating Ordinances Related to Town Cemeteries including Burials, Conduct, Desecration, Removing or Defacing Tombstones, Ownership of Plots, etc.	 (A) A violation of this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor, unless otherwise provided, punishable as provided in G.S. § 14-4. (B) Violations shall also subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$50, unless otherwise provided. If a person fails to pay this penalty within 10 days after being cited for a violation, the town may seek to recover the penalty by filing a civil action in the nature of debt. (C) The town may seek to enforce this chapter through any appropriate equitable action. (D) Each day that a violation continues after the offender has been notified of the violation shall constitute a separate offense. (E) The town may seek to enforce this chapter by using any 1 or any combination of the foregoing remedies. (Prior Code, § 13-26)

CHAPTER 93:	93.99	Violating Ordinances Related to Fire Protection including	(A) A violation of §§ 93.02, 93.04, 93.05, 93.06,
FIRE		Open Burning, False Alarms, etc.	and/or 93.07, as well as the provisions of the Fire
PROTECTION		6, 111 1, 111	Code adopted by reference in § 93.01 shall constitute
			a misdemeanor, punishable as provided in G.S. § 14-
			4.
			(B) A violation of any of the sections listed in division
			(A) above shall also subject the offender to a civil
			penalty of \$100.
			(C) If a person fails to pay this penalty within 10 days
			after being cited for a violation, the town may seek to
			recover the penalty by filing a civil action in the
			nature of debt.
			(D) The town may seek to enforce this chapter
			through any appropriate equitable action.
			(E) Each day that a violation continues after the
			offender has been notified of the violation shall
			constitute a separate offense.
			(F) The town may seek to enforce this chapter by
			using any 1 or any combination of the foregoing
			remedies. (Prior Code, § 12-18)
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CHAPTER 94:	94.99	Violating Ordinances Related to Street and Sidewalks	(A) A violation of any of the following sections shall
STREETS AND		including Damages to and Obstructions of Streets, Signs,	constitute a misdemeanor, punishable as provided in
SIDEWALKS		Sidewalks, and Ditches, Requiring House and Building	G.S. § 14-4: §§ 94.01,94.02, 94.15, 94.16, 94.17,
		Numbers, and Street Events	94.18, 94.19, 94.20, 94.35, 94.36, 94.37, 94.46,
			94.52(D), 94.53(E), and 94.54.
			(B) A violation of any of the sections listed in division
			(A) shall also subject the offender to a civil penalty of
			\$25.
			(C) If a person fails to pay this penalty within 10 days
			after being cited for a violation, the town may seek to
			recover the penalty by filing a civil action in the
			nature of debt.
			(D) The town may seek to enforce this chapter
			through any appropriate equitable action.
			(E) Each day that a violation continues after the
			offender has been notified of the violation shall
			constitute a separate offense.
			(F) The town may seek to enforce this chapter by
			using any 1 or any combination of the foregoing
			remedies. (Prior Code, § 7-34)

CHAPTER 96: SOLICITATION AND BEGGING	96.99	Violating Ordinances Related to Solicitation and Begging	(A) A violation of this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor, unless otherwise provided, punishable as provided in G.S. § 14-4. (B) Violations shall also subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$50, unless otherwise provided. If a person fails to pay this penalty within 10 days after being cited for a violation, the town may seek to recover the penalty by filing a civil action in the nature of debt. (C) The town may seek to enforce this chapter through any appropriate equitable action. (D) Each day that a violation continues after the offender has been notified of the violation shall constitute a separate offense. (E) The town may seek to enforce this chapter by using one or any combinations of the foregoing remedies. (Am. Ord. passed 3-21-2016) State law reference: G.S. 20-175(d); 160A-179.
CHAPTER 111: MASSAGE PARLORS	111.99	Violating Ordinances Related to Operating and Licensing of Massage Parlors and Massage Therapists	(A) Any person convicted of violation of any provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of \$500 or imprisonment or both. (Prior Code, § 8-65) (B) Any person who violates this chapter is subject to a civil suit or injunction as well as prosecution for criminal violation and liability for licensing sanctions such as suspension or revocation. (Prior Code, § 8-66) (C) Violation of § 111.09(A) and (B) shall be grounds for revocation of any license issued to the violator pursuant to this chapter. (Prior Code, § 8-59)

CHAPTER 112: SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES	112.99	Violating Ordinances Related to Operation and Licensing of Sexually Oriented Businesses	(A) A violation of this chapter shall be deemed to be a Class III misdemeanor and the person who violates this chapter shall be subject to a fine of \$500, or imprisonment, or both. (Prior Code, § 17-20) (B) Any person who violates this chapter is subject to a civil suit for injunction as well as prosecution for criminal violations and liability for licensing sanctions such as suspension or revocation. (Prior Code, § 17-21)
CHAPTER 130: GENERAL OFFENSES	130.99	Violating Ordinances Related to Noise, Discharge of Weapons, Curfew for Minors, Loitering and Disorderly Conduct, Alcohol Consumption on Public Property, and Skateboarding on Streets and Sidewalks	 (A) A violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable as provided in G.S. § 14-4. (B) A violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall also subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$50. (C) If a person fails to pay this penalty within 10 days after being cited for a violation, the town may seek to recover the penalty by filing a civil action in the nature of debt. (D) The town may seek to enforce this chapter through any appropriate equitable action. (E) Each day that a violation continues after the offender has been notified of the violation shall constitute a separate offense. (F) The town may seek to enforce this chapter by using any 1 or a combination of the foregoing remedies. (Prior Code, § 5-8)

Chapter 150:	Article III,	Violation of any of the provisions contained within the Flood	Violation of the provisions of this ordinance or failure
Flood Damage	Section H.	Damage Prevention Ordinance, including violation of a stop	to comply with any of its requirements, including
Prevention		work order or failure to comply with an order for corrective	violation of conditions and safeguards established in
		action related to a violation.	connection with grants of variance or special
			exceptions, shall constitute a misdemeanor. Any
			person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply
			with any of its requirements shall, upon conviction
			thereof, be fined not more than \$50.00 or imprisoned
			for not more than thirty (30) days, or both. Each day
			such violation continues shall be considered a
			separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall
			prevent the Town of Granite Falls from taking such
			other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or
			remedy any violation.

Chapter 151:	151.99	Violation of any of the provisions of the Water Supply	(A)If any subdivision, development and/or land
Watershed	131.33	Watershed Protection Ordinance.	use is found to be in violation of this chapter, the
Protection		watershed Protection ordinance.	town may, in addition to all other remedies
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			available either in law or in equity institute a civil
			penalty in the amount of \$50, institute actions or
			proceedings to restrain, correct, or abate the
			violations; to prevent occupancy of the building,
			structure, or land; or to prevent any illegal act,
			conduct, business, or use in or about the premises.
			(B)In addition, the North Carolina Environmental
			Management Commission may assess civil
			penalties in accordance with G.S. Chapter 143, §
			215.6(a).
			(C)Each day that the violation continues shall
			constitute a separate offense.
			(D)If the Watershed Administrator finds that any
			of the provisions of this chapter are being
			violated, he or she shall notify in writing the
			person responsible for the violation, indicating
			the nature of the violation, and ordering the action
			necessary to correct it.
			(1) He or she shall order discontinuance of the
			illegal use of land, buildings or structures;
			removal of illegal buildings or structures, or of
			additions, alterations or structural changes
			thereto; discontinuance of any illegal work being
			done; or shall take any action authorized by this
			chapter to ensure compliance with or to prevent
			violation of its provisions.
			(2) If a ruling of the Watershed Administrator is
			questioned, the aggrieved party or parties may
			appeal the ruling to the Watershed Review Board.

		(E)In addition to the remedies described above and consistent with G.S. § 160A-175, the Granite Falls Town Council may seek enforcement of this chapter by assessing a civil penalty to be recovered by the town in a civil action in the nature of debt if the offender does not pay the penalty in a prescribed period of time after being cited for violation of the chapter. (F)The violation may be enforced by an appropriate equitable remedy issuing from a court of competent jurisdiction. (1)The court may issue an injunction and order of abatement commanding the defendant to correct the unlawful condition upon or cease the unlawful use of the property. (2)The action shall be governed in all respects by the laws and rules governing civil proceedings, including the rules of civil procedure in general and Rule 65 in particular. (3)If the defendant fails or refuses to comply with an injunction or with an order of abatement within the time allowed by the court, the defendant may be cited for contempt and the town may execute the order of abatement. (4)The town shall have a lien on the property for the cost of executing an order of abatement in the nature of a mechanic's and material person's lien. (5)The defendant may secure cancellation of an order of abatement by paying all costs of the proceedings and posting a bond for compliance with the order.
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	(6)The bond shall be given with sureties approved by the Clerk of Superior Court in an amount approved by the judge before whom the matter is heard and shall be conditioned on the defendant's full compliance with the terms of the order of abatement within a time fixed by the judge. (7)Cancellation of an order of abatement shall not suspend or cancel an injunction issued in conjunction therewith. (8)Enforcement of this chapter may be by any 1, all or a combination of the remedies authorized in this chapter. (9)Each day's continuing violation shall be a separate and distinct offense. (Ord. 151, passed 10-21-1996)
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Chapter 152:	Article V,	Violation of the provisions of the Subdivision Ordinance	After the effective date of this Ordinance, any person
Subdivision	Section		who, being the owner or agent of the owner of any
Ordinance	50		land located within the jurisdiction of this Ordinance
			thereafter subdivides his land in violation of the
			ordinance or transfers or sells land by reference to,
			exhibition of, or any other use of a plat showing a
			subdivision of the land before the plat has been
			properly approved under such ordinance and
			recorded in the office of the appropriate register of
			deeds, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The
			description by metes and bounds in the instrument of
			transfer or other document used in the process of
			selling or transferring land shall not exempt the
			transaction from this penalty. The Town, through its
			attorney or other official designated by the Council,
			may enjoin illegal subdivision, transfer, or sale of land
			by action or injunction. Further, violators of this
			Ordinance shall be subject, upon conviction, to fine
			and/or imprisonment as provided by G.S. 14-4.

Chapter 153: Minimum Housing Standards	153.99	Violation of the Granite Falls Minimum Housing Standards	(A) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dwelling or dwelling unit to fail, neglect or refuse to repair, alter, or improve the same, or to vacate and close and remove or demolish the same, upon order of the Inspector duly made and served as provided in this chapter within the time specified in such order, and each day that any failure, neglect, or refusal to comply with the order continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dwelling or dwelling unit, with respect to which an order has been issued pursuant to 153.37 of this chapter, to occupy or permit the occupancy of the same after the time prescribed in the order for its repair, alteration or improvement or its vacation and closing, and each day that the occupancy continues after the prescribed time shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.
			constitute a separate and distinct offense. (B) The violation of any provision of this chapter shall
			constitute a misdemeanor, as provided by G.S. 14-4.
Chapter 154:	Article	Violation of any provision of the Town of Granite Falls Zoning	Section 1305. Penalties. Any person, firm or
Zoning	XIII,	Ordinance	corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or
	Section		refuses to comply with or who resists the
	1305		enforcement of any of the provisions of this
			Ordinance, shall upon conviction be subject to a fine
			of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment for thirty
			(30) days. Each day that a violation continues to exist
			shall constitute a separate offense.

Stormwater	Section 5	Violation of any provision of the Caldwell County Stormwater	502 REMEDIES AND PENALTIES The remedies and
Ordinance	Section 5	Ordinance, which includes the Town of Granite Falls and is	
Ordinance		•	penalties provided for violations of this ordinance,
		administered by the City of Lenoir.	whether civil or criminal, shall be cumulative and in
			addition to any other remedy provided by law, and
			may be exercised in any order.
			(A) Remedies
			(1) Withholding of Certificate of Occupancy The
			Stormwater Administrator or other authorized agent
			may refuse to issue a certificate of occupancy for the
			building or other improvements constructed or being
			constructed on the site and served by the stormwater
			practices in question until the applicant or other
			responsible person has taken the remedial measures
			set forth in the notice of violation or has otherwise
			cured the violations described therein.
			(2) Disapproval of Subsequent Permits and
			Development Approvals As long as a violation of this
			ordinance continues and remains uncorrected, the
			Stormwater Administrator or other authorized agent
			may withhold, and the Caldwell County Subdivision
			Review Board may disapprove, any request for permit
			or development approval or authorization provided
			for by this ordinance or the zoning, subdivision,
			and/or building regulations, as appropriate for the
			land on which the violation occurs.
			(3) Injunction, Abatements, etc. The Stormwater
			Administrator, with the written authorization of the
			County Manager, may institute an action in a court of
			competent jurisdiction for a mandatory or
			prohibitory injunction and order of abatement to
			correct a violation of this ordinance. Any person
			violating this ordinance shall be subject to the full
			range of equitable remedies provided in the General
			Statutes or at common law.
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(4) Correction as Public Health Nuisance, Costs as Lien, etc. If the violation is deemed dangerous or prejudicial to the public health or public safety and is
within the geographic limits prescribed by North
Carolina G.S. § 160A-193, the Stormwater
Administrator, with the written authorization of the
County Manager, may cause the violation to be
corrected and the costs to be assessed as a lien
against the property.
(5) Stop Work Order The Stormwater Administrator
may issue a stop work order to the person(s) violating this ordinance. The stop work order shall remain in
effect until the person has taken the remedial
measures set forth in the notice of violation or has
otherwise cured the violation or violations described
therein. The stop work 31 order may be withdrawn or
modified to enable the person to take the necessary
remedial measures to cure such violation or
violations.
(B) Civil Penalties
Violation of this ordinance may subject the violator to
a civil penalty to be recovered in a civil action in the
nature of a debt if the violator does not pay the penalty within 30 days after notice of the violation is
issued by the Stormwater Administrator. Civil
penalties may be assessed up to the full amount of
penalty to which Caldwell County is subject for
violations of its Phase II Stormwater permit, or if no
Phase II Stormwater permit exists for the jurisdiction,
civil penalties may be assessed up to the full amount
allowed by law.
(C) Criminal Penalties

	Violation of this ordinance may be enforced as a misdemeanor subject to the maximum fine permissible under North Carolina law.