

CHAPTER 22

RAILROADS

SECTION 22-1. SPEED LIMIT FOR TRAINS.

No locomotive engine, with or without cars, and no railroad train, truck or car shall be run or propelled on any railway within the City at a greater speed than twelve (12) miles per hour. (Code 1959, §16-19)

SECTION 22-2. TRAINS OBSTRUCTING STREETS.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any railroad company, or any receiver or trustee operating a railroad, to obstruct, for a longer period than five (5) minutes, the free passage on any street or road by standing cars or trains across the same, except a passenger train while receiving or discharging passengers, in which case a passway shall be kept open to allow normal flow of traffic. When a train has been uncoupled, so as to make a passway, the time necessarily required, not exceeding three (3) minutes, to pump up the air after the train has been recoupled shall not be included in considering the time such cars or trains were standing across such street or road.
- (b) Any railroad company, receiver or trustee, violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00); provided, that the fine may be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each minute beyond the permitted time, but the total fine shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- (c) This section shall not apply when a train is stopped due to breakdown, mechanical failure or emergency. (Code 1959, §15-17)

State Law Reference--Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, §56-412.1.

SECTION 22-3. STANDING OF VEHICLES ON TRACKS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to stand any wagon or other vehicle on the track of any railroad, so as to hinder or endanger a moving train. (Code 1959, §15-17)

Cross references--Motor vehicles and traffic, Ch. 14; unlawful entry in or tampering with railroad rolling stock, §16-11.1; streets and sidewalks, Ch. 26.

State Law Reference--Railroad corporations, Code of Virginia, §56-345 *et seq.*; Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, §56-412.1

THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK