

Chapter 26

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES*

*Cross references: Any ordinance dedicating, naming, establishing, locating, relocating, opening, widening, paving, etc., any street or public way in the county saved from repeal, § 1-9(6); any ordinance providing for local improvements and assessing taxes for such improvements saved from repeal, § 1-9(9); any ordinance establishing or prescribing street grades in the county saved from repeal, § 1-9(15); environment, Ch. 14; land development, Ch. 20; buildings and building regulations, § 20-61 et seq.; floods, § 20-166 et seq.; road names, § 20-321; manufactured homes and trailers, § 20-406 et seq.; telecommunications, Ch. 32.

State law references: General ordinance-making powers, G.S. 153A-121; authority to regulate roads and bridges, G.S. 153A-238 et seq.

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 26-1. Posting of signs to prohibit concealed handguns on county property.

- (a) Posting of signs required. The County Manager is hereby ordered to post appropriate signage on each park, parking lot, building or portion of a building owned, leased as lessee, operated, occupied, managed, or controlled by the county, as well as the appurtenant premises to such buildings, indicating that concealed handguns are prohibited on such property.
- (b) Location of signs. Such signs shall be visibly posted on the exterior of each entrance by which the general public can access the building, appurtenant premises, park, or parking lot. The County Manager shall exercise discretion in determining the necessity and appropriate location for other signs posted on the interior of the appurtenant premises or park.
- (c) Exemptions. This section shall not apply to law enforcement officers.

(Ord. of 12-4-1995, §§ 1--3)

State law references: Concealed weapons, G.S. 14-415.11 et seq.

Sec. 26-2. Smoking in county buildings.

- (a) Definition. The term "smoking" means the inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or other combustible tobacco product.
- (b) Smoking prohibited in county buildings. It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke in any building or facility or portion of a building or facility or within 20 feet of the front entrance of any building or facility owned, leased, operated, occupied, managed, or controlled by the county except in a designated smoking area provided in subsection (c) of this section.

- (c) Description of smoking area. The County Manager is authorized and directed within 60 days after adoption of the ordinance from which this section is derived to designate and mark a total area not to exceed 20 percent of the floor space of each building as smoking area. The total smoking area need not be contiguous and may be relocated from time to time by order of the board of commissioners.
- (d) Report. The County Manager shall file with the board of commissioners at the December 1993 meeting a report describing the smoking areas designated and marked. Upon acceptance of the report the designated areas shall be the designated smoking area referred to in subsection (b) of this section.
- (e) Penalty. Violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500.00 in accordance with G.S. 153A-121.

(Ord. of 10-4-1993, §§ 1--5)

Cross references: Buildings and building regulations, § 20-61 et seq.

Secs. 26-3--26-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. ROADS AND BRIDGES

Sec. 26-31. Fishing from bridges.

Pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 153A-242, it shall be unlawful to fish from the bridge over Ledbetter Lake on Graham Bridge Road (SR 1489).

(Ord. of 2-4-1991, § 1)

Secs. 26-32--26-60. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. STREET NUMBERING*

*Cross references: Property addressing in subdivisions, § 20-323.
(Ord. 6/4/2007)

Sec. 26-61. Purpose

The purpose of these procedures is to provide a uniform building / property address system for Richmond County along both private and public streets and roadways in order to facilitate provisions of adequate public safety and emergency response services.

Sec. 26-62. Authority.

- (a) Under authority of G.S. 153A-240, the County Planning Department is hereby assigned the responsibility of devising, administering, implementing, and enforcing the provision of the Article.
- (b) Any person applying for a building permit, septic system permit, or other permit for improvement of or on a lot or parcel of land must first obtain address number for each lot or parcel of land for which a permit has been applied, which assigned address number (or numbers, as the case may be) shall appear on all applications and documentation relating to such improvement.

(Ord. of 12-2-1991, § 2)

Sec. 26-63. Addressing and Street Naming Policy

The Planning Department is hereby authorized to develop a *Property Address and Street Naming Policy* that will identify the processes by which property addresses are created and assigned, streets and roads are named, and the standards by which these processes are accomplished. This effort shall be done in accordance with Chapter 153A, Article 12 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The *Property Address and Street Naming Policy* may provide for coordinating activities with other County Departments (E-911 and permitting agencies) as well as the creation of a Master Address Repository.

Changes to be made to the *Property Address and Street Naming Policy*

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Sec. 26-64. Number identification and enforcement.

- (a) The owner of each lot or parcel of land upon which a building or unit is located shall permanently affix and display on each building and/or unit the address number which has been assigned in the manner specified in this *the Property and Address Naming Policy*.
- (b) Display of unassigned numbers.
 - (1) The display of any address number other than that assigned is expressly prohibited.
 - (2) It shall be the responsibility of the building or unit owner (or the lessee, where applicable) to maintain at all times such number display as required by and in accordance with the provisions of this article.
- (d) Building inspection; certifications.
 - (1) New construction. Owners, or agents of owners, of all lots or parcels for which new construction has been approved (as evidenced by issuance of a permit) shall temporarily or permanently display their assigned address numbers prior to the performance of any construction inspection.

(2) Completed construction. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued until the assigned address number is permanently displayed in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(e) Noncompliance; enforcement.

(1) The owner (or owners jointly or severally) of each lot or parcel of land, building or unit failing to properly display an assigned address number as prescribed under the provisions of this article shall be deemed to be a violation of this article.

(2) Upon the determination of any such violation, the Planning Department shall issue a Notice of Violation to the owner and/or occupant of the lot or parcel of land, in accordance with Section 1-6 of this Code.

(Ord. of 12-2-1991, § 4)

Sec. 26-65. New street names.

Every proposed subdivision plat shall be submitted to the Planning Department for their approval after the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived and shall show the proper names of any and all streets and these street designations shall be approved by the Planning Department before such new streets are officially named and prior to the recording of the plat.

(Ord. of 12-2-1991, § 5)