

**CITY OF SANFORD,  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**CODE SECTION / ORDINANCE CRIMINAL PENALTY LISTING**

*The following table sets forth code (and uncodified ordinance) sections, violations of which impose a criminal penalty under G.S. 14-4(a). This listing excludes civil penalties and provisions imposing only civil (not criminal) fines and penalties.*

<b>CODE SECTION / ORDINANCE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CONDUCT</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
4-42	Possession of inherently dangerous exotic animals	Class 3 misdemeanor, max \$500 fine, 30 days prison; see city code § 4-195(c)
4-43	Allowing dangerous animals to be unrestrained	Same
4-44	Failure to report certain acts by dangerous animals	Same
Lee County 4-38 (Sanford Res.2017-66)	Abuse of animals	Same
Lee County 4-39 (Sanford Res. 2017-66)	Teasing and molesting of animals	Same
Lee County 4-40 (Sanford Res. 2017-66)	Animals creating nuisance	Same
6-47	Violation of Surface Zone height limitations	Misdemeanor per § 6-51, max \$500 fine
6-48	Violation of airport hazard zone use restrictions	same
6-49	No material changes made w/o permit to land use or structure	same
10-102	Charging ambulance service rates in excess of established rates	Misdemeanor, but no criminal penalty noted

10-103	Hiring ambulance with intent to defraud	Misdemeanor, but no criminal penalty noted
10-318	Hiring vehicles with intent to defraud	Misdemeanor, but no criminal penalty noted
10-320(b)	Operating taxi business without an operator's license	Misdemeanor, punishable under G.S. 14-4
20-38	Land or bldg. alteration must be done in compliance with Flood chapter	Misdemeanor, punishable under code § 1-7, <b>not</b> G.S. 14-4
20-81	General standards for construction in special flood hazard zone	same
20-82	Specific standards for construction in special flood hazard areas	same
20-83	Standards required for certain streams	same
20-85	Standards for areas of shallow flooding	same
26-1	Begging without permit	Default to General Penalty; max \$500 fine, <b>no</b> misdemeanor
26-2	Interfering with city employees	same
26-3	Wearing masks in public	same
26-4	Trick-or-treat restrictions	same
26-5	Unlawful operation of model airplanes in certain locations	same
26-6	Playing ball on street/sidewalk	same
26-7	Throwing stone on street/sidewalk	same
26-8	Sale of explosives/chemicals to minors	same
26-9	Wrongful discharge of firearms and air rifles	same

26-11	Damaging city property	Default to General Penalty; max \$500 fine, <b>no</b> <del>misdemeanor</del>
26-12	Unlawful fishing, hunting, swimming on city property	same
26-13	Unlawfully permitting stagnant water or accumulate on premises	same
26-14	Posting bills, notices, etc., on utility poles	same
26-15	Unlawful consumption of alcohol	same
26-16	Public intoxication or disruptive behavior	same
26-17	Drug-related loitering	same
26-18	Slaughtering or skinning of animals in city limits	same
26-42	Parade permit required	same
26-44	Unlawful interference with permitted activities	same
26-46	Prohibited parade/picketing activities	same
26-73	Applying graffiti on any city-owned property	Misdemeanor; max fine of \$500 or max imprisonment 30 days, per xxx 26-77
30-4	Damaging or obstructing bridges, culverts, or drains	Default to General Penalty; max \$500 fine, <b>no</b> misdemeanor
32-3	Damaging street or sidewalk	same
32-5	Placing coal on street or sidewalk	Same
32-6	Placing leaky containers on sidewalks, streets, etc	same

32-7	Duty to keep sidewalks clean; snow removal, etc.	same
32-9	Damaging city property	same
32-31	Goods obstructing sidewalk passage	same
32-34	Awnings over sidewalks	same
32-35	Loitering under certain conditions prohibited	same
32-64	Permit required for excavation	same
32-97	Obstructing building numbers	same
36-2	Unlawful to comply with Traffic chapter provisions	Default to General Penalty; max \$500 fine, <b>no</b> misdemeanor
40-101	Standards for subdivision plat in watershed	<b>Misdemeanor</b> ; max \$500 fine; <b>no</b> violation of G.S. 14-4 per § 40-5
40-103	Subdivision standards and req'd improvements in watershed	same
40-104	Prerequisites for commencing construction in watershed	same
40-133	Compliance requirements for devt in watershed area	same
40-135	Watershed protection permit req'd for building	Misdemeanor; max \$500 fine; <b>no</b> violation of G.S. 14-4 per § 40-5
40-137	Watershed protection occupancy permit required	same
40-140	Buffer areas	same

40-161	Prohibited structures and uses in watershed	same
<b>NOTE re GENERAL PENALTY in CITY CODE &amp; UDO</b>		
<p>City Code § 1-7(a) provides that “[u]nless otherwise provided in this Code, each violation of this Code shall <b>not</b> constitute a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00.” (Accordingly, the number of code sections for which a criminal penalty under G.S. 14-4 applies is unusually small.)</p> <p>For informational purposes, we list some code sections for which violations would trigger misdemeanor offenses, but are to be punished under the General Penalty § 1-7 <b>with no criminal penalty mentioned</b>, nothing under G.S. 14-4. Accordingly, only a civil penalty would apply.</p> <p>Finally, we note that under Sec. 1.6.6 of the Sanford-Broadway-Lee County Unified Development Ordinance, only <b>civil</b> penalties – not <b>criminal</b> penalties under G.S. 14-4 – are imposed for offenses under the Sanford-Broadway-Lee County UDO.</p>		