

## **Vance County, North Carolina Ordinances Subject to Session Law 2018-69 Reporting Requirements**

### **#1 - Courtrooms – Smoking Prohibited**

- Prohibits any person from smoking in courtrooms of the Vance County Courthouse and in the foyers and stairways leading thereto.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor, imprisonment or fine.

### **#2 - Abandoned Motor Vehicles – Removal, Storage, Disposition**

- Requires removal, storage and disposition of abandoned motor vehicles.
- Penalty – Law Enforcement may remove with owner responsible for removal cost and county may dispose of vehicle after certain timeframe and process is followed. Fine may be assessed on owner of private property if junk vehicle is not removed following proper notice.

### **#3 - Manufactured Housing Parks**

- Regulate and guide the establishment, development and expansion of Manufactured Housing Parks
- Requires manufactured homes to be built in conformance with National Standards, determines housing types which are allowed within manufactured home parks, sets design and construction standards for manufactured home parks.
- Prohibits locating, extending, or structurally altering a structure before obtaining a development permit.
- Prohibits use of recreational vehicle as a dwelling unit and prohibits RVs from being connected to utility services (other than periodic maintenance and repair purposes), unless within camping or RV park.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor, fine and/or imprisonment.

### **#4 - Hours of Henry A. Dennis Building and Adjoining Park Area and Parking Facility**

- Limits the hours of permissible public occupancy from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday – Friday.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor.

### **#5 - Railroads**

- No engine, car or train shall obstruct any part of any street crossing any railroad track within Vance County but not within the City of Henderson, Kittrell and Middleburg, North Carolina for a longer time than five minutes; except, that passenger, mail, and trains carrying express only shall not be allowed to obstruct a crossing or any part thereof for more than ten minutes.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor and upon conviction punished by GS 14-4.

### **#6 - Masseurs, Massage Parlors, Health Salons**

- Requires a license from the board of county commissioners.
- Applicants must be credited in or incorporated by the laws of this state.
- Applicants must furnish a health certificate from a medical doctor.
- Prohibits employment of any person convicted within three years of a violation of this ordinance.

- Requires all persons holding a license hereunder to file with the Sheriff of Vance County the names of all employees, their home addresses, home telephone numbers and places of employment.
- Any person operating a topless bar/topless club must first obtain a license.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor and punished as per GS 14-4; Civil penalty for operating without license.

#### **#7 - Trapping of Foxes**

- It shall be lawful to take or trap foxes (red or gray) in Vance County, North Carolina, between October 15 and February 28; provided, however, that only the 1-1/2 double wing fox trap may be used in the trapping of foxes at any time.
- Penalty – As provided by State hunting and trapping regulations.

#### **#8 - Registration of Mobile Homes**

- Requires registration of mobile homes, house trailers and similar vehicular equipment in Vance County.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor punishable as authorized under GS 14-4.

#### **#10 - Dog Tax**

- Requires an animal license tax on the privilege of keeping dogs within Vance County.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor and punished as per GS 14-4.

#### **#12 - Licensing of Insulation Contractors**

- Requires insulation contractors to be licensed locally.
- Penalty – Provided by G.S. 153A-123.

#### **#16 - Animal Control**

- Requires all dogs and cats to be vaccinated for rabies.
- Prohibits the public nuisance of dogs and keeping vicious animals.
- Prohibits cruel treatment of animals.
- Prohibits any person to interfere with the animal control department or its agents.
- Dogs must be under direct control of owner.
- Requires minimum standards for care of equines.
- Penalty – Citations, fees and penalties as outlined in ordinance and guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as per GS 14-4.

#### **#17 - State of Emergency**

- Authorizes the Board Chairman to enact a State of Emergency and to place in effect any or all of the restrictions permitted by the ordinance if necessary.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor for violating enacted prohibitions punishable by fine or imprisonment as allowed by GS.

#### **#18 - Commercial Community Television Antenna System Franchise**

- Requires any commercial community television antenna system within Vance County and outside of the incorporated areas within the county to operate with a franchise.
- Penalty – Fine.

**#19 - Disturbing the Peace**

- Prohibits enumeration of unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise to include blowing horns, radios, phonographs, pets, vehicles, and whistles.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor and fine.

**#22 - Kerr Lake Swimming Facility and Adjacent Properties**

- Establishes rules and regulations for the Kerr Lake swimming facility and leased premises adjacent thereto.
- No boats shall be permitted within 100 feet of the swimming facilities.
- Prohibits disorderly conduct, alcoholic beverages, controlled substances and weapons.
- Prohibits unauthorized use of any portion of said premises.
- Penalty – Removal of individual and suspension of use privileges, misdemeanor.

**#23 - Prohibiting Use of Certain Motor Vehicles on Board of Education Land**

- Regulates the use of off road vehicles on board of education land and violation for damage to the land.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor as per GS 144(a) if damage to lands result from use.

**#24 - Green Boxes**

- Regulates the use of solid waste green box containers and prohibits certain items from being deposited in the containers.
- Prohibits scavenging, discarding, disposing, leaving or dumping of articles forbidden by the ordinance.
- Penalty – Fine of \$100 and/or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

**#25 - Watershed Protection**

- Determines allowed uses, densities, built-upon limits and standards of development within public water supply watersheds.
- Requires Watershed Protection Approval to be given prior to erecting, moving, enlarging, or structurally altering a building or built-upon area and prior to issuance of building permit.
- No person may record a lot at the Register of Deeds for land within a public supply watershed before the lot has been approved under ordinance regulations.
- No activity, situation, structure or land shall be allowed within the watershed which poses a threat to the water quality and public health.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor, fine and civil penalties.

**#26 - Handguns, Signs Prohibiting**

- Requires the posting of signs to prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns on certain county property.

**#28 - Exotic Animals**

- Regulates the keeping of wild, vicious, and exotic animals.
- Requires a permit for any wild, vicious, or exotic animal.
- Requires the owner of such animals to maintain liability insurance coverage of \$1,000,000 per claim.
- Requires owners to report any escape of such animals to animal control immediately.
- Requires owners to have equipment and chemicals on hand at all times to tranquilize or kill said animals.

- Animals may not be moved without notifying animal control.
- All animals shall be humanely treated.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor and fine or imprisonment as per law. Also may be enforced by civil action via court.

#### **#29 - National Flood Insurance Flood Damage Prevention**

- Requires Floodplain development permit prior to commencing development activities in Special Flood Hazard Areas.
- Restricts or prohibits uses that are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water or erosion hazards or that result in damaging increases in erosion, flood heights or velocities.
- Requires that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities that serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor, fine and/or imprisonment.

#### **#30 - Litter Control**

- Prohibits littering in Vance County.
- Requires vehicles or containers used for collection and transportation of garbage to be covered with a tarpaulin or similar material.
- Requires manufactured home park owners or designee to be responsible for maintaining the park free of litter, debris and garbage.
- Prohibits any person from establishing a solid waste management facility or disposal site on his land without a permit from the state.
- Requires any person to obtain a permit for the demolition of a structure or to remove shingles from a structure.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor and civil and/or criminal citations depending upon tonnage.

#### **#31 - Subdivision Regulations**

- Provides procedures and standards and requires approval for the development and subdivision of land.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor for subdividing land before approving and recording a plat.

#### **#33 - Existing Buildings, Minimum Standards**

- Determines minimum structural conditions, plumbing, heating, electrical, and safe building standards for human use or habitation.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor as per GS 14-4. Also, equitable remedy as issued by court.

#### **#34 - False Alarm Ordinance**

- Regulates alarm systems requiring response by or through 911.
- Sets user fee for alarm responses in excess of two per calendar month.

#### **#35 - Ambulance Franchise**

- Prohibits the business of emergency or convalescent transportation of patients within the county without an ambulance franchise.
- Requires payment of services from patient.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor and civil penalty.

### **#39 - Zoning**

- Requires a zoning permit to be issued prior to land being used or occupied and prior to erecting, structurally altering, or moving a building, or changing its use.
- Determines zoning districts and standards of development for all Vance County land and permitted uses within each district.
- Penalty – Misdemeanor, punishable by the maximum fine and/or imprisonment as authorized by GS 14-4. Civil Penalty as well.