

## MEBANE, 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. Penalties that may be derived from other publications adopted by reference are not included in this listing. (See the bottom of the final page for notes concerning the city's general penalty.)*

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
<b>Chapter 1, General Provisions</b>		
1-6(b)	General penalty—Willful failure to pay any civil penalty imposed for code violations	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor, \$500.00 maximum fine or 30 days in jail or both
<b>Chapter 4, Animals</b>		
4-2	General—Unlawful to kill birds; exception	<sup>1</sup> Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-3	General—Use of firearms, other weapons	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-33	Livestock—Minimum lot size for keeping; number of livestock per acre; distance from neighbors	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-34	Livestock—Enclosures	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-35	Livestock—Sanitary conditions	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-36	Livestock—Discontinuance of nonconforming uses	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-73	Control—Possession of animals	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-731	Control—Limits on number of dogs	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-74	Control—Public nuisance animals	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-741	Control—Animal waste	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-75	Control—Noisy dogs	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-76	Control—Dangerous dogs	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-77	Control—Abuse of animals	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-78	Control—Dogs running at large	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-79	Control—Dogs on public property	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
4-107	Animal collector licenses—Offenses	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 6, Buildings</b>		
6-3	Permit required for removal and replacement of roofing	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
6-33	Insulation contractor—License required	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty

<sup>1</sup> “Sec. 1-6, General Penalty” means that there is no penalty stated in the section, making it subject to section 1-6, or that the cited section includes an express reference to section 1-6.

CODE §	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
6-36	Insulation contractor—Bond required	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
6-40	Insulation contractor—Job permit required	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
6-71	Swimming pools—Abandoned or unused swimming pool prohibited; failure or refusal to correct	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
6-72	Swimming pools—Enclosure required	Sec. 1-6, General Penalty
6-135	Minimum housing code—Violation of article unlawful; penalties	<sup>2</sup> G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-139	Minimum housing code—Administrative liability; wrongful prosecution	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-140	Minimum housing code—Standards and requirements for residential buildings	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-141	Minimum housing code—Accessory structures	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-142	Minimum housing code—Property maintenance	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-143	Minimum housing code—Rooming houses	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-144	Minimum housing code—Occupant's responsibilities	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-146	Minimum housing code—Owner's responsibilities	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-150	Minimum housing code—Certificate of compliance	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-155	Minimum housing code—Other unlawful actions	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-161	Alarms—Restrictions on length of alarm sound; automatic reset feature required	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-164	Alarms—Recoupment charge etc.	G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
6-165	Alarms—Willful false alarms; other violations	<sup>3</sup> G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor
	Post construction stormwater management—	
6-231	Design—General standards	<sup>4</sup> Misdemeanor
6-232	Design—Development standards for low-density projects	Misdemeanor
6-233	Design—Development standards for high-density projects	Misdemeanor
6-234	Design—Standards for stormwater control measures	Misdemeanor

<sup>2</sup> “G.S. 14-4 Misdemeanor” means that the penalty provided is a reference to 14-4 generally, without specifying maximum amounts. Penalties for the post construction stormwater management are provided in section 6-272.

<sup>3</sup> This section makes willful false alarms a Class 3 misdemeanor under G.S. 14-286 and also subject to 14-4 and 160A-175 misdemeanor penalties along with all other violations. The section also makes penalties applicable to the “chapter” but it appears that “article” was intended.

<sup>4</sup> “Misdemeanor” alone means that the code provides that the penalty for violation is an undesignated misdemeanor with no reference to G.S. 14-4 or the city code section 1-6.

<b>CODE §</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
6-235	Design—Dedication of BMP's, facilities, and improvements	Misdemeanor
6-237	Design—Nutrient sensitive waters program	Misdemeanor
6-238	Design—Nutrient management and application program	Misdemeanor
6-239	Design—On-site wastewater treatment systems	Misdemeanor
6-251	Maintenance—General standards for maintenance	Misdemeanor
6-252	Maintenance—Operation and maintenance agreement	Misdemeanor
6-253	Maintenance—Inspection; interference with officers prohibited	Misdemeanor
6-254	Maintenance—Performance security for installation and maintenance	Misdemeanor
6-255	Maintenance—Notice to owners	Misdemeanor
6-256	Maintenance—Records of installation and maintenance activities	Misdemeanor
6-257	Maintenance—Nuisance	Misdemeanor
6-258	Maintenance—Easement	Misdemeanor
<b>Chapter 8, Businesses</b>		
8-1	General—Pool room regulations	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-2	General—Carnival regulations	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-411	<sup>5</sup> Tax—Schedule A businesses; required and prohibited acts	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-412	Tax—Schedule B businesses; required and prohibited acts	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-413	Tax—Schedule C businesses; required and prohibited acts	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-414	Tax—Schedule D businesses; required and prohibited acts	Section 1-6, General Penalty
	Vehicles for Hire—	
8-123	Generally—Identification of vehicles	Section 1-6, General Penalty

<sup>5</sup> The schedules of businesses subject to the privilege license tax and not just schedules. The sections have other general regulatory provisions scattered throughout; therefore, the sections have been listed here since they may include acts and omissions subject to penalties under section 1-6 (for violations other than non-payment of tax and failure to obtain business licenses). All other provisions of the tax/license article of the code provide penalties for failure to comply with the article (i.e., failure to obtain license and pay tax) under G.S. 105-109 and not G.S. 14-4 so they are omitted from this listing.

<b>CODE §</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
8-124	Generally—Advertising signs	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-125	Generally—Four doors required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-126	Generally—Upholstery	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-127	Generally—Floor mats	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-128	Generally—Cleanliness	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-129	Generally—Equipment required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-130	Generally—Solicitation, acceptance and discharge of passengers generally	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-131	Generally—Prohibited solicitations	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-132	Generally—Point of receipt, discharge of passengers	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-133	Generally—Cruising	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-134	Generally—Record of calls and trips; monthly statement to chief of police	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-135	Generally—Maximum hours of active duty	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-136	Generally—Compliance with traffic, other laws	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-137	Generally—Business premises, conduct generally	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-138	Generally—Passenger's exclusive right	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-139	Generally—Transportation of alcoholic beverages	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-140	Generally—Refusal to convey, excessive rates	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-141	Generally—Failure to pay fare	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-161	Operator's license—Required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-162	Operator's license—Time limit for operation	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-165	Operator's license—Liability insurance or bond	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-166	Operator's license—Inspection by police department	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-167	Operator's license—Identification numbers	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-168	Operator's license—Transfer	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-169	Operator's license—Replacement of vehicles	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-191	Driver's permit—Required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-195	Driver's permit—Fingerprints and photographs	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-199	Driver's permit—Issuance	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-200	Driver's permit—Display of permit and photograph	Section 1-6, General Penalty
8-207	Driver's permit—Display of rates	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 10, Cemeteries</b>		
10-2	Damage—Cemeteries	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-3	Damage—Graves; shrubs; trees	Section 1-6, General Penalty

<b>CODE §</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
10-4	Damage—Flowers	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-5	Disturbing fixtures	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-6	Discharge of firearms	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-7	Sale of merchandise	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-8	Use as playground	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-9	Use as thoroughfare	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-10	Automobiles generally	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-11	Driving over walks or drives	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-12	Where interments made	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-14	Work on lots—Permission of owner	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-15	Same—Changing general plan	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-16	Fences	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-18	Disinterment; permit	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-23	Admission to cemetery	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-24	Transfer; assignment	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-25	Interments, etc	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-26	Disinterments, removals generally	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-28	Decoration of graves	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-30	Conduct of persons	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-31	Fees; gratuities; commissions	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-33	Change of grave owner's address	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-34	Mebane Memorial Gardens—Memorial work restricted	Section 1-6, General Penalty
10-36	Mebane Memorial Gardens—Cremation section restricted	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 12, Civil Emergencies</b>		
12-34	Prohibited acts during declared state of emergency	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 14, Environment</b>		
14-31	Nuisances—Deemed unlawful	Section 1-6, General Penalty
14-73	Vehicles—Abandoned vehicle unlawful; removal authorized	Section 1-6, General Penalty
14-74	Vehicles—Nuisance vehicle unlawful; removal authorized	Section 1-6, General Penalty
14-75	Vehicles—Junked motor vehicle regulated; removal authorized	Section 1-6, General Penalty
14-85	Vehicles—Unlawful removal of impounded vehicle	Section 1-6, General Penalty
14-121	Noise—Deemed unlawful	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 16, Fire Prevention and Protection</b>		
16-1	Open burning restricted; permit required	Section 1-6, General Penalty

<b>CODE §</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
16-62	Fire code—Failure to pay civil penalty for violation of fire code	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 22, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions</b>		
22-1	Alcoholic beverages	Section 1-6, General Penalty
22-4	Smoking prohibited in public buildings	Section 1-6, General Penalty
22-5	Smokeless tobacco products prohibited in public buildings	Section 1-6, General Penalty
22-6	Smoking prohibited in municipal vehicles	Section 1-6, General Penalty
22-7	Smokeless tobacco products prohibited in municipal vehicles	Section 1-6, General Penalty
22-9	Possession of weapons	Section 1-6, General Penalty
22-10	Discharge of firearms	Section 1-6, General Penalty
22-11	Disturbing public meetings	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 24, Parks and Recreation</b>		
24-112	Lake Michael Park—Flora, minerals and structures	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-113	Lake Michael Park—Animals	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-114	Lake Michael Park—Hunting	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-115	Lake Michael Park—Firearms	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-116	Lake Michael Park—Litter	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-117	Lake Michael Park—Pollution	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-118	Lake Michael Park—Disorderly conduct	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-119	Lake Michael Park—Alcoholic beverages	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-120	Lake Michael Park—Gambling	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-121	Lake Michael Park—Commercial enterprises	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-122	Lake Michael Park—Vehicles	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-141	Lake Michael Park—Permits required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-142	Lake Michael Park—Compliance with state commission required for permit issuance	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-161	Lake Michael Park—Method of fishing restricted	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-162	Lake Michael Park—Size of fish restricted	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-181	Lake Michael Park—Boating safety equipment	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-182	Lake Michael Park—Size of boat; speed restricted	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-183	Lake Michael Park—Age of person renting boat restricted	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-184	Lake Michael Park—Boat identification required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-185	Lake Michael Park—Boaters to register	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-213	Graham-Mebane Lake—General regulations	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-214	Graham-Mebane Lake—Fishing restricted	Section 1-6, General Penalty
24-215	Graham-Mebane Lake—Power boating; skiing restricted	Section 1-6, General Penalty

<b>CODE §</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
24-241	Lake Latham—License required for hunting and fishing	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 26, Solid Waste Management</b>		
26-1	Receptacles; maintenance of premises, etc.	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 28, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places</b>		
28-1	General—Streets not to be damaged	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-2	General—Damaging culverts, ditches prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-3	General—Damaging signs, lights prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-4	General—Throwing and burning trash on street prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-5	General—Feeding animals on street prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-6	General—Tree trimmings	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-7	General—Snow and ice removal	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-8	General—Playing ball on streets prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-9	General—Signs in public places	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-10	General—Signs on streets and sidewalks	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-11	General—Signs on street right-of-way	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-41	Excavations/Construction—Permit to dig in streets	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-42	Excavations/Construction—Sidewalk construction	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-43	Excavations/Construction—Leaving excavations unprotected	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-44	Excavations/Construction—Street repair	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-45	Excavations/Construction—Sidewalk required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-81	Obstructions—Assembly	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-82	Obstructions—Wares on sidewalk prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-83	Obstructions—Placing objects on streets and sidewalks	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-84	Obstructions—Prohibiting the placing of grass and shrubbery clippings on streets	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-85	Obstructions—Construction near sidewalk	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-86	Obstructions—Trains not to obstruct street	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-122	Parades and picketing—Written statement, bond required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-123	Parades and picketing—Conditions for picketing	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-124	Parades and picketing—Interference with pickets	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-125	Parades and picketing—Intimidation of pickets	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-126	Parades and picketing—Obstruction of streets	Section 1-6, General Penalty
28-127	Parades and picketing—Interference with vehicular travel	Section 1-6, General Penalty



<b>CODE §</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
28-128	Parades and picketing—Interference by motor vehicle	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 32, Telecommunications</b>		
<sup>6</sup> 32-49	Unlawful to operate cable television with franchise, etc.; tampering, etc. with system, etc.	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 34, Traffic</b>		
<sup>7</sup> 34-2	Required obedience to traffic ordinance; violations and penalties	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-3	General—Obedience to police	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-4	General—Authority of police in special cases	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-5	General—Public employees to obey traffic regulations	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-6	General—Exemptions to authorized emergency vehicles	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-7	General—Persons propelling push carts, or riding bicycles or animals, to obey traffic regulations	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-8	General—Skating regulated	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-41	Traffic control devices—Street cars and trackless trolleys to obey	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-42	Traffic control devices—Obedience to no-turn signs and turning markers	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-43	Traffic control devices—Obedience to no-parking zone and safety zone markers	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-44	Traffic control devices—School zones	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-81	Vehicle operation—Stop before entering a through street	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-82	Vehicle operation—Stop before entering certain street intersections	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-83	Vehicle operation—Stop when traffic obstructed	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-84	Vehicle operation—One-way streets	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-85	Vehicle operation—Driving through funeral processions	Section 1-6, General Penalty

<sup>6</sup> This section makes violation of any article provision a misdemeanor, but the bulk of the chapter addresses the contract between the city and its supplier. This section is the only section that lists specific violations by the provider and others.

<sup>7</sup> This section erroneously designates all violations of the traffic chapter as misdemeanors, but the parking article specifically states that violations are infractions. The parking penalties are conflicting and there may be other portions of the chapter that are infractions made subject to misdemeanor penalties per this section 34-2.



<b>CODE §</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
34-86	Vehicle operation—Left turns at certain intersections as indicated	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-87	Vehicle operation—No right or left turns to be made	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-88	Vehicle operation—Limitations on turning around	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-89	Vehicle operation—Limitations on backing	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-90	Vehicle operation—Emerging from alley or private driveway	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-91	Vehicle operation—Vehicles shall not be driven on the sidewalk	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-92	Vehicle operation—Clinging to moving vehicles	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-93	Vehicle operation—Riding on handlebars prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-94	Vehicle operation—Riding on sidewalks, or without hands on handlebars, prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-95	Vehicle operation—Use of coaster, roller skates and similar devices restricted	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-96	Vehicle operation—Speed limit	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-97	Vehicle operation—Driving on roadways laned for traffic	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-98	Vehicle operation—Driving over fire hose	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-99	Vehicle operation—Boarding or alighting from public conveyance or other vehicles	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-100	Vehicle operation—Unlawful riding	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-101	Vehicle operation—Entering, jumping on, or riding vehicles without permission	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-102	Vehicle operation—Persons riding must stay inside	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-103	Vehicle operation—Not more than three persons permitted in front seat	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-104	Vehicle operation—Driving across ditch prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-131	Bicycles—Observance of traffic regulations	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-132	Bicycles—Required lighting for nighttime use	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-134	Bicycles—Riding on sidewalks prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-211	Railroads—Speed limit	Section 1-6, General Penalty
34-212	Railroads—Blocking streets	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 36, Utilities</b>		
36-1	General—Service accounts	
36-31	Water system—Connection permit required	
36-32	Water system—Separate connections	
36-33	Water system—Work on connections	
36-34	Water system—Repairs	

<b>CODE §</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
36-35	Water system—Meters required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
36-37	Water system—Supplying water to others prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
36-38	Water system—Hydrant water	Section 1-6, General Penalty
36-1	General—Service accounts	Section 1-6, General Penalty
36-31	Water system—Connection permit required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b>Chapter 38, Vegetation</b>		
38-35	Trees—Topping	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-36	Trees—Removal of stumps	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-37	Trees—Permits required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-38	Trees—License and bond required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-92	Landscaping—Plan required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-94	Landscaping—Streetscape landscaping	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-95	Landscaping—Vehicular use area (VUA) landscaping	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-96	Landscaping—Screening	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-97	Landscaping—Existing trees	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-98	Landscaping—Protection of planting areas	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-99	Landscaping—Planting standards	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-100	Landscaping—Information to be submitted	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-101	Landscaping—Plant replacement	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-102	Landscaping—Inspection of sites; obstruction prohibited	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-35	Trees—Topping	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-36	Trees—Removal of stumps	Section 1-6, General Penalty
38-37	Trees—Permits required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
<b><sup>8</sup>Chapter 39, Sales and Solicitations in the Street Right-of-Way</b>		
39-3	Interacting with or impeding traffic on roadways	Section 1-6, General Penalty
39-8	Display of permit required	Section 1-6, General Penalty
39-11	False information in application for permit	Section 1-6, General Penalty

<sup>8</sup> This is a separate chapter in the code as indicated and not an article in the business chapter as would be standard code organization.

## NOTES RE CITY'S GENERAL PENALTY AND RELATED STATUTES

City Code § 1-6 provides, in pertinent part:

(a) Unless otherwise specifically provided, violation of any provision of this Code or any other city ordinance shall subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$500.00; except, that where the General Statutes of North Carolina provide specific remedies for violations of provisions of this Code adopted pursuant to such statutes, such remedies available to the city for enforcement of this Code shall be in addition to the remedies hereinafter stated. No criminal penalties shall be applicable unless hereinafter stated in this section as being applicable to specific chapters or provisions of this Code. ...

(b) Any willful failure to pay any civil penalty imposed within this Code is a misdemeanor under G.S. 14-4 and punishable by a fine of \$500.00 or 30 days in jail, or both.

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.