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Oriental Ordinance 2026-332

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIENTAL CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL.

SECTION 1. That the Oriental Code of General Ordinances, Chapter F, entitled Traffic, **SCHEDULE I, PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS: ADD:**
(8) On the North side of Church Street from Broad St to Freemason Street (Amended 6/9/26)

(9) Across from each residential driveway abutting Lupton Park between signs placed 20ft from center of driveway in both directions (Amended 6/9/26)

SECTION 2.
That these changes become effective immediately following adoption, and as soon as signage can be erected.

ADOPTED THIS 9th day of June, 2026.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor Diane H. Miller, Town Manager

Ordinance # 2026-332_____

CHAPTER F -- TRAFFIC

ARTICLE I -- WORDS AND PHRASES DEFINED

Section 1 – Definition of Words and Phrases

The following words and phrases when used in this Chapter shall for the purpose of this Chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this Article, unless inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Town Board or the context clearly requires otherwise.

Authorized Emergency Vehicle - Vehicles of the Fire Department, Police Vehicles and such ambulances designated or authorized by the Chief of Police, Vehicles of Fire Department going to a fire.

Block - A portion of any street located between two intersections adjacent and parallel to each other.

Crosswalk - That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection of the lateral lines of sidewalks at intersections. Any portion of a roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossings by lines or other markings on the surface.

Driver - Every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

Licensed Driver – Any person who possesses a valid U.S. state license to operate a motor vehicle.

Intersection - The area embraced within the prolongation of the lateral curb lines or if none, then the lateral boundary lines of two or more highways which join one another at an angle whether or not one such highway crosses the other.

Motor Vehicle - Every vehicle which is self-propelled.

Official Time Standard - Whenever certain hours are named herein they shall mean standard time or daylight saving time as may be in current use in the Town.

Official Traffic Control Devices - All signs, signals, markings, and devices not inconsistent with this Ordinance placed or erected by authority of the governing body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulation, warning, or guiding traffic.

Park - The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading.

Pedestrian - Any person afoot.

Person - Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association, or corporation.

Police Officer - Every officer of the municipal police department or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violation of traffic regulation.

Private Road or Driveway. Every road or driveway not open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

Public Conveyance - Any vehicle used for transportation for fare.

Right-of-way - The privilege of the immediate use of the roadway.

Roadway - That portion of a street improve, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

Safety Zone - The area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

Sidewalk - That portion of a street between the curb lines, on the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians.

Standing - Any stopping of a vehicle, whether occupied or not.

Stop - When required, means complete cessation of movement.

Stop or Stopping - When prohibited, means any stopping of a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control sign.

Street or Highway - The entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular traffic.

Traffic - Pedestrian, cyclists, ridden animals, vehicles and other conveyances either singly or together while using any street for purpose of travel.

Vehicle - Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human power. For the purpose of this Ordinance, a bicycle or a ridden animal shall be deemed a vehicle.

ARTICLE II -- REQUIRED OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND POLICE OFFICERS

Section 1 – Required Obedience to Traffic Ordinance

It shall be an offense for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this Chapter.

Section 2 – Obedience to Police

No person will willfully fail, or refuse, to comply with a lawful order, or direction, by a police officer.

Section 3 – Authority of Police in Special Cases

In the event of a fire or other emergency, or when necessary to expedite traffic, police officers may direct traffic as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter.

Section 4 – Public Employees to Obey Traffic Regulations

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the driver of any vehicle owned by, or used in the service of, the United States Government, the State of North Carolina, Pamlico County or the Town of Oriental, and it shall be unlawful for any said driver to violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, except as otherwise permitted in this Ordinance, or by State Statute.

Section 5 – Exemptions to Authorized Emergency Vehicles

(a) The provisions of this Ordinance regulating the operation, parking, and standing of vehicles shall apply to authorized emergency vehicles, as defined in this Ordinance, except as follows: A driver when operating such vehicle in any emergency, except otherwise directed by a police officer, may:
   (1) Park or stand, notwithstanding the provisions of this Ordinance,
   (2) Proceed past a red or stop signal, or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation.
   (3) Exceed the prima facie speed limits so long as he does not endanger life or property.
   (4) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement, or turning, in specified directions so long as he does not endanger life or property.

(b) The foregoing exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any vehicle from the consequences of his reckless disregard of the safety of others.

Section 6 – Persons Propelling Push Carts or Riding Bicycles or Animals, To Obey Traffic Regulations

Every person propelling any push cart or riding a bicycle or an animal, upon a roadway, and every person driving an animal drawn vehicle, shall be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance applicable to the driver of any vehicle, except those provisions of this Chapter which, by their very nature, can have no application.

ARTICLE III -- OBEDIENCE TO OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Section 1 – Obedience to Official Traffic Control Devices

(a) The driver of any vehicle shall obey the directions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto and placed in accordance with the traffic ordinances of this Town, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, in Article II, Section 5, of the this Chapter.

(b) No provision of this Chapter for which signs are required, shall be enforced against an alleged violator if, at the time and place of the alleged violation, an official sign is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that signs are required, such section shall be effective without signs being placed to give notice thereof.

Section 2 – Obedience to No-Parking, Handicapped Parking, and Safety Zone Markers
Whenever authorized signs or markings are placed, erected or installed indicating no-parking zones, handicapped parking zones or safety zones, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the regulation in connection therewith.

ARTICLE IV -- STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

Section 1 – Vehicles Not to Stop in Streets, Exceptions
No vehicles shall stop in any street except for the purpose of parking as prescribed in this Chapter, unless such stop is made necessary by the approach of fire apparatus, by the approach of a funeral or other procession which is given right-of-way, by stopping of a public conveyance, by the passing of some other vehicle or a pedestrian or by some emergency; and in any case covered by these exceptions said vehicle shall stop so as not to obstruct any foot way, pedestrian aisle, safety zone, crossing or street intersection if such can be avoided.

Section 2 – Vehicles Not To Obstruct Passing of Other Vehicles
No vehicle shall so stand on any street as to interrupt, or interfere with the passage of public conveyances or other vehicles.

Section 3 – Parking Prohibited At All Times In Designated Places
When signs are placed, erected, or installed, giving notice thereof, or the curbing has been painted yellow in lieu of such signs, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets described in Schedule I, attached to and made a part of this Article.

Section 4 – Parking Parallel to Curb, Unless Otherwise Directed By this Chapter, or by Parking Lines
Where not otherwise indicated by this Article, and where the street is not marked to show how vehicles shall park, all vehicles shall park parallel to the curb and not more than twelve inches there from.

Section 5 – Vehicles Backed Up to Curb
In no case shall a vehicle remain backed up to the curb, except when actually loading or unloading.

Section 6 – Parking Within Lines Where Provided
On any street which is marked off with lines indicating the parking spaces for vehicles, the vehicles shall be parked between the lines.

Section 7 – Unlawful Parking
No person shall stand, or park a vehicle upon any street for the principal purposes of:
(a) Displaying it for sale.
(b) Greasing, or repairing such vehicle, except repairing necessitated by an emergency.

(c) Storage thereof by garages, dealers or other persons when such storage is not incident to the bona-fide use and operation of such automobile or other vehicle.
(d) Storage of any detached trailer, or van, when the towing unit has been disconnected.
(e) Using the vehicles for sleeping overnight.

Section 8 – Standing or Parking Vehicles for Primary Purpose of Advertising
Prohibited No person shall stand, or park, on any street any vehicle for the primary purpose of advertising.

Section 9 – Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places
No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device in any of the following places:
(a) On the sidewalk.
(b) On a crosswalk.
(c) Alongside of opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, or standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.
(d) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure.
(e) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped, standing, or parked at the edge of the curb or street.

Section 10 – Parking Prohibited
No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in front of or within 15' (fifteen feet) of a fire hydrant.

ARTICLE V -- OPERATION OF VEHICLES

Section 1 – Stop before Entering a Through Street
(a) Those streets and parts of streets, described in Schedule II, attached hereto and made part hereof, are hereby declared to be through streets for the purpose of this Section.
(b) When stop signs are placed, erected, or installed at the entrance to any intersection, every driver of a vehicle shall stop in obedience to such signs before entering the intersection and shall not proceed into, or across, the through street until he has first determined that no conflict with traffic will be involved.

Section 2 – Stop Before Entering Certain Street Intersections
Those intersections described in Schedule III, attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby declared to be stop intersections when entered from the streets first named, and when stop signs are placed, erected, or installed at such intersections every driver of a vehicle shall stop in obedience to such signs before

entering the intersection, and shall not proceed into, or across, the through street until he has first determined that no conflict will be involved.

Section 3 – Yield Before Entering Certain Streets

At any intersection where a Yield sign is displayed traffic must slow to a reasonable speed so that the driver can yield the right-of-way to approaching traffic from either direction.

Section 4 – Stop When Traffic Obstructed

No driver shall enter an intersection, or a marked crosswalk, unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk, to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles, or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

Section 5 – Driving Through Funeral Processions

No vehicle shall be driven through a funeral procession, except fire department vehicles, police patrols and ambulances, when the same are responding to calls.

Section 6 – Limitation on Backing

The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same into any intersection, or over a crosswalk, and shall not in any event, or at any place, back a vehicle unless such movement can be made in safety, and he shall have given ample warning to those who may be behind, by hand and horn or other signal.

Section 7 – Emerging from Alley or Private Driveway

The driver of a vehicle entering from an alley, driveway, or building shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk, or into the sidewalk areas extending across any alleyway, and upon entering the roadway he shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

Section 8 – Vehicles Shall not be Driven on the Sidewalk

(a) The driver of a motorized vehicle shall not drive within any sidewalk area.
(b) The driver of a bicycle shall give the right-of-way to pedestrians when operating within any sidewalk area.

Section 9 – Clinging to Moving Vehicles

Any pedestrian or person riding upon any bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, sled, roller-skates, roller -blades, or any other toy vehicle, shall not attach the same, or himself, to any public conveyance, or moving vehicle upon any roadway.

Section 10 – Riding Handle-Bars Prohibited

The operator of a motorcycle or bicycle, when upon a street, shall not carry any person upon the handle-bar, frame, or tank of any such vehicle, nor shall any person so ride upon any such vehicle.

Section 11 – Lights on Parked Vehicles

The displaying of lights, or reflective devices, on a vehicle, when lawfully parked at night upon a street of the Town in accordance with this Article shall be required when there is insufficient light to reveal any person within a distance of 200 feet upon such a street.

Section 12 – Moving Cars from Parked Positions

Cars parked shall move out in the direction headed, or if they are parked at an angle with the curb they shall back out on that angle until they have cleared the other cars and shall then proceed in the direction they are most nearly headed.

Section 13 – Speed Limit

A vehicle may be operated on any street of the Town at a rate of speed not exceeding 25 MPH, unless otherwise posted. Hodges St, between Broad and Wall St, Wall St between Hodges St and South Ave, and the entirety of Midyette St shall have 15MPH speed limits. Hodges Street between South Water Street and Wall Street will have a 10MPH speed limit, At no time shall the speed be greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing. The speed limit on state highways in residential sections shall be 35 MPH unless otherwise indicated, and 25 MPH on all other streets. AMENDED 3/11/2025.

Section 14 – Driving Over Fire-Hose

No vehicle shall be driven over any hose of the fire department when laid down on any street, or driveway, to be used at any fire, without the consent of the fire department official in command.

Section 15 – Operation of Skateboards

(a) Skate boarding will not be permitted on the streets and sidewalks of the Town after dark.
(b) Skate boarding will not be permitted on N.C. 55 within the town limits.
(c) Skate boarding will not be permitted on Hodges Street from N.C. 55 to South Avenue.
(d) Skate boarding will not be permitted on the sidewalks of the streets stated in Section b and c above.

Section 16 – Operation of Golf Carts

Under the authority of the State's legislature (SB 1598 2008) golf carts, to be operated by a licensed driver, are permitted on public streets in Oriental with the following rules and regulations:

(a) The Town has no liability for permitting golf carts to be operated on public streets.
(b) Carts must be equipped with a rear vision mirror and brake lights.
(c) Carts must have working headlights, turn signals and brake lights to be operated during the hours of darkness.

ARTICLE VI -- MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

Section 1 – Entering, Jumping On, or Riding Vehicles Without Permission

No person shall enter, jump on, or ride any automobile, or other vehicle, without the consent of the owner or driver.

Section 2 – Persons Riding Must Stay Inside

No person when riding shall allow any part of his body to protrude beyond the limits of the vehicle in which he is riding, except to give such signals as are by law required, and no person shall hang on to any vehicle whatsoever.

Section 3 – Not More Than Three Persons Permitted in Front Seat.

It shall be unlawful for the driver, or the person in charge, of any motor vehicle to permit more than three persons, including the driver, to ride in the front, or driver's seat of a motor vehicle. Dogs or animals must be restrained from contact with the driver when the vehicle is in motion.

Section 4 – Noise Limitation

Operation of any engine or vehicle without an adequate muffler will not be permitted within the corporate limits. "Cutouts", "gutted", "resonants", and "straight" are among types not classed as adequate.

Section 5 – Parks Closed

The Lupton Mini Park on Third Street shall be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. year round.

ARTICLE VII -- PENALTIES

Section 1 – Penalty

Any person who violates this Chapter shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be punished in accordance with Chapter A, Article II, Section 6.

ARTICLE VIII – LIMITS ON VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Section 1 – Streets Limited to Pedestrian Traffic

Vehicular traffic shall be prohibited along the following sections of streets:

(a) That section of Wall Street beginning at the Neuse River and extending northwardly 125 feet towards its intersection with the southern right-of-way line of South Avenue.

(b) That section of King Street beginning at the Neuse River and extending northwardly to a point 105 feet from the southern right-of-way line of South Avenue.

(c) That section of South Avenue beginning at Raccoon Creek and extending eastwardly to its intersection with the western right-of-way line of Avenue A.

SCHEDULE I

PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS

(See Article IV, Section 3)

(1) On the south-west side of Hodges Street between Broad and South Water Street.
(2) On both sides of Vandemere Street between Neuse Drive and Third Avenue.
(3) On both sides of New Street from the corner of Highway 55 to the corner of South Water Street.
(4) From the corner of New Street on the north side of Water Street the distance which signs therefore designate.
(5) On South Avenue between Mildred Street and Vandemere Street.
(6) On both sides of South Avenue between Raccoon Creek and Avenue A.
(7) On the southeast side of Midyette Street from Hodges Street to the Wild Life Ramp.
(8) On the North side of Church Street from Broad St to Freemason Street (Amended 6/9/26)
(9) Across from each residential driveway abutting Lupton Park between signs placed 20ft from center of driveway in both directions (Amended 6/9/26)

SCHEDULE II

STREETS DESIGNATED AS THROUGH STREETS

(See Art.IV, Sec 1)

Factory Street
Mildred St.
South Avenue
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SCHEDULE III

INTERSECTIONS AT WHICH "STOP" IS REQUIRED BEFORE ENTERING

(See Art. V, Sec 21.)

1. Hodges Street at Midyette Street
2. Main Street at Midyette Street
3. Church Street at Midyette Street
4. North Street at Midyette Street
5. Midyette Street at Highway 55
6. North Street at Highway 55
7. Church Street at Highway 55

8. Neuse Street at Highway 55
9. Main Street at Highway 55
10. Hodges Street at Highway 55
11. New Street at Highway 55
12. Sea Vista Drive at Highway 55
13. Mildred Street at Highway 55
14. Ragan Road at Highway 55
15. Lupton Drive at Tosto Circle
16. Lupton Drive at Ragan Road
17. Academy Street at Hodges Street
18. South Water Street at Hodges Street
19. Factory Street at Hodges Street
20. Wall Street at South Avenue
21. First Avenue at Factory Street
22. Main Street and King Street at Factory Street
23. First Avenue at Freemason Street
24. Vandemere Street at Neuse Drive and First Avenue
25. Ragan Road at Neuse Drive
26. Link Lane at Ragan Road
27. Sea Vista Drive at Gilgo Road
28. Falcon Drive at White Farm Road
29. Dolphin Road at White Farm Road
30. Harbor Way at White Farm Road
31. Pineview Drive at Gilgo Road
32. Starboard Circle at Gilgo Road
33. Gilgo Road at Lupton Drive
34. Seafarer Drive (W) at Whittaker Point Road
35. Seafarer Drive (E) at Whittaker Point Road
36. Skipper Circle at Whittaker Point Road
37. Tosto Circle at Lupton Drive
38. Norman Circle at Ragan Road
39. First Avenue at Mildred Street
40. Second Avenue at Mildred Street
41. Third Avenue at Mildred Street
42. Apple Lane at Mildred Street
43. Pittman Drive at Mildred Street
44. New Street at South Water Street
45. High Street at Third Avenue
46. Madison Avenue at White Farm Road
47. Audubon Drive at Seafarer Drive
48. Camp Creek Drive at Midyette Street
49. Dirt road leading to/from recreational park at Straight Road
50. Midyette Street at Church Street
51. Midyette Street at Camp Creek Drive
52. All intersections with Midyette Street

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