

Chapter 15

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**Sec. 15-1. Control over maintenance and construction.**

The council shall supervise the construction and maintenance of streets. The council shall employ such number of persons to work on the streets as may be needed.

(Code 1979, § 13-101)

Sec. 15-2. Approval of names of new streets.

It shall be unlawful for any person to lay out any new street within the municipality without first procuring from the council approval of the name to be assigned to such new street.

(Code 1979, § 13-102)

Sec. 15-3. Street and roadway acceptance.

No street or roadway shall be accepted until such street has been paved or surface-treated in a manner acceptable to the town. Before acceptance, all roadway or street rights-of-way must be deeded to the town in a width of 60 feet.

(Code 1979, § 13-103)

Sec. 15-4. Requirements for lots draining toward sidewalk.

Every person owning any lot which drains towards a sidewalk shall provide such suitable and proper drainage under such sidewalk as will deliver the gutter and drainage water from such lot to the drainage system of the adjoining streets.

(Code 1979, § 13-104)

Sec. 15-5. Repair of fences.

All owners of lands or lots of lands within the corporate limits shall keep in good repair the fences on such lands that are adjacent to any street or alley, and all dilapidated fences adjacent to such street or alley are hereby declared a nuisance and may be removed by the chief of police by order of the council.

(Code 1979, § 13-106)

Sec. 15-6. Street names.

No person shall name any street or change the name of any street except upon consent of the council as indicated by resolution.

(Code 1979, § 13-107)

Sec. 15-7. Damaging municipal property.

It shall be unlawful for any person to mutilate, deface, or injure any public property within the corporate limits; any trees, building, or other property; or to obstruct any property within the corporate limits, street, alleyway, avenue, bridge, ditch, or public road.

(Code 1979, § 13-201)

Sec. 15-8. Gates opening onto sidewalks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain any gate upon his premises so as to swing across or into any sidewalk or street.

(Code 1979, § 13-202)

Sec. 15-9. Games in streets.

No person shall play any games or throw any rocks or missiles on any public street.

(Code 1979, § 13-203)

Sec. 15-10. Structures draining rainwater onto sidewalks prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to build, construct, erect, or maintain a house or building of any description in such manner that rainwater may flow from the roof, eaves, cornices, gutters, or other part thereof, down any sidewalk so as to cause holes, depressions, unevenness, gullies, or other defect or damage to such sidewalk.

(Code 1979, § 13-204)

Sec. 15-11. Draining water, slops, other liquids onto prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry water or any slops or liquid of any kind, from any store or residence or other building by means of a drainpipe or otherwise, so that the same shall fall or flow upon any part of any street or sidewalk, provided that sprinkling of a street to lay dust is not hereby forbidden.

(Code 1979, § 13-205)

Sec. 15-12. Vehicles and horses prohibited on sidewalks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or lead a horse; or ride, propel, or park any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle upon any sidewalk, except as necessary in entering or leaving a premises or building.

(Code 1979, § 13-208)

Cross references—Animals generally, Ch. 3; traffic and motor vehicles generally, Ch. 16.

Sec. 15-13. Burning matter.

It shall be unlawful to burn leaves or other matter on the streets or sidewalks.

(Code 1979, § 13-211)

Cross reference—Fire prevention and protection generally, Ch. 7.

Sec. 15-14. Blocking.

It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons to congregate upon the streets or sidewalks in such a manner as to impede the free flow of traffic.

(Code 1979, § 14-505)

Sec. 15-15. Reckless operation of bicycles.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any bicycle in a reckless or dangerous manner.
(Code 1979, § 14-510)

Secs. 15-16—15-35. Reserved.**ARTICLE II. EXCAVATION AND OBSTRUCTION****Sec. 15-36. Excavation permit required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to dig up, mutilate, or make an excavation in any paved or clay street or sidewalk for any purpose without a permit from the building official.
(Code 1979, § 13-301)

Sec. 15-37. Danger signals required at excavations.

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any trench, ditch, or excavation in any street, sidewalk, or public place to remain open between sunset and sunrise, unless such trench, ditch, or excavation has a sufficient number of lights properly displayed around it as danger signals to prevent accidents to persons or property.
(Code 1979, § 13-302)

Sec. 15-38. Removing danger signals at excavations.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or extinguish any light which may be placed as a signal at night to warn persons of danger from ditches, trenches, building materials, scaffolds, excavations, impediments, or obstacles of any description whatsoever.
(Code 1979, § 13-303)

Sec. 15-39. Obstructions prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place any obstruction upon or cause to be obstructed in any manner any street, sidewalk, or public way or part thereof, so as to render the passage of persons, vehicles, or other travel thereon difficult, inconvenient, dangerous, or impossible except as otherwise provided in this article, provided that this section shall not apply to any employee of the town, county, or state while such employee is immediately and actively engaged in the maintenance, improvement, or construction of any street, sidewalk, or public way in the town.
(Code 1979, § 13-304)

Secs. 15-40—15-60. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. PARADES AND PICKETS*

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Secs. 15-61—15-70. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. PARADES

Sec. 15-71. Permit—Required; compliance with regulations.

No parade, excepting one by the forces of the United States Army or Navy, the military forces of this state, and the forces of the police and fire departments, shall occupy, mark, or proceed along any street except in accordance with a permit issued by the mayor, upon written application made not less than 24 hours prior to the time of such parade and such other regulations as are set forth in this division which may apply.

(Code 1979, § 13-402)

Sec. 15-72. Same—Application.

An application for a permit for a parade, procession, or other public gathering shall contain the time of such proposed parade, procession, or gathering; the streets to be used; the number of persons or vehicles to be engaged; and the purpose of such parade, procession, or gathering.

(Code 1979, § 13-403)

Sec. 15-73. Same—Issuance.

Upon receipt of an application for a permit for a parade, procession, or gathering, the council shall, in its discretion, issue a permit therefor, subject to considerations of the public convenience and public welfare.

(Code 1979, § 13-404)

Sec. 15-74. Imposition of restrictions.

The town council shall have the authority to impose such restrictions, conditions, and safeguards upon the conduct of a parade, procession, or public gathering as it shall deem fit and proper.

(Code 1979, § 13-405)

Secs. 15-75—15-85. Reserved.

***Cross reference**—Processions, § 16-56 et seq.

State law reference—Municipal authority to regulate processions on highways, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-710(3).

DIVISION 3. PICKETING AND DEMONSTRATING

Sec. 15-86. Illegal without permit.

It shall be unlawful to picket, parade, or march, except in the annual Christmas Parade, unless a permit to perform such actions has been secured. To secure a permit, an individual, group of individuals, or organization will make an application, duly signed by the individual organizer of a group or by an officer of an organization, and submit it to the clerk and treasurer. Applications are to be submitted between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Friday of each week, and a permit may be issued three days thereafter, excluding the date the application is submitted. The application will state the time, duration, purpose, the area in which the picketing, parading, or marching will occur; and the individual, group of individuals, or organization directing and responsible for such picketing, parading, or marching. When picketing or engaging in so-called demonstrations, no person shall:

- (1) Use on the streets or public places any verbal abuse, including curses, insults, threats, or acts of violence, directed against any citizen of the state;
- (2) March, parade, protest, or picket in any manner other than as permitted by this division, except with express written consent and approval of the clerk and treasurer;
- (3) Engage in riotous and loud conduct which invades the privacy of homes or businesses;
- (4) Damage, destroy, or injure the persons or property of others;
- (5) Block, in any manner, the streets and means of ingress and egress to places of business;
- (6) Interfere with, in any manner, or obstruct any official in the performance of his duties;
- (7) Interfere in any manner with the attendance, during school hours, of children in the public schools by inciting or urging them to participate in demonstrations or for any other unlawful purpose or reason, or permitting them to be or remain in churches or other places used in such demonstrations;
- (8) Picket other than in accordance with the following principles:
 - a. In small numbers;
 - b. In a manner so as not to interfere with pedestrians or vehicular traffic;
 - c. In a manner so as not to block entrances or exits to or from picketed establishments;
 - d. No more than four pickets posted at any one time at any one business establishment;
 - e. No more than two business establishments picketed in the same block at the same time;
 - f. No picket trespassing upon the property of the business establishment being picketed;

- g. Pickets patrolling on the sidewalk at a distance of not less than eight feet from every other picket;
 - h. No person whether in sympathy with the pickets or not, to assemble, loiter, congregate, or engage in any kind of picketing of the establishment being picketed.
- (9) Demonstrate other than in accordance with the following principles:
- a. Walk not more than two abreast upon the public sidewalks or in groups of not more than 100 persons;
 - b. Observe all traffic signals;
 - c. Walk close to the building line or close to the curb so as not to interfere with or obstruct other pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk;
 - d. Assemble peacefully and speak peacefully for a period of time not exceeding 30 minutes, when traffic to and from places of business or employment is not at its peak; in such circumstances as will not unduly disrupt the public peace and conducted in such a manner as not to deprive the public of adequate police and fire protection.

(Code 1979, § 11-410)

Secs. 15-87—15-105. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. ROAD NAMING AND NUMBERING

Sec. 15-106. Uniform system established.

There is hereby established a uniform system for road naming and for numbering property and buildings on all roads, streets, and public ways in the area so defined as the incorporated area of the town. All buildings shall be numbered in accordance with the provisions set forth in this article.

(Ord. No. 89-08-05, § 1, 6-12-89)

Sec. 15-107. Street naming.

(a) No new roads may be named without first getting the approval of the E-911 project director. The E-911 project director will not approve any new road name which duplicates or is similar, either phonetically or by spelling, to another road name in a U.S. Postal Service zip code area/emergency service number area within the county.

(b) A master list of the names, including pertinent suffixes, of all roads and streets within the town shall be maintained by the E-911 project director.

(Ord. No. 89-08-05, § 2, 6-12-89)

Sec. 15-108. Property numbering.

A uniform system of numbering properties and principal buildings is hereby adopted and made a part of this article:

- (1) All streets shall be numbered with odd numbers on the left and even numbers on the right as the numbers increase, leaving a maximum of at least one number for every 40 feet of road frontage.
- (2) All numbers shall be assigned in a manner so determined by the E-911 project director. This shall apply to existing numbers and future numbering requirements.
- (3) Each structure capable of use as a residence or business shall have its own number.
(Ord. No. 89-08-05, § 3, 6-12-89)

Sec. 15-109. Numbers—Assignment.

(a) Existing numbers shall be changed only where it is necessary in the judgment of the E-911 project director to maintain the order and uniformity sought by this article.

(b) On the effective date of this article, the E-911 project director shall begin assigning numbers to any and all developing structures capable of use as residences or businesses located on any road, street, or public way in the jurisdiction of this article. The E-911 project director shall submit the site development plat to the addressing information center at the appropriate area post office with the uniform numbering system detailed upon a copy of the plat.

(c) Written notification of the proper address of each building shall be given to the owner, occupant, or agent of each building in all instances where a new number is assigned under the terms of this article.

(Ord. No. 89-08-05, § 4, 6-12-89)

Sec. 15-110. Same—Placement.

(a) When each house or building has been assigned its respective number, the owner, occupant, or agent shall place or cause to be placed upon each house or building controlled by him the number or numbers assigned under the uniform system as provided in this article.

(b) Such numbers shall be placed on buildings within 30 days after the receipt of notification by the E-911 project director.

(c) Cost and installation of the numbers used shall be the responsibility of the property owner. Residential numbers used shall not be less than three inches in height, and business numbers shall not be less than four inches in height. Numbers shall be made of a durable and clearly visible material and shall be in contrast to the color of the building.

(d) Numbers shall be put in a conspicuous place immediately above, on, or at the side of the proper door so that the number is clearly visible from the street line. In cases where the building is not visible from the street, the building number shall be placed near the walk, driveway, or common entrance to the building, or upon the mailbox, gatepost, fence, curb or other appropriate place so as to be clearly visible from the street.

(Ord. No. 89-08-05, § 5, 6-12-89)

Sec. 15-111. Administration and implementation.

(a) Whenever any house, building, or structure shall be erected or located in the town after the effective date of this article, it shall be the duty of the E-911 project director to inform any party applying therefor of the number belonging to or embraced within the limits of any lot or property as provided in this article. In case of conflict as to the proper number to be assigned to any building, the E-911 project director shall determine the number of such building. It shall be the responsibility of all areas not served by the E-911 project director to coordinate road naming and house numbering with the E-911 project director.

(b) It shall be the duty of the owner to secure the correct number as designated by the E-911 project director for the property and attach the number so assigned on the building as provided by this article.

(c) No building permit shall be issued for any building or structure until the owner has obtained the assigned number from the E-911 project director.

(d) Final approval of any structure erected, repaired, altered, or modified after the effective date of the ordinance from which this article derived shall be withheld by the town building inspector until permanent and proper numbers have been attached or fastened to such structure.

(Ord. No. 89-08-05, § 6, 6-12-89)

Sec. 15-112. Existing structures.

The town council, upon adoption of this article, will require owners of existing principal structures to post the number so assigned to their dwellings under the provision of this article within 30 days after notification by the E-911 project director. Community service organizations, neighborhood associations, and rescue and fire departments will be encouraged to assist in the implementation.

(Ord. No. 89-08-05, § 7, 6-12-89)

Sec. 15-113. Penalty for violation of article.

After the second and final reading, failure by the owner, occupant, or agent responsible for a building to place or cause to be placed on each building assigned numbers, as provided by this article, shall constitute a violation of the article, and the owner, occupant, or agent shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided by section 1-10 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 89-08-05, § 8, 6-12-89)