

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND STOP REGULATIONS (2023-11-15/O-1)

WHEREAS, Town staff wish to respond to resident concerns in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, Town staff believe that allowing the placement and removal of traffic control devices without prior Council approval will serve the interest of addressing resident concerns in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 20-158 provides the authority to regulate Town-maintained streets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 21, Section 21-8 - Traffic-control signals, Subsection (C), of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(C) No traffic control devices including but not limited to traffic lights, stop signs, and speed bumps shall be erected on a public street under the jurisdiction of the town without the prior approval of ~~the council.~~ the Town Manager or their designated representative.”

Section 2. That Chapter 21, Article III, Section 21-13 - Right-of-way and stop regulations. of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows and to delete the tables with the headings “Through Streets and Stop Streets” and “Through Streets and Servient Streets” in each subsection:

“(a) ~~The Town Manager or their designated representative, police department of the town, pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 20-158 and under the supervision of the town manager, shall cause~~ may establish stop signs to be erected at the intersections of the public streets notifying drivers of vehicles to come to a full stop before entering or crossing the intersection. ~~hereinafter listed under the heading designated below as “Through Streets,” with the public streets herein listed and designated under the heading “Stop Streets,” signs notifying drivers of vehicles traveling on the public streets designated below as “Stop Streets” to come to a full stop before entering or crossing the public streets therein designated as “Through Streets.”~~ Whenever any such sign has been erected, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle traveling on a public street ~~listed below entitled “Stop Streets”~~ to fail to stop in obedience to said stop sign and to yield the right-of-way. A schedule of traffic control devices shall be maintained by the Traffic Engineering Division of the Public Works Department and available to the public. ~~to vehicles being operated on the public streets designated as “Through Streets” and approaching or already within said intersections.~~

(b) The Town Manager or their designated representative, pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 20-158, may establish yield signs to be erected at the intersections of public streets notifying drivers of vehicles to yield before entering or crossing the intersection. Whenever any such yield sign has been erected, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle traveling on a public street to enter or cross a public street without first slowing down and yielding the right of way to any vehicle in movement through the intersection. A schedule of traffic control devices shall be maintained by the Traffic Engineering Division of the Public Works Department and available to the public.

~~The police department of the town pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 20-158.1, and under the supervision of the town manager, shall cause to be erected at the intersections of~~

~~the public streets hereinafter listed under the heading designated below as "Through Streets," with the public streets herein listed and designated under the heading "Servient Streets," signs notifying drivers of vehicles traveling on the public streets designated below as "Servient Streets" to yield the right of way to drivers of vehicles approaching the intersection on the public streets designated below as "Through Streets." Whenever any such yield right of way signs have been so erected, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle traveling on a public street designated as "Servient Street" to enter or cross a public street listed under the heading below hereof entitled "Through Streets" unless he shall first slow down and yield the right of way to any vehicle in movement on the "Through Street" which is approaching so as to arrive at the intersection at approximately the same time as the vehicle entering the "Through Street."~~

Section 3. That Chapter 21, Article III, Section 21-13 (c) of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, is removed in its entirety.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon enactment.

This the 15th day of November, 2023.