



CHAPTER 20
ARTICLE 3 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACT OF 1937

N.C.G.S. § 20-169.

Powers of local authorities.

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Local authorities, except as expressly authorized by G.S. 20-141 and 20-158, shall have no power or authority to alter any speed limitations declared in this Article or to enact or enforce any rules or regulations contrary to the provisions of this Article, except that local authorities shall have power to provide by ordinances for any of the following:

Regulating traffic by means of traffic or semaphores or other signaling devices on any portion of the highway where traffic is heavy or continuous.

Prohibiting other than one-way traffic upon certain highways.

Regulating the use of the highways by processions or assemblages.

Regulating the speed of vehicles on highways in public parks.

Authorizing law enforcement or fire department vehicles, ambulances, and rescue squad emergency service vehicles, equipped with a siren to preempt any traffic signals upon city streets within local authority boundaries or, with the approval of the Department of Transportation, on State highways within the boundaries of local authorities. The Department of Transportation shall respond to requests for approval within 60 days of receipt of a request.

Signs shall be erected giving notices of the special limits and regulations under subdivisions (1) through (4) of this section.

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APPARATUS I
8 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1937	c. 407, s. 131	ENACTED
02	1949	c. 947, s. 2	AMENDED
03	1955	c. 384, s. 2	AMENDED
04	1963	c. 559	AMENDED
05	1973	c. 507, s. 5	AMENDED
06	1979	c. 298, s. 2	AMENDED
07	1991	c. 530, s. 5	AMENDED
08	1999	S.L. 1999-310, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 20-141		"authorities, except as expressly authorized by"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

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