



TOWN OF FARMVILLE

CODE OF ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 8 – DEMONSTRATIONS, PARADES, AND PICKETING

Section 1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 Block

That portion of any street lying between its intersections with other streets.

1.2 Parade

Any assemblage of two or more persons participating in or operating any vehicle in any march, ceremony, show, exhibition, or procession of any kind in or upon the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, parks, public grounds, public places, or public vehicular areas, as a part of a group demonstration

1.3 Person

Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, or other organization, whether formal or informal.

1.4 Picket Line

Any two or more persons formed together for the purpose of making known any position or promotion of such persons or of or on behalf of any organization or class of persons.

1.5 Group Demonstration

Any assembly together or concert of action between or among two or more persons for the purpose of protesting any matter or of making known any position or promotion of such persons, or of or on behalf of any organization or class of persons, or for the purpose of attracting attention to such assembly.

Section 2.0 PERMITS

2.1 Permits Required

It shall be unlawful for any person to organize, conduct, or participate in any parade, picket line, or group demonstration in or upon any street, sidewalk, alley, or other public place within the Town of Farmville unless a permit therefore has been issued by the

Town in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

2.2 Permit Issuance

The Town Manager or his designee shall issue permits as required in the preceding section and in the issuance thereof he shall:

- 2.2.1 Require a written application for permit to be filed not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of such parade, picket line, or group demonstration, which application shall specify the time and place for the commencement of any such picket line and the time, place, route, and duration of any such parade or group demonstration.
- 2.2.2 Refuse to issue such permits for parades, picket lines, or group demonstrations to commence before sunrise or terminate after sunset.
- 2.2.3 Refuse to issue such permits for parades or group demonstrations to be held at the same time and place as those designated in a permit issued pursuant to a written application previously received by the Manager or his designee.
- 2.2.4 Require that the application for a permit specify whether or not minors below the age of sixteen (16) years will be permitted to participate.
- 2.2.5 Require that the application for a permit shall specify and the permit shall designate the person or persons in charge of the activity. Such person shall be required to accompany the parade, picket line, or group demonstration, and shall carry such permit with him at that time, such permit shall not be valid in the possession of any other person.

2.3 Street Use Limitation

The Town Manager may limit the use of various streets in order to minimize traffic congestion and the Town Manager may limit total time of any parade in order to minimize traffic and pedestrian congestion.

2.4 Revocation of Permit

The Manager shall revoke any permit granted for a parade, picket line, or group demonstration for any of the following causes:

- 2.4.1 The performance or occurrence of any activity prohibited by this chapter.
- 2.4.2 The failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit.

Section 3.0 ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED

The following acts or activities, when performed or undertaken in conjunction with or as a part of, any parade, picket line, or group demonstration, are hereby prohibited and

declared unlawful:

- 3.1 The carrying on the person, any firearm, or any weapon or article, including but not limited to blackjacks, nightsticks, or flashlights, which by their use might constitute a deadly weapon (except by law enforcement or military personnel).
- 3.2 The taking or keeping of any vicious animal, whether leashed or unleashed.

Section 4.0 INTERFERENCE PROHIBITED

No person shall hamper, obstruct, or interfere with any parade, picket line, or group demonstration being conducted under authority of a permit duly issued by the Manager.

Section 5.0 ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS - PICKETING

Picket lines and picketing shall be subject to the following additional regulations:

5.1 Location

Picketing may be conducted only on the sidewalks reserved for pedestrian movement, and may not be conducted on the portion of the street used primarily for vehicular traffic.

5.2 Number Limited

Not more than ten (10) pickets promoting the same objective shall be permitted to use either of the two sidewalks within a single block at any one time.

5.3 Placard

Pickets may carry written or printed placards or signs not exceeding two (2) feet in width and two (2) feet in height promoting the objective, for which the picketing is done; provided, the works used are not derogatory or defamatory in nature.

5.4 Marching Order

Pickets must march in single file and not abreast and not march closer together than fifteen (15) feet; except in passing one another. Pickets shall not be allowed to walk more than five (5) feet from the curb line and shall be in continuous motion.

5.5 Multiple Permits; Time Assignments

If pickets promoting different objectives desire to use the same sidewalk for picketing and such use would result in the presence of more than ten (10) pickets thereon, the Manager shall allot time to each group of pickets for the use of such sidewalk on an equitable basis.

Section 6.0 EXCEPTIONS

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to:

- 6.1 Funeral processions