

CHAPTER 14

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES.

Sec. 14-1. Persons Occupying Streets, Sidewalks or Public Places in a Manner Not Permitted to General Public.

It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy or use any of the streets, sidewalks, parks, bridges or any other public places or public property or any public easement of any description in the town, in a manner not permitted to the general public, without having first obtained the consent thereto of the town council or a franchise therefor; and such unpermitted occupancy shall be deemed a nuisance subject to abatement as provided in subsection (1), section 1 of article III of the Town Charter, even though another penalty may be imposed for any violation of this section. (Code 1965, 8-21.)

Sec. 14-2. Obstruction of Water in Street, Gutter or Drain.

No person shall obstruct or impede the flow of water in any street, gutter or drain.

Sec. 14-3. Duty of Property Owners, Occupants and Persons in Charge to Remove Ice and Snow from Sidewalks.

It shall be the duty of owners, occupants and persons in charge of premises within the town to keep the sidewalks adjacent thereto free from accumulation of ice and snow. Within four hours after a snowfall each owner, occupant or person in charge of property adjacent to a sidewalk shall cause the ice and snow to be removed from the sidewalk and disposed of at some place other than a street, sidewalk or public place, and in such manner as to not cause a hazard to the safety of the public or any individual or to constitute a removal problem for the town; provided, that if snow continues to fall so late in the afternoon or at night and there is no time to remove snow before dark, the four hours shall begin to run at the time of the next ensuing sunrise.

Sec. 14-4. Injuries to trees, fences or herbage on grounds of town or in any public square.

It shall be unlawful for any person to (1) cut down, pull up, girdle or otherwise injure or destroy any tree growing in the grounds of the town, or in any public square or grounds, without the consent of the town council; or (2) wilfully and maliciously injure the fences or herbage of the town grounds. (Code 1965, 8-26.)

Sec. 14-5 thru Sec. 14-6. (Repealed March 8, 1995)

Sec. 14-7. Operation of Bicycles on Certain Sidewalks.

No person shall ride a bicycle on sidewalks bordering on South Main Street in the Town of Amherst between Star Street and Kent Street between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Each violation of this ordinance shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor. (*Sec. 46.2-904 of the Code of Virginia.*)

Amended August 8, 2007

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Sec. 14-7.1. Operation of Skateboards on Certain Sidewalks.

No person shall ride a skateboard on sidewalks bordering on South Main Street in the Town of Amherst between the traffic circle and Kenmore Road. Each violation of this ordinance shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor. *(Sec. 46.2-904 of the Code of Virginia.)*

Adopted August 8, 2007.

Sec. 14-8. Numbering of houses and structures within the Town of Amherst

I. DISPLAY OF NUMBERS

A. It shall be the duty of every owner of a building in the Town of Amherst to cause to be displayed thereon the street number of said building and to at all times to maintain such numbers in compliance with the rules of this section.

B. The Amherst County Building Inspector shall not issue a certificate of occupancy until such time as the proper building numbers are displayed at the proper places for that building.

C. Structures existing at the time of enactment of this ordinance shall be required to display the assigned number of the structure within thirty (30) days of the date of assignment by the Town Manager.

II. ASSIGNMENT OF NUMBERS

The Town Manager, on the advice of the Planning Director of Amherst County shall at the time of application for a zoning permit for the construction of a new structure assign a number.

III. ENFORCEMENT

The Amherst County Building Inspector and the Town Manager of the Town of Amherst shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this code.

IV. SIZE AND DISPLAY OF NUMBERS

A. The figure or figures comprising the number to be displayed on a building shall be at least three (3) inches in height and shall be placed on the front of the structure in a prominent and conspicuous place and in such a manner as to be plainly legible from the center of the roadway at all times between sunrise and sunset. Provided, however, that, so far as the purpose or intent of this chapter is concerned, the front of the building shall be on the street used to access the structure. The color of the figures shall be in sharp contrast to the color of the background.

B. The numbers shall be so placed so that they will not be obstructed by trees, shrubbery, porches, or other extensions of the building.

C. Whenever practical, the number shall be placed near a light source or some other source of illumination whereby the numbers may be readily visible at night.

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D. Where the building upon which the number is to be displayed is more than seventy five feet from the edge of the right-of-way whether improved or not, of the street or roadway serving the building, the number shall in addition to the other requirements of this section be displayed on a sign readily visible from the roadway or street and in no event further back than twenty five feet from the street right-of-way.

V. PENALTY

A. A property owner found to be in non compliance of the provisions of this section shall be served notice to comply within five (5) days.

B. Any property owner who fails to comply with said notice shall be liable for a fine of \$25.00 for the first week that the violation shall continue following the issuance of a notice to comply and \$50.00 for each week after the second notice to comply.

(Amended March 8, 1995)