

CHAPTER 58 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 58-1. - Adoption of state and federal laws; penalty for violation of chapter.

Adoption of federal law by reference. For the purpose of regulating vehicles and traffic in the Town, there is hereby adopted, as if fully set out herein, the following federal regulations:

- (1) Reference 49 CFR 382, 383, 390—393, and 395—397, the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986; and
- (2) The Federal "Out of Service" Criteria as amended from time to time.

Adoption of state law by reference. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 40-6-372 through 40-6-376, O.C.G.A. title 40, ch. 6 (O.C.G.A. § 40-6-1 et seq.), known as the "Uniform Rules of the Road," and the definitions contained in O.C.G.A. § 40-1-1 are hereby adopted as and for the traffic regulations of this Town with like effect as if recited herein.

Penalties. Unless another penalty is expressly provided for by law, every person convicted of any provision of this chapter shall be punished as provided in section 1-10.

State law reference— Authority to adopt state traffic laws by reference, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-372.

Sec. 58-2. - Temporary traffic regulations.

In cases where traffic upon the streets may become congested upon occasions of parades, at theaters, and other public assemblages where large numbers of vehicles are assembled, the police may make temporary rules directing and regulating the traffic in these congested districts, and any person, who, after being warned of the temporary traffic regulations, shall violate them shall be liable for that violation as for other violations of this Code.

Sec. 58-3. - Funeral processions.

Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Funeral procession means a group of vehicles traveling from a funeral home or similar business to a cemetery or other proper burial site. Funeral processions shall be led by a funeral vehicle such as a hearse, and all cars in the procession shall burn regular headlights and stay in close formation.

Vehicles given the right-of-way; exception. Vehicles of a funeral procession shall have the right-of-way over all vehicles, except authorized emergency vehicles, provided such vehicles shall identify themselves by burning regular headlights and shall keep in close formation. When the lead vehicle in a funeral procession has entered an intersection on a green light, all other cars in the procession may proceed through the intersection, even though such signal may change to red.

State law reference— Funeral processions, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-76.

Sec. 58-4. - Speed limits on Town roadways.

Speed limits enumerated. The maximum speed limits on the public streets or parts of the public streets are set forth in Exhibit A, identified as "List of Roadways for Town of Trion," and by this reference incorporated herein. Exhibit A contains two parts consisting of "on-system" and "off-system" designations. As used in Exhibit A, "on-system" shall mean the designation of roadways in the Town for which authorization has been obtained to utilize radar detection systems. As used in Exhibit A, "off-system" shall mean the designation of roadways in the Town for which there is no authorization to utilize radar detection systems. Exhibit A establishes speed limits for all roadways currently within the territorial boundaries of the Town.

Speed detection devices. All law enforcement personnel of the Town who are certified in the use of speed detection devices are authorized to use such devices, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, in the locations designated as "on-system" on Exhibit A, as approved by the state department of transportation and the state department of public safety.

Amendment to Exhibit A. The Town may add to or amend the list of roadways designated in Exhibit A from time to time pursuant to the statutes and regulations governing the establishment or alteration of speed limits and zones in the state. The Town may add to or amend the list of roadways designated as "on-system" and "off-system" in Exhibit A from time to time pursuant to the statutes and regulations governing applications for permits to use speed detection devices in the state.

Exhibit A incorporated by reference. Exhibit A referenced in this section, as amended from time to time, is incorporated herein by reference as if set out in its entirety and the original shall be maintained in the office of the Town clerk and available for inspection by the public during Town business hours.

State law reference— Authority for local regulation of speed limits, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-9.

Sec. 58-5. - Skateboards and bicycles.

- (1) No person shall ride a bicycle or propel roller skates, skateboards, or other similar devices upon a public street, highway, or sidewalk in a manner which would constitute an unreasonable danger to the public or which would disrupt the public's ordinary and customary use of such street, highway or sidewalk.
- (2) No person shall ride a bicycle or propel roller skates, skateboards, or other similar devices on sidewalks which are properly designated for pedestrians only. The Chief of Police and the department of public works, after approval of the Mayor, are authorized to erect or have erected signs on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles or propelling of roller skates, skateboards, or other similar devices. When such signs are in place, no person shall disobey the signs.
- (3) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle or skating upon a sidewalk, that person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing the pedestrian.
- (4) Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a violation of this Code; provided, however, that any offender under the age of 17 years shall be treated as provided by O.C.G.A. title 15, ch. 11 (O.C.G.A. § 15-11-1 et seq.). The parent of any child and the guardian of the person of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit that child or ward to violate any provision of this section.
- (5) It shall be also unlawful to erect, place or use any ramp or other device designed to be used for the riding of skateboards on any street or right-of-way within the Town.

State law reference— Bicycles, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-290 et seq. ; O.C.G.A. §40-6-330.

Sec. 58-6. – Driving Across Sidewalk or Curb

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle across a Town sidewalk or curb within a public right of way unless said vehicle is driven across that portion of any sidewalk or curb in which cut-ins or driveways have been provided by the Town to allow for the passing of vehicular traffic.

Sec. 58-7. - Reserved.

Sec. 58-8. - Direction of traffic.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for an individual, business, private contractor or other entity to utilize the services of an off-duty public safety officer to direct traffic in a public right-of-way within the Town for its clients, employees or events without having obtained a permit from the Town to do so as hereinafter provided. "Direction of traffic", as used in this section, shall mean the controlling or restricting of movement of any motor vehicle that is traveling in a public right-of-way within the Town. A public safety officer utilized by an individual, business, private contractor or other entity to direct traffic shall be approved by the Town police department as qualified to do so and shall be subject to all applicable rules, regulations and guidelines of the Town's police department.
- (2) Every individual, business, private contractor or other entity desiring to obtain a permit required by this section shall make written application to the Town's revenue department in the form approved by the department. The application shall provide all information as may be requested by the Town. Failure to furnish any information requested by the Town in consideration of the application within 30 days of request by the Town shall result in automatic dismissal of the application.
- (3) Any application for a permit submitted to the revenue department pursuant to this section shall be subject to the approval of the Town's public works department, with the concurrence of the Town's police department. Approval of a permit under this section, when given, is subject to modification or cancellation by the Town at any time by providing seven days' written notice of modification or cancellation to the holder of the permit.

- (4) A permit issued under this section shall be renewable on an annual basis. At all times, an individual, business, private contractor or other entity having obtained a permit pursuant to this section must have on display, in a conspicuous location within the offices of the individual, business, private contractor or other entity as designated in the permit application, the permit for the current permitting year, to be available for inspection by authorized representatives of the Town at all times.
- (5) Any individual, business, private contractor or other entity who violates this provision is guilty of a violation of this Code and shall be punished as provided in section 1-10.

Sec. 58-9 - Illegal Parking

No motor vehicle shall be parked along or on any public right of way unless designated parking spaces have been provided by the Town. Parking spaces shall be designated by lines painted or durably marked on the curb or the surface of the street.

Sec. 58-10 – Enforcement

It shall be the duty of the police department to enforce the provisions of this ordinance, and the police department may use tire markings and other devices and procedures to determine violations.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, erase or alter any tire markings, chalk or otherwise, placed by the police department on any vehicle parked in the Town with the intent to prevent the enforcement of any provisions of this Chapter.

Sec. 58-11 – Notice of Illegally Parked Vehicles

Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by an ordinance of the Town or by state law, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its registration number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a notice in writing, on a form provided by the Chief of Police, for the driver to answer to the charge against them within seventy-two (72) hours of said notice.

Sec. 58-12 – Failure to Comply with Notice Attached to a Parked Vehicle

If a violator of the restrictions on stopping, crossing a sidewalk or curb, or parking under the traffic laws or ordinances of the Town does not appear in response to the notice affixed to such motor vehicle within the period as specified in the notice, the Chief of Police shall send to the owner of the motor vehicle a copy of the notice that was affixed to the vehicle, and a letter informing them of the violation and warning them that if the letter is disregarded for a period of fourteen (14) days, a complaint will be filed and a warrant of arrest issued.

Sec. 58-13 – Presumption in Reference to Illegal Parking

In any prosecution charging a violation of any law or regulation governing the parking of a vehicle, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked in violation of any such law or regulation, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time of parking, the registered owner of the vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle was the person who parked or placed the vehicle at the point where and for the time during which the violation occurred.

Subsection (a) shall apply only when the procedure described in Sections 58.7 and 58.8 have been followed.

Sec. 58-14 – Removal of Illegally Parked Vehicles

Any motor vehicle illegally parked upon the streets of the Town for a period of more than seventy two (72) hours shall be seized by the Chief of Police, or his officers, and towed to an impound lot. The cost of any towing shall be borne by the owner of such motor vehicle.

Sec. 58-15 – Penalty for Violations

Unless another penalty is expressly provided by law, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punished as provided in Section 1-7 of the Code of the Town of Trion.

Secs 58.16—58-30. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - TRUCK ROUTES

State Law reference— Vehicle size and load limits, O.C.G.A. § 32-6-20 et seq.; enforcement of load limits, O.C.G.A. § 32-6-27

Sec. 58-31. – Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Bimodal semitrailer means a detachable load-carrying unit designed to be attached to a coupling on the rear of a truck by which it is partially supported during movement over the highway and designed either with retractable flanged wheels or to attach to a detachable flanged wheel assembly for movement on the rails.

Public or private property means the right-of-way of any road or highway, any body of water or watercourse or the shores thereof, any park, playground, building, refuge or conservation or recreation area, and residential or farm properties, timberland or forest.

State law reference— Definitions, motor vehicles and traffic, O.C.G.A. § 40-1-1.

Sec. 58-32. - Restrictive vehicles required to use truck routes; exceptions.

All trucks are prohibited from using roadways within the Town limits, except those roadways authorized by this article as truck routes, including any amendments hereof, or as may be further designated by the governing authority as truck routes, with the following exceptions:

- (1) If the terminal, parking lot, repair garage, or headquarters of the restricted motor vehicle is not a designated truck route, ingress to and egress from those places shall be made by the most direct route available between the terminal, parking lot, repair garage or headquarters and nearest designated truck route.
- (2) If a delivery or pickup is to be made at a location which is not on a designated truck route; ingress to and egress from that location shall be made by the most direct route available between that location and the nearest designated truck route.
- (3) If a delivery or pickup is to be made by a truck, road tractor, combination road tractor-trailer within any area that is not on a designated truck route; such delivery or pickup shall not be made between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sec. 58-33. - Posted regulatory signs.

A list and map of approved truck routes are kept on file with the Town police department and the Town clerk. The list of truck routes may be revised as deemed necessary by the Town police department with the approval of the Town Council, with the entire list requiring renewal by the Town Council biannually. All listed routes will be further identified by posted regulatory signs.

State law reference— No violation of ordinance unless regulatory sign is posted on roadway, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-371(c).

Sec. 58-34. - Use of temporary truck routes by restricted vehicles.

If a designated truck route, or any portion thereof, is under repair or otherwise temporarily out of use, restricted vehicles shall use other temporary truck routes as may be designated by the Town Council and further identified by the posting of the regulatory traffic control sign.

Sec. 58-35. - Evidence required for restricted vehicle to be off truck route.

When upon roadways other than those designated as truck routes, any person driving or in charge or control of any of the motor vehicles restricted by this article is prepared to present for inspection of police officers his log book, weight slips, delivery slips or other written evidence of his destination and point of origin to justify the presence of the restricted vehicle on a roadway other than a designated truck route.

Sec. 58-36. - Weight of vehicle and loads.

No vehicle shall be operated on any roadway within the Town limits designated as a truck route, with a total gross weight in

excess of 56,000 pounds unless the vehicle is making a pickup or delivery on such road. The maximum gross weight of any vehicle operating on any roadway within the Town limits shall not exceed 80,000 pounds.

Sec. 58-37. - Weight limitations on streets, bridges and culverts.

It is unlawful to operate any motor vehicle on any street within the Town limits, where the weight of such motor vehicle, with or without load, is in excess of the weight as limited by this article and where signs indicating such limitations are posted. Further, it is unlawful to drive any motor vehicle over a bridge or culvert within the Town limits, over the weight capacity shown on said bridge and/or culvert.

The driver and/or owner is liable to the Town for any and all damages caused by driving an overweight motor vehicle over any street, bridge and/or culvert with a posted sign. These damages are in addition to any fine or punishment that may be assessed for violation of this article.

Sec. 58-38. - Enforcement of weight and load limitations.

- (1) Any person who violates the load limitation provisions of this article is conclusively presumed to have damaged the public roads, including bridges within the Town limits by reason of such overloading and shall, in addition to any other penalty at law, recompensed the Town for such damages in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 32-6-27, as same may be amended.
- (2) Any owner or operator of a vehicle which is operated on the public roads within the Town limits, in violation of the weight limits provided in this article, is required, in addition to paying the monies provided in subsection (a) of this section, to unload all gross weight in excess of 6,000 pounds over the legal weight limit before being allowed to move the vehicle.
- (3) Any person authorized by state law and this article to enforce this article may seize the offending vehicle of an owner who fails or whose operator has failed to pay the monies proscribed in O.C.G.A. § 32-6-27(a) and hold such vehicle until the proscribed moneys are paid. Any authorized person seizing such vehicle under this subsection or subsection (b) of this section may, when necessary, store the vehicle, and the owner thereof is responsible for all reasonable storage charges thereon. When any vehicle is seized, held, unloaded or partially unloaded under this section, the load or any part thereof is removed or cared for by the owner or operator of the vehicle without any liability on the part of the authorized person or the Town because of damage to or loss of such load or any part thereof.

Sec. 58-39. - Parking of commercial vehicles, trucks, trailers and buses.

- (1) It is unlawful to park any commercial vehicle or any trailer, whether commercial or private, on the right-of-way of any residential street, unless said commercial vehicle is making a delivery to residential property. This section shall not apply to vehicles, trailers, or equipment temporarily located within a construction area, provided such vehicles, trailers or equipment are used in connection with dwelling units or utilities under construction or repair within such construction area. Any parking allowed within the right-of-way pursuant to this subsection shall comply with all other rules, regulations and ordinances of the Town.
- (2) No person shall park or stand any bus, truck, or other freight-carrying vehicle in excess of 12,500 pounds (gross vehicle weight) upon the right-of-way of any nonresidential public street or highway for a period longer than one hour at any time during the day or night.
- (3) No person shall stop or stand any vehicle with a body more than eight feet wide or ten feet high on any street or public place, except where permitted for loading or unloading as designated, without the driver or chauffeur being actually present and in charge thereof.

State law reference— Authority of Town to regulate parking, O.C.G.A. §§ 32-6-2(3), 40-6-200 et seq., 40-6-371.

Sec. 58-40. - Parking or storage of unlicensed, inoperable vehicles, trailers or equipment.

Vehicles and trailers of any kind without current license plates, or vehicles, trailers or equipment permitted to remain in an inoperable condition for more than 30 days shall not be parked or stored on or about any property within a residential zoned district. Provided, however, this section shall not apply to vehicles, trailers or equipment stored in an enclosed structure or appropriately covered and located in the rear yard area.

Sec. 58-41. - Penalty of article.

Any person who violates this article is guilty of a violation of this Code and shall be punished as provided in section 1-10.

Secs. 58-42—58-45. - Reserved.

ARTICLE III. – SIGNS

Sec 58-46 - Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Billboard means a large, freestanding sign customarily used for advertising purposes. Billboards and/or any signs exceeding 100 square feet in area are prohibited in the Town of Trion.

Development sign means any sign designed and intended to advertise the sale of lots or buildings for promotional purposes.

Hanging sign means any sign upon, attached to, or painted on the face of a marquee. Such sign shall not project above or beneath said marquee face.

Pole Sign means a freestanding sign supported from the ground and not attached to any other structure; an area sign includes a pole sign.

Political sign means any sign that is relating to an election.

Wall sign means any sign affixed, other than by paint, to a wall of any building or structure and including retaining walls, provided such sign shall not project more than twelve (12) inches from said building. Such sign shall be limited to identification of the name of the business and logo.

Zoning Ordinances means the zoning ordinance of the Town of Trion, set forth in appendix A to this Code.

(Ord. of 5-25-1999, § 1)

Sec 58-47 - General sign regulations

Compliance with other codes. All signs shall be erected, altered, and maintained in accordance with the building and electrical codes of the Town and all other regulations that are applicable.

Fire and health hazard. Vegetation shall be kept cut in front of, behind, and underneath the base of any ground sign for a distance of ten feet, and no rubbish shall be permitted under or near such sign in any way to constitute a fire or health hazard.

Name of company installing to be on sign. Every sign shall have displayed a conspicuous place thereon, in letters not less than one inch in height, the name of the company installing the sign, the date of erection, the permit number, and the voltage of any electrical apparatus used in connection therewith. This requirement shall not apply to signs less than 12 square feet in area and having no electric lights or other electrical parts.

Public interference. Signs shall not be so installed as to create a traffic or fire hazard, or so as to create conditions that adversely affect public safety.

Shielding. All illuminated signs shall provide shielding for the source of illumination in order to prevent a direct view of the bulb or other light source from a street or from a residence in a residential area.

Sign area and number. In areas where a given number of signs and a total surface area of such signs is specified, the total surface area permitted may be used in a lesser number of signs than the maximum permitted, but in no case shall be maximum number of signs be exceeded even though the total permissible area is not used.

Sign location. No ground or projecting sign shall be permitted closer than 15 feet to any property line (side lot line).

Signs on public property. No person shall erect a sign on or over any public property or public right-of-way. Signs may be erected on public property only by a public body with the approval of the Town Council.

Signs over public right-of-way. There shall be no signs projecting or overhanging any public right-of-way. No support or any part of a sign structure shall be upon the public right-of-way.

Unsafe and unlawful signs. If the building official shall find any sign unsafe, unsecured, a menace to the public, or constructed erected, or maintained in violation of the provisions of this chapter, he shall give written notice of such. If the applicant fails to conform to the standards herewith within 30 days after such written notice, the owner or person in possession of same shall remove the sign. If the owner or person does not remove the sign within such time, the building inspector may compel removal of the sign. The building official shall refuse to issue a permit to anyone who has refused to comply with the standards set forth herein. The building official may cause any sign causing an immediate peril to person or property to be removed summarily and without any notice thereof to said owner. Any permit issued for any sign shall, by and upon receipt and acceptance by the owner, authorize such removal at the expense of said owner of all signs not properly maintained. The permit application form to be signed by the applicant shall contain substantially the following language:

“The undersigned applicant agrees that a sign in a hazardous condition might cause injury, death or property damage. If the sign covered by this application ever is in a condition to create an immediate hazard, the building official of the Town of Trion, or any person working under his supervision or direction, may remove such sign and enter upon the premises where the sign is located for the purpose of such removal.”

Wind pressure and dead load requirements. All signs and other advertising structures shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the building code of the Town. Upon request of the building inspector, an engineering drawing shall be required that certified compliance with said code.

Sign placement. No sign shall be placed upon trees, shrubbery or vines.

(Ord. of 5-25-99, §2)

State law references – Signs resembling traffic signs, O.C.G.A. §40-6-25; obscenity O.C.G.A. §16-12-80.

Sec 58-48 - Signs exempt from these regulations

The following signs are exempted from this chapter:

- (1) Signs not exceeding one and 1.5 feet in area and being only property numbers, post office box numbers, or names of occupants on any private premises for identification purposes only;
- (2) Legal notices posted by authorized persons of a governmental body;
- (3) Identification, information, or directional signs of governmental bodies
- (4) Signs directing and guiding traffic and/or parking on private property that do not exceed one and 1.5 square feet in area and bear no advertising matter;
- (5) Flags and insignia of any government except when displayed in connection with commercial promotion;
- (6) Integral decoration or architecture festoon of buildings, except letters, trademarks, moving parts or moving lights.

(Ord. 5-25-99, §3)

Sec 58-49 - Prohibited signs

No person, firm association or corporation shall erect or maintain any of the following signs:

- (1) Signs not permitted by the zoning ordinance of the Town of Trion.
- (2) Flashing signs, excluding time and temperature signs that do not exceed 25 square feet in area.
- (3) Any sign exceeding the limitations set forth by this chapter, and any sign that exceeds 100 square feet in total area.

(Ord. of 5-25-99, §4)

Sec 58-50 - Specific sign type regulations.

The following regulations shall apply to the specific sign types as permitted:

Canopy and marquee signs. Canopy and marquee signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in area.

Construction signs. The erection of one construction sign shall be permitted on property where construction is actually in progress under a current building permit. This sign shall be a ground sign not to exceed 48 square feet in area and may include the names of persons and firms performing services or labor, or supplying materials to the premises.

Development signs. Two development signs may be permitted where there are two entrances to an undeveloped subdivision shown on a properly recorded plat. Signs shall be limited in size to 100 square feet for each of the two entrances. Permits for such development signs shall be issued for a period of one year only and shall be subject to removal by application. Such permits shall be reviewed by the building inspector only after determination that the promotion of the development is active. Subdivision signs are permitted as provided in this section.

Ground signs. All ground signs shall be subject to the following limitations:

- (1) The surface area of any ground sign is not to exceed 5 square feet for each ten feet of lot frontage on a public street with a maximum limit of 100 square feet. This is inclusive of pole signs.
- (2) The height limit for ground signs is 20 feet, measured from finished grade to the highest point on the sign.
- (3) There shall be a clearance of nine feet between the finished grade and the bottom of the sign, except for any ground sign that permanently identifies a business or commercial establishment located within the property on which the sign is located, and that is architecturally similar to the structure of structures of said business or commercial establishment. Determination of the degree of the similarity between sign and structure is to be made at the sole discretion of the building official.
- (4) Only one ground sign shall be permitted for each premises.
- (5) No ground sign shall be erected between any principal building and the Chattooga River.
- (6) Political signs are permitted at any time; provided they are temporary in nature and are removed within 30 days of the election to which they are addressed.

Projecting signs. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all projecting signs shall be subject to the following limitations:

Projection limitations. Four feet beyond the surface of the portion of the building to which it is attached or designed.

Surface area and height limitations:

Building size	Area Limits	Maximum Height of Sign Above Ground
1 story	12 sq. ft.	12 ft.
2 stories	12 sq. ft.	12 ft.
3 stories and over	32 sq. ft.	20 ft.

Number. Only one projecting sign per building.

Real estate signs. Real estate signs offering to sell the property where the sign is placed are permitted provided that only one sign shall be erected for each parcel of property or unit offered for sale, exchange, lease or rent, subject to the following regulations:

- (1) No such sign shall exceed 4.5 square feet in area.
- (2) One "Open for Inspection" sign of 1.5 square feet may be allowed only on property that is open for inspection and only when a representative of the broker or owner is in attendance.
- (3) Signs are to be located a minimum of three feet from the right-of-way line and a minimum of ten feet from the side lot lines, except where the building is in a commercial area, in which case it may extend to the sidewalk

line. No signs may be fastened to building except in commercial areas. No signs shall be fastened to trees or utility poles in any area.

Roof signs. A roof sign may not be erected.

Subdivision signs. Subdivision signs are permitted at subdivision entrances provided the following requirements are met:

- (1) A sign plan showing the sign design and location is submitted to and approved by the Town Council;
- (2) The sign shall not exceed four feet in height and obstruct the view of motorists when entering or leaving the subdivision; and,
- (3) No sign shall exceed 40 square feet in area.

Wall signs. Wall signs shall be subject to the following requirements:

- (1) Wall signs may not exceed five square feet of sign area for each ten lineal feet of building wall on which the sign is located.
- (2) A wall sign may not project more than 12 inches from the building wall to which it is attached.
- (3) Illuminated wall signs shall be backlighted to silhouette the title, or be illuminated from an indirect light source.
- (4) Only one wall sign shall be permitted for each premises, with the exception of corner or double frontage lots, on which two wall signs are permitted.

(Ord. of 5-25-99, §5).

Sec 58-51 - Sign permits.

- (1) Before erecting, relocating, alternating, or replacing any sign not specifically excepted under these regulations, the owner, agent, contractor, or other person having the right of place a sign on real property shall first secure a permit from the building inspector.
- (2) An applicant for a sign shall submit to the building official an accurate drawing to scale, showing the material to be displayed, dimensions, construction details, electrical plans, and dimensions to property lines or buildings in respect to the proposed location of the sign to be erected.
- (3) An application for a sign permit shall be filled out at the time such plans are submitted; however, the payment of the fee is not required until the permit is issued.

(Ord. of 5-25-99, §6).

Sec 58-52 - Temporary sign permits.

A temporary sign permit may be obtained from the building official to allow, on a temporary basis, signs pertaining to national holidays, civic functions, or special events such as a grand opening of a retail establishment. The time limit on the permit is not to exceed 30 days. A fee of \$10.00 shall be charged for issuance of the permit.

(Ord. of 5-25-99, §7)

Sec 58-53 - Roadway signs prohibited.

Except as otherwise contained in this chapter, no sign shall be constructed on a roadway or adjacent to a roadway, unless it is in conformance with the height and other size requirements of this chapter.

(Ord. of 5-25-99, §10)

ARTICLE IV. - ABANDONED VEHICLES

Sec. 58-71. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Commercial motor vehicle means any self-propelled or towed vehicle, or combination of such, designed or used to transport passengers or property and satisfies all or one of the following criteria:

- (1) Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds;
- (2) Is designed or used to transport more than eight passengers, including the driver, for compensation;
- (3) Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, and is not for compensation; or
- (4) Is used in transporting hazardous material in a quantity requiring placards in accordance with the motor carrier safety rules prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation, 49 CFR 172.500—172.560.

Recreational vehicle means any self-propelled or towed vehicle, or combination of such, used for leisure time activities or as a dwelling unit while traveling. Examples include a camper, a motor home and a travel trailer.

Trailer means any nonautomotive vehicle designed to be towed for the purpose of transporting or carrying objects or persons.

Sec. 58-72. - Parking or abandonment prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to park or abandon a commercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or trailer upon the streets or upon the rights-of-way of the streets and allow said commercial motor vehicle to remain parked or abandoned for more than 72 consecutive hours.

State law reference— Local authority for removal of discarded vehicles, O.C.G.A. § 36-60-4.

Sec. 58-73. - Removal and storage.

Should any sworn police officer find any motor vehicle that has been parked or abandoned as aforesaid, he shall have the right to impound the vehicle and to have same removed from the streets at the expense of the owner, and charge the owners storage.

State law reference— Authority for all peace officers to remove abandoned vehicles from public property, O.C.G.A. § 40-11-3.

**EXHIBIT A
ON SYSTEM**

State Route	Within the Town Limits	From	Mile Post	To	Mile Post	Length In Miles	Speed Limit
SR1	Trion	158 feet North of C.R. 331, J.C. Jake Woods Avenue	14.25	475 feet North of the Chattooga River bridge	14.47	0.22	45
		475 feet North of the Chattooga River Bridge	14.47	317 feet North of C.R. 325 Narrows Road	15.51	1.04	55

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Road Name	Within the Town Limits	From	To	Length in Miles	Speed Limit
Allgood Street	Trion	Pine Street	Town Limits	0.67	35
Allgood Street School Zone	Trion Trion High 7:30 am-8:30 am 1:30 pm-3:30 pm School days only	317 feet East of Oak Hill Drive	106 feet East of Ridge Street	0.53	25
Club Drive	Trion	Emory Street	North Trion Town Limits	1.26	35
First Street	Trion	Seventh Street	Town Limits	0.40	35
J.C. Jake Woods Avenue	Trion	State Route 1	Simmons Street	0.48	45
		Simmons Street	100 feet South of the Chattooga River Bridge	0.42	35
		100 feet South of the Chattooga River Bridge	Emory Street		25
		Emory Street	1848 feet North of Emory Street	0.35	35
		1848 feet North of Emory Street	1003 feet South of Hillside Road	0.90	45
Pine Street	Trion	Simmons Street	Town Limits	0.58	30
Simmons Street	Trion	Central Avenue	Pine Street	0.54	30
Tatum Road	Trion	Emory Street	Town Limits	1.00	35

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