

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING VEHICLE PROCESSION AND GRANTING
VEHICLE PROCESSIONS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY**

ARTICLE I

Section A. Definition

A Vehicle Procession is a group of motor vehicles:

1. led by a vehicle of a law enforcement agency with territorial jurisdiction whose blue warning lights are in operation; and
2. traveling in single file with headlights in operation.

Section B. Right-of-Way

1. The operator of any motor vehicle traveling on or entering on the streets or highways shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle procession.
2. A vehicle procession shall have the right-of-way at any intersection regardless of the method of traffic control which is present or in operation at said intersection.
3. Any operator of any motor vehicle who fails to yield right-of-way to a vehicle procession shall be liable for an infraction and shall receive a penalty of \$35.00 and costs.

Section C. Driving Through Procession

No vehicle, not a part of the procession, shall be driven through a vehicle procession except the emergency vehicles set forth in North Carolina General Statutes 20-156 and 20-157. The operator of any vehicle who shall violate this section shall be guilty of an infraction and shall receive a penalty of \$35.00 and costs.

Section D. Speed of Procession

In speed zones having a maximum speed limit of 20 miles per hour or less, a vehicle procession may travel at the maximum speed limit. In speed zones having a maximum speed limit of greater than 20 miles per hour, a vehicle procession shall not exceed a speed of 10 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit.

Section E. Request for Escort to Constitute

Indemnification Agreement

Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, organization, or entity whatsoever who shall request the Sheriff of Chowan County to provide a vehicle to lead a vehicle procession shall be deemed to have agreed to indemnify the County of Chowan, the Sheriff, the Sheriff's Department, and any and all of the officers, agents, servants, or employees from any damages, harm, or liability whatsoever, which shall arise from their involvement in the vehicle procession as requested.

Section F. Authority

This Article is adopted pursuant to the authority conferred by North Carolina General Statutes 20-169.

Approved by the Chowan County Board of Commissioners

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