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§ 130.01 DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

No occupant of any house whether residence or business shall permit the same to be kept in an indecent and offensive or disorderly manner or permit loafers or idle persons to congregate therein or in front of the same to the annoyance of persons passing by or living in the vicinity. (1973 Code, Ch. I, Art. I, § 1) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 130.02 LOITERING.

(A) A person commits a violation if he or she loiters or prowls in a place, at a time, or in a manner not usual for law-abiding individuals under circumstances that warrant alarm for the safety of persons or property in the vicinity. Among the circumstances which may be considered in determining whether alarm is warranted is the fact that the person takes flight upon appearance of a police officer, refuses to identify himself or herself, or manifestly endeavors to conceal himself or herself or any object. Unless flight by the person or other circumstances makes it impractical, a police officer shall, prior to any arrest for an offense under this section, afford the person an opportunity to dispel any alarm which would otherwise be warranted, by requesting the person to identify himself or herself and to explain his or her presence or conduct. No person shall be convicted of an offense under this section if the police officer did not comply with the preceding sentence, or if it appears at trial that the explanation given by the person was true and, if it had been believed by the police officer at the time, would have dispelled the alarm. Any police officer may arrest any person suspected of being a loiterer or prowler without a warrant if it reasonably appears that the delay in arresting the suspect caused by obtaining a warrant would result in the suspect's escape.

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(B) It shall be unlawful for any person, after first being warned by a police officer, or where a “no loitering” sign or signs have been posted, to loiter, stand, sit, or lie in or upon any public or quasi-public sidewalk, street, curb, cross-walk, walkway area, mall or that portion of private property utilized for public use, so as to hinder or obstruct unreasonably the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles thereon. It shall be unlawful for any person to block, obstruct, or prevent free access to the entrance to any building open to the public.

(C) For the purpose of this section, **PUBLIC PLACE** has the following definition unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning: an area generally visible to public view, including streets, sidewalks, bridges, alleys, plazas, parks, driveways, parking lots, automobiles (whether moving or not), and buildings open to the general public, including those which serve food or drink or provide entertainment, and the doorways and entrances to buildings or dwellings and the grounds enclosing them.

§ 130.03 HOUSE OF ILL FAME.

(A) No person shall keep a house or other place of ill fame in the town and no person shall knowingly rent any house to be used as a house of ill fame.

(B) All adult persons living at such house shall be considered as keepers thereof and be subject to the penalties of this code.

(1973 Code, Ch. I, Art. I, § 3) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 130.04 PROFANITY AND BOISTEROUS CONDUCT.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use loud and boisterous language so as to become a nuisance or use any form of profanity or indecent language on the street or in a gathering or audience or assembly, or any public place whatsoever, or to indecently expose themselves within the corporate limits of the town.

(1973 Code, Ch. I, Art. I, § 4) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 130.05 DRINKING IN PUBLIC.

No person shall consume, serve or drink wine, beer, whiskey or alcoholic beverages of any kind on the public streets, boulevards, alleys or in public buildings.

(1973 Code, Ch. I, Art. I, § 6) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 130.06 POOL TABLES AND BILLIARD TABLES PROHIBITED.

No person shall keep or allow to be operated any pool table or billiard table in any public business establishment within the corporate limits of the town, under the provisions and authority of G.S. § 160A-181.

(1973 Code, Ch. I, Art. I, § 7)

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§ 131.01 FIREARMS REGULATED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm in the town within 300 feet of a building used as a dwelling or place of business at the time the offense is committed, except in the defense of person or property, or in pursuance of lawful directions of law enforcement officers. Violations of this section shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as provided in G.S. § 14-4.

(1973 Code, Ch. I, Art. II, § 3) (Ord. passed - -)

§ 131.02 CONCEALED WEAPONS.

(A) The carrying of concealed handguns in local government buildings in the legal, possession or control of Wilson County, their appurtenant premises, and parks is prohibited and unlawful.

(B) (1) The Town Mayor shall cause conspicuous notices to be posted in accordance with G.S. § 14-415.11 giving the public notice that the carrying of concealed handguns is prohibited in or on the premises of the local government buildings, their appurtenant premises, and parks, as heretofore referred to in division (A).

(2) The notice shall be visibly posted on the exterior of each entrance by which the general public can access the local government building appurtenant premises, and parks, and in such other places on the exterior and interior of said buildings, appurtenances, and parks as may be appropriate.

(C) The prohibition against carrying concealed handguns set forth in this section shall not apply to the persons designated in G.S. § 14-269(b), as amended by Chapter 398 of the 1995 Session Laws.

(D) A person who violates the provisions of this section may be subject to prosecution under G.S. Chapter 14, Article 54B.

(Ord. passed - -)