

## **Title 10**

### **VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

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#### **Chapter 10.04**

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#### **10.04.010 Short title.**

This chapter shall be known as the "Grays Harbor traffic code" and it shall be sufficient to refer to this chapter or any part or portion thereof as the "Grays Harbor traffic code" in any prosecution for the violation of any provision thereof.

(Ord. 78 § 9.03.010, 1976)

#### **10.04.020 Reference--Prefix change.**

Reference to all or any state statutes and/or portions or parts of state statutes adopted by this chapter shall be by Revised Code of Washington title, chapter and section number, as such title, chapter and section numbers are imposed by the Code Revisor, but deleting the prefix "RCW" and substituting the prefix "GHTC," which prefix for the purposes of this chapter shall be the abbreviation for "Grays Harbor traffic code."

(Ord. 78 § 9.03.015, 1976)

#### **10.04.030 Adoption.**

Except for the sections indicated below, all of Chapter 46.90 Revised Code of Washington is adopted by reference as the Grays Harbor traffic code and included as though set forth in full herein, including all chapters, and sections of the Revised Code of Washington adopted by reference in Chapter 46.90 Revised Code of Washington.

In addition, Sections 22 and 23 of Chapter 64, Laws of 1975-1976 Second Extraordinary Session are

also adopted by reference as part of the Grays Harbor traffic code and included as though set forth in full herein. The following Sections of Chapter 46.90 Revised Code of Washington are not adopted by reference herein as part of this Grays Harbor traffic code:

.210, .215, .230, .235, .240, .245, .250, .255, .275, .500, .505, .510, .515, .520, .525, .530, .535, .540, .560, .600, .610, .620, .630, .640, .650, .660, .710, and .920.

(Ord. 78 § 9.03.020, 1976)

#### **10.04.040 Violations--Penalties.**

Unless another penalty is expressly provided by law, any person who is convicted of violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter, including all laws adopted by reference herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and shall not be punished by confinement in any jail or correctional institution.

(Ord. 78 § 9.03.030, 1976)

#### **10.04.050 Adoption of amendments.**

Any amendment adopted by the Washington State Legislature to any section of the Washington laws adopted by reference herein is adopted as a part of this traffic code.

(Ord. 78 § 9.03.040, 1976)

### **Chapter 10.08**

#### **SPEED LIMITS**

Sections:

**10.08.010 Maximum speed limit.**

**10.08.020 Posting of speed limit.**

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#### **10.08.010 Maximum speed limit.**

The maximum speed limit on all county roads and residential subdivision streets shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

(Ord. 46 § 1, 1970)

#### **10.08.020 Posting of speed limit.**

Posting of signs raising or lowering the speed limits provided in Section 10.08.010 shall be done under supervision of the county road engineer pursuant to resolution of board of county commissioners.

(Ord. 46 § 2, 1970)

#### **10.08.030 Violation--Penalty.**

All persons exceeding the speed limits herein provided shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more that two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), or by not more than

ninety (90) days in the county jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment.  
(Ord. 46 § 3, 1970)

## **Chapter 10.12**

### **COMPRESSION BRAKES**

Sections:

**10.12.010 Compression brakes prohibited.**

**10.12.020 Violations--Penalties.**

**10.12.030 Posting.**

#### **10.12.010 Compression brakes prohibited.**

A. Except as provided in this section, no person shall use motor vehicle compression brakes within the following unincorporated areas of Grays Harbor County:

1. On State Route 101 north of the city of Hoquiam beginning at milepost 92.8 and ending at milepost 94.6.
2. On State Route 109 west of the city of Hoquiam beginning at milepost 2.8 and ending at milepost 4.8.
3. On State Route 12 beginning at milepost 9 and ending at milepost 10.
4. On North River Road beginning at milepost 2 and ending at milepost 12.
5. On Wynoochee Valley Road beginning at milepost 15.8 and ending at milepost 17.

B. It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the compression brakes were applied in an emergency to protect persons and/or property.

C. This section shall not apply to any member of a fire district or fire department operating a fire district or department vehicle.

D. As used in this section, the term "compression brakes" means the use of the engine and transmission to retard the forward motion of a motor vehicle by compression of the engine. "Compression brakes" are also referred to as "jake brakes."

(Ord. 374 § 1, 2008; Ord. 157 § 1, 1992)

(Ord. No. 384, § 1, 3-8-2010; Ord. No. 385, § 1, 4-12-2010; Ord. No. 395, § 1, 11-8-2010)

#### **10.12.020 Violations--Penalties.**

Violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a traffic infraction, punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each separate infraction.

(Ord. 374 § 2, 2008; Ord. 295 § 1, 2002; Ord. 157 § 2, 1992)

**10.12.030 Posting.**

The Washington State Department of Transportation or the Grays Harbor County road department as the case may be, are authorized and directed to post and maintain signs prohibiting use of compression brakes consistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 295 § 2, 2002: Ord. 157 § 3, 1992)