

Chapter 142STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

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Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Front Royal 3-11-85.(Chapter 26 of the 1965 Code including amendments 4-24-67, 6-9-75 and 11-9-70, 7-9-7. Sections 142-1, 142-2, 142-4, 142-6, 142-10, 142-12, and 142-17 amended at time of adoption of Code). Other amendments noted where applicable.

142-1 PLAY IN STREETS

It shall be unlawful for any person to play in the public streets of the Town, including but not limited to the playing of ball or marbles, where such play obstructs the passage along the same.

142-2 BEGGING

It shall be unlawful for any person to beg upon the streets or sidewalks of the Town.

142-3 FIRES

It shall be unlawful for any person to ignite or make a fire or conflagration of any kind or cause such fire or conflagration to be made or ignited in any of the public streets or sidewalks of the Town without the consent, in writing, of the Building Inspector, stating the time and place of such fires.

142-4 OBSTRUCTIONS

A. It shall be unlawful to obstruct, and no obstruction shall be placed upon, any street or sidewalk of the Town; provided, however, that upon of any non-profit civic, religious or educational organization, application submitted at least thirty (30) days in advance, the Town Manager or his designee shall be authorized to issue a permit for the placement of temporary signs or banners within the street rights-of-way of the Town for the purpose of publicizing a temporary event. Any such sign or banner shall not be larger than twenty (20) square feet in area and not taller than seventy-two inches (72") high at their highest point. Said permit shall be of a temporary nature, not to exceed seven (7) days, clearly stating the place and dates for which the permit is issued, and shall limit the number of signs or banners allowed under any permit to not more than one (1) for any given intersection or adjacent to the street frontage of any given parcel or lot. Such temporary signs or banners shall not be placed within any right-of-way prior to the date stated in the permit, and shall be removed not later than 11:59 p.m. on the last day shown on the permit.

(Ord. No. 7-05 Amended 6-13-05-Effective Upon Passage)

B. The provisions of subsection (A) above, shall not operate to alter, diminish or repeal the requirements for temporary sign permits for the types of signs described in Section 175-106(A)(7) of this Code nor to allow or make legal any of the prohibited signs described in Section 175-106(A)(5) of this Code.

(Ord. No. 7-05 Added 6-13-05-Effective Upon Passage)

C. Temporary signs or banners permitted under the terms of the section shall be of weather-resistant materials and of professional quality appearance and contain no changeable copy characters.

(Ord. No. 7-05 Added 6-13-05-Effective Upon Passage)

D. The provisions of this section shall not operate to vacate or supersede any policies heretofore adopted by the Council for the placement of banners over the right-of-way of the 100 block of North Royal Avenue.

(Ord. No. 7-05 Added 6-13-05-Effective Upon Passage)

142-4.1 SNOW AND ICE ON SIDEWALKS

A. All owners or occupants of property within the limits of the Town, which property is used for commercial or industrial purposes, shall remove or cause to be removed the snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to such property within twenty-four (24) hours after ice has formed or snow has ceased to fall. If the ice or snow forms or falls during the night or on a Sunday, it shall be removed by noon the following day. Sand or other abrasives may be applied to ice to establish traction if removal is not feasible.

B. If at any time the Town Manager or his designee shall find that any such property owner has not removed snow or ice pursuant to this Section, the Town Manager or his designee shall give notice, in writing, to such owner or occupant to remove such snow and/or ice within a reasonable time not to exceed six (6) hours after the giving of such notice.

C. Upon failure of any person to whom notice has been given pursuant to this Section to comply with the terms of such notice, the Town Manager may cause such snow and/or ice to be removed, and the expense thereof shall be charged to such owner or occupant to be collected in the same manner as County taxes or in any other manner authorized by law.

(Ord. No. 3-01 Added Entire Section 5-14-01-Effective Upon Passage)

142-5 DEFECTIVE SPOUTING OR GUTTERING

It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit water from the spouting or gutter of the roof of any building owned by him to escape on any of the sidewalks of the Town by reason of defective spouting or guttering. Any person allowing such defective condition to continue after ten (10) days notice from the Town Manager shall be punished as provided in Chapter 1, Article II, Penalties, of this Code.

142-6 USE OF PUBLIC SIDEWALK IN CONNECTION WITH BUSINESS

It shall be unlawful for any person within the Town to use the sidewalk in front of his place of business to exhibit that which he has for sale or for other uses connected with his business, without the prior consent of the Town Council.

142-7 USE OF THE PUBLIC WAYS BY CERTIFICATED PROVIDERS OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

There is imposed upon all certificated providers of telecommunications service occupying the public rights-of-way of Front Royal, a fee in accordance with Virginia Code Section 56-468.1.

(Ord. No. 5-00 Added Entire Section 5-22-00-Effective 7-1-00)

142-8 THROUGH 16 (RESERVED)

(Ord. No. 6-98 Repealed Sections 5-11-98-Effective Upon Passage)

142-17 PAVING OF AREAS BETWEEN PROPERTY LINE AND CURB & GUTTER

At the time of construction of the curb and gutter, as provided in Section 142-16, the Town Council may also, upon written request of the landowner and prior payment of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per square foot, pave areas used by the landowner as driveways, crosswalks and other areas located between the property line and the curb and gutter.

142-18 HEARING REQUIRED

The Council shall hold a public hearing in every case in which an individual, corporation, association or the Town itself opens a dedicated street or alley.

142-19 USE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SIDEWALKS FOR CYCLING, SKATEBOARDING AND ROLLER SKATING

A. The use of skateboards, roller skates, and/or the riding of bicycles or mopeds on Town sidewalks and crosswalks in the Town of Front Royal is prohibited in the following areas:

1. Along Main Street between Royal and Commerce Avenues.
2. Along Chester Street between Main and 2nd Streets.

B. For purposes of this ordinance "sidewalk" includes the pedestrian court yard surrounding the Gazebo. It further is prohibited to use skateboards, roller skates, and/or bicycles or mopeds on any church, school, recreational facility, or any business property open to the public where such prohibition is posted.

C. In addition to the foregoing, it is unlawful to ride a moped along all other Town sidewalks, bike paths, and crosswalks.

D. Violations of this section by skateboarders, roller skaters, or bicycle riders shall be punishable by a civil penalty of not more than \$50. Violations of this section by moped operators shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$250.

(Ord. No. 2-00 Added Entire Section 1-10-00-Effective Upon Passage)

142-20 TOWN BANNER POLES

The Town has installed banner poles at various locations on arterial roads to inform citizens and visitors of civic events. Reservation of space to display a banner shall be regulated as follows:

1. Applications to display banners shall be submitted to the Town Manager and shall include the following information:
 - a. Name of Requesting Organization
 - b. Contact Name
 - c. Contact Phone Number
 - d. Requested Dates for Display
 - e. Banner Message and Description of Display
2. Applications shall be accepted beginning January 1 for placement that year.
3. Priority of display shall be granted to the Chamber of Commerce Wine & Craft Festival and to the Warren County Heritage Society Festival of Leaves subject to request being received within the first five (5) business days of January. Similar priority shall be

granted to organization requests for events conducted at the same time period for a least five (5) consecutive years.

4. Display shall be for up to fourteen (14) calendar days. Extensions of up to fourteen (14) calendar days may be requested thirty (30) days prior to the approved date for display if no other display requests have been approved.

5. Banners size shall be a maximum of thirty (30) feet long by three (3) feet tall. Organizations requesting banner display shall be responsible to ensure banner can be connected to the existing hardware installed by the Town.

6. Banners shall be constructed of heavy-duty canvas, plastic tarpaulin material, or netting. Metal grommets shall be imbedded near each of the four (4) corners and along the top and bottom edges with two (2) feet intervals. The banner shall also have wind-relief flaps that are six (6) inch diameter half-circles and at least one (1) for every four (4) square foot of total area.

(Amended 7-27-15-Effective Upon Passage)

7. In the event that display date request conflict, the Town Manager or designee shall determine resolution of conflict. Display requests determined by the Town Manager or designee can be appealed to Town Council a minimum of forty-five (45) days prior to the requested date for display.

(Ord. No. 6-12 Added Entire Section 2-13-12-Effective Upon Passage)