



**TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY**

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**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 65 OF THE TOWN CODE,  
ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

**LOCAL LAW MEMORANDUM**

**Purpose of Law:**

The purpose of the local law is to amend Chapter 65 of the Code of the Town of North Hempstead entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" to prohibit the covering or coating of automobile license plates in any manner that conceals or obscures such plates or would distort a recorded or photographic image of the plate.

**Budget Implications:**

The adoption of the proposed local law may have direct budgetary implications.

**Explanation:**

Matter in **bold** and underscoring is new; matter in brackets with strikethrough [—] is old law to be omitted.

**TOWN CODE OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD  
LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2019**

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ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

The Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of North Hempstead to make amendments to Chapter 65 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" in order to establish new regulations and amend existing regulations addressing the alteration of license plates.

**Section 2.**

Chapter 65 of the Town Code is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 65 Vehicles and Traffic

§ 65-1. Uniform Traffic Code adopted.

The various laws, ordinances, regulations and resolutions of the Town of North Hempstead, regarding vehicles and traffic, shall be known collectively as the "Uniform Traffic Code of the Town of North Hempstead" or the "Uniform Traffic Code"<sup>[1]</sup> when the context is clear. The Uniform Traffic Code, as published by General Code Publishers Corp. and as presented to the Town Board on September 17, 1996, is hereby adopted. Law enforcement officers shall cite violations by reference to sections of the Uniform Traffic Code.

[1] Editor's Note: The Uniform Traffic Code is published as a separate volume.

§ 65-2. Prior legislation.

The Uniform Traffic Code shall not effect the repeal of any existing law, ordinance, regulation or resolution of the Town of North Hempstead regarding vehicles and traffic (hereafter "prior legislation"). In the event of any inconsistency between the Uniform Traffic Code and any such prior legislation, the provisions of the Uniform Traffic Code, as published, shall govern. Any such prior legislation that inadvertently was not included in the published version of the Uniform Traffic Code shall continue in full force and effect.

§ 65-3. Copy of Uniform Traffic Code on file.

A copy of the Uniform Traffic Code, in loose-leaf form, shall be certified by the Town Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead by impressing thereon the Seal of the Town of North Hempstead, and such certified copy shall remain on file in the office of said Town Clerk to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while said Code is in effect.

§ 65-4. Amendments to Uniform Traffic Code.

Any and all additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to any of the local laws, ordinances and resolutions known collectively as the "Uniform Traffic Code" or any new local laws, ordinances or resolutions, when acted or adopted in such form as to indicate the intention of the Town Board to be a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated in such Code so that reference to the Uniform Traffic Code shall be understood and intended to include such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements. Whenever such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to the Uniform Traffic Code shall be enacted or adopted, they shall thereafter be printed and, as provided hereunder, inserted in the loose-leaf book containing said Code, as amendments and supplements thereto.

§ 65-5. Uniform Traffic Code book to be kept up-to-date.

It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk, or someone authorized and directed by the Town Clerk, to keep up-to-date the certified copy of the book containing the Uniform Traffic Code required to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk for the use of the public. All changes in said Code and all local laws, ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Town Board subsequent to the enactment of this local law in such form as to indicate the intention of said Town Board to be a part of said Code shall, when finally enacted or adopted, be included therein by temporary attachment of a copy of such changes or local laws, ordinances or resolutions until such changes or local laws, ordinances or resolutions are printed as supplements to said Code book, at which time supplements shall be inserted therein.

§ 65-6. Sale of Uniform Traffic Code book; supplementation.

Copies of the Code book containing the Uniform Traffic Code may be purchased from the Town Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead upon the payment of a fee to be set by resolution of the Town Board, which may also arrange by resolution for procedures for the periodic supplementation thereof.

**§ 65-7. License Plates**

- A. It shall be unlawful for license plates to be kept in a condition that is not easily readable. License plates shall not knowingly or otherwise be covered by glass or any plastic material, coated with any artificial or synthetic material or substance that conceals or obscures such license plates or that distorts a recorded or photographic image of such license plate.**
- B. License plates shall not be obstructed by any part of the vehicle or by anything carried thereon, except for a receiver-transmitter issued by a publicly owned tolling facility in connection with electronic toll collection when such receiver-transmitter is affixed to the exterior of a vehicle in accordance with mounting instructions provided by the tolling facility.**
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, association, limited liability company or corporation to sell, offer for sale or distribute any artificial or synthetic material or substance for the purpose of application to a license plate that will, upon**

**application to a license plate, distort a recorded or photographic image of such license plate.**

§ [65-7] **65-8.** Penalties for offenses.

Any person who, without authorization from the Town Clerk, changes or amends, by additions or deletions, any part or portion of the Uniform Traffic Code or who alters or tampers with such Code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the legislation of the Town of North Hempstead to be misrepresented thereby, or who violates any other provisions of this local law, shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250 for each.

**Section 3.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this article or in its application to the person or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 4.**

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.