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TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

§ 70.01 SPEED LIMITS.

Upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation heretofore made as authorized by the provisions of Tex. Transp. Code § 542.202, the prima facie speed limits hereafter indicated for vehicles are hereby determined and declared to be reasonable and safe; and such speed limits are hereby fixed at the rate of speed indicated for vehicles traveling upon the named streets and highways, or parts thereof, described as set forth in Chapter 72, Schedule I.

(1980 Code, § 14.3)

Cross-reference:

Speed limits in the city park, see § 93.16

§ 70.02 CROSSWALKS.

Crosswalks shall be designated and so marked by the city, in locations as set forth in Chapter 72, Schedule III.

PARKING REGULATIONS

§ 70.15 SPACES MARKED “NO PARKING.”

(A) It is unlawful for any person to park any motor or other vehicle in any area marked “No Parking” within the city limits. Such places so marked shall be designated by the City Council of the city of Quitman.

(B) All illegally parked vehicles are subject to be towed away.
(Ord. 960815, passed 8-15-1996) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.16 STANDARDS FOR LONG-TERM PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.

(A) The purpose of this section is to set standards for the long-term parking or storage of any recreational or other special vehicle, as defined in this section, in any residentially zoned district.

(1) ***RECREATIONAL OR SPECIAL VEHICLE.*** Any camper, travel trailer or other trailer (including boats, autos, or any other item stored thereon), designed to be towed on public streets and which exceeds 22 feet in length; or any motor home, coach, bus or other self-propelled vehicle which exceeds 22 feet in length.

(2) ***VEHICLE LENGTH.*** Shall be measured to include the trailer tongue and other connections, and any overhang of the vehicle or trailer, including the item(s) being transported on the trailer.

(B) All RVs that are stored and/or parked must meet the following conditions:

(1) The RV must have a current and valid registration and a current and valid license plate affixed thereon;

(2) The RV or accessory recreational vehicle must not be wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, inoperative, abandoned or discarded;

(3) The RV or accessory recreational vehicle shall not be used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes anywhere other than a licensed park;

(4) RVs, travel trailers, campers and the like may be parked and/or stored in the rear or side yard. If the side yard is adjacent to a street, the RV must be a minimum of 15 feet from the side property line. They may not be stored in the front yard. The front yard is the area (paved or not) across a line that is parallel to the front edge of the dwelling and extending to the side property lines and running along said property lines to the street;

(5) RVs may be parked for a period of 72 hours during loading and unloading only, in the front driveway or on the street. This requirement does not apply in 2 specific situations. In the event guests, friends or relatives are using either their own RV or an RV owned by the Quitman citizen on a temporary basis as living quarters, such use is permitted for a period of 72 hours. A permit must be secured from the city to extend the use for an additional period up to 14 days; however, such extension permit can be secured only 1 time in any one 6-month period. No fee shall be required for the permits described above;

(6) Long-term parking and/or storage of an RV or accessory recreational vehicle must be on a pad or driveway constructed of concrete, asphalt, gravel or other material suitable for permanent vegetation control;

(7) No RV storage structure or cover may be constructed without a properly issued building permit from the city; and

(8) Only 1 large recreational or special vehicle may be stored per lot.

(C) Any business dealing in the sale of any class of RV may allow prospective buyers to utilize the RV for a trial/demonstration period not to exceed 72 hours and only on the business property. The business must dispose of all waste in accordance with all current city, county, state and federal regulations.

(D) Any request involving special circumstances that might require exemption or exception to these ordinances must be presented to the City Secretary/Administrator for appropriate consideration and action. Approved exemption permits may be issued by the city office at a cost of \$15 and will not exceed 72 hours in duration per permitted period.

(E) In event of a violation of any provision of this section, the city will inform by letter the person(s) of the violation(s) and outline action needed to resolve the problem. A period of 10 days after date of receipt of the letter will be permitted to comply with this section. Noncompliance after the 10-day grace period will result in the issuance of a citation and a fine as set forth in § 70.99. (Ord. 05-18-02, passed 5-18-2006; Am. Ord. 05-18-02, passed 1-18-2007) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.17 HANDICAP PARKING.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle in the designated handicap parking space on West Bermuda Street unless the vehicle is used to transport persons with temporary or permanent disabilities and is so designated by a placard or license plate. (Ord. 06-21-07-01, passed 6-21-2007)

§ 70.99 PENALTY.

(A) (1) Whenever in this title an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or wherever in this title the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, and no specific penalty is otherwise provided in this code of ordinances, the violation shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500; provided, however, that no penalty shall be greater or less than the penalty provided for the same or a similar offense of the laws of the state.

(2) Each day a violation of this code or of any ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(B) Any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of § 70.01 or Chapter 72, Schedule I or failing to observe any provisions hereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$200. Each and every violation shall be considered a separate offense.

(1980 Code, § 14.4) (Ord. passed 2-9-1977)

(C) Any person convicted for the violation of § 70.15 shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$200 and all illegally parked vehicles are subject to be towed away.

(Ord. 960815, passed 8-15-1996)

(D) For violations of § 70.16, noncompliance after the 10-day grace period will result in the issuance of a citation and a fine of \$250. Any further violation(s) will result in citations and daily fines of \$25.

(Ord. 05-18-02, passed 5-18-2006; Am. Ord. 05-18-02, passed 1-18-2007)

(E) Any person convicted for the violation of § 70.17 shall be punished by a fine of \$250 - \$1,000 and any illegally parked vehicle is subject to be towed away.

(Ord. 06-21-07-01, passed 6-21-2007)

(F) Any person convicted for violation of speed limit and 1-way regulations for Paul Street, as set forth in Chapter 72, Schedules I and IV, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$200.

(Ord. 981015R, passed - -)

CHAPTER 71: TRUCK REGULATIONS

Section

- 71.01 Truck routing and parking; load limits
- 71.02 Truck parking prohibited
- 71.03 Engine (jake) brake use prohibited

- 71.99 Penalty

§ 71.01 TRUCK ROUTING AND PARKING; LOAD LIMITS.

(A) *Truck routes established for local delivery.* No person shall operate or park a commercial vehicle having a rated capacity greater than 2 tons upon any street other than on through streets as designated by this section, except when necessary to leave the through streets for the purpose of delivering or picking up materials or merchandise at some location not on a through street, which delivery or pickup to be accomplished by the shortest practical route. The provisions of this division shall not apply to vehicles owned and operated by governmental agencies or public utility companies while engaged in the customary maintenance, construction, or repair functions.

(B) *Truck routes established for "through" vehicles.* No person shall operate or park a commercial vehicle having a rated capacity of over 2 tons when the vehicle is routed to pass through the city, without stopping for loading or unloading, except over streets designated as through streets (or truck routes).

(C) *Truck routes (or through streets) designated.* The streets set forth in Chapter 72, Schedule II are declared to be through streets for the purpose of this section.

(D) *Maximum vehicle load limit on designated streets.* The maximum vehicle load limit on any street of the city, other than those streets designated as U.S. or state highways, shall not exceed a single axle load of 12,000 pounds, a tandem axle load of 24,000 pounds, and a gross vehicle weight of 72,000 pounds, unless otherwise permitted by the State of Texas.

(Ord. 980219, passed 2-19-1998) Penalty, see § 71.99

§ 71.02 TRUCK PARKING PROHIBITED.

It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to park a truck on the streets designated in Chapter 73, Schedule I.

(Ord. 010216, passed 2-15-2001) Penalty, see § 71.99

§ 71.03 ENGINE (JAKE) BRAKE USE PROHIBITED.

This section hereby restricts the use of any motor brake (jake brake) within the City of Quitman.

(Ord. 050421, passed 4-21-2005) Penalty, see § 71.99

§ 71.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter for which no penalty is provided shall be subject to the terms of § 10.99.

(B) Any person who violates any of the provisions of § 71.01 shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than \$25, nor more than \$200, and each violation shall be considered a separate offense. (Ord. 980219, passed 2-19-1998)

(C) Any person convicted for a violation of § 71.02 shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$200. Each and every violation shall be considered a separate offense. (Ord. 010216, passed 2-15-2001)

(D) Any person violating § 71.03 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction hereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$200. (Ord. 050421, passed 4-21-2005)

CHAPTER 72: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES

Schedule

- I. Speed limits
- II. Through streets
- III. Crosswalks
- IV. One-way streets

SCHEDULE I. SPEED LIMITS.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Max. Speed (mph)</i>	<i>1980 Code §</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
S.H. 37	from present north city limit to a point 0.20 miles southwest of present north city limit	50	14.1	-	9-8-1953
S.H. 37	from a point 0.20 miles southwest of present north city limit to a point 0.46 miles southwest of present north city limit	45	14.1	-	9-8-1953
S.H. 37	from a point 0.46 miles southwest of present north city limit to a point 0.21 miles northeast of junction with S.H. 154 (approximately 0.32 miles east of Square)	40	14.1	-	9-8-1953
S.H. 37	from a point 0.21 miles northeast of junction with S.H. 154 (approximately 0.32 miles east of Square) to junction with S.H. 154 (approximately 0.32 miles east of Square)	35	14.1	-	9-8-1953

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Max. Speed (mph)</i>	<i>1980 Code §</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
S.H. 37	from junction with S.H. 154 to a point 0.72 miles northeast of present south city limit	30	14.1	-	9-8-1953
S.H. 37	from a point 0.72 miles northeast of present south city limit to a point 0.42 miles northeast of present south city limit	40	14.1	-	9-8-1953
S.H. 37	from a point 0.42 miles northeast of present south city limit to a point 0.22 miles northeast of present south city limit	45	14.1	-	9-8-1953
S.H. 37	from a point 0.22 miles northeast of present south city limit to present south city limit	55	14.1	-	9-8-1953
S.H. 154	from the west city limit to a point 0.241 east	45	14.3	-	2-9-1977
S.H. 154	from 0.241 mile east of the west city limit to a point 0.417 mile east of the west city limit, said point being the junction with S.H. 37	35	14.3	-	2-9-1977
S.H. 154	from the junction with S.H. 37 to a point 0.200 mile east	35	14.3	-	2-9-1977
S.H. 154	from 0.200 mile east of the junction with S.H. 37 to a point 1.100 miles east of the junction with S.H. 37. *Exception: From Milepost 0.900 the maximum rate of speed shall be 35 M.P.H. when so signed for school crossing	50*	14.3	-	2-9-1977
S.H. 154	from 1.100 miles east of the	55	14.3	-	2-9-1977

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Max. Speed (mph)</i>	<i>1980 Code §</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
	junction with S.H. 37 to a point 1.500 miles east of the junction with S.H. 37, said point being the east city limit				
Loop 173	from S.H. 37 to a point 0.576 mile north and east, said point being the junction with S.H. 37	35	14.2	-	5-11-1971
F.M. 2088	from S.H. 37 to a point 0.330 mile east, said point being the east city limit	45	14.2	-	5-11-1971
Paul Street	from Zola Street to East Goode Street between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days	15	-	981015R	Amended 8-21-2003

Penalty, see § 70.99

Cross-reference:

Speed limits in the city park, see § 93.16

SCHEDULE II: THROUGH STREETS.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location/Description</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
S.H. 37	The entire distance within the city limits	980219	2-19-1998
S.H. 154	The entire distance within the city limits	980219	2-19-1998
Loop 173 (Lane Street)	from North Main Street east to S.H. 37 (North Winnsboro Hwy)	980219	2-19-1998
F.M. 778 (Horton Street)	from S.H. 37 (South Main) east to the city limits	980219	2-19-1998
F.M. 2088 (Oak Grove Rd.)	from its intersection with S.H. 37 (North Winnsboro) east to the city limits	980219	2-19-1998
F.M. 2966 (North Main)	from its intersection with S.H. 154 and State Highway 37 north to the city limits	980219	2-19-1998
McAllister Street	to the City Park Gate	980219	3-18-1999
Richard Street	from South Main to McAllister Street	980219	3-18-1999

SCHEDULE III. CROSSWALKS.

The following locations are designated for crosswalks in the city:

<i>Street Intersection</i>	<i>Location/Direction</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Goldsmith Street and Lane Street	from 90 feet south of the SW corner of the intersection, running due east across Goldsmith Street	990917	9-16-1999
Goodwin Street and Stephens Street	from 85 feet south of the SW corner of the intersection, running due east across Stephens Street	031016	10-16-2003
Hill Street and Paul Street	from 50 feet south of the NW corner of the intersection, running due east across Paul Street	000921	9-21-2000
Stephens Street and W. Goode Street	from NW corner, running due east across Stephens Street to the courthouse	980917	9-17-1998

SCHEDULE IV. ONE-WAY STREETS.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location/Direction</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
Lipscomb Street	west, between Stephens Street and Smart Street	990318	3-18-1999
Paul Street	north, between Hill Street and East Goode Street, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days	981015R	--
Robbins Street	north, between East Goode Street and Lane Street	020815	8-15-2002

Penalty, see § 70.99

CHAPTER 73: PARKING SCHEDULES

Schedule

- I. No parking
- II. Restricted parking

SCHEDULE I. NO PARKING.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fine Not to Exceed</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
-	Any area marked "No Parking"	\$200	960815	8-15-1996
Earlene Drive	Earlene Drive right-of-way beginning at East Goode Street, south along Earlene Drive to the end of the curb and guttered part	\$200	800812	8-12-1980
East Goode Street	Truck parking prohibited, beginning on the north side of East Goode at the east boundary of College Street and extending east to the west boundary of Goldsmith for a total distance of approx. 550 feet and being all of Block No. 45 of the city	\$200	920109	1-9-1992
Goldsmith Street	beginning at Lane Street south along Goldsmith Street a distance of 390 feet on the east side, and a distance of 240 feet on the west side less 120 feet designated for handicap parking spaces	\$200	790109; 020221	1-9-1979; 2-21-2002
Horton Street, either the north or south side	beginning at Hart Street east along Horton Street to Goldsmith Street	\$200	941110	11-10-1994

<i>Street</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fine Not to Exceed</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
McAllister Street	Truck parking on any part prohibited	\$200	010216	2-15-2001
Parker Street, either the east or west side	beginning at East Goode Street, north along Parker Street to the Winnsboro Highway	\$200	970417	4-17-1997
Richard Street	Truck parking on any part prohibited	\$200	010216	2-15-2001
Stephens Street	Beginning at South Main Street (State Highway 37) west and north along Stephens Street a distance of 740 feet on the west side to the entrance of the Wood County Sheriff's Office	\$200	12200701	12-20-2007

SCHEDULE II. RESTRICTED PARKING.

<i>Street/Location</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fine Not to Exceed</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
County Courthouse, north side	Reserved: Parking space reserved exclusively for the Wood County Judge; shall be so marked by the city. Any illegally parked vehicle is subject to be towed away	\$200	030116	--
Courthouse Square, 2 parking places on the north side, and 1 parking place on the west side	Spaces marked "15-minute parking": unlawful to park for more than 15 minutes at a time from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on normal work days	\$200	840710A	--
Goldsmith Street, west side	Handicap parking, beginning 34 feet south of Lane Street and running for 60 feet south along Goldsmith Street, leaving the next 52 feet for the crosswalk area, and then another 60 feet of handicap parking shall be marked	\$200	020221	2-21-2002
North Main Street, west side	Loading zone: Loading/unloading merchandise, supplies and materials on the west side of North Main Street, beginning at the No-Parking zone and extending a distance of 35 feet to the north. Any illegally parked vehicle is subject to be towed away	\$200	06150601	6-15-2006
Stephens Street	3 Handicap parking spaces designated on west side of the courthouse; parking unlawful unless vehicle is used to transport persons with temporary or permanent disabilities and is so designated by a placard or license plate. Any illegally parked vehicle is subject to be towed away	\$250 - \$1,000	050217	2-17-2005

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Stephens Street	One parking space shall be designated	\$200	050217	10-19-2006
Stephens Street, behind the courthouse in the area currently marked loading zone	Loading or unloading prisoners only. Any illegally parked vehicle is subject to be towed away	\$200	970419	4-17-1997
West Goode Street	Loading zone: Loading/unloading merchandise, supplies and materials on the north side of West Goode Street, beginning at Stephens Street and extending for a distance of 75 feet to the west. Any illegally parked vehicle is subject to be towed away	\$200	970418	4-17-1997