

TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

LIST OF ORDINANCES SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT

UNDER G.S. 14-4 AND DESCRIPTION OF THE CONDUCT SUBJECT TO

SUCH PUNISHMENT

1. The information provided below is compiled in a summary fashion. To see the complete wording of any town ordinance, please refer to:

[http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/North%20Carolina/wright/wrightsvillebeachnorthcarolinacodeofordif=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:wrightsvillebeach_nc](http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/North%20Carolina/wright/wrightsvillebeachnorthcarolinacodeofordif=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:wrightsvillebeach_nc)

2. Sec. 10.99. This section is a general penalty and makes a violation of any provision of the Town Code of the Town of Wrightsville Beach (herein the “code” or “town code”) a misdemeanor or infraction as provided in GS 14-4.

3. Chapter 50 Water and Sewers. This chapter regulates the providing of and use of water and sewer as well as storm water within the town. The chapter also establishes the applicable fees for water and sewer use within the town. The regulations in this chapter include restricting what types of material may be placed in the sewer system and requiring users to connect to the town’s water and sewer systems.

4. Title VII Traffic Code. This Title includes seven chapters including one chapter that outlines parking restrictions. Violations of parking violations are not subject to criminal sanctions but are only subject to civil penalties. Other activities addressed in this chapter to include traffic regulations, bicycle regulations, pedestrian regulations, stopping and standing and traffic regulations to include speed limits are subject to punishment under GS 14-4.

5. Chapter 91 Animals. This chapter regulates animals within the town to include leash requirements, defines certain animal activities as public nuisances, addresses impounded animals and outlines the manner in which the town deals with dangerous dogs. Violations of the provisions of this chapter are punishable under GS 14-4.

6. Chapter 92 Beach and Shore Regulations; Water Recreation. Chapter 92 consists of 32 sections that restrict and administer a variety of water and beach related activities. These regulations include restricting certain activities on the beach front (in Wrightsville Beach unlike most other beach towns in North Carolina the majority of the beach is owned by the town) and the adjacent waters. This chapter also regulates certain boat activities in the waters surrounding the town.

7. Chapter 93 Civil Emergencies. This chapter addresses the authority given to the town when at state of emergency is declared. Violations of certain restrictions when a state of emergency has been declared are punished under GS 14-4.

8. Chapter 94 Fire Prevention. Chapter 94 addresses general provisions related to fire safety to included open burning regulations, storage of gasoline, maximum occupancy restrictions and adoption of a fire prevention code. The chapter also regulates activities at the site of an active fire, fire inspections, handling of liquefied natural gas and certain sprinkler installations.
9. Chapter 95 Garbage, Trash and Weeds. This chapter regulates the collection and disposal of household and commercial garbage, trash and solid waste. It also regulates uncontrolled growth of weeds and other vegetation on lots within the town and makes certain activities related to uncontrolled growth a nuisance.
10. Chapter 96 Health and Sanitation. This is a very short chapter with only six sections. It regulates depositing human waste, stagnant water and temporary toilet facilities.
11. Chapter 97 Noise and Public Nuisances. Chapter 97 regulates loud and disturbing noises in the town. This chapter also enumerates public nuisances and outlines the process for abating public nuisances.
12. Chapter 98 Special Events, Parades, Demonstrations, Picketing, Public Beach. Chapter 98 regulates special events that occur within the town. These for the most part are activities that include large numbers of people and have an impact on traffic and pedestrian movement within the town. Examples are marathons, 5K races, charity and fund raising events and weddings. This chapter also regulates demonstrations and picketing and events that occur on the beach front. The beach front for the most part is owned by the town and the town seeks to restrict the use of the beach to public recreation.
13. Chapter 99 Streets and Sidewalks. This chapter imposes limitations on certain uses that may be made of the public streets and sidewalks within the town. Examples are prohibitions on blocking streets and sidewalks, depositing yard waste in the streets and sidewalks, requirements for permits to do work in the streets and sidewalks and damage to streets and sidewalks.
14. Chapter 100 Alarm Systems. This chapter establishes a requirement for a permit to install an alarm system and addresses issues related to malfunctioning alarm systems.
15. Chapter 101 Outdoor Lighting. The intent of this chapter is to establish criteria for the installation of outdoor lights and to provide for acceptable levels of outdoor lighting.
16. Chapter 111 Bars and Taverns. This chapter contains on eight sections and places a limited number of restrictions on what are defined in the chapter as “bars and taverns”. These restrictions include requirements for bathroom facilities and closed windows and air conditioning, location restrictions and the requirement for a manager to be on duty.
17. Chapter 113 Public Amusements. Chapter 112 regulates the operation of music and dance halls, bingo operations and pool, billiard and bowling facilities. A permitting process is established for the operation of such businesses under this chapter.

18. Chapter 114 Vehicles for Hire. This chapter regulates the operation of taxis and other vehicles for hire operated within the town. The chapter also establishes a licensing process for the operation of vehicles for hire.
19. Chapter 115 Other Businesses. Chapter 115 consists of only five sections and regulates the rental of motorcycles and midget cars, solicitors and canvassers, motor boats for hire, the sale of food and beverage from mobile vehicles and the operation of public parking lots.
20. Chapter 116 Movie Industry. Chapter 116 regulates the operation of the movie industry within the town. Such regulations include the issuance of permits, the use of off duty police officers, restrictions on the time that filming may occur, use of explosives, suspension of permits and other related matters.
21. Chapter 117 Cable Television Regulations. This chapter regulates the provision of cable tv services within the town. The ordinances within this chapter address franchise to cable tv providers, construction standards and financial and insurance requirements. While the ordinance does not provide for any specific criminal sanctions for a violation, a violation could be punished under GS 14-4 in accordance with Sec. 1099 of the town code as described in the first paragraph of this list.
22. Chapter 130 Offenses Against Public Peace and Safety. Chapter 130 regulates aircraft operations, consumption of beer and wine in public places, disorderly houses, exterior lighting and the posting of signs prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons.
23. Chapter 131 Offenses Against Property. Chapter 131 consists of four sections that address injury to public and private property, unlawful storage of private property on public property and camping within the town.
24. Chapter 132 Offenses Against Morals. This chapter consists of two substantive sections that regulate the use of profane and boisterous language and public nudity.
25. Chapter 150 Bridges, Piers and the Like. Chapter 150 regulates a variety of matters related to the construction and use of piers within the town. This chapter includes among other things construction requirements for piers and docks, minimum dimensions of piers and docks and a prohibition on renting certain piers and docks.
26. Chapter 151 Building Code. This chapter provides for regulations that supplement state regulations regarding the construction of buildings. The chapter addresses the requirements for numbering structures, the movement of buildings within the town, removal of debris from job sites and a few other matters related to construction.
27. Chapter 152 Minimum Housing Code. This chapter sets forth the town's minimum housing code which is based on the state enabling legislation. This chapter also contains prohibitions on damaging sand dunes on the beach front within the town.

28. Chapter 155 Unified Development Ordinance. Chapter 155 is the towns unified development ordinance or UDO. The chapter addresses a wide variety of regulations that address development within the town. Included in the chapter are the following articles:

- Article 155.1 Purpose and Applicability.
- Article 155.2 General Regulations.
- Article 155.3 Administrative/Legislative Authority.
- Article 155.4 Legislative/Quasi-Judicial Procedures.
- Article 155.5 Site Plan Review Process.
- Article 155.6 Zoning Districts.
- Article 155.7 Supplemental Regulations.
- Article 155.8 Nonconforming Situations.
- Article 155.9 Performance Standards (which includes regulations of off-street parking, driveway construction, outdoor lighting, landscape requirements and the town's tree ordinance).
- Article 155.10 Sign Regulations.
- Article 155.11 Environmental Regulations (which includes the town's flood prevention ordinance and ordinances addressing damage to dunes on the oceanfront).
- Article 155.12 Subdivision Regulations.