

Warren County's Criminally Enforceable Ordinances

Abandoned Manufactured Home Ordinance

- Section 3.2 provides that it shall be unlawful for the registered owner or persons entitled to the possession of an abandoned manufactured home, or for the registered owner, lessee, or occupant of the real property upon which an abandoned manufactured home is located, to cause or allow a manufactured home to be an abandoned manufactured home.
- Section 4.2.1 provides that every owner shall periodically inspect all buildings and premises that are owned by them and intended for human habitation or human use, to ensure compliance with this Ordinance.
- Section 4.2.2 provides that every occupant or tenant of a building for human habitation or human use shall give the owner thereof, or his agent, at all reasonable hours, access for the purpose of making repairs or alterations as are necessary to effect compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance or with any lawful order issued pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Regulations Governing the Construction, Repair, and Abandonment of Wells Ordinance

- Section XVII provides that any person who willfully violates any provision of these regulations, or any order issued pursuant thereto, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Addressing Ordinance

- Article XII provides that violation of the addressing ordinance is a misdemeanor as provided by N.C.G.S. 14-4 and may be punishable as provided therein. The ordinance procedures and requirements for applying for and assigning physical addresses.

Amusement and Entertainment Regulation Ordinance

- Sections 3 provides that places of amusement and entertainment such as cocktail lounges, nightclubs, beer halls, and similar establishments as set forth in G.S. 153A-135 must cease all operations and close its doors by 2:00 a.m. and clear the parking lot by 2:30 a.m.
- Section 4 provides that all state and locally issued licenses, certificates and/or permits must be displayed in a prominent place at all times. Hours of operation and departure times must be internally and externally posted.

Animal Control Ordinance

- Article I, Section 10 provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with, hinder or molest an employee of the Animal Control Department while in the performance of any duty as set out in this ordinance or to tamper or remove animal control equipment. It also states that it shall also be unlawful for any person to seek to release, attempt to release, or to release any animal in the custody of the Animal Control Department, except as otherwise specifically provided in this ordinance.
- Articles II, Section 1 provides that It shall be unlawful for any animal owner/keeper or other person to fail to comply with the state laws or this ordinance relating to the control of rabies. It also states that it shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to surrender any animal for quarantine or destruction as required.

- Article II, Section 2 provides that the owner or keeper of every dog, cat and ferret four months of age or older shall maintain current rabies vaccination for each animal and that all dogs and cats shall wear a valid rabies tag. It also provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to use, for any animal, a rabies vaccination tag issued for another animal
- Article III, Section 2 provides that it shall be unlawful for any animal owner/keeper or other person to fail to comply with the state laws relating to the control, care and custody of animals and that it shall be unlawful for any person to abuse, molest, maim, disfigure, torture, torment, deprive of necessary sustenance, adequate food, water and shelter, to cruelly beat, mutilate or kill, wound, injure, poison, abandon or subject to conditions detrimental to its health or general welfare any animal, or to cause or procure such action.
- Article IV, Section 1 provides that it shall be unlawful for a person, owner or keeper to permit or cause an animal to create or maintain a nuisance.

Emergency Management Ordinance

- Section 6.1 provides that it shall be the duty of all departments and agencies to perform the functions assigned by the emergency management plans and to maintain their portions of the plans in a current state of readiness at all times.
- Section 6.3 provides that each service chief and department head assigned responsibility in the Plans shall be responsible for carrying out all duties and functions assigned, including organization and training of assigned employees and volunteers where needed. It also states that each chief shall formulate standard operating procedure to implement the plans.
- Section 8 provides that it's a misdemeanor to violate any provision of the ordinance, directive issued, plans, or activities undertaken under the ordinance or to willfully obstruct, hinder, or delay any member in the Emergency Management organization charged with enforcement of the ordinance.

Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

- Section H provides that violations of the ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements, including conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants of variance or special exceptions, shall constitute a misdemeanor.

Ordinance Allowing for the Sale or Consumption of Alcoholic beverages Before Noon on Sunday Morning

- Allows the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday pursuant to the licensed premises' permit issued under G.S. §18B-1001.

Municipal Solid Waste Ordinance

- Section 3 prohibits owners, occupants, tenants, or lessees of any property from depositing, storing, or permitting to accumulate any solid waste on their property that is not stored or disposed of in a manner prescribed by the ordinance. There are numerous mandates and requirements. It further prohibits certain nuisance noises and noise pollution and identifies various methods of doing such.

Noise Ordinance

- The Ordinance prohibits any person or entity from causing or allowing the emission of sound beyond the boundaries of his property or onto the property of another exceeding the permissible sound levels outlined in the ordinance during the impermissible hours of day and/or night, which may seriously interfere with neighboring residents' use of their properties. The ordinance makes exemptions for certain high impact land uses.

Open Burning Regulation Ordinance

- Prohibits the setting and burning of open fires within 100 feet of a structure during times set by the Warren County Fire Marshall's Office.

Ordinance Regulating the Sale, Possession, Storage, and Use of Certain Pyrotechnics

- The ordinance prohibits the manufacture, sale, possession, storage, or use of any pyrotechnic device except residents over the age of 16 may purchase and possess certain devices listed in the ordinance.
- It also prohibits merchants from selling pyrotechnic devices to anyone under 16.
- It also prohibits distribution to anyone under 16 without parental permission and adult supervision of use.
- It makes it unlawful to possess or use such devices in any school, theater, shopping mall, church, public building, or other place of public assembly.

Ordinance Authorizing the Proclamation of a State of Emergency and the Imposition of Prohibitions and Restrictions During a State of Emergency

- The ordinance prohibits anyone from violating any prohibition or restriction imposed during a state of emergency including curfews; restrictions on possession, consumption, or transfer of intoxicating beverages and dangerous weapons and substances; restrictions on access to areas; etc.

Water Shortage Response Ordinance

- Section 8 provides that any person who violates the provisions of the water shortage response ordinance (related to water use rationing), who fails to carry out the duties and responsibilities imposed by the ordinance, or who impedes with any action undertaken or ordered pursuant to this ordinance shall be subject to penalties including prosecution in District Court and misdemeanor charges.