

**The Town Code of Princeton was drafted largely from a prototype of American Legal Publishing with modification by the Town Board from time to time. The General Provisions, Section 10.99, makes a violation of the Town Code including any provision thereof a misdemeanor or infraction citing GS 160A-75 and G.S. 14-4. The sections states that a violation is punishable on conviction by a fine not exceeding \$50 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days. It further provides each continuing violation will be a separate and distinct offense. Therefore most code sections create misdemeanors for violations. We summarize these code provisions by referencing the chapter of the code followed by the activity restricted. A few sections have section specific remedies, fines and penalties but almost invariably the sections follow 10.99.**

- 32. Organizational framework for Town Organizations including the police, appearance commission, parks and recreation, and planning. Section 32.99 incorporates Section 10.99 though these ordinance are more organization than police power directions as to activity or responsibility.
- 50. Rules for handling solid waste, collections and disposition.
- 70-75. Traffic rules and management with restrictions on use of specific streets. Shopping, Standing, or Parking on public areas or streets; operation of commercial vehicles in town. Section 73.99 provides progressive penalties for violations by minors with adult violations being a misdemeanor.
- 90. Animals, including harboring, maintaining, licensing and restraining.
- 91. Nuisances including noise, public nuisances, and uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds, grass or accumulation of refuse. Section 91.99 specifies a violation of the noise ordinance to be a misdemeanor with fine of up to \$50 and imprisonment for up to 30 days. Section 91.99 (b) (2) states the accumulation of weeds' or refuse is a misdemeanor under GS 14-4.

**§ 91 PENALTIES.**

- (A) A violation of § 91.01 by any person is a misdemeanor and shall subject the offender to a fine of up to \$50 and/or imprisonment for up to 30 days.  
(Ord. passed 6-7-1994)
- (B) A violation of § 91.15 and/or § 91.18 shall cause the violator to be charged with a Class 3 misdemeanor and a fine of \$50.00 each day of violation for the first offense. Should the same property owner have a subsequent declaration of a public nuisance as defined in § 91.15 on any property within the most recent twelve-month period, the violator will be charged with a Class 3 misdemeanor and a fine of \$300.00 each day of violation for the second offense. Should the same property owner have a subsequent declaration of a public nuisance as defined in § 91.15 on any property within the most recent twelve-month period, the violator will be charged with a Class 3 misdemeanor and a fine of \$500.00 each day of violation for each offense thereafter. The penalties as defined in this subchapter as provided by G. S. § 14-4 will be assessed in addition to the procedure set forth in § 91.15 through 91.21 and any other remedies that may now or hereafter exist under law for the abatement of public nuisances.
- (C) The offender shall be issued a written citation by delivery in personal or mailed by certified or registered mail. The civil penalty must be paid within the ten (10) days of its receipt by the offender.
- (D) The penalty may be recovered by the town in a civil action in the nature of debt if the offender does not pay the penalty within the prescribed period of time after he or she has been issued a citation.
- (E) The procedure set forth in § 91.15 through 91.21 shall be in addition to any other remedies that may now or hereafter exist under law for the abatement of public nuisances and this subchapter shall not prevent the town from proceeding in a criminal action against any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this subchapter as provided in GS § 14-4.

- 92. Health Protection and Disease Prevention including health officer entry, cleanliness, human waste, stagnant water, food sales, debris and septic tanks and privies
- 93. Streets and Sidewalks, Damages, Obstructions, Cleanliness and Use.
- 94. Abandoned and Junk Vehicles.
- 95. Fire Prevention Hazards
- 96. Conceal and Carry Postings.
- 110-113. Business and Vehicle Regulations including licenses, hours and tax
- 130. Vagrancy, ill fame houses, public drinking, postings, firearms, confiscations.
- 131 Curfews for Minors
- 132 Aesthetic Conditions of Residential Premises needing Remediation but not public nuisances
- 150. Land Use: Building Codes, Minimum Housing Standards.
- 151. Land Use: Zoning.