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Farmville Police Department

"To provide a safe and secure community through excellence in public service."

The Farmville Police Department is dedicated to making your student experience as safe and enjoyable as possible. While you are a student here, you are a resident of the community and our goal is to keep you safe and make the environment around you as safe and secure as possible. Included in the following are some of the local and state laws that we have found most affect the college student community.

FIREWORKS

State Law reference— Fireworks, Code of Virginia, § 59.1-142 et seq.

- Sec. 12-51. - **When manufacture, transportation, sale, etc., prohibited.**
- Except as otherwise provided in this article, it shall be unlawful for any person to transport, manufacture, store, sell, offer for sale, expose for sale or to buy, use, ignite or explode any firecracker, torpedo, skyrocket or other substance or thing, of whatever form or construction, containing nitrates, chlorates, oxalates, sulphides of lead, barium, antimony, nitroglycerine, phosphorus or any other explosive or inflammable compound or substance, and intended or commonly known as fireworks.



(Code 1973, §§ 12-15, 18-22)

State Law reference— Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 59.1-142.

- Sec. 12-52. - **Seizure and destruction of certain fireworks.**

□ Any law enforcement officer arresting any person for a violation of this article shall seize any article mentioned in [section 12-51](#) in the possession or under the control of the person so arrested and shall hold the same until final disposition of any criminal proceedings against such person. If a judgment of conviction is entered against such person, the court shall order destruction of such articles upon expiration of the time allowed for appeal of such judgment of conviction.

(Code 1973, § 12-16)

□ **Sec. 12-53. - Discharge.**

It shall be unlawful to discharge, fire or use firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, Roman candles or other fireworks or substances designed and intended for pyrotechnic display or pistols, cannons or other appliances using blank cartridges or caps containing chlorate of potash mixture, except at such times as shall be designated by proclamation of the mayor.

**** Discharge of fireworks in the Town limits is illegal, DON'T DO IT !!**

NOISE CONTROL

□ **Sec. 16-1. - Noise—Loud, etc—Prohibited.**

□ No person shall create any loud or disturbing noise in the town. Noise of such character, intensity or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any person or to disturb or annoy the quiet, comfort or repose of any person is hereby prohibited.

□ **Sec. 16-2. - Enumeration.**

□ The following acts, among others and without limitation, are declared to be loud and disturbing noises in violation of [section 16-1](#).

(a) Playing any radio, phonograph or musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume or duration, particularly during the hours between 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m., as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in or on the property of any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence.

(b) Allowing any animal or bird to cause frequent or long-continued noise that disturbs the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity to an extent that constitutes a nuisance.

(c) Creating any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning or court while it is in session, or adjacent to any hospital at any time, which interferes with the workings of such school, institution or court or which disturbs or unduly annoys patients in the hospital, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in the streets indicating that the street is a school, hospital or court street.

(d) Shouting of vendors, or the ringing of bells, which disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

(e) Using any drum, loudspeakers or other instrument or device to attract attention to any performance, show, sale or display of merchandise, by creating noise.

(f) Playing or permitting the playing of any radio, stereo, tape player, compact disc player, loud speaker or other electronic device or mechanical equipment used for the amplification of sound, which is located within a motor vehicle and which is audible from outside the motor vehicle at a distance of fifty (50) feet or more. This provision shall not apply to sirens, loud speakers and emergency communications radios in public safety vehicles, nor shall it apply to motor vehicle alarms or other security devices.

(g) Creating loud and excessive noise in residential areas before the hour of 5:00 a.m. in connection with the loading or unloading of refuse or waste collection vehicles.

(Ord. No. 127, 12-9-2009)



□ Sec. 16-3. - Same—Operation of musical devices in certain locations and times.

□ No person shall, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day, play any musical device within two hundred (200) yards of any building of another occupied as living quarters:

(1) While the musical device is outside of a building;

(2) While the musical device has the aperture of its sound box directed at and within ten (10) feet of an outside opening to the building where the musical device is located;

(3) While a loudspeaker attachment to the musical device is on the outside of any building;

(4) While the loudspeaker attachment, if inside any building and the aperture of the loudspeaker attachment is directed at and within ten (10) feet of any outside opening of the building where the loudspeaker is located; however, this section shall not be construed to affect the operation of any automobile radio when such radio is installed in an automobile and operated therefrom.

(Ord. No. 127, 12-9-2009)

□ Sec. 16-4. - Violations of chapter.

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be deemed to be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor

**** Be cognizant of your area , and thoughtful to your neighbors concerning the noise generated from stereos , parties , etc. Remember , you are responsible for your behavior. Violations of the Town's noise ordinance will carry a stiffer punishment with each subsequent offense.**

Sec. 18-3. - Alcoholic beverages—Drinking or tendering to another, in public place.

□ (a) If any person takes a drink of alcoholic beverages or tenders a drink thereof to another, whether accepted or not, at or in any public place (as defined in Code of Virginia, [§ 4-2](#)), he shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(b) This section shall not prevent any person from drinking alcoholic beverages or offering a drink thereof to another in the dining room or other designated room, as defined in Code of Virginia, § 4-25, of a hotel, restaurant, club or boat, or in a dining car, club car or buffet car of any train, or wine, wine coolers or similar products that qualify as beverages as defined in Code of Virginia, § 4-99, and beer only within all seating areas, concourses, walkways, concession areas, as well as other additional locations designated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, in coliseums, stadia or similar facilities, during the performance of a professional sporting exhibition or event, provided such alcoholic beverages are served in a paper, plastic or similar disposable container, or in any other establishment, provided such hotel, restaurant, club, boat, dining car, club car, buffet car, coliseum, stadium or similar facility or other establishment, or the person who operates the same, including a concessionaire, is licensed to sell at retail for consumption in such dining room, room, car, seating areas, concourses, walkways, concession areas, as well as other additional locations designated by the board, in such coliseum, stadium or similar facility or establishment, such alcoholic beverages, and the alcoholic beverages drunk or offered were purchased therein.



(Code 1973, § 18-2)

□ **Sec. 18-4. - Same—Hours of sale for beer and wine.**

□ It shall be unlawful for any person licensed under the provisions of the Code of Virginia, §§ [4-1](#) to [4-118](#), to sell, give away, serve or permit to be served any beer or wine at his place of business or within one hundred (100) yards thereof or to permit the consumption of wine or beer on the premises between the hours of 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. each day of the week.

(Code 1973, § 18-3)

State Law reference— Regulation of sale of wine and beer from midnight on Saturday to 6:00 a.m. on Monday, Code of Virginia, § 4-97.

§ 4.1-304. Persons to whom alcoholic beverages may not be sold; proof of legal age; penalty.

A. No person shall, except pursuant to subdivisions 1 through 5 of § [4.1-200](#), sell any alcoholic beverages to any individual when at the time of such sale he knows or has reason to believe that the individual to whom the sale is made is (i) less than 21 years of age, (ii) interdicted, or (iii) intoxicated. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. Any person who sells, except pursuant to subdivisions 1 through 5 of § [4.1-200](#), any alcoholic beverage to an individual who is less than 21 years of age and at the time of the sale does not

require the individual to present bona fide evidence of legal age indicating that the individual is 21 years of age or older is guilty of a violation of this subsection. Bona fide evidence of legal age is limited to any evidence that is or reasonably appears to be an unexpired driver's license issued by any state of the United States or the District of Columbia, military identification card, United States passport or foreign government visa, unexpired special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, or any other valid government-issued identification card bearing the individual's photograph, signature, height, weight, and date of birth, or which bears a photograph that reasonably appears to match the appearance of the purchaser. A student identification card shall not constitute bona fide evidence of legal age for purposes of this subsection. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4.1-202, the Board shall not take administrative action against a licensee for the conduct of his employee who violates this subsection.

C. No person shall be convicted of both subsections A and B for the same sale.

§ 4.1-305 Purchasing or possessing alcoholic beverages unlawful in certain cases; venue; exceptions; penalty; forfeiture; deferred proceedings; treatment and education programs and services.

A. No person to whom an alcoholic beverage may not lawfully be sold under § 4.1-304 shall consume, purchase or possess, or attempt to consume, purchase or possess, any alcoholic beverage, except (i) pursuant to subdivisions 1 through 7 of § 4.1-200; (ii) where possession of the alcoholic beverages by a person less than 21 years of age is due to such person's making a delivery of alcoholic beverages in pursuance of his employment or an order of his parent; or (iii) by any state, federal, or local law-enforcement officer or his agent when possession of an alcoholic beverage is necessary in the performance of his duties. Such person may be prosecuted either in the county or city in which the alcohol was possessed or consumed, or in the county or city in which the person exhibits evidence of physical indicia of consumption of alcohol. It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge of a violation of this subsection if the defendant shows that such consumption or possession was pursuant to subdivision 7 of § 4.1-200.

B. No person under the age of 21 years shall use or attempt to use any (i) altered, fictitious, facsimile or simulated license to operate a motor vehicle, (ii) altered, fictitious, facsimile or simulated document, including, but not limited to a birth certificate or student identification card, or (iii) motor vehicle operator's license, birth certificate or student identification card of another person in order to establish a false identification or false age for himself to consume, purchase or attempt to consume or purchase an alcoholic beverage.



C. Any person found guilty of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor; and upon conviction, (i) such person shall be ordered to pay a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 or ordered to perform a mandatory minimum of 50 hours of community service as a condition of probation supervision and (ii) the license to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth of any such person age 18 or older shall be suspended for a period of not less than six months and not more than one year; the license to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth of any juvenile shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of § [16.1-278.9](#). The court, in its discretion and upon a demonstration of hardship, may authorize an adult convicted of a violation of this section the use of a restricted permit to operate a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of subsection E of § [18.2-271.1](#) or when referred to a local community-based probation services agency established pursuant to Article 9 (§ [9.1-173](#) et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1. During the period of license suspension, the court may require an adult who is issued a restricted permit under the provisions of this subsection to be (a) monitored by an alcohol safety action program, or (b) supervised by a local community-based probation services agency established pursuant to Article 9 (§ [9.1-173](#) et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1, if one has been established for the locality. The alcohol safety action program or local community-based probation services agency shall report to the court any violation of the terms of the restricted permit, the required alcohol safety action program monitoring or local community-based probation services and any condition related thereto or any failure to remain alcohol-free during the suspension period.

D. Any alcoholic beverage purchased or possessed in violation of this section shall be deemed contraband and forfeited to the Commonwealth in accordance with § [4.1-338](#).

18.2-388 Profane swearing and intoxication in public; penalty; transportation of public inebriates

18.2-388. Profane swearing and intoxication in public; penalty; transportation of public inebriates to detoxification center.

If any person profanely curses or swears or is intoxicated in public, whether such intoxication results from alcohol, narcotic drug or other intoxicant or drug of whatever nature, he shall be deemed guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. In any area in which there is located a court-approved detoxification center a law-enforcement officer may authorize the transportation, by police or otherwise, of public inebriates to such detoxification center in lieu of arrest; however, no person shall be involuntarily detained in such center.

**** These are some of the most important laws you as students may have to deal with. We want you to enjoy your time as a student here, but you must be responsible for yourself, your actions, and also look out for your fellow students. The choices and decisions you make are your own, make them carefully !!**

If you consume alcohol and are under the age of 21, your actions may well bring you into contact with the police. You alone are responsible for your actions. If you don't want to put yourself in a position where you could get into trouble, make a smart, safe decision and don't consume alcohol illegally.

Longwood University students have taken it upon themselves over the last few years to take a positive step towards the safety of their fellow students by using various campus groups, fraternities and sororities to provide transportation to and from events where alcohol is served or consumed. While these steps are not authorized or sanctioned by the University itself in any way, it speaks volumes about the efforts students are making to keep themselves and their friends safe.

□ **Sec. 18-5. - Assault and battery.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in or offer or threaten to fight or quarrel with another, or to use blows or violence towards another in any angry quarrelsome manner or to strike, assault or fight another.

(Code 1973, § 18-4)

Sec. 18-17. - Destroying, injuring, etc., property—Public.

□ It shall be unlawful for any person to break, tear down, deface or destroy, or to assist in breaking, tearing down, defacing, injuring or destroying, any tree, sign, building, bridge, pavement or any other property belonging to or controlled by the town.

(Code 1973, § 18-15)

State Law reference— Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, §§ 18.2-138, 18.2-139.

□ **Sec. 18-18. - Same—Private.**

□ It shall be unlawful for any person to take and carry away or destroy, deface or injure any property, real or personal, of another without permission from the owner or custodian of such property.

(Code 1973, § 18-16)

State Law reference— Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 18.2-137.

□ **Sec. 18-19. - Disorderly conduct in public places.**

(a) Any person who shall behave in a riotous or disorderly manner or cause any unnecessary disturbance in any street, highway, public building, public place or while in or on a public conveyance, and any person who shall wilfully interrupt or unnecessarily disturb any meeting of the governing body of any political subdivision of this state or a division or agency thereof, or of any school, literary society or place of religious worship, or who, being intoxicated, shall disturb such a meeting, whether wilfully or not, shall be punished as provided in [section 1-6](#).

(b) The person in charge of any such building, place, conveyance or meeting may eject therefrom any person who violates any provision of this section, with the aid, if necessary, of any persons who may be called upon for such purpose.



Sec. 18-33. - Profane swearing and intoxication in public; penalty; transportation of public inebriates to detoxification center.

□ If any person profanely curses or swears or is intoxicated in public, whether such intoxication results from alcohol, narcotic drug or other intoxicant or drug of whatever nature, he shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). In any area in which there is located a court-approved detoxification center a law enforcement officer may authorize the transportation, by police or otherwise, of public inebriates to such detoxification center in lieu of arrest; however, no person shall be involuntarily detained in such center.

(Code 1973, §§ 18-20, 18-35)

State Law reference— Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 18.2-388.

□ **Sec. 18-34. - Profane, threatening or indecent language over public airways.**

□ If any person shall use obscene, vulgar, profane, lewd, lascivious or indecent language, or make any suggestion or proposal of an obscene nature, or threaten any illegal or immoral act with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person, over any telephone or citizens band radio, in this town, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Code 1973, § 18-36)

State Law reference— Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 18.2-427.

□ **Sec. 18-35. - Projectiles; throwing, shooting.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw any projectile from any sling, catapult or air gun or to shoot an arrow with any bow or crossbow upon any street, alley or other public place.

(Code 1973, § 18-37)

Sec. 18-43. - Trespassing—Generally.

(a) If any person, not an officer, without the consent of the owner, proprietor or custodian or without authority of the law shall go upon the lands or premises of another where a "No Trespassing" sign has been placed thereon or if any person shall go upon the premises of another after having been forbidden to do so by the owner, proprietor or custodian or other person lawfully in charge or possession of such land or premises or if any person in the nighttime shall go upon the premises on which there is located a residence or other building without such consent or authority or unless for some lawful purpose, he shall be deemed guilty of trespass.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person, not an officer, to enter the dwelling of another without the consent of the owner or other person having a legal right to give such consent or to enter a storehouse or any other building of another without such consent expressed or implied.

(Code 1973, § 18-46)

Cross reference— Trespassing at night on cemetery property, [§ 8-18](#).

Sec. 18-50. - Urination or defecation in public.

It shall be unlawful for any person to urinate or defecate in or on any sidewalk, street, or in any place visible or open to the public where other persons are present, unless such urination or defecation be in a bathroom, restroom, or other facility specifically designed for such purpose. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor.

Sec. 18-29. - Loitering.

(a)Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

(1)Loiter shall mean to stand around or remain, or to park or to remain parked in a motor vehicle at a public place or place open to the public and to engage in any conduct prohibited under this section. "Loiter" also means to collect, gather, congregate, or be a member of a group or a crowd of people who are gathered together in any public place or place open to the public and to engage in any conduct prohibited under this section.

(2)Public place shall mean any public street, road, highway, alley, lane, sidewalk, crosswalk or other public way, place of amusement, park, playground, public building or grounds appurtenant thereto, school buildings or school grounds, or public parking lot or any other publicly owned property.

(3)Place open to the public shall mean any place open to the public or any place to which the public is invited or may reasonably expect to be invited, and in, on, or around any privately owned place of business, private parking lot, or private institution, including places of worship, cemetery, or any place of amusement and entertainment whether or not a charge of admission or entry thereto is made. It includes the elevator, lobby, halls, corridors and areas open to the public of any store, office, apartment building, shopping center or mall.

(b)Prohibited conduct. It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter at, on or in a public place or place open to the public in the following manner:

(1)To interfere, impede or hinder the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

(2)To attempt to interfere, impede or hinder the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

(3)To threaten or do physical harm to another member of the public.

(4)To curse and abuse (as defined in [section 18-1](#)) another member of the public.

(5)To damage, destroy or deface public property or the property of another member of the public.

(6)To litter in a public place or place open to the public.

(7)That by words, acts or other conduct it is clear that there is a present danger of a breach of the peace or disorderly conduct.

(c)Identification. It shall be unlawful for any person at a public place or place open to the public to refuse to identify himself by name and address at the request of a uniformed police officer or of a properly identified police officer not in uniform, if the surrounding circumstances are such as to indicate to a reasonable man that the public safety requires such identification.

(d) Lawful assembly. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit orderly picketing or other lawful assembly.

(e) Penalties. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(Code 1973, § 18-28.1)

This is a brief look at SOME of the laws and issues that you as students may need to be more aware of in order to keep you safe and give you a chance to fully appreciate your college experience. This in no way encompasses all of the laws and situations you may find yourself experiencing while living in the area. This is simply a brief guide to help you . For more information or to ask any questions you feel are pertinent , call the Farmville Police Department at (434) 392- 9259 or ask any officer .

