

Chapter 304

VEHICLES, MOTOR-DRIVEN

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Abandoned vehicles — See Ch. 288.

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 301.

§ 304-1. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the terms used herein are defined as follows:

MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLE — Includes but is not expressly limited to minibikes, motor scooters, go-carts, swamp buggies and snowmobiles and any other motor-driven vehicle not capable of being registered under Title 39, Motor Vehicles and Traffic Regulations, of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended, except such vehicles as in such title which are expressly exempt from registration.

PUBLIC PROPERTY — Includes all streets, sidewalks, easements, parking lots or any other areas dedicated or commonly used for vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

TOWNSHIP-OWNED LAND — Includes all parks, recreation areas, ball parks, lake areas, storage facilities, garage areas, Board of Education property and any and all other township or publicly owned land and premises.

§ 304-2. Operation of certain vehicles prohibited under certain conditions.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or permit and suffer to be operated a motor-driven vehicle, as defined herein, within the Township of Hamilton, under the following circumstances:

- A. On private property of another without the express prior written consent of the owner and the occupant of said property. Where such express prior written consent has been obtained, the operator shall keep the same on his person, available for immediate display, during the period of such operation.
- B. On any public property or township-owned lands.

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- C. In such manner as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons. To this end, no person shall operate such a motor-driven vehicle before the hour of 9:00 a.m. and after the hour of 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, or sunset, whichever shall first occur.
- D. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger the safety or property of any person.

§ 304-3. Exceptions.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it shall be lawful for any employee of Hamilton Township to operate motor-driven vehicles as defined herein for the purpose of maintenance, repair or the performance of any public work within the scope of his employment.

§ 304-4. Liability of parents of minors.

It shall be rebuttably presumed that any person under the age of 18 years who operates a motor-driven vehicle in violation of the terms of this chapter and who resides with his or her parent(s), guardian(s) or other person(s) having custody of said person, and said parent(s), guardian(s) or other person(s) having custody of said person shall be subject to prosecution the same as said person under the age of 18 years who actually operated the motor-driven vehicle in violation of this chapter.

§ 304-5. Proceedings against minors.

Any person under the age of 18 years who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to be a juvenile delinquent and shall be proceeded against as such.

§ 304-6. Violations and penalties.

Any person of the age of 18 years or over who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding 90 days, or both.