

**Town of South Hampton
Selectmen's Ordinances**

MISUSE OF POWER

Adopted July 11, 1978

Definitions:

Vehicle: The word "vehicle" shall include bus, highway equipment, motorcycle, motor truck, motor vehicle, semi-trailer, or other vehicle as defined by R.S.A. 259:1

Way: The word "way" shall include crosswalk, intersection, or other public highway or other way, all as defined by R.S.A. 259:1

Loud, Unusual or Other Unnecessary Noise: The words "Loud, Unusual or Other Unnecessary Noise" shall include any noise occasioned by any one or more of the following actions of the operator of any vehicle:

- a. Misuse of power exceeding tire traction limits in acceleration, sometimes known as "laying down rubber" or "peeling rubber", or;
- b. Misuse of braking power exceeding tire traction limits in deceleration where there is no emergency, or;
- c. Rapid acceleration by means of quick upshifting of transmission gears with either a clutch and manual transmission or an automatic transmission, or;
- d. Rapid deceleration by means of quick upshifting of transmission gears with either a clutch and manual transmission or an automatic transmission, or;
- e. Racing an engine by manipulation of the accelerator, gas pedal, carburetor, or gear selection whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still, or;
- f. The blowing of any horn except as a warning signal or the use of any other noise-making device, whether the vehicle is in motion or standing still.

Penalty: Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a Violation and upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$100 for each offense.

Validity: If any section or part of a section or paragraph of this Article is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect or any other section or sections or paragraph of this Article.