

**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-6**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Councilor Signe Lindell

Councilor Pilar Faulkner

Councilor Michael Garcia

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING SCHEDULE A OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO INCREASE  
PENALTIES FOR MUFFLER NOISE VIOLATIONS, ELIMINATE A DISTINCTION  
BETWEEN THE CATEGORIES “SECOND OFFENSE” AND “SUBSEQUENT  
VIOLATIONS”, RECOGNIZE COMMUNITY SERVICE IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ALL  
TRAFFIC VIOLATION PENALTIES UNDER THE CITY’S GENERAL PENALTY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE:**

**Section 1. Schedule A of Exhibit A of Chapter 24 (Uniform Traffic Ordinance)  
of SFCC 1987 (being Ord. No. 2023-2, as amended) is amended to read:**

**SCHEDULE A - TRAFFIC VIOLATION PENALTY ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE**

ADOPTED: July 12, 2006 – Ord. No. 2006-24

AMENDED: March 25, 2009 – Ord. No. 2009-11

February 10, 2010 – Ord. No. 2010-2

June 29, 2011 – Ord. No. 2011-23

August 13, 2014 – Ord. No. 2014-26

1 February 24, 2021 – Ord. No. 2021-2

2 July 13, 2022 - Ord. No. 2022-11

3 January 25, 2023 - Ord. No. 2023-2

4 July 17, 2024 - Ord. No. 2024-4

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6 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Exhibit may be cited as the city of Santa Fe traffic violation penalty assessment schedule for  
8 violations of the city of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code except those violations relating to parking  
9 which are set forth as Schedule B of the city of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code.

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 “Penalty assessment misdemeanor” means violation of the following listed sections of the city of  
12 Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code for which the listed penalty assessment is established. The term  
13 “penalty assessment misdemeanor” does not include any violation which has caused or contributed  
14 to the cause of an accident resulting in injury or death to any person. When an alleged violator of a  
15 penalty assessment misdemeanor elects to accept a notice to appear in lieu of a notice of penalty  
16 assessment, the fine imposed upon late conviction shall not exceed the penalty assessment  
17 established for the particular penalty assessment misdemeanor and probation imposed upon a  
18 suspended or deferred sentence may include community service as contemplated in Section 1-3.1  
19 and shall not exceed ninety days. (Ord. No. 2021-2, § 24)

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COMMON NAME OF OFFENSE	SECTION VIOLATED	PENALTY ASSESSMENT
Obedience To Traffic-Control Devices/Failure To Stop	12-5-3	\$25.00
Red Light	12-5-6	\$25.00
Pedestrian Controls	12-5-7	\$25.00
Flashing Signals	12-5-8	\$25.00
Display of Unauthorized Signs, Signals, or Markings	12-5-10	\$25.00
Basic (Speeding) Rule	12-6-1.1	\$25.00
Speed Limits	12-6-1.2	
A. The following apply outside a school zone:		
Up to and including 10 miles an hour over speed limit		\$15.00
From 11 up to and including 15 miles an hour over speed limit		\$30.00
From 16 up to and including 20 miles an hour over speed limit		\$65.00
From 21 up to and including 25 miles an hour over speed limit		\$100.00
From 26 up to and including 30 miles an hour over the speed limit		\$125.00
From 31 up to and including 35 miles an hour over the speed limit		\$150.00
More than 35 miles an hour over the speed limit		\$200.00

B. In a school zone	12-6-1.2A	\$171.00
C. In a construction zone: The penalty assessment for speeding in violation of Section 12-6-1.2 (4) of the city of Santa Fe traffic ordinance is twice the penalty assessment established in subsection A above for the equivalent miles per hour over the speed limit		
D. In a pedestrian zone. The penalty assessment for speeding in violation of the posted speed limit in a designated pedestrian zone is twice the penalty assessment established in subsection A. above for the equivalent miles per hour over the speed limit.		
Minimum Speed Regulations	12-6-1.5	\$25.00
Driving On Right Side Of Street	12-6-2.1	\$25.00
Overtaking A Vehicle On The Left	12-6-2.3	\$25.00
Limitations On Overtaking On The Left	12-6-2.4	\$25.00
Overtaking A Vehicle On The Right	12-6-2.6	\$25.00
No Passing Zones/Restrictions On Passing	12-6-2.7	\$25.00
Streets Laned For Traffic	12-6-2.12	\$25.00
Following Too Closely	12-6-2.13	\$25.00
Driving On Divided Streets	12-6-2.14	\$25.00
Driving Vehicle On Or Across Bicycle Lane Or Path.	12-6-2.17	\$25.00
Turning Left At Intersection	12-6-4.2	\$25.00
Entering Stop/Yield Intersection/Failure To Yield	12-6-4.3	\$25.00


Required Position/Method of Turning/Improper Turn	12-6-5.1	\$25.00
Obedience To No-Turn Signs	12-6-5.4	\$25.00
Limitations On Turning Around/Illegal U-Turn	12-6-5.5	\$25.00
Starting A Parked Vehicle	12-6-5.7	\$25.00
Turn/Stop Movements	12-6-5.8	\$25.00
Failure To Signal	12-6-5.9	\$25.00
Motorist Turning Across Bicycle Lane.	12-6-5.11	\$25.00
Stopping, Standing & Parking	12-6-6	See Schedule B
Special Stops Required	12-6-7  (Excluding 12-6-7.3, 12-6-7.4, 12-6-7.5 and 12-6-7.7)	\$25.00
Stopping For School Bus	12-6-7.3	\$100.00
Failure To Stop At Railroad Crossing	12-6-7.5 and 12-6-7.7	\$150.00
Operators and Chauffeurs Must Be Licensed	12-6-12.5	\$25.00
Driving While License Suspended/Administratively Suspended	12-6-12.6 and 12-6-12.6A	\$25.00
Driving While License Revoked	12-6-12.6B	\$300-\$500
Unattended Motor Vehicle	12-6-12.8	\$25.00
Limitations On Backing	12-6-12.9	\$25.00

Restriction On Use of Video In Motor Vehicles	12-6-12.11	\$25.00
Coasting Prohibited	12-6-12.12	\$25.00
Prohibited Activities While Driving (including handheld mobile communication device use)	12-6-12.18	\$200.00
Mobile communication device use while driving in a school zone	12-6-12.18	\$300.00
Permitting Unauthorized Persons To Drive	12-6-12.23	\$25.00
Destructive Material On Roadway/Failure To Secure Load	12-6-13.5	\$100.00
Improper Opening Of Doors	12-6-13.8	\$25.00
Child Restraint Device Or Safety Belt	12-6-13.12	\$100.00
Mandatory Use Of Seat Belts	12-6-13.13	\$100.00
Open Container, 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	12-6-13.14	\$100.00
for subsequent violations		mandatory court appearance
Littering	12-6-13.15	\$300.00
Jaywalking	12-6-14.1 through 12-6-14.8	\$25.00
Windshield	12-10-1.12	\$25.00
When Lighted Lamps Are Required	12-10-1.3	\$25.00
Headlamps On Vehicles	12-10-1.5	\$25.00
Dimming Of Lights	12-10-1.6	\$25.00

Tail Lamps	12-10-1.7, except 12-10-1.7C	\$25.00
Plate Light Required	12-10-1.7C.	\$10.00
Stop Lamps/Brake Lamps	12-10-1.9	\$25.00
Mufflers, Prevention of Noise	12-10-1.10	\$500.00
Lamp or Flag On Projection Load	12-10-1.11	\$25.00
Windshield Must Be Unobstructed and Equipped with Wipers and Windows Must Be Transparent	12-10-1.12	\$25.00
Tinted Windows	12-10-1.12A	\$25.00
Unsafe Equipment (Brakes)	12-10-1.16	\$25.00
Display of Current Valid Registration Plate	12-10-4	\$25.00

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PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

  
Alan Webber (Feb 3, 2025 15:47 MST)

ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
ANDREA SALAZAR (Feb 3, 2025 15:54 MST)

ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY