

Town of Forest City
Report for Session Law 2018-69 (HB 379)
Applicable Ordinances to G.S. 14-4(a)

Chapter 1 - General Provisions

Provides definitions and interpretations, and establishes general penalties for the code. Tampering with code is established as a misdemeanor violation punishable as provided in G.S. 14-4. Any violation of Code shall constitute a misdemeanor, or at the election of the town, a civil penalty upon issuance of a citation.

Chapter 4 - Buildings and Building Regulation

Adopts NC State Technical Codes for Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Fire Prevention, Fuel Gas, Energy, Existing Buildings, and Residential Code. Requires contractors and individuals obtain applicable permits before work is commenced, authorizes building inspectors to enforce the code, including stop orders. Violation a misdemeanor, punishable by fine as provided by G.S. 14-4, or at the election of the town, civil penalties and remedies set forth in Chapter 1.

Chapter 5 - Business Regulation and Taxation

Requires solicitors and peddlers to obtain an annual license to operate within city limits. Prohibits aggressive solicitation, solicitation on public right of way, and approaching motor vehicles. Violation a misdemeanor, subject to a fine not exceeding fifty and/or imprisonment 30 days or less.

Chapter 8 - Fire Prevention and Protection

Adopts Fire Prevention Code of NFPA and its incorporated standards. Violation of code or failure to comply with lawful order of fire marshal made under code constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment as determined by the presiding judge.

Chapter 9 - Flood Damage Prevention

Restricts dangerous uses due to water hazards, requires areas vulnerable to flooding be protected at the time of construction, controls floodplains and development that may increase erosion of flood damage, and regulates constructions of flood barriers. Violation or failure to comply with requirements or conditions constitute a misdemeanor, subject to not more than fifty dollar fine or imprisonment, not more than thirty days.

Chapter 13 - Offenses

Section 13-1 Consumption of alcohol in public places (not including permitted sidewalk dining or special events) constitutes a misdemeanor, punishable by fine not more than fifty or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

Section 13-7 Loitering in a public place with intent to engage in an unlawful drug transaction is a misdemeanor punishable by fine of not more than five hundred or imprisonment, not more than thirty days.

Section 13-8 Registered sex offenders prohibited from knowingly entering any publicly owned or maintained land or any facility designated by the town as a public recreation facility. Violation a misdemeanor punishable by fine not more than five hundred or imprisonment not more than thirty days.

Chapter 15 Administration (Unified Development Ordinance)

Section 15-4 Any person who willfully swears falsely under oath before the Board of Adjustment is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Section 15-7 Any violation of development regulations including development without a permit, development inconsistent with a permit, violation by act or omission, use in violation or continue a violation constitutes a misdemeanor. Violation punishable by fine not exceeding fifty or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or at the election of the Town, a civil penalty upon issuance of a citation.

Chapter 17 - Streets Sidewalks and Bridges

Prohibits obstructions or encroachments on public sidewalks including the following: barbed wire fences, basketball hoops, awnings under seven feet in height, walls or porches. Prohibits removal of street signage and authorizes E911 to address properties in the town. Violation a misdemeanor, subject to fine, not more than fifty and imprisonment, not more than 30 days.

Chapter 18 - Subdivision

Chapter regulates subdivision creation and development. Violation of chapter constitutes a misdemeanor, with a fine not exceeding fifty or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

Chapter 20 - Traffic and Motor Vehicles

Requires compliance with state traffic laws and lawful orders of a police officer. Sets reduced speed limits (under 35) on certain town roads, designates school speed zones

and play streets. Regulates parking in the downtown business district. Violation a misdemeanor, punished as provided by state law.

Chapter 22: Utilities

Prohibits tampering with electric and meters, and requires connections to town water, electric, and sewer utilities. Violation a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by fine or imprisonment as provided by GS 14-4.