

Chapter 19
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Section 19-35A ARTICLE II. OPERATION OF VEHICLES

Section 19-36 Speed restrictions.

(a) No person shall drive a vehicle on a street at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions, and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. Speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the street in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

(b) The speed limit in any business or residential district within the incorporate limits of the city shall be thirty (30) miles per hour except as otherwise provided in this article.

(c) Whenever the city manager shall determine upon the basis of an engineering and a traffic investigation that the lawful speed limits permitted under this section upon any street or highway, or upon any part thereof, is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon such street or highway, the city manager may determine and declare a reasonable and safe lawful speed limit thereon which shall be effective at all times or during hours of daylight or darkness or at such other times as may be determined when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected. The city manager shall not have the authority to alter the basic rules set forth in subsection (a) or to establish a speed limit greater than fifty-five (55) miles per hour.

(Code 1958, § 22-29)

State law reference--Authorization to alter or establish speed limits, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-371(a)(10).

Section 19-37 Table of maximum speed limits.

(a) The following maximum speed limits are hereby established at the following designated state route locations, except as otherwise provided:

- (1) 319 Truck Route from West Thomasville Bypass to West Pinetree Boulevard, a distance of 3.53 miles to be zoned 55 mph;
- (2) Old Albany Road (S.R. 38 Business, US 84 Business) from a point 52 feet east of North Pinetree Boulevard to point 528 feet west of Bermuda Street, a distance of 0.90 mile to be zoned 45 mph ;
- (3) Smith Avenue (S.R. 38 Business, US 84 Business) from a point 1,003 feet east of Susie Way to a point 52 feet west of 0.69 mile to be zoned 45 mph;
- (4) West Jackson Street (S.R. 35 or US 319) from 52 feet north of West Pinetree boulevard to Railroad Avenue, a distance of 0.95 mile to be zoned 45 mph;
- (5) State Route 3 (US 19 or GA 300) from 52 feet north of State Route 122 to 52 feet south of State Route 35 (US 319) a distance of 0.45 mile to be zoned 45 mph;
- (6) East Jackson Street (S.R. 35 or US 319) from a point 525 feet north of Myrtle Drive to a point 52 feet south of East Pinetree Boulevard, a distance of 1.07 miles to be zoned 40 mph;
- (7) East Jackson Street (S.R. 35 or US 319) from Crawford Street to a point 525 feet north of Myrtle Drive, a distance of 0.84 mile to be zoned 35 mph;
- (8) East Jackson Street (S.R. 35 or US 319) from Railroad Avenue to Remington Avenue, a distance of .65 mile to be zoned 35 mph;
- (9) Old Albany Road--North Boulevard--Madison Street--Smith Avenue (S.R. 38 Business, SR 94 Business) from a point 528 feet west of Bermuda Street to a point 1,003 feet east of Susie Way a distance of 2.81 miles to be zoned 35 mph;
- (10) Jackson Street (S.R. 35 or US 319) from Remington Avenue to Crawford Street, a distance of 0.35 mile to be zoned 25 mph.

(b) Greater than 30 mph (other than state route locations):

- (1) Cairo Road from West Pinetree Boulevard east a distance of 0.45 mile, to be zoned 45 mph;
- (2) Cassidy Road from North Pinetree Boulevard to the Steam Mill Branch, a distance of 0.86 mile to be zoned 45 mph;
- (3) Old Monticello Road from East Pinetree Boulevard to a point 1,161 feet north of Georgia 300 (US 19), a distance of 0.41 mile to be zoned 45 mph;
- (4) Glenwood Drive from Chatham Drive to North Pinetree Boulevard, to be zoned 45 mph;
- (5) Cairo Road from a point 0.45 mile east of West Pinetree Boulevard to a point 369 feet west of North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, a distance of 0.35 mile, to be zoned 40 mph;
- (6) Campbell Street from West Pinetree Boulevard to North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, to be zoned 40 mph;
- (7) Davenport Drive from Campbell Street to Industrial Boulevard, to be zoned 40 mph;
- (8) Industrial Boulevard from West Jackson Street (US 319 Business and S.R. 35 Business) to Campbell Street, to be zoned 40 mph;
- (9) Plantation Oak Drive From US 319 Truck Route to the Old Albany Road (US 94 Business and S.R. 3/S.R. 38 Business), to be zoned 40 mph;
- (10) Remington Avenue from East Pinetree Boulevard to 52 feet west of Georgia Hwy 300, a distance of 0.25 miles, to be zoned 40 mph;
- (11) Sunset Drive from Industrial Boulevard to US 319 Truck Route, to be zoned 40 mph;
- (12) Bartow Street from West Jackson Street (US 319 Business and S.R. 38 Business) to South Street, to be zoned 35 mph;
- (13) Cairo Road/North Boulevard from a point 369 feet west of North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to the Old Albany Road (US 84 Business and S.R. 3/S.R. 38 Business), to be zoned 35

mph;

(14) Campbell Street from North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to West Jackson Street (US 319 Business and S.R. 35 Business), to be zoned 35 mph;

(15) Cassidy Road from North Boulevard to the Steam Mill Branch, a distance of 0.60 mile, to be zoned 35 mph;

(16) Clanton Street from East Jackson Street (US 319 Business and S.R. 35 Business) to Remington Avenue, to be zoned 35 mph;

(17) Clay Street from North Pinetree Boulevard to Oak Street, to be zoned 35 mph;

(18) Covington Avenue from Smith Avenue (US 84 Business and S.R. 38 Business) to Remington Avenue, to be zoned 35 mph;

(19) East Pinetree Boulevard from Remington Avenue to East Jackson Street, to be zoned 35 mph;

(20) East Pinetree Boulevard from Remington Avenue to CSX railroad crossing, a distance of .020 miles, to be zoned 35 mph;

(21) Genesis Parkway in the Plantation Oak Industrial Park, to be zoned 35 mph;

(22) Glenwood Drive from East Jackson Street (US 319 Business and S.R. 35 Business) to Chatham Drive, to be zoned 35 mph;

(23) Hansell Street from South Street to Smith Avenue (US 84 Business and S.R. 38 Business), to be zoned 35 mph;

(24) Kern Street from Smith Avenue (US 84 Business and S.R. 38 Business) to Reid Street, to be zoned 35 mph;

(25) Magnolia Street from South Pinetree Boulevard to Bartow Street, to be zoned 35 mph;

(26) Market Street from Smith Avenue (US 84 Business and S.R. 38 Business) to Metcalf Avenue, to be zoned 35 mph;

(27) Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from North Boulevard to South Pinetree Boulevard, to be zoned 35 mph;

(28) Metcalf Avenue from East Pinetree Boulevard to Susie Way Street, to be zoned 35 mph;

(29) North Broad Street from North Boulevard to East Clay Street, to be zoned 35 mph;

(30) Patterson Street from North Pinetree Boulevard to East Clay Street, to be zoned 35 mph;

(31) Remington Avenue from Reid Street to East Pinetree Boulevard, to be zoned 35 mph;

(32) South Broad Street/Old Monticello Road from East Pinetree Boulevard to Dawson Street, to be zoned 35 mph;

(33) South Pinetree Boulevard from CSX railroad crossing to Magnolia Street, a distance of 0.36 mph, to be zoned 35 mph.

(34) Susie Way Street from Smith Avenue (US 84 Business and S.R. 38 Business) to Metcalf Avenue, to be zoned 35 mph.

(c) Less than 30 mph (other than state route locations)

(1) Blackshear Street from Mill Pond Road to Junius Street, to be zoned 25 mph.

(2) Broad Street from East Washington Street to Remington Avenue, to be zoned 25 mph;

(3) East Jefferson Street from North Madison Street (US 84 Business and S.R. 38 Business) to North Broad Street, to be zoned 25 mph;

(4) Mimosa Drive from South Broad Street/Old Monticello Road to Gordon Avenue, to be zoned 25 mph.

(Ord. of 10-26-98, § I; Ord. of 3-10-03)

(2003 (19-37), Amended, 03/10/2003)

Section 19-38 School zones on state highways; speed limits.

The following locations on state highways shall be designated as school zones and the maximum speed limit shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to

8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.:

- (1) West Jackson Street (U.S. 319 Business and S.R. 35 Business) from a point 22.5 feet south of College Street to a point 215 feet north of Barrow Street, a distance of 0.19 mile.
- (2) East Jackson Street (U.S. 319 Business and S.R. 35 Business) from a point 240 feet south of Hansell Street to a point 525 feet north of Myrtle Drive, a distance of 0.52 mile.

(Code 1958, § 22-29; Ord. of 9-26-94, § II)

Section 19-39 School zones other than state highways; speed limits.

The following locations shall be designated school zones and the maximum speed limit shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.:

- (1) Chatham Drive from Dawson Street to a point 300 feet east of Woodland Drive.
- (2) Young Street from Rouse Street to Chatham Drive.
- (3) North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from Wolfe Street to Felix Street.
- (4) Forrest Street from North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to Cobb Street.
- (5) Cobb Street from Forrest Street to Alexander Street.
- (6) Alexander Street from Cobb Street to North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.
- (7) Campbell Street from Fleming Street to West Jackson Street.
- (8) Bartow Street from West Jackson Street to Lester Street.
- (9) South College Street from West Jackson Street to Lester Street.
- (10) Fletcher Street from a point 300 feet north of Bartow Street to a point 300 feet south of College Street.
- (11) Lester Street from Lowery Avenue to Elizabeth Street.
- (12) South Broad Street from Grant Street to Tuxedo Drive.
- (13) Blackshear Street from South Broad Street to Junius Street.
- (14) Kern Street from Clark Street to Reid Street.
- (15) Remington Avenue from South Love Street to Stewart Street.
- (16) Hansell Street from East Clay Street to a point 300 feet from Smith Avenue.
- (17) East Washington Street from Hardaway Street to Myrtle Drive.
- (18) Glenwood Drive from a point 300 feet north of East Washington Street to East Jackson Street.
- (19) East Clay Street from Hardaway Street to Spair Street.
- (20) Magnolia Street from Azalea Street to Pear Street

(Code 1958, § 22-29; Ord. of 9-26-94, § III; Ord. of 10-25-99)
(1999 (19-39), Amended, 10/25/1999)

Section 19-40 School crossings lighted with flashing lights; speed limits.

The following locations shall be designated as school crossings and shall be lighted with flashing wig-wag lights which specify that the maximum speed limit shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour when flashing; the lights shall operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8 30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.:

- (a) *ON-SYSTEM (Department of Transportation Routes):*
 - (1) West Jackson Street (U.S. 319 Business and S.R. 35 Business) at a point 225 feet south of College Street and 215 feet north of Bartow Street.
 - (2) East Jackson Street (U.S. 319 Business and S.R. 35 Business) at a point 240 feet south of Hansell Street and 525 feet north of Myrtle Drive.
- (b) *OFF-SYSTEM (city routes):*

- (1) North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive at Wolfe Street and Felix Street.
- (2) Lester Street at Lowery Avenue and Elizabeth Street.
- (3) South Broad Street at Grant Street and Tuxedo Drive.
- (4) Kern Street between Wise Street and Clark Street.
- (5) Remington Avenue at Stewart Street.
- (6) Hansell Street at a point 300 feet from Smith Avenue.
- (7) East Clay Street at Hardaway Street and Spair Street.
- (8) Glenwood Drive at a point 300 feet north of East Washington Street. (Code 1958, § 22-29; Ord. of 9-26-94, § IV)

Section 19-41 Reserved.

Editor's note--Section V of an ordinance adopted Sept. 26, 1994, repealed former § 19-41, relative to speed limits for school crossings lighted with flashing lights, which derived from Code 1958, § 22-29. See current § 19-40 for similar subject matter.

Section 19-42 Reserved.

Editor's note--Section VI of an ordinance adopted Sept. 26, 1994, repealed former § 19-42, relative to speed limits on curves, which derived from Code 1958, § 22-29.

Section 19-43 Turning around except at intersections prohibited.

The operator of a vehicle shall not, within a business district nor upon any through street in a residence district, turn such vehicle so as to park on the opposite side of that street or to proceed in the opposite direction except at an intersection.
(Code 1958, § 22-43)

Section 19-44 Backing around corners or into intersection prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to back such vehicle around a corner at an intersection, or into an intersection of public streets.
(Code 1958, § 22-55)

State law reference--Backing, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-240.

Section 19-45 Through streets specified; stop before entering.

(a) The following streets and parts of streets are hereby declared to constitute through streets for the purpose of this section: Broad Street, city limit on north to city limit on south; Jackson Street, city limit on east to city limit on west; Smith Avenue, from South Broad Street to city limits; Gordon Avenue; Remington Avenue; Dawson Street from Jackson Street to Vine Street; Clay Street; and West Monroe Street from Madison to Pine.

(b) Every operator of a vehicle traversing any street intersecting any through street above designated shall bring such vehicle or conveyance to a full stop at the place where such street meets the prolongation of the nearest property line of such through street; subject, however, to the direction of any traffic-control sign or signal or any police officer at such intersection.

(c) The operator of any vehicle who has come to a full stop as required above upon entering the through street, as well as operators of vehicles on such through streets, shall be subject to the usual right-of-way rule prescribed by law and applicable to vehicles at intersections.

(d) The city manager is hereby authorized to place and maintain, or cause to be placed and maintained, on each and every street intersection at through streets designated above, and at all other intersections as may be required from a traffic study, and at or near the property line of the through street, appropriate signs upon the streets. In addition thereto, he may place and maintain any appropriate devices or marks in the roadway. Such signs, devices or marks shall bear the word "Stop," and be located in such a position and be provided with letters of such size as to be clearly legible from a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet along the street intersecting the through street. All such signs shall be illuminated at night or so placed as to be illuminated by street lights or by the headlights of approaching motor vehicles.
(Code 1958, § 22-57)

State law reference--Authority to designate through highways or designate stop or yield intersection, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-37 1(a)(6).

Section 19-46 Driving through processions prohibited; exceptions.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession in motion, provided such vehicles are conspicuously so designated. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals or police officers.
(Code 1958, § 22-58)

State law reference--Authority to regulate processions or assemblages on highways, O.C.G.A. § 40-6-371(a)(3).

Section 19-47 Establishment and demarcation of truck routes.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any vehicle whose body weight and load weight exceeds five (5) tons to travel over or upon any street or way of the city except those designated by the Council of the City of Thomasville as a committed route for such vehicles. Those streets designated as permitted routes for such vehicles are as follows:

- (1) Cassidy road from North Boulevard to North Pine Tree Boulevard.
- (2) Campbell Street from U.S. 319 Truck Route to North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.
- (3) North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from Campbell Street to West Clay Street.
- (4) Industrial Boulevard from U.S. 319 Business to Campbell Street.
- (5) Plantation Oak Drive from Old Albany Road to U.S. 319 Truck Route.
- (6) Cairo Road from U.S. 319 Truck Route to Old Albany Road.

(b) Any vehicle may be operated over a prohibited street of the city when necessary to reach a destination point within the city for the conduct of business, provided such vehicle uses a street upon which vehicular travel is permitted to the intersection nearest such destination.

(c) Vehicles may be operated over a prohibited street of the city when necessary to leave a point of origin for the conduct of business, provided it leaves such prohibited street at the nearest intersection of a truck route to such point of origin.

(d) Any vehicle may be operated over a prohibited street if owned or operated by the city, a public utility or any contractor or materialman, while engaged in the repair, maintenance or construction of streets, street improvements, or street utilities within the city.

(e) Any person violating this section shall be punished as provided for according to section 1-6.

(Code 1958, § 22-60; Ord of 4-14-86(1), § I; Ord of 7-11-94, § I)

Section 19-48 19-48--19-65. Reserved.