

## CHAPTER XIV. TRAFFIC

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### ARTICLE 1. STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

- 14-101. INCORPORATING STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE. There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Meriden, Kansas, that certain standard traffic ordinance known as the "Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities," Edition of 2017, prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, save and except such articles, sections, parts or portions as are hereafter omitted, deleted, modified or changed, such incorporation being authorized by K.S.A. 12-3009 through 12-3012, inclusive, as amended. Section 114.1 of said Standard Traffic Ordinance relating to all-terrain vehicles is hereby declared to be and is omitted and deleted. One copy of said standard ordinance shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as Incorporated by the Code of the City of Meriden, Kansas," with all sections or portions thereof intended to be omitted or changed clearly marked to show any such omission or change and to which shall be attached a copy of this section, and filed with the city clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours. (Ord. 14-2017; Code 2017)
- 14-102. SAME; TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS AND TRAFFIC OFFENSES. (a) An ordinance traffic infraction is a violation of any section of this article that prescribes or requires the same behavior as that prescribed or required by a statutory provision that is classified as a traffic infraction in K.S.A. Supp. 8-2118.  
(b) All traffic violations which are included within this article, and which are not ordinance traffic infractions as defined in subsection (a) of this section, shall be considered traffic offenses.  
(Code 2017)
- 14-103. PENALTY FOR SCHEDULED FINES. The fine for violation of an ordinance traffic infraction or any other traffic offense for which the municipal judge establishes a fine in a fine schedule shall not be less than \$10.00 nor more than \$30.00, except for speeding which shall not be less than \$10.00 nor more than \$500.00. A person tried and convicted for violation of an ordinance traffic infraction or other traffic offense for which a fine has been established in a schedule of fines shall pay a fine fixed by the court not to exceed \$500.00. (Code 2017)

## **ARTICLE 2. LOCAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

14-201. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND MARKINGS. The Standard Traffic Ordinance as adopted is hereby modified by adding thereto the following:

The governing body may, by resolution, establish and fix the location of such traffic control devices as may be deemed necessary to guide and warn traffic under the provisions of this chapter, other traffic ordinances and the state laws. The city shall place and maintain such traffic control signs, signals and devices when and as may be required by the authority of the governing body to make effective the provisions of this chapter and other ordinances for the regulation of traffic. Any official traffic control device placed pursuant to this section shall be marked and labeled on a map of the City of Meriden for the purpose of displaying all such traffic control devices and shall be filed with the city clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours of business.

(Code 2017)

### ARTICLE 3. TRUCKS AND TRAILERS

- 14-301. **PURPOSE.** The governing body has found it necessary to restrict the use of commercial vehicles on the streets and roadways of the city.
- (a) The term “commercial” as used in this article shall mean the transportation of goods or passengers for hire.
- (b) Unless otherwise posted or set forth herein, it shall be unlawful for any commercial truck, commercial bus or other commercial motor vehicle to use any roadway located within the city limits of Meriden, Kansas.
- (c) Official traffic signs giving notice of this regulation shall be erected and placed at appropriate locations.
- (d) It shall be a defense to a prosecution for violation of this article that the commercial truck, commercial bus or other commercial motor vehicle, at the time of operating on said roadways, had either a point of origin or a destination located on a roadway within the city limits of Meriden, Kansas, and that such commercial vehicle had traveled from or to such point or origin or destination by the shortest route from a roadway permitting commercial traffic.
- (e) The following streets shall be designated as commercial vehicle routes within Meriden, Kansas: the entire length of Palmberg Street.
- (f) **Penalty.** Any person convicted of a violation of this article may be assessed a fine of not more than \$499.  
(Ord. 14-301; Code 2017)
- 14-302. **ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful for any person to park, or cause to be parked any bus, truck, truck tractor, trailer or semi-trailer owned or under the physical control of such person, on any highway or street in the city, for a period of time longer than 30 minutes between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day; provided, that this section shall not apply to vehicles owned by the United States of America, the state and the city.  
(Ord. 14-302; Code 2017)
- 14-303. **ANGLE PARKING PROHIBITED.** (a) No person shall stop, stand or park a truck or truck tractor, the overall length of which is more than 18 feet on streets legally marked for angle parking.
- (b) No person shall stop, stand or park a passenger type motor vehicle with trailer attached on streets legally marked for angle parking.
- (c) The provisions of this section shall be construed independent of all the provisions of the traffic ordinances of the city.  
(Ord. 14-305.1; Code 2017)
- 14-304. **RESERVED DESIGNATED PARKING.** Semi-trailer trucks are prohibited from parking in any area other than those areas specifically designated for the parking of semi-trucks and trailers. (Code 2017)
- 14-305. **ADDITIONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS.** In addition to the parking restrictions and regulations otherwise in effect, no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in the following locations within the city of Meriden:
- (a) All streets running North/South: No stopping, standing, or parking on the West side, with the exception of Palmberg Street, where there shall be no stopping,

standing or parking on either the East or West sides of the street ("truck route"), within the city limits of Meriden, Kansas.

(b) All streets running East/West: No stopping, standing, or parking on the North side, with the exception of the 100 block to the 200 block of Wyandotte Street, where there shall be no stopping, standing, or parking on the South side, and the North side shall be open for parking.  
(Ord. 14-307; Code 2017)

14-306.

#### OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES.

(a) Except as provided in the following subsections, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate an all-terrain vehicle within the corporate limits of Meriden, Kansas.

(b) All operators of all-terrain vehicles shall:

(1) Be 16 years of age or more.

(2) Wear eye protective devices required of motorcycle operators.

(3) Be responsible for continuously maintain a policy of liability insurance covering the all-terrain vehicle they are operating. Said operators shall display, upon demand, evidence of the policy of liability insurance covering the all-terrain vehicle to a law enforcement officer. The law enforcement officer shall issue a citation to any person who fails to display the evidence of the policy of liability insurance upon such demand. Upon the production in court of evidence of a policy of liability insurance, any citation issued shall be dismissed.

(4) Be responsible for maintaining operable brake lights and turn signals on the all-terrain vehicle they are operating.

(5) Be responsible for maintaining exhaust mechanisms applicable to motorcycles.

(6) Be responsible for their passengers under the age of 16 wearing a helmet which complies with minimum guidelines established by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration pursuant to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 for helmets designed for the use by motorcyclists and other motor vehicle users.

(7) Be responsible for obeying all traffic rules and regulations, other than K.S.A. 8-15,100 and STO § 114.1, contained in the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways and the STO adopted by the City of Meriden.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), all-terrain vehicles owned and operate by a county or city noxious weed department, or all-terrain vehicles owned and operated by persons contracting with a county or city noxious weed department or the Kansas Department of Transportation may be allowed to operate such all-terrain vehicles upon the right-of-way of any federal highway or state highway for the purpose of eradicating noxious weeds and such all-terrain vehicles may be operated incidentally upon such federal highway or state highway.

(d) No all-terrain vehicle shall be operated on any public highway, street or road between sunset and sunrise unless equipped with lights as required by law for motorcycles.

(e) the penalty for each violation of this article shall be a fine not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. (Ord. 14-205; Code 2017)

#### ARTICLE 4. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- 14-401. HAZARDOUS MATERIAL DEFINED. As used in this article, the term hazardous material shall mean any material or combination of materials which, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, biological, or infectious characteristics, poses a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or safety or the environment if released into the workplace or environment or when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of or otherwise managed. (Code 2017)
- 14-402. SAME; EXCEPTIONS. The provisions of this article shall not apply to any container which shall have a capacity of 150 gallons or less which shall be used for the purpose of supplying fuel for the vehicle on which it is mounted. These provisions shall also not apply to vehicles, trailers, containers or tanks containing anhydrous ammonia or other material primarily used by farmers for fertilizer purposes when such vehicles, trailers, containers or tanks are parked or housed upon property designated for the placement of such vehicle, trailer, container or tank by any farmers cooperative, elevator company or farm supply store located within the city limits. (Code 2017)
- 14-403. TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Except as provided in section 14-404 it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or other entity to transport any hazardous material upon any street, avenue, highway, road, alley or any other public right-of-way in the city. (Code 2017)
- 14-404. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ROUTES. The provisions of section 14-403 shall apply to all streets, avenues, highways, roadways, alleys or other public right-of-ways within the city except those specified within this section where transportation of hazardous materials shall be allowed. Transportation of hazardous materials shall be allowed upon the following streets, avenues, highways or roadways:
- (a) (Reserved)
  - (b) (Reserved)
  - (c) (Reserved)
- (Code 2017)
- 14-405. PARKING OF VEHICLES OR TRAILERS CARRYING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or other entity to park any vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer carrying any hazardous material within any of the following city zoning districts as defined in Chapter 16 of this code:
- (1) (Reserved)
  - (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers parked for continuous periods of time not to exceed one hour where such vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers are parked along those routes specified in section 14-404 of this code.
  - (c) Subsection (a) shall not apply to any vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer carrying any hazardous material where such vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer is not parked within 500 feet of any structure used for human habitation.
- (Code 2017)

14-406.           **REMOVAL OF ILLEGALLY PARKED TRAILERS.** If any vehicle, trailer or a semi-trailer is found parked in violation of the provisions of this article, the fire chief or assistant chief or any law enforcement officer may require the owner, operator or lessee of the trailer to move it within two hours. If such removal is not accomplished on the order of any such officer, it may be accomplished by any such officer, by any reasonable means, if the continued presence of the trailer or semi-trailer at its parked location constitutes, adds to or prevents correction of a situation threatening imminent injury or damage to persons or property. (Code 2017)