

Sec. 15-156. - Street parades, processions, and other events.

- (a) ~~—~~ No parade, ~~or~~ procession or organized gathering of any kind shall be held or conducted in any town rights-of-way without first obtaining a permit from the town manager.
- (b) ~~—~~ The town manager is authorized to require permits for the use of town rights-of-way for special events and community events (as defined within section 15-156(c) of this Code), and for other activities that may affect the safety or convenience of the general public. The town manager is authorized to promulgate regulations to govern the time, place and manner of such activities, and to establish reasonable fees, charges and rentals therefor. ~~A violation of any of the rules and regulations established hereunder shall constitute a class 4 misdemeanor.~~
- (c) ~~—~~ For the purposes of this section the term ~~"~~"community event" shall refer to the "Heart of Virginia Festival", "First Fridays," all "Homec-Coming events", Christmas Parades", the Fourth of July celebration, and other events as declared by the town council from time to time.
- (d) No permit shall be issued for a parade or community event unless an application is received by the Town Manager at least thirty (30) days in advance of the parade or community event.
- (e) No permit shall be issued by the town manager for a demonstration, protest, or other similar event unless an application is received by the Town Manager at least three (3) business days in advance of the parade or community event demonstration, protest or other similar event.

(Ord. No. 121, 2-4-2009)

Sec. 15-157. - Restricted use of town streets.

Absent specific language contained within the issued permit, n~~No~~ activity conducted by any person, group or organization operating with or without a permit ~~in or upon any town streets or rights-of-way~~ shall be ~~located~~ permitted where such activity:

- (1) Would block access to the entrance to any adjacent building or driveway;
- (2) Would occupy more than half of the width of any pedestrian walkway, or would obstruct the free and orderly flow of pedestrian traffic within any pedestrian walkway;
- (3) Is within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant, public telephone, fire escape, hospital, bus stop, loading zone, or the driveway of a police or fire station;
- (4) Is within the portion of any street intended for the use of motor vehicles, unless a temporary street closing permit has been obtained from the town manager;
- (5) Is within any fire lane, unless a temporary street closing permit has been obtained from the town manager and approved by the town's fire code official;
- (6) Is within an area reserved to another person by a permit for a special event or community event, unless with the permission of the person to whom the permit has been issued; or
- (7) Is within an area reserved to another person by a permit for an outdoor cafe or vending space, unless with the permission of the person to whom the permit has been issued.

(Ord. No. 121, 2-4-2009)

Sec. 15-158. - Dispersal to prevent riot or unlawful assembly.

Parades or demonstrations held pursuant to a permit issued under the provisions of this chapter which become, or which reasonably appear to present an imminent threat to becoming, a riot or unlawful assembly shall be dispersed forthwith by any police officer who may be present, and persons who are commanded to disperse by any police officer shall promptly obey such command and peacefully disengage themselves from such parade or demonstration and leave the scene thereof, and persons who fail to obey such command shall be subject to immediate arrest.

Sec. 15-159. – Penalties

A violation of any of the rules and regulations established hereunder and set forth in Code Sections 15-156 through 158 shall constitute a class 4 misdemeanor for the organizer of the parade, procession or organized gathering, or for any participant in the parade, procession or gathering operating illegally.