

Chapter 66

TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 66-1. State law adopted.

Pursuant to the authority of Code of Virginia, §§ 46.2-1313 and 1-13.39:2, all of the provisions and requirements of the laws of the state contained in Code of Virginia, title 46.2, Code of Virginia, § 16.1-278 et seq. and Code of Virginia, § 18.2-266 et seq., as in force on July 1, 2003, and all future amendments thereto, except those provisions and requirements the violation of which constitute a felony, and except those provisions and requirements which by their very nature can have no application to or within the town, are hereby adopted and incorporated in this chapter by reference and made applicable within the town. References to the term "highways of the state" contained in such provisions and requirements hereby adopted shall be deemed to refer to the streets, highways and other public ways within the town. Such provisions and requirements are hereby adopted, *mutatis mutandis*, and made a part of this chapter as fully as though set forth at length in this section, and it shall be unlawful for any person, within the town, to violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provision of Code of Virginia, title 46.2, Code of Virginia, § 16.1-278 et seq. or Code of Virginia, § 18.2-266 et seq., which are adopted by this section; provided, however, that in no event shall the penalty imposed for the violation of any provision or requirement hereby adopted exceeds the penalty imposed for a similar offense under Code of Virginia, title 46.2, Code of Virginia, § 16.1-278 et seq. or Code of Virginia, § 18.2-266 et seq.
(Code 1950, ch. 13, § 1)

Sec. 66-2. Town license required.

(a) *Generally.* It shall be unlawful for any person referred to in subsection (b) of this section to operate an automobile or truck therein without procuring a town license and tags for such automobile or truck, and paying the fee therefor prescribed by the council. Every person who becomes subject to this section shall, within 30 days after becoming subject to this section, obtain the license required herein, which shall be issued as of the date on which such person became subject to this section; provided, that any person whose automobile or truck carries a license issued by another town in the state may operate such vehicle in the town under such license until the end of the current license year. It shall be unlawful for any person not a resident of the town to operate a truck in the town in connection with a regular business conducted by him therein unless he procures the license required by this section.

(b) *Situs for the imposition of licensing fees.* The situs for the imposition of licensing fees under this section shall in all cases, except as hereinafter provided, be the county, city, or town in which the vehicle is normally garaged, stored, or parked. If it cannot be determined where the personal property is normally garaged, stored, or parked, the situs shall be the domicile of its owner. If the owner of the vehicle is a full-time student attending an institution of higher education, the situs shall be the domicile of such student, provided the student has presented sufficient evidence that he has paid a personal property tax on the motor vehicle in his domicile.

(Code 1950, ch. 13, § 2; Ord. of 12-7-1971)

State law reference—Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-752.

Sec. 66-3. Regulation of traffic and parking.

It shall be the duty of the town manager, with the approval of the council, to make traffic and parking regulations for the purpose of relieving traffic congestion and ensuring the safety of the public, and for this purpose he shall cause to be installed or erected, with the approval of the council, such traffic lights, signs and markers on the streets of the town as he may deem necessary for the enforcement of such regulations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any such rule or regulation, provided notice thereof has been given by the erection or placing of such signs or markers on the streets.

(Code 1950, ch. 13, § 9)

Sec. 66-4. Vehicles on sidewalks.

(a) *General prohibition; exception.* No person shall use any motorcycle or wheel or handbarrow or handcart on the sidewalk, except to cross the sidewalk for delivering goods; nor shall any person permit a vehicle of any kind to stand on the sidewalk or street crossings; provided that nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of hand carriages for infant children on the sidewalk.

(b) *Riding bicycles on sidewalks.* Any person who rides a bicycle on the sidewalks within the town limits shall yield right-of-way to all pedestrians. No person shall ride a bicycle on the sidewalk in a commercial or industrial zone between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. No person shall ride a bicycle on the sidewalk in areas where signs are displayed to prohibit such activity.

(c) *Penalties; impoundment fee.* The penalty for the violation of this section is as follows: First offense, a warning will be issued. Second offense, a summons will be issued and a fine of not less than \$15.00 nor more than \$25.00 will be levied. In addition to the fine, the bicycle will be impounded for no less than five days nor more than seven days. When impoundment term is expired, the parent or legal guardian of any minor charged under this session must appear in person to remove the bicycle from impoundment. A civil impoundment fee of \$15.00 must be paid to remove the bicycle from impoundment.

(Code 1950, ch. 13, § 10)

Cross reference—Streets, sidewalks and other public places, ch. 58.

Secs. 66-5—66-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. PARKING***Sec. 66-31. Parking in certain locations; penalty.**

No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, on a highway in front of a private driveway, within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or the entrance to a fire

*Cross references—Minimum off-street parking, app. A, § 8-7; off-street loading requirements, app. A, § 8-8.

CHAPTER 66

(Adopted by HTC 05-11-2010)

Section 66-5. Operation of golf carts permitted on certain roads.

(a) *Limitations.* Pursuant to Section 46.2-916.1 of the Code of Virginia as amended (the Code), it shall be lawful for any licensed driver to operate a golf cart as defined in Section 46.2-100 of the Code within the corporate limits of the town on certain roads designated for such use pursuant to section 46.2-916.2. Operation of Golf Carts shall be subject to the limitations as set forth in Section 46.2-916.3 of the Code as amended:

- 1) Operation of golf carts is allowed within the town only on certain roads so designated by the town council and enforced by the town manager or town manager's designee where the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less with the following exceptions due to heavy traffic:
 - (a) Mountain Road (VA Scenic Byway 360)
 - (b) South Main Street (US Highway 501)
 - (c) North Main Street (US Highway 501/VA Scenic Byway 360)
 - (d) Cowford Road (Rte 651)
- 2) Operation of golf carts shall be subject to all traffic laws and ordinances;
- 3) Only the number of occupants for which the golf cart is designated travel on any golf cart and no person may ride on a golf cart in an area not designated for passengers;
- 4) Golf carts shall be operated upon on certain roads so designated by the town council only between sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with such lights as are required in Article 3 (Section 46.2-1010 et seq.) of Chapter 10 of the Code; and
- 5) All golf carts operated within the town shall be registered with the town prior to such use with the following requirements:
 - (a) *Registration.* An annual registration fee of \$25.00 shall be paid per calendar year for each golf cart registered
 - (b) *Driver's License.* A valid driver's license shall be required prior to issuance of registered permit and no person shall operate a golf cart within the town on certain roads designated for such use unless they have in their possession a valid driver's license
 - (c) *Insurance.* Proof of insurance liability coverage shall be required and no person shall operate a golf cart within the town on roads for such use unless they have in their possession proof of insurance
 - (d) *Safety Criteria.* The following safety equipment shall be installed prior to issuance of registered permit and inspection by a licensed dealer may be

required by the town manager or town manager's designee as part of the permit:

- (1) Slow moving vehicle emblem in conformity with section 46.2-1081
 - (2) Minimum of one tail light visible from a distance of 500 feet
 - (3) Two red reflectors (may be incorporated into other rear lights)
 - (4) Two brake lights visible from a distance of 500 feet (may be incorporated into other rear lights)
 - (5) Two working headlights capable of illuminating persons or objects at a distance of at least 75 feet
 - (6) Working directional (turn) signals
- (e) *Permit Decal.* Upon issuance of registration an annual permit decal showing proof of compliance shall be issued and the decal shall be visibly posted on the driver's side rear bumper or driver's side front windshield of the permitted golf cart

(b) *Exceptions.* Pursuant to Section 46.2-916.3 of the Code of Virginia the limitations set forth above shall not apply to golf carts or utility vehicles as defined in Section 46.2-100 of the Code being operated as follows:

- 1) To the extent necessary for local government employees, operating only upon highways located within the town to fulfill a governmental purpose, provided the golf cart or utility vehicle is being operated on highways with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.
- 2) To cross a highway from one portion of a golf course to another portion thereof or to another adjacent golf course; or to travel between a person's home and golf course if (i) the trip would not be longer than one-half mile in either direction, and (ii) the speed limit on the road is no more than 35 miles per hour.
- 3) To operate a golf cart within the 25 mph posted speed limit along Main Street (US Highway 501) if (i) the road has been closed to through traffic with written permission from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for an event-parade-walk/run, and (ii) the town manager or town manager's designee has approved the use of golf carts as part of the event-parade-walk/run permit contingent upon VDOT approval of the road closure to through traffic.

(c) *Penalties.* Violation of this section shall be punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor or as a civil penalty not to exceed \$50 for the first violation and \$100 for the second or subsequent violations.

The Town of Halifax has no liability under any theory of liability and the town assumes no liability for permitting golf carts and/or utility vehicles to be operated on public streets and roads under the special legislation granted by the Virginia General Assembly. (Nov. 2008)

station, within 15 feet of the entrance to a plainly designated building housing rescue squad equipment or ambulances, or within 20 feet from the intersection of curblines or, if none, then within 15 feet of the intersection of property lines at any highway-intersection.

(Code 1950, ch. 7, §§ 14, 20)

State law reference—Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-1239.

Sec. 66-32. Parking more than 48 hours unlawful.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicle on any street or other public property in the town for a longer period than 48 hours.

(Code 1950, ch. 7, § 13)

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*Cross references—Administration, ch. 2; buildings and building regulations, ch. 22; environment, ch. 30; health and sanitation, ch. 38; use of streets by utilities, § 58-21; consumer utility tax, § 62-31 et seq.

State law references—Municipal regulation of lakes, waters and pools, Code of Virginia, § 15.2-1110; general provisions for public utilities, Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2109 et seq.; sewage disposal systems generally, Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2122 et seq.; water supply systems generally, Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2134 et seq.; health regulations pertaining to sewage disposal, Code of Virginia, § 32.1-163 et seq.; health regulations pertaining to public water supplies, Code of Virginia, § 32.1-167 et seq.; state water control law, Code of Virginia, § 62.1-44.2 et seq.

CHAPTER 70 UTILITIES

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

(adopted 11-13-07)

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Sec. 70-2. Authorization for the Halifax County Service Authority to Enforce Provisions of this Chapter.

The Halifax County Service Authority (HCSA) is hereby authorized to the extent permitted by law, to enforce all applicable provisions of Chapter 70 of the Code of the Town of Halifax, Virginia, as amended, in order to carry out the HCSA purposes of providing water and sewer services to the residents of the Town of Halifax, Virginia.

Secs. 70-3--70-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 70-1. Guidelines for water/sewer adjustments.

(a) *Generally.* In instances, where water/sewer adjustments are requested but no leaks are indicated by current meter readings or customer's normal usage, no adjustments will be made. The responsibility for resolving an unusual consumption of water must be the responsibility of the customer. If leaks are indicated, the customer must be advised of the leak by town personnel immediately.

(b) *Adjustments for repaired leaks.* When adjustments are requested for leaks which have been repaired, the customer must present verification to the town office (a copy of a certified plumber's bill or equivalent documentation such as material receipts). If the town administration agrees that an adjustment is proper, the adjustment will be based on the customer's average usage. The customer and the town will each share 50 percent of the cost of the loss.

(c) *Billing of leaks not returning water to sewer system.* Where leaks are reported that did not result in the water being returned to the town's sewer system, no sewer fee will be charged on the water that is lost. The water will be billed as in subsection (a) and (b) of this section.

(d) *Large consumptions of water.* When large consumptions of water are used for abnormal circumstances (filling swimming pools, tankers, etc., but not include car washing, watering lawns, etc.,) no sewer fee will be charged, but the full amount of water consumed will be billed.

(e) *Town administration to make adjustments.* To avoid any appearance of unfairness or partiality, all adjustments will be made by the town administration only.
(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 9)

Secs. 70-2—70-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. WATER

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 70-31. Prohibited acts relating to waterworks.

No person shall injure or deface the town pumping station or reservoir or any house, wall, stopcock, fire hydrant, or other fixture connected with or pertaining to the town waterworks, or deposit any offensive matter or other thing in the reservoir, or without lawful authority, climb over and get through the enclosure around the reservoir, or place any building material or other thing on the stopcock or other fixture of a street water main or other service pipe, fire hydrant, or stopcock, or use water from the town waterworks for any purpose for which he has neither paid nor obtained permission.

(Code 1950, ch. 10, § 48)

Secs. 70-32—70-50. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL

Sec. 70-51. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Air gap separation means the unobstructed vertical distance through the free atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe or faucet supplying pure water to a tank, plumbing fixture, or other device and the rim of the receptacle.

Auxiliary water system means any water system on or available to the premises other than the waterworks. These auxiliary waters may include water from another purveyor's waterworks; or water from a source such as wells, lakes, streams; or process fluids; or used water. These auxiliary waters may be polluted or contaminated or be otherwise objectionable or constitute a water source or system over which the water purveyor does not have control.

Backflow means the flow of contaminants, pollutants, process fluids, used water, untreated water, chemicals, gases, or nonpotable waters into any part of a waterworks.

Backflow prevention device means any approved device, method, or type of construction intended to prevent backflow into a waterworks.

Consumer means the owner or person in control of any premises supplied by or in any manner connected to a waterworks.

Consumer's water system means any water system located on the consumer's premises, supplied by or in any manner connected to a waterworks.

Contamination means any introduction into pure water of microorganisms, wastes, wastewater, undesirable chemicals, or gases.

Cross connection means any connection or structural arrangement, direct or indirect, to the waterworks whereby backflow can occur.

Degree of hazard means a degree of hazard derived from an evaluation of the potential risk to health and the adverse effect upon the waterworks.

Double-gate-double check valve assembly means an approved assembly composed of two single, independently acting check valves including tightly closing shutoff valves located at each end of the assembly and petcocks and test gauges for testing the watertightness of each check valve.

Health hazard means any condition, device, or practice in a waterworks or its operation that creates, or may create, a danger to the health and well-being of the water consumer.

Interchangeable connection means an arrangement or device that will allow alternate but not simultaneous use of two sources of water.

Pollution means the presence of any foreign substance (chemical, physical, radiological, or biological) in water that tends to degrade its quality so as to constitute an unnecessary risk or impair the usefulness of the water.

Pollution hazard means a condition through which an aesthetically objectionable or degrading material may enter the waterworks or a consumer's water system.

Process fluids means any fluid or solution which may be chemically, biologically, or otherwise contaminated or polluted which would constitute a health, pollutional, or system hazard if introduced into the waterworks. This includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) Polluted or contaminated waters;
- (2) Process waters;
- (3) Used waters originating from the waterworks which may have deteriorated in sanitary quality;
- (4) Cooling waters;
- (5) Contaminated natural waters taken from wells, lakes, streams or irrigation systems;
- (6) Chemicals in solution or suspension; and
- (7) Oils, gases, acids, alkalis, and other liquid and gaseous fluids used in industrial or other processes, or for firefighting purposes.

Pure water or potable water means water fit for human consumption and use which is sanitary and normally free of minerals, organic substances, and toxic agents in excess of reasonable amounts for domestic usage in the area served and normally adequate in supply for the minimum health requirement of the persons served.

Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device means a device containing a minimum of two independently acting check valves together with an automatically operated pressure differential relief valve located between the two check valves. During normal flow and at the cessation of normal flow, the pressure between these two checks shall be less than the supply pressure. In case of leakage of either check valve, the differential relief valve, by discharging to the atmosphere, shall operate to maintain the pressure between the check valves at less than the supply pressure. The unit must include tightly closing shut-off valves located at each end of the device, and each device shall be fitted with properly located test cocks. These devices must be of the approved type.

Service connection means the terminal end of a service line from the waterworks. If a meter is installed at the end of the service, then the service connection means the downstream end of the meter.

System hazard means a condition posing an actual, or threat of, damage to the physical properties of the waterworks or a consumer's water system.

Used water means any water supplied by a water purveyor from waterworks to a consumer's water system after it has passed through the service connection.

Water purveyor means an individual, group of individuals, partnership, firm, association, institution, corporation, municipal corporation, county or authority which supplies water to any person within this state from or by means of any waterworks.

Waterworks means a system that serves piped water for drinking or domestic use to (i) the public, (ii) at least 15 connections or (iii) an average of 25 individuals for at least 60 days out of the year. The term "waterworks" shall include all structures, equipment and appurtenances used in the storage, collection, purification, treatment and distribution of pure water except the piping and fixtures inside the building where such water is delivered, as set forth in Code of Virginia, § 32.1-167.

(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 10.1(1))

Cross reference—Definitions generally, § 1-2.

State law reference—Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 32.1-167.

Sec. 70-52. Inspections.

It shall be the duty of the town to cause inspections to be made of properties served by the waterworks where cross connection with the waterworks is deemed possible. The frequency of inspections, and reinspections, based on potential health hazards involved, shall be established by the town in the cross connection control and backflow prevention program and as approved by the state department of health.

(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 10.1(2))

Sec. 70-53. Right to enter properties served by waterworks; access to information.

The representative of the town shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time properties served by a connection to the waterworks of the town for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems for cross connections. Upon request, the owner, or occupants, of property served shall furnish to the inspection agency pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on such property. The refusal of such information or refusal of access, when requested, shall be deemed evidence of the presence of cross connections.

(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 10.1(3))

Sec. 70-54. Denial or discontinuance of service.

The water purveyor may deny or discontinue the water service to a customer if the required backflow prevention device is not installed. If it is found that the device has been removed or bypassed or if a cross connection exists on the premises, or if the pressure in the waterworks is lowered by ten psi gauge, the purveyor shall take positive action to ensure that the waterworks is adequately protected at all times. Water service to such premises shall not be restored until the deficiencies have been corrected or eliminated in accordance with state waterworks regulations and to the satisfaction of the purveyor.

(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 10.1(4))

Sec. 70-55. Pollution of water.

The potable water made available on the properties served by the waterworks shall be protected from possible contamination or pollution by enforcement of this ordinance and the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. Any water outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and is not supplied by the potable system must be labeled as "Water Unsafe for Drinking" in a conspicuous manner.
(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 10.1(5))

Sec. 70-56. Penalty.

Any person or customer found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this division, or any written order of the town, in pursuance thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of the town Code. Each day upon which a violation of the provisions of this division shall occur shall be deemed a separate and additional violation for the purposes of this division.
(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 10.1(7))

Secs. 70-57—70-80. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. SEWAGE DISPOSAL**Sec. 70-81. When connection with town sewer system compulsory.**

(a) The use of dry closets and the emptying of sewage waste on the land is prohibited in the town, and all owners of buildings occupied and used by any person for business, residences, offices or similar purposes on January 4, 1949, shall, within a period of 30 days from the date or receiving notice to that effect, connect the sewer lines of such buildings with the disposal system of the town or construct and maintain a private sewer disposal system consistent with the provisions of this Code and the requirements of the state board of health. The treasurer shall search out and notify all persons who are or may become amenable to the provisions of this paragraph, and to call to the attention of the council all violations of its provisions.

(b) Any business, residence, office or other building constructed after January 4, 1949, and located in the town shall connect its sewer line with the town sewer system, or else there shall be obtained, prior to the construction of such building, a written permit, providing for private waste and sewer disposal, consistent with the provisions of this Code and requirements of the state board of health. Such permits shall be refused except where in the opinion of the council, connection with the town sewer system would entail great hardship and expense.
(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 1)

Sec. 70-82. Liability of plumber in making connection.

The plumber who connects any private drain with the public sewer system shall be held responsible for any injury he may cause to such system or to the street in which it is located.
(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 2)

Sec. 70-83. Injuries to sewer system.

No person shall injure, break or remove any portion of a manhole, flush tank or any part of the town sewer system.
(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 3)

Sec. 70-84. Obstruction of sewer system.

No person shall deposit any garbage, dead animal, filth or substance of any kind having a tendency to obstruct the flow of the sewage in any manhole, flush tank or sewer opening in the town sewer system.
(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 4)

Sec. 70-85. Unlawful use of sewer system.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of property in the town to allow any matter other than that ordinarily classed as sewage to empty or flow from such property into the town sewer system.
(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 5)

Sec. 70-86. Maintenance of private system.

All private sewer systems shall be kept in a sanitary condition.
(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 6)

Sec. 70-87. Location of facilities dangerous to drinking water; exposure to flies.

No person shall construct, maintain, or permit on any premises owned by him any private sewer system which may possibly endanger any source of drinking water, or which allows flies to have access to human excrement.
(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 7)

Sec. 70-88. Abatement of private system when offensive.

Upon complaint of any person that a private sewer system is so situated or maintained as to be offensive, the town manager may, upon summoning the owner or occupant of the premises upon which system is situated and satisfying himself of the correctness of the complaint, order the private sewer system to be removed within a reasonable time set by the town. If such owner or occupant fails to comply with such order, he shall be guilty of a violation of this Code.
(Code 1950, ch. 11, § 8)

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***Editor's note**—Printed herein is the subdivision ordinance, as adopted by the town council on July 2, 1975, and effective on July 2, 1975. Amendments to the ordinance are indicated by parenthetical history notes following amended provisions. The absence of a history note indicates that the provision remains unchanged. Obvious misspellings and punctuation errors have been corrected without notation. For stylistic purposes, headings and catchlines have been made uniform and the same system of capitalization, citation to state statutes, and expression of numbers in text as appears in the Code of Ordinances has been used. Additions made for clarity are indicated by brackets.

Cross references—Any ordinance relative to a plat of a subdivision, an amendment to a zoning map, or the zoning or rezoning of specific property saved from repeal, § 1-11(a)(11); buildings and building regulations, ch. 22; environment, ch. 30; zoning, app. A.

State law reference—Land subdivision and development, Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2240 et seq.

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SUBDIVISIONS

SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

TOWN OF HALIFAX, VIRGINIA

This is an ordinance to regulate the subdivision of property into lots, streets, alleys and other public areas, to provide for the making and recording of plats of such subdivision and the certification of same and provide for the approval of plats.

Whereas, Article 6 of the Virginia Planning Act found in the Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2240 et seq., as amended, the Governing Body of Halifax, Virginia, is authorized to adopt regulations to provide:

- (a) For plat details which shall meet the standard for plats as adopted under § 42.1-82 of the Virginia Public Records Act (Code of Virginia, § 42.1-76 et seq.);
- (b) For the coordination of streets within and contiguous to the subdivision with other existing or planned streets within the general area as to location, widths, grades and drainage, including, for ordinances and amendments thereto adopted on or after January 1, 1990, for the coordination of such streets with existing or planned streets in existing or future adjacent or contiguous to adjacent subdivisions;
- (c) For adequate provisions for drainage and flood control and other public purposes, and for light and air, and for identifying soil characteristics;
- (d) For the extent to which and the manner in which streets shall be graded, graveled or otherwise improved and water and storm and sanitary sewer and other public utilities or other community facilities are to be installed;
- (e) For the acceptance of dedication for public use of any right-of-way located within any subdivision or section thereof, which has constructed or proposed to be constructed within the subdivision or section thereof, any street, curb, gutter, sidewalk, bicycle trail, drainage or sewerage system, waterline as part of a public system or other improvement dedicated for public use, and maintained by the locality, the commonwealth, or other public agency, and for the provision of other site-related improvements required by local ordinances for vehicular ingress and egress, including traffic signalization and control, for public access streets, for structures necessary to ensure stability of critical slopes, and for storm water management facilities, financed or to be financed in whole or in part by private funds only if the owner or developer (i) certifies to the governing body that the construction costs have been paid to the person constructing such facilities; (ii) furnishes to the governing body a certified check or cash escrow in the amount of the estimated costs of construction or a personal, corporate or property bond, with surety satisfactory to the governing body or its designated administrative agency, in an amount sufficient for and conditioned upon the construction of such facilities, or a contract for the construction of such facilities and the contractor's bond, with like surety, in like amount and so conditioned; or (iii)

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furnishes to the governing body a bank or savings institution's letter of credit on certain designated funds satisfactory to the governing body or its designated administrative agency as to the bank or savings institution, the amount and the form;

- (f) For conveyance, in appropriate cases, of common or shared easements to franchised cable television operators furnishing cable television and public service corporations furnishing cable television, gas, telephone and electric service to the proposed subdivision;
- (g) For monuments of specific types to be installed establishing street and property lines;
- (h) That unless a plat is filed for recordation within six months after final approval thereof or such longer period as may be approved by the governing body, such approval shall be withdrawn and the plat marked void and returned to the approving official; however, in any case where construction of facilities to be dedicated for public use has commenced pursuant to an approved plan or permit with surety approved by the governing body or its designated administrative agency, or where the developer has furnished surety to the governing body or its designated administrative agency by certified check, cash escrow, bond, or letter of credit in the amount of the estimated cost of construction of such facilities, the time for plat recordation shall be extended to one year after final approval or to the time limit specified in the surety agreement approved by the governing body or its designated administrative agency, whichever is greater;
- (i) For the administration and enforcement of such ordinance, not inconsistent with provisions contained in this chapter, and specifically for the imposition of reasonable fees and charges for the review of plats and plans, and for the inspection of facilities required by any such ordinance to be installed; such fees and charges shall in no instance exceed an amount commensurate with the services rendered taking into consideration the time, skill and administrator's expense involved. All such charges heretofore made are hereby validated;
- (j) For reasonable provisions permitting a single division of a lot or parcel for the purpose of sale or gift to a member of the immediate family of the property owner in accordance with the provisions of Code of Virginia § 15.2-2244; and
- (k) For the periodic partial and final complete release of any bond, escrow, letter of credit, or other performance guarantee required by the governing body under this section in accordance with the provisions of Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2245.

Therefore, be it ordained by the Town Council of Halifax, Virginia, that the following regulations are hereby adopted for the subdivision of land within the corporate limits of the Town from and after the effective date of this ordinance. Every owner or proprietor of any tract of land to which these regulations apply who subdivides such tract as provided in these regulations shall cause a plat of such subdivision to be developed and prepared in accordance

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with these regulations, with reference to known or permanent monuments, to be made and recorded in the office of the clerk of the court wherein deeds conveying such land are required by law to be recorded.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

WORDS AND TERMS

For the purpose of this ordinance, certain words and terms used herein shall be interpreted or defined as follows: Words used in the present tense include the future, words in the singular number include the plural, and the plural the singular, unless the natural construction of the word indicates otherwise; the word "lot" includes the word "parcel"; the word "shall" is mandatory and not directory; the word "approve" shall be considered to be followed by the words "or disapproved"; any reference to this ordinance includes all ordinances amending or supplementing the same; all distances and areas refer to measurement in a horizontal plane.

1-1. Administrator: The representative of the governing body who has been appointed to serve as the agent of the governing body in approving subdivision plats.

1-2. Alley: A permanent service way providing a secondary means of access to abutting properties.

1-3. Block: An area enclosed by adjacent and usually by intersecting streets.

1-4. Building line: The distance which a building is from the front lot line or front boundary line.

1-5. Commission: The planning commission of the Town of Halifax, Virginia.

1-6. Cul-de-sac: A street with only one outlet and having an appropriate turnaround for a safe and convenient reverse traffic movement.

1-7. Developer: An owner of property being subdivided, whether or not represented by an agent.

1-8. Easement: A grant by a property owner of the use of land for a specific purpose or purposes.

1-9. Engineer: An engineer licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

1-10. Governing body: The Town Council of Halifax, Virginia.

1-11. Health official: The health director or sanitarian serving the Town of Halifax, Virginia.

1-12. Highway engineer: The resident engineer employed by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

1-13. Jurisdiction: The area or territory subject to the legislative control of the governing body.

1-14. Lot: A numbered and recorded portion of a subdivision intended for transfer of ownership or for building development for a single building and its accessory building.

1-29-2. The word "subdivide" and any derivative thereof shall have reference to the term "subdivider" as defined in Section 1-30.

1-30. *Subdivider*: An individual, corporation or registered partnership, owning any tract, lot or parcel of land to be subdivided, or a group of two or more persons owning any tract, lot or parcel of land to be subdivided, who have given their power of attorney to one of their group or to another individual to act on their behalf in planning, negotiating for, in representing, or executing the legal requirements of the subdivision.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND TITLE

2-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish certain subdivision standards and procedures for Halifax, Virginia, as provided for by the town council.

These are part of a long-range plan to guide and facilitate the orderly, beneficial growth of the community, and to promote the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity and general welfare. More specifically, the purposes of these standards and procedures are to provide a guide for the change that occurs when lands and acreage become urban in character as a result of development for residential, business, or industrial purposes; to provide assurance that the purchasers of lots are buying a commodity that is suitable for development and use; and to make possible the provision of public services in a safe, adequate and efficient manner. Subdivided land sooner or later becomes a public responsibility in that roads and streets must be maintained and numerous public services customary to urban areas must be provided. This ordinance assists the community in meeting these responsibilities.

2-2. Title.

This ordinance is known and may be cited as the "Subdivision Ordinance of Halifax, Virginia."

SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATION*

3-1. Administrator.

The administrator appointed by the governing body is hereby delegated to administer this ordinance. In so doing, the administrator shall be considered the administrator of the governing body, and approval or disapproval by the administrator shall be as though it were given by the governing body, administrator shall also consult with the planning commission on matters contained herein.

*Cross reference—Administration, ch. 2.

3-2. Duties.

The administrator shall perform his duties regarding subdivisions and subdividing in accordance with this ordinance and the Land Subdivision and Development Act (Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2240 et seq.).

3-3. To consult.

In the performance of his duties the administrator may call for opinions or decisions, either verbal or written, from other departments in considering details of any submitted plat. This authority by the administrator shall have particular reference to the resident highway engineer, health official, and planning commission.

3-4. Additional authority.

In addition to the regulations herein contained for the platting of subdivisions, the administrator may, from time to time, establish any reasonable additional administrative procedures deemed necessary for the proper administration of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. PROCEDURE FOR MAKING AND RECORDING PLATS**4-1. Platting required.**

Any owner or developer of any tract of land situated within the Town who subdivides the same shall cause a plat of such subdivision, with reference to known or permanent monuments, to be made and recorded in the office of the clerk of the appropriate court. No such plat of subdivision shall be recorded unless and until it shall have been submitted, approved, and certified by the administrator in accordance with the regulations set forth in this ordinance. No lot shall be sold in any such subdivision before the plat shall have been recorded.

In the event a plan for subdivision is disapproved by the administrator the subdivider may appeal to the governing body which may then override the recommendation of the administrator and approve said plat.

4-2. Requisites of plat.

Every subdivision plat which is intended for recording shall be prepared by a certified professional engineer or land surveyor, who shall endorse upon each plat a certificate signed by him setting forth the source of title of the owner of the land subdivided and the place of record of the last instrument in the chain of title. When the plat is of land acquired from more than one source of title, the outlines of the several tracts shall be indicated upon the plat. However, nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the preparation of preliminary studies, plans or plats of a proposed subdivision by the owner of the land, city planners, land planners, architects, landscape architects or others having training or experience in subdivision planning or design.

State law reference—Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2262.

4-3. Statement of consent to subdivision; execution; acknowledgment and recordation; notice to commissioner of the revenue or board of real estate assessors.

Every plat, or deed of dedication to which the plat is attached, shall contain in addition to the professional engineer's or land surveyor's certificate a statement as follows: "The platting or dedication of the following described land (here insert a correct description of the land subdivided) is with the free consent and in accordance with the desire of the undersigned owners, proprietors, and trustees, if any." The statement shall be signed and duly acknowledged before an officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds. When thus executed and acknowledged, the plat, subject to the provisions herein, shall be filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the lands contained in the plat, and indexed in the general index to deeds under the names of the owners of lands signing the statement, and under the name of the subdivision. Owners shall notify the appropriate commissioner of the revenue of improvements to real property situated in platted subdivisions.

State law reference—Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2264.

4-4. No one exempt.

No person shall subdivide any tract of land that is located within the town, except in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance.

4-5. Private contracts.

This ordinance bears no relation to any private easement, covenant, agreement or restriction, nor is the responsibility of enforcing such private easement, covenant, agreement or restriction implied herein to any public official. When this ordinance calls for more restrictive standards than are required by private contracts the provisions of this ordinance shall control.

4-6. Necessary changes.

No change, erasure or revision shall be made on any preliminary or final plat, nor on accompanying data sheets after approval of the administrator has been endorsed in writing on the plat or sheets, unless authorization for such changes has been granted in writing by the administrator.

4-7. Fees.

There shall be a charge for the examination and approval or disapproval of every plat reviewed by the administrator. At the time of filing the preliminary plat, the subdivider shall deposit with the Town of Halifax checks payable to the town treasurer in the amount of \$50.00 per plat and \$1.00 for each lot in the subdivision.

SECTION 5. GENERAL REGULATIONS

5-1. Mutual responsibility.

There is a mutual responsibility between the subdivider and the Town of Halifax to divide the land so as to improve the general use pattern of the land being subdivided.

5-2. Land must be suitable.

The administrator shall not approve the subdivision of land if from adequate investigations conducted by all public agencies concerned, it has been determined that in the best interest of the public the site is not suitable for platting and development purposes of the kind proposed.

5-3. Flooding.

Land subject to flooding and land deemed to be topographically unsuitable shall not be platted for residential occupancy, nor for such other uses as may increase danger of health, life or property, or aggravate erosion or flood hazard. Such land within the subdivision shall be set aside on the plat for such uses as shall not be endangered by periodic or occasional inundation or shall not produce conditions contrary to public welfare.

5-4. Improvements.

All required improvements shall be installed by the subdivider at his cost. In cases where specifications have been established either by the Virginia Department of Transportation for streets, curbs, etc., or local ordinances and codes, such specifications shall be followed. The subdivider's bond shall not be released until construction has been inspected and approved by the appropriate engineer. All improvements shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

5-4-1. Streets. All streets in the proposed subdivision shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the minimum requirements set by the Virginia Department of Transportation and at no cost to the locality.

5-4-1-1. Alignment and layout. The arrangement of streets in new subdivisions shall make provision for the continuation of existing streets in adjoining areas and proposed streets as shown on the adopted plan of land use and major thoroughfares. The street arrangement must be such as to cause no unnecessary hardship to owners of adjoining property when they plat their own land and seek to provide for convenient access to it. Where, in the opinion of the administrator, it is desirable to provide for street access to adjoining property, proposed streets shall be extended by dedication to the boundary line of such property. Half streets along the boundary of land proposed for subdivision shall not be permitted. Wherever possible, streets should intersect at right angles. In all hillside areas, streets running with contours shall be required to intersect at angles of not less than 60 degrees, unless approved by the administrator upon recommendation of the highway engineer.

5-4-1-2. Service drives. Whenever a proposed subdivision contains or is adjacent to a limited access highway or expressway, provision shall be made for a service drive or marginal street approximately parallel to such right-of-way at a distance suitable for an appropriate use of the land between such highway and the proposed subdivision. Such distances shall be determined with due consideration of the minimum distance required for ingress and egress to the main thorough-

5-5-5. Remnants. All remnants of lots below minimum size left over after subdivision of a tract must be added to adjacent lots, or otherwise disposed of rather than allowed to remain as unusable parcels.

5-5-6. Separate ownership. Where the land covered by a subdivision includes two or more parcels in separate ownership, and lot arrangement is such that a property ownership line divides one or more lots, land in each lot so divided shall be transferred by deed to single ownership simultaneously with the recording of the final plat. Said deed is to be deposited with the clerk of the court and held with the final plat until the subdivider is ready to record same, and they both shall then be recorded together.

5-5-7. Off-street parking and delivery facilities. All parcels of land, including those intended for business and industrial uses, shall be designed specifically for such purposes with space set aside for off-street parking and/or delivery facilities, as required by the Town of Halifax Zoning Ordinance.

5-6. Blocks.

Where created by the subdivision of land, all new blocks shall be of modern design and shall comply with the following general requirements:

5-6-1. Length. Generally, the maximum length of blocks shall be 1,200 feet, and the minimum length of blocks upon which lots have frontage shall be 500 feet.

5-6-2. Width. Blocks shall be wide enough to allow two tiers of lots of minimum depth, consistent with the Town of Halifax Zoning Ordinance unless prevented by topographical conditions or size of the property, in which case the administrator may approve a single tier of lots of minimum depth.

5-6-3. Orientation. Where a proposed subdivision will adjoin a major road the administrator may require that the greater dimension of the block shall front or back upon such major thoroughfare to avoid unnecessary ingress or egress.

SECTION 6. APPROVAL OF PLATS

6-1. Approval required before sale.

Whenever any subdivision of land is proposed, and before any permit for the erection of a structure shall be granted, the subdivider or his representative shall apply in writing to the administrator for the approval of the subdivision plat. No lot shall be sold until a final plat for the subdivision shall have been approved and recorded in the following manner:

6-2. Preliminary sketch.

The subdivider may, if he so chooses, submit to the administrator two copies of a preliminary sketch of the proposed subdivisions prior to his preparation of engineered preliminary and final plats. The purpose of such preliminary sketch is to permit the administrator to advise the subdivider whether his plans in general are in accordance with the requirements of this

ordinance. The planning commission, upon submission of any preliminary sketch by the administrator, shall study it, and advise the subdivider wherein it appears that changes would be necessary. The administrator may mark the preliminary sketch indicating necessary changes and any such marked sketch shall be returned to the subdivider. The preliminary sketch shall be as follows:

6-2-1. [Specifications.] It shall be drawn on white paper, or on a print of a topographic map of the property. It shall be drawn to a scale of 100 feet to the inch. It shall show the name, location and dimensions of all streets entering the property, adjacent to the property, or terminating at the boundary of the property to be subdivided. It shall show the location of all proposed streets, lots, parks, playgrounds and other proposed uses of the land to be subdivided and shall include the approximate dimensions.

6-2-2. Part of tract. Whenever part of a tract is proposed for platting and it is intended to subdivide additional parts in the future, a sketch plan for the entire tract shall be submitted with the preliminary plat. This sketch is merely for informational purposes and is not binding on the subdivider or the governing body.

6-3. Preliminary plat

The subdivider shall present to the planning commission five prints of a preliminary layout at a scale of 100 feet to the inch as a preliminary plat. The preliminary plat shall include the following information:

6-3-1. Name of subdivision, owner, subdivider, surveyor or engineer, date of drawing, number of sheets, north point and scale. If true north is used, method of determination must be shown.

6-3-2. Location of proposed subdivision by an inset map at a scale of not less than two inches equal one mile showing adjoining roads, their names and numbers, towns, subdivisions and other landmarks.

6-3-3. The boundary survey or existing survey of record provided such survey shows a closure with an accuracy of not less than one in 2,500 (1:2500) total acreage, acreage of subdivided area, number and approximate area and frontage of all building sites, existing buildings within the boundaries of the tract, names of owners and their property lines within the boundaries of the tract and adjoining such boundaries.

6-3-4. All existing, platted and proposed streets, their names, numbers and widths; existing utility or other easements, public areas and parking spaces; culverts, drains and watercourses, their names and other pertinent data.

6-3-5. The complete storm drainage layout, including all pipe sizes, types, drainage easements and means of transporting the drainage to a well defined open stream which is considered natural drainage.

6-3-6. Proposed connections with existing sanitary sewers and existing water supply or alternate means of sewage disposal and water supply. The location, type, profile, percentage of slope, pipe size, and location of manholes for all sewers shall be shown.

The distance between manholes shall not exceed 300 feet. The location, type and sizes of all water lines shall be shown as well as the location of valves and fire hydrants. Necessary control valves shall be installed in each water line.

6-3-7. A cross section showing the proposed street construction, depth and type of base, type of surface, etc.

6-3-8. A profile or contour map showing the proposed grades for the streets and drainage facilities including elevations of existing and proposed ground surface at all street intersections and at points of major grade change along the center line of streets together with proposed grade lines connecting therewith.

6-3-9. A location map tying the subdivision into the present road system, either by aerial photographs or topographic maps of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

6-3-10. All parcels of land to be dedicated for public use and the condition of such dedication.

6-4. Procedure.

The administrator or his appointed representative shall discuss the preliminary plat with the subdivider in order to determine whether or not his preliminary plat generally conforms to the requirements of the subdivision ordinance and of the zoning ordinance. The subdivider shall then be advised in writing within 60 days, which may be by formal letter or by legible markings on his copy of the preliminary plat, concerning any additional data that may be required, the character and extent of public improvements that will have to be made, and an estimate of the cost of construction or improvements and the amount of the performance bond which will be required as a prerequisite to approval of the final subdivision plat. In determining the cost of required improvements and the amount of the performance bond, the administrator may consult with a duly licensed engineer who shall prepare this data for the administrator, or preferably may require a bona fide estimate of the cost of improvements to be furnished by the subdivider.

6-5. No guarantee.

Approval by the administrator of the preliminary plat does not constitute a guarantee of approval of the final plat.

6-6. Five years' limit.

Once a preliminary subdivision plat is approved, it shall be valid for a period of five years, provided the subdivider (i) submits a final subdivision plat for all or a portion of the property within one year of such approval or such longer period as may be prescribed by ordinance, and (ii) thereafter diligently pursues approval of the final subdivision plat. "Diligent pursuit of approval" means that the subdivider has incurred extensive obligations or substantial expenses relating to the submitted final subdivision plat or modifications thereto. However, no sooner than three years following such preliminary subdivision plat approval, and upon 90

days' written notice by certified mail to the subdivider, the planning commission or other agent may revoke such approval upon a specific finding of facts that the subdivider has not diligently pursued approval of the final subdivision plat.

6-7. Final plat.

The subdivision plats submitted for final approval by the governing body and subsequent recording shall be clearly and legibly drawn in ink upon tracing cloth at a scale of 100 feet to the inch on sheets having a size of not more than 24 inches by 36 inches. In addition to the requirements of the preliminary plat the final plat shall include the following:

- 6-7-1. A blank oblong space three inches by five inches shall be reserved for the use of the approving authority.
- 6-7-2. Certificates signed by surveyor or engineer setting forth the source of title of the owners of the land subdivided and the place of record of the last instrument in the chain of title.
- 6-7-3. A statement to the effect that the subdivision as it appears on this plat is with the free consent and in accordance with the desires of the owners, proprietors and trustees, if any, which shall be signed by the owners, proprietors and trustees, if any, and shall be duly acknowledged before some officer authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds.
- 6-7-4. When the subdivision consists of land acquired from more than one source of title, the outlines of the various tracts shall be indicated by dash-lines, and the identification of the respective tracts shall be placed on the plat.
- 6-7-5. The accurate location and dimensions by bearings and distances with all curve data on all lots and streets, boundaries of all proposed or existing easements, parks, school sites, all existing public and private streets, their names, numbers and widths, existing utilities, and those to be provided such as sanitary sewers, storm drains, water mains, manholes and underground conduits including their size and type, watercourses and their names, names of owners and their property lines, both within the boundary of the subdivision and adjoining said boundaries.
- 6-7-6. Distances and bearings must balance and close with an accuracy of not less than one in 10,000 (1:10,000).
- 6-7-7. The data of all curves along the street frontage shall be shown in detail at the curve data table containing the following: Delta, radius, arc, tangent, chord and chord bearings.

6-8. Conditions.

The plat shall not be approved until the subdivider has complied with the general requirements and minimum standards of design in accordance with this ordinance, and has made satisfactory arrangements for performance bond, cash or cash bond to cover the cost of necessary improvements, in lieu of construction, to the satisfaction of the administrator. Approval of final plat shall be written on the face of the plat by the administrator.

The completed plat shall be submitted to the town manager, Town of Halifax, for approval. Upon the approval by the town manager, the plat will be signed by the town manager, marked approved, and returned to the property owner, who will cause the plat to be recorded in the Clerk's Office, Halifax County, Virginia. If not approved, the town manager will return the plat to the owner, with corrections to be made indicated thereon. No plat will be recorded until such approval has been made. Owners of property lying outside the corporate limits but within the territorial limits of these regulations will first have the plat approved by the town manager of Halifax and then by Halifax County before recordation. Any plat not recorded within 60 days after final approval shall be considered void and such approval withdrawn, and plat shall be returned to the approving officer. The town and the county may also pursue a joint update process.

SECTION 7. EFFECTUAL CLAUSES

7-1. Exception.

Where the subdivider can show that a provision of these standards would cause unnecessary hardship if strictly adhered to, and where, because of topographical or other conditions peculiar to the site, in the opinion of the administrator a departure may be made without destroying the intent of such provisions, the administrator may authorize an exception. Any exception thus authorized is to be stated in writing in the report of the administrator with the reasoning, on which the departure was justified, set forth. No such variance may be granted by this ordinance which is opposed in writing by the highway engineer or health official.

7-2. Penalties.

Any person violating the foregoing provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than a \$100.00 for each lot or parcel of land so subdivided or transferred or sold; and everyday thereafter shall constitute a separate offense and the description of such lot or parcel by metes and bounds in the instrument of transfer or other document used in the process of selling or transferring shall not exempt the transaction from such penalties or from the remedies herein provided.

7-3. Validity.

Should any article, section, subsection, or provision of this subdivision ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of this subdivision ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

7-4. Repeal.

All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their conflict.

7-5. Amendments.

This ordinance may be amended in whole or in part by the governing body provided that any such amendment shall either originate with or be submitted to the planning commission for recommendation; and further provided that no such amendment shall be adopted without a public hearing having been held by the governing body. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall have been given at least once a week for two weeks, and the last notice at least five days but not more than 21 days, prior to the hearing.

7-6. Effective date.

This ordinance was duly considered, following a required public hearing held on July 1, 1975 and was adopted by the Town Council of Halifax, Virginia at the regular meeting held on July 2, 1975.

This ordinance shall be effective on and after 12:01 a.m., July 2, 1975.

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This table gives the location within this Code of those sections of the 1950 Code, as updated which are included herein. Sections of the 1950 Code, as supplemented, not listed herein have been omitted as repealed, superseded, obsolete or not of a general and permanent nature. For the location of ordinances adopted subsequent thereto, see the table immediately following this table.

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