

**Town of
Stanfield
GENERAL
Ordinances**

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10.01 Firearms and Fireworks

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to fire off or display any firearms, firecracker, cannon crackers, or other firearms or things of like character on any street, alley or other public place within the corporate limits of the Town of Stanfield.~~

~~(State Law Ref. N.C.G.S. 14-10 through 14-15)~~

See Ordinance 50.05 adopted November 2, 2006.

10.02 Intoxication – In Public

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to be drunk or in an intoxicated condition on any street, alley or public place within the Town of Stanfield.

~~B. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or display wine, beer or whiskey in any place or within view of the public in the corporate limits of the Town of Stanfield. (State Law Ref. N.C.G.S. 14-335) Prohibition lifted by Public vote on September 21, 2004.~~

10.03 Noise – Prohibited Generally

The creation of any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise in the Town of Stanfield is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity and duration as shall be detrimental to the life and health on any individual is prohibited.

(State Law Ref. 160-20 (17))

10.04 Noise – Prohibited Specifically

The following acts, among others, are determined to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise in violation of this code; but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

1. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle while not in motion except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching, apparently out of control or if in motion only as a danger signal after, or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

2. The use of any gong or siren upon any vehicle other than police, fire or other emergency vehicle.
3. The playing of any radio, phonograph or other musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am, as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person in any dwelling or other type of residence.
4. The keeping of any animal which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity.
5. The use of any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in such a manner as to create loud or unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.
6. The discharging into the open air of exhaust of any engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor vehicle or motor boat engine except through a muffler or control device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.
7. The creation of any excessive noise on Sundays on any street adjacent to any church, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in such streets adjacent to churches indicating that the same is a church street.
8. The creation of loud and excessive noise in connection with loading or unloading any vehicle or the opening and distributing of bales, boxes, crates and containers.
9. The shouting and crying of peddlers, barkers, hawkers and vendors which disturbs the quiet and peace of the neighborhood.
10. The use of any drum, loud speaker or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by creation of noise to any performance, show, sale or display of merchandise, except with a permit from the Police Department.
11. The use of any mechanical loud speaker or amplifiers on truck or other moving vehicles for advertising or other purpose except where specific license is received from the Town Clerk.
12. The firing or display of a gun, firecrackers, gun powder, or other combustible substance in the streets or elsewhere for the purpose of making noise or disturbance.
13. The maintenance and operation of radios, amplifiers, phonographs, or other mechanical instruments or devices of any kind whereby the sound therefrom is cast directly upon the street or public places, where such noise is disturbing to the public.

10.05 Use of Profanity

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, in a loud and boisterous manner, any profane or indecent language on any public street, area, or business within the corporate limits of the Town of Stanfield. (State Law Ref. N.C.G.S. 14-197)

10.06 Littering

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, organization or public corporation to place or leave or cause to be placed or left, temporarily or permanently, any trash, refuse, garbage, etc., on the

public streets or public areas within the corporate limits of the Town of Stanfield other than for the lawful pickup of garbage as provided by the town. (State Law Ref. N.C.G.S. 14-399)

10.07 Taxicab

General Provisions

Definition - For the purpose of this Ordinance the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

Taxicab – Any motor vehicle seating nine or fewer passengers operated on any street or highway on call or demand, accepting or soliciting passengers indiscriminately for hire between the point along streets or highway as may be directed by the passenger so being transported, and shall not include motor vehicles or motor vehicle carriers as defined in G.S. Chapter 62.

Rates – Every person operating taxicabs within the town shall observe and charge only the rate established from time to time by the Town Council and filed in the office of the Town Clerk. No charge shall be made for children under six years of age when accompanied by an adult. The fares established shall be conspicuously and permanently posted inside the taxicab in reasonable view of all passengers.

Parking on Street Prohibited – It shall be unlawful for any person to park or store a taxicab on the public streets of the Town for any purpose other than brief stops to pick up and discharge passengers.

Mechanical Condition – It shall be the responsibility of the owner of each taxicab to keep the vehicle in good mechanical condition sufficient to meet the state inspection standards at all times.

Owners

Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Required – It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a taxicab on and over the streets of the town without first having applied for and secured from the Town Council a certificate of convenience and necessity as herein set forth.

Application for Certificate – Every person desiring to operate a taxicab on and over the streets of the town shall file on forms supplied by the Town Clerk and application for a certificate of convenience and necessity.

Issuance of Certificate – The Town Council shall have power and it shall be its duty to order certain certificates issued or to refuse to issue certain certificates for a partial exercise only of the privileges sought. It may attach to the exercise of the rights granted only by certificates, those terms and conditions as in its judgment the public convenience and necessity may require.

Duration of Certificate – A certificate of convenience and necessity shall constitute a franchise from the Town for the operation of taxicabs within the town, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, for one year, unless a shorter period of time is specified in the certificate. Applications for renewal shall be filed annually on or before June 1, and the Town Council shall review all certificates to be considered for renewal at its first regular meeting in the month of June of each year. Renewal application may be filed by letter stating any change which has occurred from the original certificate or application, such as the average number of pieces of equipment operated during the previous year, and the name of the owners of stock if the franchise shall be a corporation. At the time of renewal each year the Town Council may reduce the number of taxicabs authorized to the average number of taxicabs which the applicant has been actually operating during the previous 12 months. The owner of a franchise from the Town for the operation of taxicabs within the Town shall give the Town Council at least 30 days prior notice of intention to operating taxicabs under the franchise.

Determination of Convenience and Necessity –

In determining whether the public convenience and necessity require the franchising of taxicabs, the Town Council shall, among other things, take into consideration the following factors;

1. Whether or not the public convenience and necessity require the proposed or additional taxicab service within the Town.
2. The financial responsibility of the applicant and the likelihood of the proposed service being permanent, responsible, and satisfactory.
3. The number and condition of equipment.
4. The schedule of proposed rates to be charged.
5. The number of taxicabs now operated and the demand for increased service, if any, and whether or not the safe use of the streets by the public, both vehicular and pedestrian, will be preserved, and whether or not adequate provision has been made for off-street parking of the taxicabs.
6. The experience of applicant in the taxicab business.
7. Any other relative facts as may be deemed necessary and advisable.

Before making any decision with respect to the issuance of a certificate of convenience and necessity, the Council, or a committee thereof, shall make a full and complete investigation of all facts, and may, if it so desires, subpoena witnesses and utilize the service of the Chief of Police or any officer/employee of the Town.

Hearings: Notices – Each application for a certificate of convenience and necessity shall be scheduled for a hearing not later than 20 days after the application is filed. The applicant shall be notified by the Town Clerk by mail to the business address set forth in the application of the date and time of the hearing; the notification to be sent at least ten days before the date and time of the hearing. The Town Clerk shall also, within the same time, notify all persons, who at that time hold certificates of convenience and necessity for the operation of taxicabs within

the Town, of the date and time of the hearing, and the name of the applicant. In addition, the Town Clerk shall cause to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation at least ten days before the hearing, a notice setting forth the name of the applicant and date and time of the hearing. The cost of the publication shall be paid for by the applicant.

Burden of Proof – The burden of proof shall be upon the applicant to establish the existence of public convenience and necessity for the operation of the taxicab specified in his application, and all other facts required for the granting of a certificate.

Failure to Begin Operations – If a certificate is granted to an applicant, and the applicant shall fail, in accordance with the provisions of the certificate, to begin operations within 60 days after the date of the certificate, the certificate shall become null and void.

Transfer of Certificate – A certificate is not transferable without the consent of the Town Council. Applications for a permit to transfer shall be filed in the same manner as an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity. The proceedings upon the application for the transfer shall be the same as those described for the issuance of a certificate, except that the question of public convenience and necessity need not be proved. In the event the franchise has been issued to a corporation, any change in the ownership of the stock shall be approved by the Council.

Revocation of Certificate –

A. The Town Council may at any time after a public hearing revoke any certificate issued by authority of this subchapter for any one, or more, of the following causes.

1. Failure to operate the taxicabs specified in the certificate in such a manner as to serve the public adequately and efficiently.
2. Failure to maintain motor equipment in good repair.
3. Failure to carry liability insurance or bond as required by ordinance.
4. Failure to pay to the town the taxes or license fee for each taxicab, imposed upon the taxicabs.
5. Repeated and persistent violation by the taxicab drivers or traffic and safety ordinances, or state laws relating to alcoholic beverages or prostitution.
6. Failure to report accidents.
7. Willful failure to comply with any provision of this chapter of ordinances or state laws relating to the operation of taxicabs.

B. No certificate shall be revoked until the owner has had at least five days notice by personal service or registered mail of the charges against him and of the time and place of the hearing. If, after the hearing, it is found that the owner is guilty of one or more of the offenses listed in division (A) above, Council shall have the power to revoke the certificate, or to condition a revocation upon compliance with its order within any time fixed by it.

Substitution of Vehicles – The person to whom a certificate has been issued may, by appropriate endorsement thereon by the Town Clerk, substitute other vehicles for the vehicles

for which the certificate was granted. In this instance, the liability insurance or bonds shall also be transferred to the substitute vehicle.

Indemnity Insurance Required – All taxicabs and jitneys hauling passengers in the town shall carry indemnity insurance while operating in or out of the town. The insurance shall be in the sum of not less than \$25,000 to cover injury to one person and not less than \$50,000 to cover injury of two or more persons on account of any accident sustained by persons on account of operation of the taxicabs or jitneys. No taxicab or jitney shall be granted a franchise or privilege license to operate in the town until the person operating it has taken out and secured this insurance.

Signs Identifying Vehicle as Taxi – Every person operating taxicabs shall have permanent signs at conspicuous places on each taxicab showing that it is a taxi and the name of the franchise and the number of the taxicab assigned.

Drivers

Application for Permit; Investigation – The application required of applicants to drive a taxicab shall be made on blanks furnished by the town for the purpose and shall, among other things, state the name, address, physical condition, physical description, former employers, court record, and state chauffeur's license number. The application shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant. The applicant shall further appear at the office of the Police Department for the purpose of having his fingerprints taken and photograph made, both of which shall constitute a part of his application. The Chief of Police is hereby charged with the duty of investigating the facts stated in the application.

Permit Issuance Fee – If the Chief of Police finds that the applicant to drive a taxicab has not been convicted of a felony; a violation of any federal or state statute relating to the use, possession, or sale of intoxicating liquors; any federal or state statute relating to prostitution; any federal or state statute relating to use, possession, or sale of narcotic drugs; within the past five years, and that the applicant is a citizen of the United States and is not a habitual user of intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs; has not been a habitual violator of traffic laws; and is a careful and prudent driver, the Chief may issue a permit to the applicant to drive a taxicab on receipt of the fee established by Council for these permits.

Permit Duration – All permits issued by the Town shall be for a maximum term of one year and shall expire on May 31st of each year. Drivers may renew their permits by filing an application and paying the required fee.

Revocation of Permit – At any time after the issuance of a permit to any person to drive a taxicab, the Town Council may revoke the permit, if the person holding the permit is convicted of a felony; a violation of any federal or state statute relating to the use, possession, or sale of intoxicating liquors; a violation of any federal or state statute relating to the use, possession, or sale of narcotic drug; repeated violations of traffic laws or ordinances; a violation of any state or federal statute relating to prostitution; or becomes a habitual user of intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs.

Displaying Permit – The driver of every taxicab shall at all times while operating the taxicab, prominently post and display in the taxicab, so as to be visible to the passengers therein, his permit to drive a taxicab.

10.08 Property Owners

Section 1 – Purpose

The purpose of this act is to require every person, firm, or corporation owning any lot within the town limits of the Town of Stanfield and located near any residence, business, and/or industrial plant to keep such lot free from weeds, trash, garbage and other forms of offensive animal or vegetable matter, or permitting the same to remain on any such lot or lots, is hereby declared a nuisance and dangerous. Any owner failing or refusing to keep the same free from such matter shall be subject to a penalty as hereinafter provided for each offense, and each day's continuance thereof after notice shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 2 – Auto Body Shop and Junk Yard (see also Ordinance 2010#1April, Removal...Junked Motor Vehicles)

- A. The owner or owners of a junk yard and auto body shop shall erect a solid 8' (eight foot) fence around such junk yard or body shop.
- B. When the Street Commissioner determines that there exists on any such lot in the Town of Stanfield offensive matters as hereinafter defined, it shall be his duty and responsibility to report same to the Town Clerk who will, within (5) five days thereof, mail a notice to the last known address of the owner of said lot, directing that all weeds, trash, garbage, or any other offensive animal or vegetable matter be removed from such lot within (10) ten days of the date of such notice, and upon failure of the owner to remove such matters therefrom within the time indicated on such notice, all weeds, trash, and other refuse, the Street Commissioner shall cause the removal of the same and the costs therefore shall be assessed against the owner of the premises and shall constitute a lien upon the same in the manner as street pavement assessments, and the Town Tax Collector shall be, in like manner, charged with the collection thereof.

Section 3 – As used in this Ordinance, the following words shall have the following meanings:

- A. **Weeds:** Weeds shall constitute all wild vegetation of a height of more than 18 inches and there is specifically excepted from this term all trees and shrubbery of all sorts, types and descriptions; growing crops, vegetable and flower gardens and vines producing fruit for human consumption.
- B. **Trash:** Trash shall constitute cans, bottles, papers, discarded flags and old clothing, waste, ashes, glass, floor sweepings, decayed and discarded lumber and wood scraps, abandoned and discarded tires and automobiles, junked vacant or parts of manufactured

trailers of any type, tree trimmings, dead animals, and all other similar and like refuse which cannot reasonably be considered for any useful purpose.

- C. **Garbage:** Garbage is the organic waste matter, both animal and vegetable, from house, kitchen, restaurant, business, and industrial plants and other such premises. It is to comprise waste foods, but does not include liquid which may be drained into the sewer.
- D. **All Other Refuse:** All other Refuse, including offensive animal and vegetable matter, and any other matters, objects and things that are unsightly, dangerous and prejudicial to the public health.

Section 4 – No person shall throw, place or deposit any trash in any street, alley, public place or on any private property within the city limits except in garbage cans or other garbage receptacles.

Section 5 – No garbage that has become decayed or that shall otherwise be a menace to health or cleanliness shall be allowed to remain in any dwelling house, boarding house, rooming house, café, restaurant, lunch stand, fruit stand, meat market, service station, garage, store, industrial plant, business establishment or other building or on any premises a longer time than shall be reasonably necessary to remove and deposit same in a garbage can or other garbage receptacle.

Section 6 – *(deleted January 8, 2015)* ~~Violation of Sections 4 and 5 shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50), or imprisonment of not more than Thirty Days (30), or both such fine and imprisonment.~~

10.09 Game Room

Section 1 – Definitions

- A. A game room for the purpose of this article shall be any place of business that principally operates mechanical games or pay devices or tables for which a charge is made either directly or indirectly.
- B. Examples of game rooms, by way of illustration and not limitation, are poolrooms, bowling alleys, billiard halls, amusement centers, and the like.

Section 2 – Licenses Required

- A. In addition, every operator of a game room shall apply for and obtain a permit from the Town Council to operate a game room. Application for such a permit shall be made upon forms provided by the Town Clerk.
- B. An application fee of \$15.00 shall be paid to and collected by the Town Clerk when the application is submitted to cover the cost of administration of this ordinance.

Section 3 – Restrictions

The Town Council shall not issue a permit to any applicant who:

- ❖ Has been convicted of unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs; or
- ❖ Is not a resident of North Carolina; or
- ❖ Is of immoral character; or
- ❖ Is a habitual user of alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs

Section 4 – Prohibited Conduct

Permit under this article shall not, and neither shall their employees:

- A. Suffer or permit any gambling on the licensed premises at any time; nor the sale or use of any racing, football, or other parlay cards or gambling boards or devices;
- B. Suffer or permit the licensed premises to become disorderly; or permit any profane, obscene, or indecent language thereon;
- C. Employ, in carrying on the business, any person who has been convicted of unlawfully selling alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs.

Section 5 – Rules for Operation of Game Rooms

The following rules shall be observed by all operators of game rooms within the Town:

- A. ~~All game rooms shall be closed from 11:00 pm until 7:00 am, Monday through Thursday and shall close at 12:00 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.~~
All game rooms shall be closed between 2:00 am and 7:00 am Monday through Saturday. *Adopted October 6, 2011.*
- B. No play on any game shall be allowed during the times when game rooms are required by this article to remain closed.
- C. Game rooms may be open on Sunday between hours of 1:00 pm and 11:00 pm.
- D. All game rooms shall be operated only on the ground floor of a building, and plate glass windows shall be in those parts of the building facing any street, so that a clear view inside may be had from the street.
- E. No screen, curtains, blinds, partitions, or other obstructions shall be placed between the entrance to the room where games are played and the rear wall of such room so that a clear view of the interior may be had from the street.
- F. No loud noises shall be allowed to emanate beyond the licensed premises.
- G. There must be an adult (18 years of age or older) managing the business on the premises during hours of operation at all times.

Section 6 – Revocation of Permit

After giving the operator of a game room adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard, the Town Council may revoke the license of any game room operator who is in violation of the above Ordinance.

10.10 General Penalty

In accordance with G.S. 160A-175, and unless this code provides otherwise, violation of any provision hereof shall be a misdemeanor as provided in G.S. 14-4, punishable upon conviction by a fine ~~not exceeding \$50 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days~~ *(amended January 8, 2015) as stated on the citation issued.* By express statement, any section may be enforced by the ordering of appropriate equitable remedy, including injunction, by the general court of justice. Each day that any breach or violation of, or any failure to comply with, any provision or requirement of any section or subsection of this code or any ordinance of the town, continues or is allowed to continue, shall constitute, and is hereby declared to be, a separate and distinct offense. *(added January 8, 2015) Appeals are held in Town Hall. Town Administrator will serve as Hearing Officer. (added December 5, 2015) The foregoing is not an exclusive remedy and shall not preclude the Town from instituting a civil action for damages or to recover costs, including costs of litigation to the Town arising from a violation of any ordinance or from correcting a nuisance created by violation of any ordinance.*

Park and Town Property (Amended September 3, 2015)

20.01 Failure to Pay Admission Fee

It shall be unlawful for any person to attempt to see public entertainment for which a fee is charged without paying the admission fee. Penalty, see *10.10.

20.02 Damaging Streets and Property

No person shall willfully or wantonly damage any of the public bridges, pavements, sidewalks or any of the property belonging to the town, or wantonly pull down or damage in any manner, any fences, gates, signs, awnings, building, or other property ~~situated in the town, and owned by individuals~~ *owned by the Town of Stanfield.* Penalty, ~~see *10.10~~ *\$150 fine. (Amended September 3, 2015)*

20.03 Damaging Playground and Park Property

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully injure any of the playground equipment or property used in connection with the playgrounds, public parks, or school grounds of the town, or scar, deface, or injure any of the trees or shrubbery of the park or grounds, or willfully use any of the equipment on the grounds in such a manner as to injure any person.

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pool, pond, or any other body of water in any park, playground, or recreation center maintained by the town any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse, or other trash. Penalty, see *10.10.

20.04 Profanity; Riotous Conduct

It shall be unlawful for any person to use profane, indecent, or boisterous language, or behave in a riotous and disorderly manner in any street, alley or other public place. Penalty, see *10.10.

20.05 Public Consumption of Malt Beverages or Unfortified Wines Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to consume malt beverages or unfortified wine as defined by G.S. Chapter 18B on property owned or occupied by the town. Penalty, see *10.10.

20.06 Obscene Words or Pictures, Writing or Drawing on Walls: Obscene Acts

It shall be unlawful for any person to do any obscene act in any public place, or to write obscene language or to make obscene markings or drawings on any public or private buildings, or on streets or sidewalks. Penalty, see *10.10.

20.07 Disturbing Public Meeting

It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb any public meeting, place of public entertainment or amusement, or to disturb such a place by loud talking, whistling, using indecent language, or in any other unseemingly manner, or to willfully obstruct the entrance way to the meeting or willfully impede the ingress or egress of those seeking to attend or depart from such a place in the town. Penalty, see *10.10.

20.08 Firearms and Fireworks

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to fire off or discharge any firearms.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot with a bow and arrow, or to shoot missiles of any description from slings, spring guns, or instruments of any kind.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any type of fireworks.
*(added January 8, 2015) Penalty, see *10.10*

20.09 Town Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Centers

Entering during closed hours prohibited; Rules and regulations for operation.

- A. When the Town Council has established the hour of the day the town's public parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers shall be opened and closed to the public use and shall have caused the hours of opening and closing to be posted in a conspicuous place at the respective parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers, it shall be unlawful for anyone to go upon the premises of the parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers during the time when they are closed to the public use.
- B. When the Town Council has established rules and regulations pertaining to the use and operation of the town's parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers, and shall have caused the rules and regulations to be posted in a conspicuous place at the respective parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers, it shall be unlawful for anyone to disobey those rules and regulations. Penalty, see *10.10.

20.10 Noise Regulated

The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise in violation of this section; but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive.

- A. The playing of any radio, phonograph, or other musical instrument in such a manner or which such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any persons in any dwelling, or other type of residence.
- B. The use of any drum, loudspeakers, or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by creation of noise to any performance, show, or display of merchandise, except with a permit from the police department.

20.11 Operation of Vehicles Within the Park

It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle (on road or off road type) within the park except for areas so designated.

Animals and Fowl

30.01 Running at Large

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any animal, fowl, or bird owned or controlled by him or in his custody to run or be at large in the town. Penalty, see *10.10.

30.02 Conditions for Keeping Horses

- ~~A. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or allow to be kept, harbor or allow to be harbored, maintain or allow to be maintained, any horse, mule, jackass, or jenny in jurisdictional limits of the town within 400 feet of any adjacent property owner's building, house, or structure occupied by persons for the purpose of residence.~~
- ~~B. Any person keeping or allowing to be kept, harboring or allowed to be harbored, maintaining or allowing to be maintained, any horse, mule, jackass, or jenny within the jurisdictional limits of the town in a place or area more than 400 feet distant from any building, house, or structure occupied by persons for residential purposes, or otherwise, shall keep, harbor, and maintain the same in strict and absolute compliance with all rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Board of Health of Stanly County, The Board of Health of the State, and The Town Council by ordinance or otherwise. Penalty, see 10.10.~~

See Zoning Ordinance section 4-17(M)(3) – adopted December 2, 2010.

30.03 Conditions for Keeping Cattle

- ~~A. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or allow to be kept, graze or allow to be grazed, house or allow to be housed, any cow, bull, steer, or cattle of any kind, nature, or description in the limits of the town within 400 feet of any building or house occupied for purpose of residence.~~
- ~~B. Any person keeping or allowing to be kept, grazing or allowing to be grazed, housing or allowing to be housed, an cow, bull, steer, or cattle of any nature or description within the limits of the town in a place or area more than 400 feet distant from any building or house occupied for residential purpose shall keep, graze, and house the same in strict compliance with all rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Board of Health of Stanly County, The Board of Health of the State, and The Town Council. Penalty, see 10.10.~~

See Zoning Ordinance section 4-17(M)(1) cows – adopted December 2, 2010.

30.04 Conditions to Keeping Fowl

All persons owning or controlling or having in their custody any fowl in the town shall keep the fowl confined in a pen or enclosure on their premises. All pens and enclosures shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Penalty, see *10.10.

30.05 Male Goats Not to be Kept

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain, or harbor any male goat within the town. Penalty, see *10.10.

30.06 Hogs Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to raise, keep, or maintain any hogs within the town. Penalty, see *10.10.

30.07 Conditions to Keeping Dogs

A dog owner shall keep his dog under restraint at all times. Penalty, see *10.10.

30.08 Licensing of Dogs

The owner shall keep on the dog, at all times when the dog is not inside a private building, a collar or harness, and the tag issued by The Stanly County Tax Collector shall be affixed to the collar or harness in such a manner that the tag can be easily seen. Penalty, see *10.10.

30.09 Care of Dogs

The owner of a dog shall provide it with humane shelter from heat, cold, rain, wind, and snow, and shall give it food and water adequate to keep the animal in good health and comfort. Doghouses and kennels must be soundly constructed, dry, and provided in cold weather with clean bedding. All dogs must be given opportunity for vigorous daily exercise and must be provided by their owners with veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering. No owner shall permit a dog habitually to bark, howl or in other ways to be a public nuisance. Penalty, see *10.10.

30.10 Impoundment of Dogs

If the dog is impounded in the Stanly County Dog Pound it then becomes the responsibility of the county, and its further disposition shall be under the applicable county or state laws. All boarding, releases, or adoption fees shall be paid to Stanly County. Penalty, see *10.10.

30.11 Confinement of Female Dogs in Heat

The owner shall confine any female dog in heat within a building, in such a manner that the dog will not be accessible to other dogs except for planned breeding and will not attract male dogs. Penalty, see *10.10.

30.12 Vicious and Wild Animals

“*Vicious Animal*” – any animal whose owner or keeper knows, or reasonably should know, has a propensity to attack a person by biting or in any manner causing injury or the reasonable likelihood of injury; or, one which has a propensity to habitually or repeatedly attack livestock or other domestic animals. This definition shall not apply to any animal which bites, attacks, or attempts to attack any person or animal unlawfully present upon the premises, or which is provoked to attack.

“*Wild Animal*” – any animal which can normally be found in a wild state; those feral, exotic, dangerous, or non-domestic animals which generally do not live in or about the habitation of humans, including, but not limited to, lion, tigers, leopards, wildcats, bear, deer, and the like.

30.13 Unlawful

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, possess, or in any way maintain a wild or vicious animal within the corporate limits of the town. After a determination by the designated agent or employee of the town that a particular animal is wild or vicious, the owner or keeper of the animal shall have it humanely destroyed, or otherwise remove it from within the corporate limits of the town.

Any person who owns or keeps an animal which has been declared wild or vicious shall have the right to appeal this decision to the Town Council. The Town Council or their representative shall conduct an informal hearing to determine whether the animal is wild or vicious. If the animal is judged not to be wild or vicious, it shall be returned to the owner. *(added January 8, 2015) Penalty, see *10.10*

30.14 Enforcement

~~*(deleted January 8, 2015)*–Violation of this subchapter shall also constitute a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by a fine not to exceed \$50.00, or imprisonment of not more than 30 days, as provided in G.S. 14-4.~~

30.15 Proper Disposal of Dog Solid Waste in Stanfield Town Parks

(added February 2014)

No person who owns, possesses or controls any dog shall appear with such dog in any park without the means of removal of any solid waste left by such dog. Furthermore, no person who owns, possesses or controls such dog shall appear in any park without the means of removal of any solid waste left by said dog. If any dog shall defecate within the park boundaries the owner of said dog shall immediately remove from the property

all feces deposited by said dog. If such feces are not removed, and if walking a dog without the proper means of sanitary removal, then the owner of said dog shall be deemed in violation of this Ordinance. Exception: Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose. (*amended January 8, 2015*) ~~Enforcement shall be in accordance with 30.14 which states violation of this subchapter shall also constitute a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by a fine not to exceed \$50.00, or imprisonment of not more than 30 days, as provided in G.S.14-4.~~

Stanfield Municipal Ordinance for Parades, Marches, and Demonstrations

40.01 Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

“Block” – that portion of any street lying between its intersections with other streets.

“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 the persons, or of or on behalf of any organization or class of persons, or for the purpose of attracting of the assembly.

“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 on the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, parks, or other public grounds or places.

“Picket line” – any two or more persons formed together for the purpose of making known any position or promotion of the persons, or on behalf of any organization or class of persons.

40.02 Permit Required

It shall be unlawful for any person to organize, conduct, or participate in any parade, picket line, or group demonstration in or on any street, sidewalk, alley or other public place within the town unless a permit therefore has been issued by the Town in accordance with the provision of this chapter. Penalty, see *10.10.

40.03 Requirements and Issuance of Permits

The Town Clerk or their designee shall issue permits as required in *40.02, and in the issuance thereof they shall do the following;

Request for a permit must be submitted to the Town Clerk at least 7 days before a regular meeting of the Town Council and 30 days before the requested date of the march and/or parade.

The following information is to be in the request:

- ❖ Name of organization
- ❖ Name, address and phone number of the person responsible for making the request.
- ❖ Purpose for the march and/or parade.
- ❖ Date and time for the march and/or parade to begin and end. Rain date if needed.
- ❖ Requested route.
- ❖ Approximate number of persons and units to be in the march and/or parade
- ❖ List of units to be used in the march and/or parade such as animals, vehicles and any other mode of transportation.
- ❖ A waiver must be filed, signed by the applicant requesting the permit, releasing and saving the town and its employees harmless from any claims, actions and lawsuits, arising out of the conduct of the march and/or parade.

Approval or Denial:

The council may approve or deny the request or any part of the request. The council will advise the applicant of its decision within 7 days after the council meeting. Each request stands on its own and another request can be made in accordance with the above.

Responsibility:

Upon approval and 7 days before the scheduled date, the applicant must sign a Statement of Responsibility making the applicant liable for any expenses incurred by the town for, or as a result of, the march and/or parade.

Require that the application for a permit specify whether or not minors below the age of 18 years will be permitted to participate.

Require that the application for a permit shall specify and permit shall designate the person in charge of the activity. The person shall be required to accompany the parade, picket line, or group demonstration and shall carry the permit with him at that time. The permit shall not be valid in the possession of any other person. Penalty, see *10.10.

40.04 Standards

The Town Clerk shall not issue a permit for the proposed parade if they find:

- A. The parades, picket lines, or group demonstrations are to commence before 6:00 am or terminate after 8:00 pm.
- B. The parades or group demonstrations are 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 Town Clerk or their designee.
- C. The conduct of the parade will substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its route.
- D. The conduct of the parade will require the diversion of so great a number of police officers of the town to properly police the line of movement of the parade and of contiguous areas so that adequate police protection cannot be provided to the remainder of the town.
- E. The conduct of the parade will require the diversion of so great a number of ambulances so that adequate ambulance service to portions of the town not occupied by the parade and contiguous areas will be prevented.
- F. The concentration of persons, animals, and vehicles at assembly points of the parade will substantially interfere with adequate fire and police protection of, or ambulance service to, areas contiguous to the assembly areas.
- G. The conduct of the parade is reasonably likely to result in violence to persons or property causing serious harm to the public.
- H. The parade is to be held for the primary purpose of advertising a product, good, or event, and is designed to be held primarily for private profit.
- I. The conduct of the parade will interfere with the movement of firefighting equipment to such an extent that adequate fire protection cannot be provided to the Town.

40.05 Certain 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.

- 1. The carrying on or about 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.
- 2. The taking or keeping of any dog or other vicious animal, whether leashed or unleashed. Penalty, see *10.10.

40.06 Revocation of Permit

The Town Clerk and/or Chief of Police shall revoke any permit granted for a parade, picket line, or group demonstration for the violation by any participant of *40.05, or the failure of any participant to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit.

40.07 Interference Prohibited

No person shall hamper, obstruct, impede, or interfere with any parade, picket line, or group demonstration being conducted under authority of a permit duly issued by the Town Clerk.
*(added January 8, 2015) Penalty, see *10.10*

40.08 Additional Regulations Applicable to Picketing

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

1. Picketing may be conducted only on the sidewalks reserved for pedestrian movement, and may not be conducted on the portion of a street used primarily for vehicular traffic.
2. Not more than ten pickets promoting the same objective shall be permitted to use either of the two sidewalks within a single block at any one time.
3. Pickets may carry written or printed placards or signs not to exceed two feet in width and two feet in length promoting the objective for which the picketing is done; provided, the words used are not derogatory or defamatory in nature.
4. Pickets must march in single file and not abreast and must not march closer together than 15 feet, except in passing one another. Penalty, see *10.10.

40.09 Exceptions

This subchapter shall not apply to funeral processions; Governmental agencies acting within the scope of their functions; or students going to and from classes or participating in educational activities under the immediate supervision of the proper school authority.

Offenses Against Public Peace and Safety

50.01 Begging Without Permit; Exception

It shall be unlawful for any person to beg on any street or in any public building unless a permit to do so has been obtained. This section is not applicable to persons soliciting for any religious or charitable organization. Penalty, see *10.10.

50.02 Solicitation

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit alms in public place by offering for sale any article or merchandise. Penalty, see *10.10.~~

Adopted November 2, 2006

A. Prohibited Acts

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon any privately-owned premise or business without permission or invitation of the owner or occupant of such premise or business for the purpose of soliciting orders for immediate or future delivery of goods, wares, merchandise, or services, including the taking of subscriptions for magazines and the procuring of applications and contracts, without first receiving a permit issued by either the Chief of Police or Town Clerk.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person holding a permit to fail to display the permit and identification upon demand of a police officer while engaged in soliciting in town.
3. It is unlawful for persons authorized to work for a permit-holder to fail to display a copy of the permit and recognized state identification upon demand of a police officer while engaged in soliciting in the town. A person working for a permit-holder shall be listed as an authorized person on the face of the permit.
4. It shall be unlawful to conduct any business as listed in this division during the hours between 8:00 pm and 8:00 am. Penalty, see *10.10.

B. Exceptions

Charitable organizations as defined in NC General Statute 131F-2(2) and 131F-2(3), churches, schools, civic organizations and similar neighborhood associations performing fund-raising activities for their organization are exempt from the requirements of this chapter.

C. Issuance of Permit

1. The Town Clerk shall issue a permit to the applicant within five working days of filing the application if it is determined that the applicant has complied with the provisions of this chapter and proposes to engage in a lawful commercial or professional enterprise.
2. The permit will be a letter on Town of Stanfield letterhead signed by the Town Clerk. The applicant, agent or employee must carry a copy of this letter along with an approved state identification card with a photograph at all times while engaged in business. The employee or agent's name must appear on the initial application and will be included on the letter.
3. The permit and identification must be displayed upon demand of any police officer.

D. Denial or Revocation of Permit

1. Any applicant denied a permit will be mailed a letter within five working days, after making application, stating the reason for denial. Denial will be made if it is determined that provisions of this chapter have not been met or the applicant does not propose to engage in a lawful commercial or professional enterprise. Conviction of criminal offenses by the applicant or principals in the business which indicate a

propensity for violence, theft, fraud or similar offenses may be cause for denial or a permit.

2. The Town Clerk or the Chief of Police may revoke a permit issued under this chapter when there is any factual basis that doing so would be in the best interest of the health, safety, welfare or morals of the public. The Chief of Police or the Town Clerk shall mail a letter to the address listed for the applicant on the application notifying them of the reason for revocation.

E. Term of Permit; Renewal

A permit shall be issued for the period of 24 hours. Upon expiration of the permit, the applicant may apply for a renewal of the permit on a form designated by the Town Clerk which shall indicate what changes, if any, have occurred since the date the original application was completed. The Chief of Police and the Town Clerk may renew the permit for an additional term not to exceed 24 hours.

F. Transfer of Permit

A permit issued under this chapter is not transferable. Penalty, See *10:10

50.03 Disturbing Church Services

It shall be unlawful for any number of persons to congregate and remain on the outside of any church or other place of public worship to the annoyance, disturbance, or inconvenience of the people worshipping on the inside. Penalty, see *10.10.

50.04 Disturbing Public Meetings

It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb any public meeting, place of public entertainment or amusement, or to disturb such a place by loud talking, whistling, using indecent language, or in any other unseemingly manner, or to willfully obstruct the entranceway to the meeting or willfully impede the ingress or egress of those seeking to attend or depart from such a place in the Town. Penalty, See *10.10.

50.05 Firearms and Fireworks

- ~~A. It shall be unlawful for any person to fire off or discharge any firearm.~~
- ~~B. It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot with bow and arrow, or to shoot missiles of any description from slings, spring guns, or instruments of any kind.~~

Adopted November 2, 2006

A. Regard for Safety By Persons Discharging FIREARMS

Each person discharging a firearm is responsible for exhibiting reasonable regard for the safety and property of other persons and for discharging the firearm in such a manner as to

assure that all projectiles come to rest safely within the boundary or boundaries of the property or properties on which the person is authorized to be shooting.

B. Discharging FIREARMS Prohibited; Exception

1. Except as provided in division (2) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm other than a shotgun or black powder rifle. A person discharging a shotgun or black powder rifle shall be restricted to the use of ammunition and load whose combined ballistic characteristics make it incapable of firing in excess of one thousand (1,000) feet and shall not be discharged within one thousand (1,000) feet of any of the following:
 - ❖ A dwelling house;
 - ❖ A school;
 - ❖ A church;
 - ❖ Any other type of building, while occupied;
 - ❖ A public or private park or recreation area;
 - ❖ Any other type of public gathering place;
 - ❖ Any domestic livestock not belonging to him or her unless such person has on his or her person written permission for such activity from the owner of the livestock.
2. Division (1) of this section shall not apply to any of the following:
 - a. A rifle, pistol, skeet or trap range operated by a recognized gun club or by a law enforcement agency, which firing range is substantially in accordance with specifications, as they currently exist or may hereafter be amended, promulgated by the National Rifle Association or by an equivalent nationally recognized Firearms safety authority for the type and caliber of Firearms being fired.
 - b. A person target shooting on his or her own property (or on another's property if he or she has on his or her person written permission for the activity from the owner of the property) exhibiting reasonable regard for the safety and property of other person.
 - c. Such person is using a backstop substantially in accordance with specifications, as they currently exist or may hereafter be amended, promulgated by the National Rifle Association or any equivalent nationally recognized Firearms safety organizations for the type and caliber of Firearms being fired; and
 - d. Such person has on his or her person written permission for such activity from all persons owning any of the types of places or structures listed in division (A) of this section which are located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the target shooting activity.
 - e. A person hunting with a shotgun on his or her own property (or on another's property if he or she has on his or her person written permission for the activity from the owner of the property) and exhibiting reasonable regard for the safety and property of other persons and if such person has on his or her person written permission for such activity from all persons owning any of the types of places or structures listed in division (1) of this section which are located within three hundred (300) feet of the hunting activity, or
 - f. A person hunting with a center fire rifle not less than ten (10) feet from any ground level surface (i.e. from a tree stand or any other elevated climbing device) on his or her own property (or on another's property if he or she has on his or her person

written permission for the activity from the owner of the property) and exhibiting reasonable regard for the safety and property of other persons and if such person has on his or her person written permission for such activity from all persons owning any of the types of places or structures listed in division (1) of this section which are located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the hunting activity.

- g. Law Enforcement officer, Animal Control officers or members of the armed forces discharging Firearms in the line of duty.
- h. Persons discharging Firearms for the purpose of shooting or killing any dangerous animal or reptile; a person discharging a firearm in self-defense.

C. Firing of Automatic FIREARMS prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to fire any firearm in a fully automatic mode except on a firing range operated by a recognized gun club or law enforcement agency, which firing range is substantially in accordance with specifications promulgated by the National Rifle Association or by an equivalent nationally recognized firearms safety authority for the firing of a fully automatic firearm of the type and caliber being fired. Such person firing a firearm in a fully automatic mode must have on his or her person the necessary documentation showing that the firearm is properly registered with the federal government and that the person has the proper federal license to possess such firearm.

D. Enforcement

North Carolina wildlife officers (Wildlife Protectors) are authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter. Penalty, see *10.10.

50.06 Playing Games in Street

It shall be unlawful for any person to play ball in any manner or engage in any game of any kind calculated to damage glass windows or other property on the public streets or alleys within the Town. Penalty, see *10.10.

50.07 Soliciting Subscriptions on Street

It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit newspaper, magazine, or map subscriptions on the streets of the town without filing with the Town Clerk. Penalty, see *10.10.

~~50.08 Restriction on Use of Coasters, Roller Skates~~

~~No person on roller skates or riding in any coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device, shall go upon any roadway, other than a street set aside as a play street, unless it be while crossing a street at a crosswalk or intersection. Penalty, see *10.10.~~

Adopted August 5, 2010

50.08 Skateboards, Roller Skates, Coasters and the Like

- A. No person shall ride or use any roller skates, coaster, toy vehicle, skateboard or similar devices within the town limits on any sidewalk or main street to include Hwy 200, Big Lick Road, West Stanly Street, North and South Love Chapel Road and shall not impede nor obstruct traffic on any street at any time.
- B. No Person shall ride or drive a bicycle upon the sidewalks within the town limits.
- C. (amended January 8, 2015) *Penalty, see *10.10* ~~Penalty; any person violating any provision of this ordinance and in accordance with G.S. 160A-175, and unless this code provides otherwise, violation of any provision hereof shall be a class 3 misdemeanor as provided in G.S. 14-4, punishable by a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for every offense thereafter. Fines shall be paid to the Town of Stanfield within 30 days of the citation date. Failure to pay shall subject the responsible person to civil actions and all associated costs and actions as prescribed in G.S. 160A-175.~~

50.09 Town Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Centers; Entering During Closed Hours Prohibited; Rule and Regulations for Operation

- A. When the Town Council has established the hours of the day the town's public parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers shall be opened and closed to the public use and shall have caused the hours of opening and closing to be posted in a conspicuous place at the respective parks, playground, and recreation centers, it shall be unlawful for anyone to go upon the premises of the parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers during the time when they are closed to the public use.
- B. When the Town Council has established rules and regulations pertaining to the use and operation of the town's public parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers, and shall have caused the rules and regulations to be posted in a conspicuous place at the respective parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers, it shall be unlawful for anyone to disobey those rules and regulations. *Penalty, see *10.10.*

50.10 Noise Regulated

- A. The creation of any unreasonable loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise in the town is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity, and duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual is prohibited.

- B. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this section; but this enumeration shall be not deemed to be exclusive.
1. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control, or if in motion only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonable loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of the device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.
 2. The use of any gong or siren on any vehicle other than police, fire, or other emergency vehicle.
 3. The playing of any radio, phonograph, or other musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any persons in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence.
 4. The keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity.
 5. The use of any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle so out of repair, so loaded, or in such manner as to create loud or unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise.
 6. The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of danger.
 7. The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal-combustion engine, or motor vehicle or motor boat engine except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noise therefrom.
 8. The use of any mechanical device operated by compressed air unless the noise created thereby is effectively muffled and reduced.
 9. The erection (including excavating), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building in a residential or business district other than between the hours of 7:00 am and 6:00 pm on weekdays, except in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of the public safety and then only with a permit from the Town Clerk, which permit may be renewed for a period of three days or less while the emergency continues.
 10. The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning while the same is in session.
 11. The creation of any excessive noise on Sundays on any street adjacent to any church, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in the street adjacent to church indicating that they are a Church Street.
 12. The creation of loud and excessive noise in connection with loading or unloading of any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates, and containers.
 13. The sounding of any bell or gong attached to any building or premises which disturb the quiet or repose of persons in the vicinity thereof.
 14. The shouting and crying of peddlers, barkers, hawkers, and vendors which disturbs the quiet and peace of the neighborhood.

15. The use of any drum, loudspeaker, or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by creation of noise to any performance, show, or sale or display of merchandise, except with a permit from the Town Clerk.
16. The use of any mechanical loudspeakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving vehicles for advertising or other purposes except where specific permit is received from the Town Clerk.
17. The conducting, operating, or maintaining of any garage or filling station in any residential district so as to cause loud or offensive noises to be emitted therefrom between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am.
18. The firing or discharging of a gun, squibs, crackers, gunpowder, or other combustible substance in the street or elsewhere for the purpose of making noise or disturbance, except by permit from the Town Clerk.
19. The maintenance and operation of radios, amplifiers, phonographs, or other mechanical instruments or device of any kind whereby the sound therefrom is cast directly upon the street or other public places, where the noise is disturbing to the public. Penalty, see *10.10.

50.11 Loitering for the Purpose of Engaging in Drug-related Activity

- A. For the purposes of this section, “Public Peace” means any street, sidewalk, bridge, alley or alleyway, plaza, park, driveway, parking lot or transportation facility, or the doorways and entranceways to any building which fronts on any of those places, or a motor vehicle in or on any of those places, or any property owned by the Town.
- B. For the purpose of this section, a “known unlawful drug user, possessor, or seller” is a person who has, within the knowledge of the arresting officer, been convicted in any court within this state of any violation involving the use, possession or sale of any of the substances referred to in the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act, G.S. Chapter 90, Article 5, or has been convicted of any violation of any substantially similar laws of any political subdivision of this state or any other state or federal law.
- C. It shall be unlawful for a person to remain or wander about in a public place in a manner and under circumstance manifesting the purpose to engage in a violation of any subdivision of the North Carolina controlled Substance Act, G.S. Chapter 90, Article 5. Such circumstances shall include:
 1. Repeatedly beckoning to, stopping or attempting to stop passers-by, or repeatedly attempting to engage passers-by in conversation.
 2. Repeatedly stopping or attempting to stop motor vehicles.
 3. Repeatedly interfering with the free passage of other persons.
 4. Such person is a known unlawful drug user, possessor, or seller.
 5. Such person behaves in such a manner as to raise a reasonable suspicion that he or she is about to engage in or is engaging in any unlawful drug-related activity.
 6. Such person repeatedly passes to or receives from passers-by, whether on foot or in a vehicle, money or objects.
 7. Such person takes flight upon the approach or appearance of a police officer.

8. Such person is at a location frequented by persons who use, possess, or sell drugs.
9. Any vehicle involved is registered to a known unlawful drug user, possessor, or seller, or is known to be or have been involved in drug-related activities. Penalty, see *10.10.

50.12 Regulation of Smoking in Local Municipal Buildings

1. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings that the Town owns, operates, manages or controls. Penalty, see *10.10
2. (deleted January 8, 2015) ~~Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$25.00 to the Town Clerk within 72 hours after receiving a citation for violation. Any unpaid civil penalties shall be collected by means of a civil action in the nature of debt.~~
3. This ordinance shall be effective on October 8, 1993.

Streets, and Sidewalks and Other Real Property Interests of the Town

(Amended December 5, 2015 unless otherwise noted)

60.01 Permit to Dig in Streets

No person shall make any excavation or opening, or dig any ditch, trench, or tunnel, or hole in, along, across, or under any street, sidewalk, *right of way, easement, or other real property owned by the Town*, or other public place for any other purposes, unless a written permit therefore has been issued by the Town. A permit shall not be required where the work is performed under a contract with the Town, but in the event the work requires a sidewalk or street to be wholly or partially obstructed, the person shall notify the Town, and/or the Police Department at least two hours before obstructing the sidewalk or street, unless prevented by sudden emergency. Penalty, see *10.10.

60.02 Application for Permit

All persons desiring a permit in order to make an opening in any street, or sidewalk, *right of way, easement, other real property owned by the Town* shall make a written application therefore, which application shall show the location of the proposed opening, the purpose therefore, and the approximate number of square yards of surface to be cut. The application shall be accompanied by the fee required by this section. The fee required for making any opening in any street or sidewalk shall be according to a fee schedule for the permits, established by the Town Council, which is hereby adopted as though set out in full herein. Penalty, see *10.10.

60.03 City Indemnified

Any person obtaining a permit as provided for in *60.01 and *60.02 agrees, as a condition of the issuance of the permit, to indemnify and hold harmless the Town against any claims or expense, including attorney's fee, for bodily injury or property damage for accidents or occurrences arising out of the person's operations, excluding only the liability of the Town for its sole negligence except in connection with general supervision of work performed by the person. Penalty, see *10.10.

60.04 Street Repair

When any part of any street, sidewalk, alley, right of way, easement, other real property owned by the Town or other public place, of the Town shall be torn or dug up for any purpose, the person making the excavation or opening shall have the duty of refilling the excavation or opening so as to restore it to essentially the same condition that existed prior to the excavation or opening. The refilling shall be done in accordance with Town standards and specifications. Any person, firm or corporation neglecting, refusing or failing to comply with any provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation. Penalty, see *10.10.

60.05 Excavations; Leaving Unprotected

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation who obtains a permit under the provisions of this subchapter to do any excavation of any kind which may create or cause a dangerous condition in or near any street, alley, sidewalk, *right of way, easement, other real property owned by the Town* or public place of the Town without placing and maintaining proper guard rails, signal lights or other warning at, in or around the excavation, sufficient to warn the public of the excavation or work, and to protect all persons using reasonable care from injuries on account of the work. Penalty, see *10.10.

60.06 Supervision and Control

All excavation and work in streets, sidewalks, alley or public places of the Town shall be under the supervision and control of the Town Council, *or any person designated by the Town Council*, whose duty it shall be to inspect the work from time to time during the progress thereof. Upon completion thereof, a final inspection shall be made to see that the street, sidewalk, *right of way, easement, other real property owned by the Town* or public place is restored to a condition as good in all respects as before the excavation or work was made or done, and that all debris, materials, tools and equipment are removed therefrom. All persons refusing or failing to comply with any provision of this section shall be in violation thereof. Penalty, see *10.10.

60.07 Streets Not to be Damaged

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to drag or run, or cause to be dragged or run, any harrow or other implement, engine, machine or tool on any asphalt, bithulitic, warrenite or ~~other type~~ *damage in any way any of* permanently paved street, *right of way, easement, other real property owned by the Town of the town* which shall be liable in any way to injure or cut the surface thereof. It shall also be unlawful to injure any dirt street, *right of way, easement, other real property owned by the Town* in the same manner. Penalty, see *10.10.

60.08 Placing of Poles

No poles for electric, telegraph, telephone or other purposes shall be placed or erected in any street, *right of way, easement, other real property owned by the Town* without a permit therefore from the Town. Penalty, see *10.10.

60.09 Use of Poles and Conduits for City Purposes

One duct in all underground conduit systems shall be provided, free of charge, for Town police or fire alarm telegraph systems when required, and the Town shall have the use of any and all poles on streets, *right of way, easement, other real property owned by the Town* for the same purpose.

60.10 Barricades

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person ~~to drive any vehicle~~ *to cross or enter any barricaded area* into or on any alley or street, *right of way, easement, other real property owned by the Town* when the alley or street has been barricaded by any employee of the Town *or pursuant to a permit issued by the Town*.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person other than an employee of the Town *or employee of a person or entity holding a permit issued by the Town*, to remove, tear down, alter or destroy any barricade *across any street, alley, right of way, easement, or other real property owned by the Town* which has been erected by the Town *or pursuant to a permit issued by the Town*. Penalty, see *10.10.

60.11 Obstructing Streets or Other Real Property Subject to an Interest of the Town

It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct any street, sidewalk, alley, public road, ~~or~~ public square, *right of way, easement, other real property owned by the Town* without the permission of the Town Council, *or other person designated by the Town Council*, or to occupy not more

than one-half the width of the street *while traveling*. (added January 8, 2015) *Penalty, see *10.10*

60.12 Spitting, Defacing Walls, Throwing Refuse on Sidewalks

It shall be unlawful to spit on the floor or walls of the post office or other public building or deface the walls in any way, or spit on any of the sidewalks of the Town or throw trash or refuse on any sidewalk, *right of way, easement, other real property owned by the Town*.
Penalty, see *10.10.

60.13 Encroachments

- A. *Encroachment means all items of privately owned personal property affixed, connected attached, abandoned or fastened to or upon any public street, sidewalk, right of way, easement, or other real property owned by the Town.*
- B. *The Mayor or any other person designated by him in writing is authorized but not required to execute right of way encroachment agreements with persons, firms or corporations seeking to use rights of way originally obtained for the benefit of the town. This authority shall not be interpreted as conferring any right, title, or interest of the town to the person, firm or corporation seeking the encroachment against the interest of the owner of the subservient real property.*

Parking Regulations

70.01 Parking Within Parking Space

All vehicles shall be parked completely inside marked spaces and shall not extend over the parking lane into the traffic lane or extend the front or rear of the vehicle beyond the starting or ending marks of the space into the adjacent parking space or maneuvering space.
Adopted August 5, 1993.

70.02 Standing or Parking Close to Curb

No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle within 12 inches of the curb or edge of the roadway, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

70.03 Angle Parking

Upon those streets which have been marked for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by the signs or markings.

70.04 Lights on Parked Vehicles

Any lighted headlamps on a parked vehicle shall be depressed, dimmed or turned off. The displaying of lights on a vehicle, when lawfully parked at night on a street, shall not be required when there is sufficient light to reveal any person within a distance of 200 feet from the street.

70.05 Stopping in Street

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to stop the vehicle in or on any street, except for the purpose of parking as provided in this chapter, unless the stop is necessary by the approach of fire apparatus; by the stopping of a public conveyance; by the reason of traffic signals, in the exercise of the rights of turning at an intersection or upon entering an intersection; by the passing of another vehicle; for a pedestrian, by reason of any emergency, or by order of a police officer.

70.06 Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited

- A. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:
1. On a sidewalk
 2. In front of a public or private driveway
 3. Within an intersection
 4. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
 5. On a crosswalk
 6. Within 12 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection unless signs or markings indicate a lesser distance
 7. Within 30 feet upon the approach of any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway.
 8. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless signs or markings indicate a different length
 9. Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing. However, where permanent structures are located closer than 50 feet, parking is permitted in front

- of the structures unless otherwise prohibited and if the parked vehicle will not block the view in either direction of locomotive or train
10. Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station, and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of the entrance
 11. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic
 12. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street
 13. On a bridge or other elevated structure on a highway or within a highway tunnel
 14. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping
 15. On any part of the paved portion of any street, the width of the paved portion of which is 18 feet or less

B. No person shall move a vehicle, not lawfully under his control, into any prohibited area or away from a curb the distance as is unlawful.

70.07 Parking Parallel to Curb

In residential areas and other areas where parking spaces are not marked on the pavement and not designated as no parking zones, all vehicles shall be parked parallel to the curb or the edge of the pavement as far to the right of the center line as possible, leaving at least 22 feet of clear unobstructed roadway for the safe passage of other vehicles. At no time may a vehicle be parked directly across the street from another vehicle unless there will be 22 feet of roadway open between the two vehicles.

70.08 Parking in Alleys

No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway from the free movement of vehicular traffic. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within an alley, in such a position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property.

70.09 Displaying, Washing, Repairing or Storing Vehicles

It shall be unlawful for any person to stand or park a vehicle on any street for the principal purposes of the following:

- A. Displaying for sale
- B. Weighing, greasing or repairing the vehicle, except repairs made necessary by a bona-fide emergency
- C. Storing by garages, dealers or other persons when the storing is not incident to the bona-fide use of the operation of the automobile or other vehicle
- D. Storing of any detached trailer or van when the towing unit has been disconnected
- E. Transferring merchandise or freight from one vehicle to another
- F. Advertising

70.10 Standing or Parking on One-Way Roadways

In the event a highway includes two or more separate roadways and traffic is restricted to one direction on either roadway, no person shall stand or park a vehicle on the left-hand side of the one-way roadway unless signs are erected to permit the standing or parking.

70.11 Hazardous or Congested Places

When official signs are erected at hazardous or congested places, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in the designated place.

70.12 Moving Vehicle of Another to Prohibited Place

No person shall move a vehicle not owned or controlled by that person into any prohibited area, or sufficiently away from a curb to make the parking unlawful.

70.13 Prohibited Parking at All Times on Certain Streets

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at any time on any of the streets described as such.

70.14 Prohibited Parking at Certain Times on Certain Streets

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle during prohibited times on any of the streets described as such.

70.15 Limited Parking on Certain Streets

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than the times specified within the district or on any of the streets described as such.

70.16 Parking by Handicapped Persons

When signs are erected giving notice of a handicapped person parking space, all persons other than those persons handicapped as defined in G.S. 20-37.5 are prohibited from parking a vehicle in any parking space described as such.

Loading and Unloading

70.17 Permits for Loading or Unloading at Angle to Curb

The Chief of Police is authorized to issue special permits to permit the backing of a vehicle to the curb for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise or materials subject to the terms and conditions of the permit. The permit may be issued either to the owner or lessee of real property or to the owner of the vehicle, and shall grant to the person the privilege as therein stated and authorized herein. It shall be unlawful for any permittee or other person to violate any of the special terms or conditions of the permit.

70.18 Loading and Unloading Zones

Whenever vehicle loading and unloading zones are designated and described by this chapter, and when signs are placed, erected, or installed, giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park any vehicle for any purpose or period of time except in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

70.19 School Loading Zones

The streets, or parts thereof, designated as school zones regulations are: No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle therein for any purpose other than the expeditious loading or unloading of school passengers, and then only for a period not to exceed ten minutes.

70.20 Commercial Loading Zones

The streets and parts thereof, designated as commercial loading and unloading zones are regulated that no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle therein during the hours of 7:00 am to 6:00 pm except on Sundays or holidays, for any purpose other than the expeditious unloading and delivery or pick-up and loading of materials and goods, and then only for a period not to exceed 15 minutes.

Administration and Enforcement

70.21 Parking Signs Required

Whenever by this or any other chapter, any parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited in designated streets, there shall be appropriate signs giving notice thereof. No parking regulations shall be effective unless the signs are erected and in place at the time of any alleged offense.

70.22 Notice of Illegal Parking: Duty of Police

If any vehicle shall be found parked in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police or other police officers of the town to attach to the vehicle a notice to the owner or operator thereof, if the owner or operator is absent or to deliver to the owner or operator, if he is present, a notice to the effect that the vehicle has been parked in violation of a provision of this ordinance and directing the owner or operator to report to the town office in regard to the violation.

70.23 Operator to Comply with Ordinance: Effect of Proof of Ownership

The person actually operating or in control of the operation of the vehicle at the time that the vehicle is parked shall be charged with the duty of complying with the provisions of this ordinance; provided, that proof of ownership of any vehicle found parked in violation of this ordinance shall be prima-facie evidence that the owner parked the vehicle.

70.24 Impoundment

- A. Police officers are hereby authorized to remove a vehicle from a street or highway to the nearest garage or other place of safety, or to a garage designated or maintained by the Police Department or otherwise maintained by the city, under the circumstances enumerated below:
 - 1. When any vehicle is left unattended on any bridge, viaduct or causeway, or in any other place where the vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic
 - 2. When a vehicle on a highway is so disabled as to constitute an obstruction to traffic and the person or persons in charge of the vehicle are by reason of physical injury incapacitated to such an extent as to be unable to provide for its custody or removal.
 - 3. When any parked vehicle is left unattended on a street and is parked illegally so as to constitute a definite hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic.
- B. Whenever an officer removes a vehicle from a street as authorized in division (A) above, and the officer knows or is able to ascertain from the registration records in the vehicle the name and address of the owner thereof, the officer shall immediately give or cause to be given notice to the owner of the fact of the removal and the reasons therefore and of the place to which the vehicle has been removed.

70.25 Penalty

An owner or operator of a vehicle may, within 5 days from the time the notice referred to in 70.22 was attached to the vehicle or delivered to the owner or operator, pay to the town, as a

civil penalty for the offense indicated in the notice, the sum of \$10.00, with the exception of handicapped parking violations being the sum of \$25.00. Failure of the owner or operator of the vehicle to appear and pay the penalty within 5 days shall subject the offender to the penalties provided in G.S. 14-4 (b).

Required Sewer Connection Ordinance

Adopted June 29, 1999

(see new Ordinance adopted March 2014 which supersedes all others)

Required sewer connection.

- A. The expression “sewer connection” shall be construed to mean the installing of one (1) 4-inch minimum sewer service lateral for each residence, together with an adequate water supply under pressure for the operation of the same. Apartment houses shall be serviced with one (1) 6-inch minimum sewer service lateral for each building. Schools, churches, theaters, mercantile establishments, industrial plants, and other places of similar character shall be equipped with plumbing appliances based on requirements of the North Carolina/ Town Building Code with sewer service lateral(s) of a minimum size of 6 inches.
- B. The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes, whether permanent or temporary, situated within the town and abutting on any street, alley, easement, or right-of-way in which there is now located or may be in the future, be located a public sanitary sewer or of the town, is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this article, within ninety (90) days after date official notice to do so, provided that said public sewer is located within three hundred (300) feet of the property line.

Connections to be made by town only.

Connections of sewer laterals and any other connections to the town’s sewer system or to any line which is to be dedicated to the town shall be done by the town or their authorized agents or representatives. In each case, the town’s responsibility shall be limited to the work between the sewer system and the right-of-way or property line of the property being served.

Septic tanks in sewer areas.

The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes, whether permanent or temporary, making a connection with a public sanitary sewer and upon which a septic tanks exists shall within ninety (90) days from the date of noticed served by the town or their authorized agents or representatives, fill or remove the septic tank according to procedures and practices approved by the town.

**~~Privilege License Tax Ordinance
Town of Stanfield, North Carolina~~**

Adopted November 1, 2001

(Deleted November 5, 2015 due to General Statute Amendment)

~~—PURSUANT TO authority conferred by N.C.G.S. Section 160A-211, and for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Stanfield;~~

~~—BE IT, AND IT IS, HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Stanfield, North Carolina, as follows;~~

~~Article I. General~~

~~1. **Definitions.** When used in this ordinance (unless the context required a different meaning):~~

- ~~a) “Person” includes any individual, trustee, executor, other fiduciary, corporation, unincorporated association, partnership, sole proprietorship, company, firm, or other legal entity.~~
- ~~b) “Business” includes each trade, occupation, profession, business, and franchise taxed under this ordinance.~~
- ~~c) A business is “seasonal” in nature when it is conducted for profit six months out of the year or less.~~

~~2. **Construction of this Ordinance.** This ordinance is enacted for revenue purposes only. Therefore, it should be construed to require payment of the maximum tax permitted under its terms. In addition, issuance of a license in accordance with this ordinance does not excuse a licensee from compliance with any other applicable ordinance or statute. This ordinance does not prevent the town from imposing license taxes on additional businesses, from increasing or decreasing the amount of any license tax or from regulating any business taxed.~~

~~Article II. Levy~~

~~3. **Levy of Tax.** An annual privilege license tax is hereby levied on each business conducted within the Town of Stanfield, pursuant to G.S. 160A-211, as follows:~~

After School Care	\$20.00
Antique Dealer	\$20.00
Auction Houses	\$10.00
Auto Racing Shop/Engine Rebuild	\$20.00

Auto Service Station	\$20.00
Automobile Body Shop (See Service Station)	\$12.50
Barber Shops (each operator)	\$2.50
Beauty Shops (each operator)	\$2.50
Bicycle Dealers	\$25.00
Boat & Outdoor Motor Sales	\$20.00
Book Stores	\$20.00
Bowling Alley (each alley)	\$10.00
Cabinet Manufacturing	\$20.00
Café	\$20.00
Campgrounds & Trailer Parks	\$25.00
Car Wash	\$20.00
Carnivals (per day)	\$10.00
Carpet & Floor Covering Sales	\$20.00
Clothing Store	\$20.00
Coal, Wood, Fuel Oil Dealers	\$20.00
Collection Agency	\$50.00
Construction & Building Contractors	\$10.00
Convenience Stores	\$20.00
Day Care	\$20.00
Department Store	\$20.00
Drug Store	\$20.00
Dry Cleaning & Laundry	\$50.00
Electronic Video Games (each machine)	\$100.00
Electronics Repair and Sales	\$20.00
Electrician	\$50.00
Employment Agency	\$100.00
Equipment Rental	\$20.00
Fabric & Cloth Shops	\$20.00
Feed Mills	\$20.00
Firearms Dealer	\$50.00
Florist	\$20.00
Funeral Homes	\$50.00
Furniture Manufacturing	\$20.00
Furniture Store	\$20.00
Gift Shop	\$20.00
Grocery & General Merchandise Store	\$20.00
Gypsies & Fortune Tellers (one week)	\$300.00
Hardware & Electrical Appliances Shop	\$20.00
Hobby Shops & Pet Shop	\$20.00
Hotel/Motel (per room) (\$50.00 maximum)	\$1.00
HVAC (Service)	\$50.00
Ice Cream/Snow Cone Stand	\$2.50

updated 2013

Indoor/Outdoor Flea Markets	\$20.00
Insurance Agency	\$20.00
Jewelry Store	\$20.00
Laundry	\$50.00
Lawn Mower/Small Engine Repair	\$20.00
Loan Agency	\$100.00
Machine Shop	\$20.00
Manufacturers of Textile Products	\$20.00
Marble Plant	\$20.00
Mini Storage Facility	\$20.00
Movie Theatre (Indoor)	\$200.00
Movie Theatre (Outdoor)	\$100.00
Music Machine (each machine)	\$5.00
Office Supplies & Sales	\$20.00
Outdoor Advertising	\$35.00
Pawnbroker	\$275.00
Peanut/Popcorn Stand	\$20.00
Pet Boarding and Grooming	\$20.00
Pick-Up & Delivery Service	\$20.00
Plumbing & Electrical Contractors	\$50.00
Pool Rooms (each table)	\$25.00
Pre-owned or New Motor Car Dealers	\$20.00
Radiator Shop	\$20.00
Recorded Music Playing Machine (each machine)	\$5.00
Restaurant	\$85.00
Lumber, Retail and Wholesale	\$20.00
Screen Printing and Heat Transfer Printing	\$20.00
Seed Cleaning and Fertilizer Dealers	\$20.00
Service Station (self-service gas only)	\$20.00
Shoe Repair Shops	\$20.00
Sign Design & Painting Shops	\$20.00
Skating Rink	\$20.00
Swimming Pools (public)	\$20.00
Tailor (each machine)	\$5.00
Taxi Cabs (each)	\$20.00
Tire Recapping & Retail Sales	\$20.00
Truss Manufacturing	\$20.00
Video Rental	\$25.00
Weapons Dealer (other than firearms)	\$200.00
Web Page Hosting & Design	\$20.00
Welding Shop	\$20.00
Wholesale & Retail Auto Parts	\$37.50
Wholesale Lumber	\$20.00

~~4. **Who Must Pay Tax.** Each person who conducts a business within this Town is subject to this ordinance. A person “conducts business” when he engages in one act of business taxed under this ordinance. He conducts the business “within the Town” if he maintains a business location within the town; or if, either personally or through agents, he;~~

- ~~—— (1) solicits business within the town limits or~~
- ~~—— (2) picks up or delivers goods or services within the town limits.~~

~~5. **Period of License; Due Date.**~~

~~a) *Annual licenses.* Unless the section of this ordinance levying the privilege license tax applicable to a particular business provides otherwise, a license issued in accordance with this ordinance is good for the twelve month period beginning January 1st and ending December 31st. The tax is due on January 1st of each year. However, if a person begins a business after January 1st of a year, the tax for that year is due before the business is begun.~~

~~b) *Licenses for periods shorter than one year.* If the section of this ordinance levying the privilege license tax applicable to a particular business so provides, a license may be issued for a period of one day, one week, or some comparable period of less than a full license year. A person may not commence a business conducted within the town and taxed under such a provision until the privilege license tax due is paid and may not continue such a business beyond the period for which the license is issued.~~

~~6. **Proration of Tax.** If a business is begun after June 30th and before December 31st, the amount of tax due is half the amount otherwise due. If a business is seasonal in nature and if the amount of tax is not based on gross receipts, the amount of tax due is half the amount otherwise due.~~

~~7. **Refunds.** If for any reason a licensee discontinues his or her business during the license year, he or she is not entitled to a refund.~~

~~8. **Separate Businesses.** A separate license is required and a separate privilege license tax must be paid for each place of business unless two or more places of business under common ownership are contiguous to each other, communicate directly with and open into each other, and are operated as a unit. In addition, a separate privilege license tax must be paid for each business taxable under this ordinance conducted by the taxpayer at any one location; however, the tax collector may issue a single license for all taxable business conducted at one location by a single taxpayer.~~

~~9. **Computation of Tax Based on Gross Receipts.**~~

~~a) Whenever this ordinance levies a privilege license tax computed on the basis of gross receipts, “gross receipts” means the amount reported as gross receipts on a~~

~~business's state income tax return, or on the federal income tax return filed with the state income tax return if the state return does not separately state gross receipts for the most recently completed tax year.~~

- ~~b) If a business has not been in operation long enough for the information required in subsection (a) of this section to be available, the tax collector shall estimate gross receipts for the business on the basis of gross receipts of comparable businesses, or any other information that the tax collector considers useful.~~

~~On or before January 31st immediately after the license year, each licensee who paid the tax for the past showing the amount of gross receipts shall submit to the tax collector a sworn final report showing the amount of gross receipts for the license year. If the amount shown is more than estimated gross receipts, the licensee shall pay the amount of additional tax that would have been due had the estimate been accurate. If the amount shown is less than the estimated gross receipts, the town shall refund to the licensee the difference between the actual tax paid and the amount of tax that would have been due had the estimate been accurate.~~

~~10. Exemptions.~~

- ~~a) *Generally.* Except as otherwise provided in this section or by state law, no person is exempt from the payment of a privilege license tax levied by this ordinance.~~
- ~~b) *Charitable organizations.* A person who operates a business for a religious, educational, civic, patriotic, charitable, or fraternal purpose, when the entire gross income of the business is used for such a purpose, is exempt from paying any privilege license tax levied by this ordinance.~~
- ~~c) *Blind persons and members of the armed forces and merchant marine.* Blind persons and persons who serve in the United States armed forces or the merchant marine are exempt from paying any privilege license tax levied by this ordinance to the extent provided by G.S. 105-249 and G.S. 105-249.1.~~
- ~~d) *Must obtain license.* A person exempt from paying a privilege license tax levied by this ordinance shall nevertheless obtain a license from the tax collector. The license shall state that the licensee is exempt from paying the privilege license tax.~~

~~Article III. Licenses~~

~~11. **Application.** A person shall apply to the tax collector for each license required by this ordinance no less than thirty days before the date the tax is due. The application, which shall be submitted on forms provided by the tax collector, shall contain:~~

- ~~a) The name of the applicant and whether the applicant is an individual, a partnership, a corporation, or other entity.~~
- ~~b) The nature of the business.~~
- ~~c) Where the business is conducted.~~

- ~~d) An address where notices and statements may be mailed as required by this ordinance.~~
- ~~e) Whether the business is regulated by a state occupational licensing board subject to G.S. Chapter 93B, and if so, the serial number of the state license the applicant currently holds.~~
- ~~f) Any other information the tax collector determines to be necessary to compute the amount of tax due.~~

~~12. **Reasons for Refusal or Revocation of a License.** The tax collector shall refuse to issue a license or shall revoke a license for either of the following reasons:~~

- ~~a) The applicant misrepresents a fact relevant to the amount of tax due or his/her qualifications for a license.~~
- ~~b) The applicant refuses to provide information necessary to compute the amount of tax due.~~

~~13. **Unqualified Applicants; Right to a Conference.** After receipt of the completed application, if the tax collector believes that a reason exists for refusing a license under #12 of this Ordinance, the tax collector shall refuse to accept payment of the tax and shall not issue the license. At the applicant's request, the tax collector shall, in accordance with #22 of this Ordinance, give the applicant a written statement of the reason for refusing the license. The applicant may, within ten days after the day the statement is received, request a conference to discuss the refusal. In the request the applicant shall specify why the application for a license should not be refused. The tax collector shall arrange the conference within a reasonable time. If the tax collector refuses to issue a license, the applicant may reapply for a license at any time thereafter. If the reason for which the application was refused no longer exists, and if no other reason exists for refusing to issue a license, the tax collector shall issue the license in compliance with #14 of this Ordinance.~~

~~14. **Tax Collector to Issue License; Payment of Tax a Prerequisite.** After receipt of the completed application, if the tax collector believes that no reason exists for refusal of a license under #12 of this Ordinance, the tax collector shall determine the amount of tax due and notify the applicant of that amount. The tax collector shall not issue a license until the tax is paid.~~

~~15. **Amount of Tax Disputed.** If disputes arise over the amount the tax collector determines to be due, the applicant may either refuse to pay and request a conference with the tax collector to discuss the determination of the amount due or pay the amount and request a conference to discuss the right to a refund. If a conference is requested, the tax collector shall arrange it within a reasonable time.~~

~~16. **Revocation.** The tax collector shall revoke a license if a reason exists to revoke it as set forth in #12 of this ordinance. Before revoking a license, the tax collector shall give the licensee written notice of the grounds for revocation, in accordance with #22 of this Ordinance. The licensee may, within ten days after the day on which notice is served,~~

~~request in writing a conference with the tax collector. The request shall specify the reasons why the license should not be revoked. The tax collector shall arrange the conference within a reasonable time.~~

~~—If the licensee fails to request a conference within ten days after the day on which notice is served, the tax collector shall revoke the license. If the licensee requests a conference, the tax collector shall not revoke the license until after the conference.~~

~~—If the tax collector revokes a license, the former licensee may apply for a new license at any time thereafter. If the reason for which the license was revoked no longer exists and if no other reason exists for refusing to issue a license, the tax collector shall issue the license in accordance with #14 of this ordinance.~~

~~17. **Form and Contents of License.** A license shall show the name of the person licensed, the place(s) where the business is conducted, the nature of the business licensed, the period for which the license is issued, and the amount of tax paid. In addition, if a machine is licensed, the license shall show the serial number of the machine. The tax collector shall keep a copy of each license issued.~~

~~18. **Assignments.** A license may be assigned if~~

~~➤ a business licensed under this ordinance and carried on at a fixed place is sold as a unit to any person, and~~

~~➤ the purchaser is to carry on the same business at the same place.~~

~~Such a change shall be reported to the tax collector in accordance with #19 of this ordinance. Otherwise, each license issued under this ordinance is a personal privilege and is not assignable.~~

~~19. **Changes in the Business Conducted by Licensee During the Tax Year.** A licensee or an assignee shall report a change in the information contained in the license application to the tax collector within ten days after the change occurs. If information shown on the license itself is affected, the licensee or assignee shall surrender the license to the tax collector when reporting the change.~~

~~a) *Changes affecting the amount of tax due.* If there are no reasons for revoking the license under #12 of this ordinance and the change results in the imposition of a separate or additional tax, the tax collector shall reissue a license reflecting the change upon payment of the separate or additional tax.~~

~~b) *Changes not affecting the amount tax due.* If there are no reasons for revoking the license under #12 of this ordinance and the change does not result in an imposition of a separate or additional tax, the tax collector shall reissue a license reflecting the change upon payment of a fee of \$10.00.~~

~~c) *Change requiring refusal of a license.* If there is reason for revoking the license under #12 of this ordinance, the tax collector shall refuse to reissue a license and shall instead begin proceedings to revoke the license in accordance with #6 of this ordinance.~~

~~20. **Tax Collector to Furnish Duplicates.** Upon satisfactory proof that a license has been lost or destroyed, the tax collector shall furnish a duplicate for a fee of \$10.00.~~

- ~~21. **Record of Conferences.** The tax collector shall maintain for three years a record of each conference held in accordance with this article. The record shall contain the applicant's or licensee's name, the date of the conference, a brief statement of the issues discussed and the result reached. After three years, the tax collector shall dispose of the record in accordance with G.S. 121-5.~~
- ~~22. **Providing Notice to an Applicant or Licensee.** Whenever this ordinance requires the tax collector to give a written statement or notice to an applicant or a licensee, the tax collector may do so in one of three ways:~~
- ~~a) By personally delivering the statement or notice to the applicant or licensee;~~
 - ~~b) By mailing the statement or notice by registered or certified mail and requesting return of the receipt to the address specified for that purpose in the license application; or~~
 - ~~c) By causing the statement or notice to be served on the applicant or licensee in accordance with the procedures for service of process under Rule 4, North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.~~

~~Article IV. Enforcement and Collection~~

- ~~23. **Duty to Determine Whether Tax Due.** Each person has the duty to determine whether the business he or she conducts is taxed under this ordinance and if so, whether that tax has been paid for the current tax year.~~
- ~~24. **Tax Collector to Investigate.** If the tax collector has reason to believe that a person is conducting a business in the city in violation of this ordinance, the tax collector shall conduct an investigation to determine the person's tax liability.~~
- ~~25. **Duty to Keep Books.** Each person who conducts a business taxed under this ordinance shall keep all records and books necessary to compute the tax liability. If a person fails to keep books and records as required, the tax collector shall make a determination of that person's tax liability from the information available.~~
- ~~26. **Duty to Permit Inspection.** Each person who conducts business in the city shall permit the tax collector to inspect the business premises during normal business hours to determine the nature of the business conducted there and to examine the books and records to determine the nature and amount of business transacted.~~
- ~~27. **Duty to Post License.** A licensee shall post the license or licenses conspicuously in the place of business licensed. If the licensee has no regular place of business, the license must be kept where it may be inspected at all times by the proper town officials. If a machine is licensed, the license shall be affixed to the machine.~~

- ~~28. **Notice of Deficiency.** If the tax collector determines that a person has not paid the full amount of tax due under this ordinance, either for the current license year or for a prior license year, the tax collector shall give the person written notice of the deficiency, in accordance with #22 of this ordinance. The notice of deficiency shall specify the total amount of tax due; the section of this ordinance upon which the tax is based; the amount of tax paid; any interest due; the balance owed; the manner and time period in which the person may respond to the notice of the deficiency; and the consequences of failing to respond as specified.~~
- ~~29. **Request for a Conference.** A person in receipt of a Notice of Deficiency may, within ten days after the day on which notice is served, request in writing a conference with the tax collector. The request shall specify the person's objections to the Notice of Deficiency. By way of illustration but not limitation, a person who receives a Notice of Deficiency may object on the following grounds:~~
- ~~a) That the tax due has already been paid;~~
 - ~~b) That the tax collector miscalculated the amount of tax due;~~
 - ~~c) That the tax collector based his calculation on incorrect or insufficient information concerning either the nature or the amount of business conducted; or~~
 - ~~d) That the tax collector based the determination on an erroneous interpretation of a section of this ordinance that establishes a category of business subject to a particular tax.~~
- ~~30. **Deficiency to Become Final.** If the taxpayer fails to request a conference under #29 of this ordinance, the deficiency becomes final and the tax collector shall proceed to collect the deficiency.~~
- ~~31. **Conference Held.** If the taxpayer requests a conference, the tax collector shall not proceed to collect the deficiency until hearing the taxpayer's objections and determining that the deficiency should become final. The tax collector shall maintain a record of each conference held for three years in accordance with #29 of this ordinance. The record shall contain the name of the taxpayer, the date of the conference, a brief statement of the issues discussed, and the results of the discussion. After three years, the tax collector shall dispose of the record in compliance with G.S. 121-5.~~
- ~~32. **Collection of Deficiency.**~~
- ~~a) The tax collector may use any of the following methods to collect a deficiency:
 - ~~1. Criminal prosecution in accordance with section 33(a) of this ordinance;~~
 - ~~2. Equitable relief in accordance with section 33(b) of this ordinance;~~
 - ~~3. The remedies of levy, sale, attachment and garnishment in accordance with G.S. 160A-207; or~~
 - ~~4. The remedies of levy and sale of real and personal property of the taxpayer within the town in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 105-109.~~~~
 - ~~b) Any person who commences or continues to conduct a business taxed under this ordinance without payment of the tax is liable for the additional tax of 5 percent every thirty days as imposed by G.S. 105-109.~~

33. Enforcement of Ordinance.

- a) ~~*Criminal Remedies.* Conducting business within this town without having paid the privilege license tax imposed by this ordinance, without a valid license issued in accordance with this ordinance, or without posting a license in compliance with #27 of this ordinance, is a misdemeanor, punishable as provided in G.S. 105-109. Each day that person conducts business in violation of this ordinance is a separate offense. Payment of a fine imposed in criminal proceedings in accordance with this section does not relieve a person of the liability for taxes imposed under this ordinance.~~
- b) ~~*Equitable Remedies.* In addition to the criminal remedies set forth in subsection (a) of this section, and in compliance with G.S. 160A-175(d), the city may seek an injunction against any person who conducts a business in violation of this ordinance.~~

~~34. **Effective Date of Ordinance.** This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.~~

Privilege License Ordinance

(Added November 5, 2015)

The Town of Stanfield requires all businesses within the corporate limits of the town to possess a current Privilege License as all businesses must be approved per Stanfield's Zoning Ordinance. This applies to the business district as well as customary home occupations. A license must be applied for prior to opening or starting a new business and must be renewed by December 31st of each year. No fee or tax is levied on Privilege Licenses.

Water and Sewer Policy

Adopted February, 2002

(see new Ordinance adopted March 2014 which supersedes all others)

General Policy Statement

The intent of this policy is to allow the Town of Stanfield to help provide a safe environment for all people living in and outside the Town of Stanfield. Water and sewer systems, where available, are required to be used by all within 300 feet of lines and new development within 500 feet from this date forward. Town provided systems must be used, if available, with other systems only being used with a written franchise agreement from other providers.

Definitions

- ⇒ *Water Tap Fee* – The charge set by the Town associated with the Town installing a water tap on the applicant's property.
- ⇒ *Sewer Tap Fee* – The charge set by the Town associated with the Town installing a sewer tap on the applicant's property.

- ⇒ *Water Connection Fee* – The charge set by the Town for initial water service and reconnection as required.
- ⇒ *Sewer Connection Fee* – The charge set by the Town for capacity at the treatment facility. Currently based on 120 gallons per bedroom at \$3.00 per gallon. Cost will vary depending on current plant capacity fees.
- ⇒ *Impact Fee* – The charge set by the Town to offset the capitol cost of installation of system piping and equipment.
- ⇒ *Across Road Fee* – The charge set by the Town associated with the Town crossing a road to connect from the system line to the owner’s property.
- ⇒ *Water Tap* – The labor, material, and equipment needed to make the actual tap to the main water line and terminating in a meter box. This tap does not include providing or installing required valves and piping from meter box to end user.
- ⇒ *Sewer Tap* – The labor, material, and equipment needed to make the actual tap to the main water line and stubbed out for owner/contractor connection. This tap does not include providing or installing required valves, pumps, piping and wiring from sewer tap to end use.
- ⇒ *Meter Fee* – The charge set by the Town associated with the Town installing a water meter in a valve box after owner piping is installed.
- ⇒ *Service Area* – Area that water and/or sewer lines provide available service.
- ⇒ *Engineering Fee* – The charge set by the Town to review the effect of the applicant’s tap on the system and to update As-built drawings. This fee is charged at time of application and prior to other fees.
- ⇒ *Owner Equipment Specifications* – The specifications that define what equipment must be provided by the owner when connected to the Town water and/or sewer system. Equipment specifications for installation also included drawings and instructions provided by the Town for all installations. Drawings and instructions must be followed. Owner supplied equipment must be installed by a licensed plumbing contractor. Copy of contractors license if not on file in the town hall must be provided at time of application.
- ⇒ *Installation Review* – Performed during and after installation of owner supplied components to verify compliance with required Owner Equipment Specifications.

Water and Sewer Tap Fees

Water and Sewer tap fees will be charged to all persons within the service area. All new construction is required to pay fees. Fee is for specific address. Fee is final. No refunds are provided. **See fee schedule.

Water Connection Fee

Water connection fee will be charged for new taps for all new structures for water service in service area. Fee is due prior to tap installation. Fee is for specific address. Fee is final. Nor refunds are provided. **See fee schedule.

Sewer Connection Fee

Sewer connection fee will be charged for new taps for all new structures for sewer service in sewer area. Fee is due prior to tap installation. Fee is for specific address. Fee is final. No refunds are provided. **See fee schedule.

Impact Fee

Impact fee will be charged as decided by the Town, adjusted from time to time and will vary based on capitol cost of particular parts of the utility systems and other costs the Town decides should be recovered. Impact fee is charged to each new customer if either served directly from the Town lines or supplies through the Town owned system. No refunds are provided. Fee is final. **See fee schedule.

Across Road Fee

Across road fee will be charged to all new water customers. Meter charge is due along with tap fees. No refunds are provided. Fees are final. **See fee schedule.

Meter Fee

Meter fee will be charged to all new water customers. Meter charge is due along with tap fees. Nor refunds are provided. Fees are final. **See fee schedule.

Engineering Fee

Engineering fee will be charged to all new water and sewer customers. Fee is refundable provided the Town cannot provide service due to capacity or other limiting factors. **See fee schedule.

Owner Equipment Specifications

Owner equipment specifications will be provided to each customer after engineering review of requested tap. These specifications must be followed. Cost and installation of all required pumps, valves, pits, piping, and wiring are the total responsibility of the landowner. Following installation and review, the Town will assume operation and maintenance of grinder pumps and/or valve pit bodies.

Owner Responsibility

Maintain and keep in good working order all piping, valves and accessories from the meter, valve or pump assembly. Prevent use which may damage system including discharge of hazardous waste, chemicals, or any solids that may stick and/or clog Town operated systems. Cost to repair will be paid by the owner. Pay monthly bill on time along with any back charges due to repairs made by the Town.

Town's Responsibility

Provide paid for water and/or sewer service as may be available provided monthly bill is paid on time. Provide routine maintenance and repair on Town owned utility systems. Provide bills and collect fees. Town responsibility may be provided by employees of the town or other agreements as decided by the Town.

Unconnected Service Fee

Fee will be billed to all people who have available service and are not connected within 6 months of availability if existing resident. New development will be required to pay all cost with application for permit. Connection to the water and/or sewer system is mandatory.

Connection to Town's Utility System

The Town may, at its option, refuse water or sewer connection to any customer. All prospective customers must request service from the Town, be approved for service by the Town, submit engineering plans as requested, pay all fees required by the Town, and meet all installation requirements. Developments requesting service from the Town lines must install system to Town engineer's requirements and upon completion turn system including meters over to Town.

**See original fee schedule in Ordinance book in Town Hall

Ordinance – 2009 #4 Sept

Town of Stanfield Golf Cart Ordinance

Adopted September 3, 2009

Section 1. Policy Statement

This Ordinance is adopted in the interest of public safety. Golf carts, hereinafter “cart(s)”, are not designed or manufactured to be used on public streets and roads, hereinafter “street(s)”, and the Town of Stanfield in no way advocates or endorses their operation on streets. The Town, by regulating such operation is merely addressing safety issues. This Ordinance is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on streets is safe or advisable even if done in accordance with this Ordinance. All persons operating golf carts must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. All persons who operate or ride carts on streets inside the Town of Stanfield do so at their own risk and peril. The Town of Stanfield has no liability under any theory of liability, for permitting carts to be operated on streets under the special legislation granted by the State Legislature, but governed by this Ordinance.

Section 2. Rules and Regulations

Carts may only be operated on streets within the Town of Stanfield in accordance with the following rules and regulations.

- 1- Any person who operates a cart in the Town of Stanfield takes full responsible for all liability associated with operating the cart.
- 2- Any person who operates a cart must be at least sixteen (16) years of age or older.
- 3- Carts may be driven on streets only from dawn to dusk, unless the cart is equipped with manufactured headlights, turn signals, and brake lights that have been approved by the Chief of Police.
- 4- Carts may only be driven on streets inside the Town of Stanfield with a posted speed limit of 25 mph or less or marked golf cart crossings. All other areas of the Town limits are prohibited.
- 5- Carts must be equipped with a rear vision mirror and at least two rear reflectors. Red rear reflectors must be at least three (3) inches in height and at least three (3) inches in width.
- 6- Any person who operates a cart on the streets in the Town of Stanfield must adhere to all applicable State laws, concerning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, and all other illegal drugs, as well as all other state traffic laws.
- 7- Cart drivers must yield the right-of-way to overtaking vehicles, at all times.
- 8- (a) The maximum occupancy of carts traveling on streets will be one person per bucket seat or two people per bench seat.
(b) Children must be properly seated while cart is in motion and may not be transported in a negligent manner.
- 9- Carts are not allowed to be driven on any sidewalks in the Town of Stanfield, unless otherwise designated by proper signage approved by the Town Council.
- 10-Carts are only allowed to park in handicapped parking spaces if the driver or at least one passenger has a valid handicap parking sticker.
- 11-All carts operated on the streets must have a valid permit sticker from the Stanfield Police Department. A yearly fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per cart will be charged by the Stanfield Police Department for this permit sticker and to cover the costs of implementing and maintaining this Ordinance. The Stanfield Police Chief retains the right to refuse to issue and/or revoke any permit sticker from any cart at any time for any reason that he/she feels is appropriate to ensure the safety and well being of the citizens of the town of Stanfield.
- 12-Golf Cart owners must complete the attached registration form. The completed forms will be maintained by the Stanfield Police Department. The Stanfield Police Department will issue visible proof of compliance that must be attached to the driver's side of the cart.

- 13-Any act constituting a violation of this Ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall subject the offenders to civil penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), plus the court costs and attorney fees incurred by the Town. If the offenders fail to pay the penalty within ten (10) days of receiving final written notice of violation, the penalty may be recovered by the Town in a civil action in the nature of debt. Repeat offenders may have the privileges granted by this Ordinance revoked by the Stanfield Police Chief and/or the Town Council.
- 14-In all cases the Stanfield Police Chief and/or the Town Council, and/or their designee must approve the use of carts on streets in the Town of Stanfield.
- 15-The above fees and requirements may be waived for a temporary time frame (up to five days) by the Stanfield Police Chief and/or the Town Council or their designee for events being held within the Town of Stanfield.
- 16-The Stanfield Police Department's interpretation of the above rules and regulations are final.

Ordinance – 2010 #1 April

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL
AND DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED, NUISANCE
AND JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE
TOWN OF STANFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA**

Adopted April 1, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Stanfield is authorized by G.S. 160A-193, G.S. 160A-303 and G.S. 160A-303.2 to regulate, restrain or prohibit abandoned, nuisance and junked motor vehicles on public and private property within the Town's ordinance making jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Stanfield finds it necessary and desirable to promote or enhance:

- (1) The quality of urban attractiveness and aesthetic appearance of the Town;
- (2) The protection of property values throughout the Town;
- (3) The preservation of the livability and attractiveness of neighborhoods;
- (4) The promotion of tourism, conventions, and other opportunities for economic development for the Town;
- (5) The attractiveness of the Town's thoroughfares and commercial roads which present the primary, public visibility to visitors and to passers-by of the Town and;
- (6) The promotion of the comfort, happiness, and emotional stability of occupants of property in the vicinity of junked motor vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Stanfield, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1. Administration

The Zoning Administrator of the Town shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this ordinance and shall be responsible for administering the removal and disposition of vehicles determined to be “abandoned” on the public streets and highways within the Town, and on property owned by the Town. The Zoning Administrator shall be responsible for administering the removal and disposition of “abandoned”, “nuisance” or “junked motor vehicles” located on private property. The Town may, on an annual basis, contract with private tow truck operators or towing businesses to remove, store, and dispose of abandoned vehicles, nuisance vehicles and junked motor vehicles in compliance with this chapter and applicable state laws. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to limit the legal authority or powers of officers of the Town police department and fire department in enforcing other laws or in otherwise carrying out their duties.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purpose of this ordinance, certain words and terms are defined as herein indicated:

- A. Abandoned vehicle. As authorized and defined in G.S. 160A-303, an abandoned motor vehicle is one that:
 - (1) Is left upon a public street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking; or
 - (2) Is left on a public street or highway for longer than seven (7) days; or
 - (3) Is left on property owned or operated by the Town for longer than twenty-four (24) hours; or
 - (4) Is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee thereof, for longer than two (2) hours.
- B. Authorizing official. The Zoning Administrator designated to authorize the removal of vehicles under the provisions of this ordinance.
- C. Motor vehicle or vehicle. All machines designed or intended to travel over land by self-propulsion or while attached to any self-propelled vehicle.
- D. Junked motor vehicle. As authorized and defined in G.S. 160A-303.2 the term, junked motor vehicle means a vehicle that does not display a current license plate lawfully upon that vehicle and that:
 - (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
 - (2) Cannot be self propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was intended to move; or
 - (3) Is more than five (5) years old and appears to be worth less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

- E. Nuisance vehicle. A vehicle on public or private property that is determined and declared to be a health or safety hazard, a public nuisance, and unlawful, including a vehicle found to be:
- (1) A breeding ground or harbor for mosquitoes, other insects, rats or other pests; or
 - (2) A point of heavy growth of weeds or other noxious vegetation over eight (8) inches in height; or
 - (3) A point of collection of pools or ponds of water; or
 - (4) A point of concentration of quantities of gasoline, oil or other flammable or explosive materials as evidenced by odor; or
 - (5) One which has areas of confinement which cannot be operated from the inside, such as trunks, hoods, etc.; or
 - (6) So situated or located that there is danger of it falling or turning over; or
 - (7) One which is a point of collection of garbage, food waste, animal waste, or other rotten or putrescible matter of any kind; or
 - (8) One which has sharp parts thereof which are jagged or contain sharp edges of metal or glass; or
 - (9) Any other vehicle specifically declared a health and safety hazard and a public nuisance by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 3. Abandoned vehicle unlawful; removal authorized.

- A. It shall be unlawful for the registered owner or person entitled to possession of a vehicle to cause or allow such vehicle to be abandoned as the term is defined herein.
- B. Upon investigation, proper authorizing officials of the Town may determine that a vehicle is an abandoned vehicle and order the vehicle removed.

Section 4. Nuisance vehicle unlawful; removal authorized.

- A. It shall be unlawful for the registered owner or person entitled to possession of a motor vehicle, or for the owner, lessee, or occupant of the real property upon which the vehicle is located to leave or allow the vehicle to remain on the property after it has been declared a nuisance vehicle.
- B. Upon investigation, the Zoning Administrator may determine and declare that a vehicle is a health or safety hazard and a nuisance vehicle as defined above, and order the vehicle removed.

Section 5. Junked Motor Vehicle regulated; removal authorized.

- A. It shall be unlawful for the registered owner or person entitled to the possession of a junked motor vehicle, or for the owner, lessee, or occupant of the real property upon which a junked motor vehicle is located to leave or allow the vehicle to remain on the property after the vehicle has been ordered removed.

- B. It shall be unlawful to have more than one junked motor vehicle, as defined herein, on the premises of public or private property. Single, permitted junked motor vehicle must strictly comply with the location and concealment requirements of this section.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any owner, person entitled to the possession of a junked motor vehicle, or for the owner, lessee, or occupant of the real property upon which a junked motor vehicle is located to fail to comply with the location requirements of this section.
- D. Subject to the provisions of subsection (E), upon investigation, the Zoning Administrator may order the removal of a junked motor vehicle as defined in this chapter after finding in writing that the aesthetic benefits of removing the vehicle outweigh the burdens imposed on the private property owner. Such finding shall be based on a balancing of the monetary loss of the apparent owner against the corresponding gain to the public by promoting or enhancing community, neighborhood or area appearance. The following among other relevant factors may be considered:
 - (1) Protection of property values;
 - (2) Promotion of tourism and other economic development opportunities;
 - (3) Indirect protection of public health and safety;
 - (4) Preservation of the character and integrity of the community; and
 - (5) Promotion of the comfort, happiness and emotional stability of area residents.

E. Permitted concealment or enclosure of junked motor vehicle:

- (1) One junked motor vehicle, in its entirety, can be located in the rear yard as defined by the Town's Zoning Ordinance if the junked motor vehicle is entirely concealed from public view from a public street and from abutting premises by an acceptable covering.

The Zoning Administrator has the authority to determine whether any junked motor vehicle is adequately concealed as required by this provision. The covering must remain in good repair and must not be allowed to deteriorate. The covering or enclosure must be compatible with the objectives stated in the preamble of this ordinance.
- (2) More than one junked motor vehicle. Any other junked motor vehicle(s) must be kept in a garage or building structure that provides a complete enclosure so that the junked motor vehicles(s) cannot be seen from a public street or abutting property. A garage or building structure means either a lawful, nonconforming use or a garage or building structure erected pursuant to the lawful issuance of a building permit and which has been constructed in accordance with all zoning and building code regulations.
- (3) Enclosed, antique, registered and certain other vehicles exempt. The provisions of this Part shall not apply to vehicles located on used car lots, in private garages, enclosed parking lots, or on any other parking area on private property which is not visible from any public street or highway, nor to motor vehicles classified as

antiques and registered under the laws of the State of North Carolina, those not required by law to be registered, or those in possession of a salvage yard as defined in G.S. 20-137.7, unless that vehicle presents some safety or health hazard or constitutes a nuisance. (1973, c. 720, s.1.).

Section 6. Removal of abandoned, nuisance or junked motor vehicles; pre-towing notice requirements.

Except as set forth in Section 7 below, an abandoned, nuisance or junked vehicle which is to be removed shall be towed only after notice to the registered owner or person entitled to possession of the vehicle. In the case of a nuisance vehicle or a junked motor vehicle, if the names and mailing addresses of the registered owner or person entitled to possession of the vehicle, or the owner, lessee, or occupant of the real property upon which the vehicle is located can be ascertained in the exercise of reasonable diligence, the notice shall be given by first class mail. The person who mails the notice(s) shall retain a written record to show the name(s) and address(es) to which mailed, and the date mailed. If such names and addresses cannot be ascertained or if the vehicle to be removed is an abandoned motor vehicle, notice shall be given by affixing on the windshield or some other conspicuous place on the vehicle a written notice. The notice shall state that the vehicle will be removed by the Town on a specified date, no sooner than seven days after the notice is affixed or mailed, unless the vehicle is moved by the owner or legal possessor prior to that time.

With respect to abandoned vehicles on private property, nuisance vehicles and junked motor vehicles to which notice is required to be given, if the registered owner or person entitled to possession does not remove the vehicle but chooses to appeal the determination that the vehicle is abandoned, a nuisance vehicle or in the case of a junked motor vehicle that the aesthetic benefits of removing the vehicle outweigh the burdens, such appeal shall be made to the Board of Commissioners in writing, heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners, and further proceeding to remove the vehicle shall be postponed until the appeal is heard and decided.

Section 7. Exception to prior notice requirement

The requirement that notice be given prior to the removal of an abandoned, nuisance or junked motor vehicle may, as determined by the authorizing official, be omitted in those circumstances where there is a special need for prompt action to eliminate traffic obstructions or to otherwise maintain and protect the public safety and welfare. Such finding shall, in all cases, be entered by the authorizing official in the appropriate daily records. Circumstances justifying the removal of vehicles without prior notice include:

- A. Vehicles abandoned on the streets. For vehicles left on the public streets and highways, the Board of Commissioners hereby determines that immediate removal of such vehicles may be warranted when they are:
 - (1) Obstructing traffic,
 - (2) Parked in violation of an ordinance prohibiting or restricting parking,
 - (3) Parked in a no-stopping or standing zone,
 - (4) Parked in loading zones,
 - (5) Parked in bus zones, or

- (6) Parked in violation of temporary parking restrictions imposed under code sections.
- B. Other abandoned or nuisance vehicles. With respect to abandoned or nuisance vehicles left on city-owned property other than the streets and highways, and on private property, such vehicles may be removed without giving prior notice only in those circumstances where the authorizing official finds a special need for prompt action to protect and maintain the public health, safety and welfare. By way of illustration and not of limitation, such circumstances include vehicles blocking or obstructing entrances or exits to businesses and residences, vehicles parked in such a location or manner as to pose a traffic hazard, and vehicles causing damage to public or private property.

Section 8. Removal of vehicles; post-towing notice requirements.

Any abandoned, nuisance or junked motor vehicle which has been ordered removed may, as directed by the Town, be removed to a storage garage or area by the tow truck operator or towing business contracted to perform such services for the town. Whenever such a vehicle is removed, the authorizing town official shall immediately notify the last known registered owner of the vehicle, such notice to include the following:

- (1) The description of the removed vehicle;
- (2) The location where the vehicle is stored;
- (3) The violation with which the owner is charged, if any;
- (4) The procedure the owner must follow to redeem the vehicle; and
- (5) The procedure the owner must follow to request a probable cause hearing on the removal.

The Town shall attempt to give notice to the vehicle owner by telephone; however, whether or not the owner is reached by telephone, written notice, including the information set forth in subsections (1) through (5) above, shall also be mailed to the registered owner's last known address, unless this notice is waived in writing by the vehicle owner or his agent.

If the vehicle is registered in North Carolina, notice shall be given within twenty-four (24) hours. If the vehicle is not registered in the state, notice shall be given to the registered owner within seventy-two (72) hours from the removal of the vehicle.

Whenever an abandoned, nuisance or junked motor vehicle is removed, and such vehicle has no valid registration or registration plates, the authorizing city official shall make reasonable efforts, including checking the vehicle identification number, to determine the last known registered owner of the vehicle and to notify him of the information set forth in subsections (1) through (5) above.

Section 9. Right to probable cause hearing before sale or final disposition of vehicle.

After the removal of an abandoned vehicle, nuisance vehicle or junked motor vehicle, the owner or any other person entitled to possession is entitled to a hearing for the purpose of determining if probable cause existed for removing the vehicle. A request for hearing must be

filed in writing with the county magistrate designated by the chief district judge to receive such hearing requests. The magistrate will set the hearing within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of the request, and the hearing will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 20-222, as amended.

Section 10. Redemption of vehicle during proceedings.

At any stage in the proceedings, including before the probable cause hearing, the owner may obtain possession of the removed vehicle by paying the towing fee, including any storage charged, or by posting a bond for double the amount of such fees and charges to the tow truck operator or towing business having custody of the removed vehicle. Upon regaining possession of a vehicle, the owner or person entitled to the possession of the vehicle shall not allow or engage in further violations of this ordinance.

Section 11. Sale and disposition of unclaimed vehicle.

Any abandoned, nuisance or junked motor vehicle which is not claimed by the owner or other party entitled to possession will be disposed of by the tow truck operator or towing business having custody of the vehicle. Disposition of such vehicle shall be carried out in coordination with the Town and in accordance with Article 1 of Chapter 44A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Section 12. Conditions on removal of vehicles from private property.

As a general policy, the Town will not remove a vehicle from private property if the owner, occupant or lessee of such property could have the vehicle removed under applicable state law procedures. In no case will a vehicle be removed by the Town from private property without a written request of the owner, occupant or lessee, except in those cases where a vehicle is a nuisance vehicle or is a junked motor vehicle which has been ordered removed by the Zoning Administrator. The Town may require any person requesting the removal of an abandoned, nuisance or junked motor vehicle from private property to indemnify the Town against any loss, expense or liability incurred because of the removal of the storage, or sale thereof.

Section 13. Protection against criminal or civil liability.

No person shall be held to answer in any civil or criminal action to any owner or other person legally entitled to the possession of an abandoned, nuisance or junked motor vehicle, for disposing of such vehicle as provided in this chapter.

Section 14. Exceptions.

Nothing in this ordinance shall apply to any vehicle: (1) which is located in a bona fide “automobile graveyard” or “junkyard” as defined in N.C.G.S. 136-143, in accordance with the

“Junkyard Control Act”, N.C.G.S. 136-141, et seq.; (2) which is in an enclosed building; (3) which is on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise; or (4) which is in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the Town.

Section 15. Unlawful removal of impounded vehicle.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or attempt to remove from any storage facility designated by the Town any vehicle which has been impounded pursuant to the provisions of this code unless and until all towing and impoundment fees which are due, or bond in lieu of such fees, have been paid.

***Town of Stanfield Delinquent
Wastewater Fees Collection Ordinance***

Adopted May 5, 2011

WHEREAS, the Town of Stanfield, created a public enterprise to support the Stanfield Wastewater Program; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1736 was created by the North Carolina General Assembly to permit the Town of Stanfield to collect any delinquent wastewater fees in the same manner as it may collect delinquent personal and real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stanfield believes that this Ordinance to permit the creation of a lien for any delinquent wastewater fees will increase collection rates for the utility and will thereby permit lower overall fees to be imposed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Council for the Town of Stanfield does adopt the following:

Section One: Delinquent fees may be collected in the same manner as delinquent real property taxes. Interest charges on delinquent fees shall be collected in like manner. Accordingly, the tax collector shall proceed to collect such fees and interest by use of any remedy allowed for under Chapter 105, Article 26 of the North Carolina General Statutes. This includes, but is not limited to, the North Carolina State Debt Setoff Program as set forth in Chapter 105A, Article 1 and procedures for attachment and garnishment as designated by N.C.G.S. 105-368.

Section Two: The creation of tax liens as a remedy for delinquent wastewater fees is hereby authorized as specified in House Bill 1736. This authorization includes all actions reasonably associated with the creation of tax liens, including but not limited to, the advertisement of unpaid fees.

Section Three: Within 10 days of receipt of a delinquency notice, any person who wishes to appeal the notice shall notify the Town Administrator or his designee in writing of his or her intent to appeal the assessment. The Town Administrator or his designee shall review the materials presented and issue a written decision to the appellant within 30 days of receipt of the appeal. If the appellant wishes to appeal the Town Administrator's decision, said appeal shall be made in writing within ten days of the Administrator's decision, and shall be presented to the Town Clerk. The appeal from the Town Administrator's decision shall be made to the Town Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the appeal is received. All decisions by the Council are final.

ADOPTED OCTOBER 6, 2011

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGE TO A CODE ADOPTED OCTOBER 1, 1992,
SPECIFICALLY CODE 10.09 Section 5. (a) (Rules for Operation of Game Rooms)**

THAT, WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town Of Stanfield adopted an ordinance dated October 1, 1992, specifically Code 10.09 (Game Rooms); and

WHEREAS, the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina authorize the Town to adopt such Ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Town and the Board wishes and finds it necessary to update and change the Code 10.09 Section 5 (Rules for Operation of Game Rooms):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Stanfield, North Carolina that:

- (1) Delete in its entirety Code 10.09 Section 5 (a) under Rules and Operation of Game Rooms.
- (2) Replace with, Code 10.09 Section 5 (a) under Rules and Operation of Game Rooms with the following:

All game rooms shall be closed between 2:00 am and 7:00am Monday through Saturday except Sunday in which Code 10.09 Section 5 (c) shall apply to hours of operation.

Stanly County Animal Ordinance
Adopted by Town of Stanfield June 27, 2013

Copy link below to internet address bar:
<http://www.stanlycountync.gov/animal-control/>

Comprehensive Water & Sewer Policies as of March 6, 2014

This Ordinance supersedes any previous ordinances, resolutions, meeting minutes, schedules, etc.

Water and Sewer System Connection Policy - ~~Water and Sewer systems where available within Town Limits are required to be used if the systems lines are within 300 feet of the property line.~~ (Amended January 7, 2016) The owner of any residential property to be developed, located within the town limits, and where the structure is within 250 feet of the water distribution line or sewer collection line operated by the Town of Stanfield, shall be hereby required, at the property owner's expense, to connect such facility directly with the Town's water and sewer lines. The owner of any commercial property to be developed, located within the town limits, and where no distance restriction is placed on the structure in relation to the water distribution line or sewer collection line operated by the Town of Stanfield, shall be hereby required, at the property owner's expense, to connect such facility directly with the Town's water and sewer lines.

Definitions

- **Certificate of Zoning Compliance** – A certificate that is issued to validate Zoning Compliance for any new construction. This certificate can only be issued after all past due charges for water or sewer are paid and, for new construction, all applicable fees and charges for the new service are paid in full.
- **Water Tap Fee** – A fee as per the approved schedule charged to new customers. Fee is to recover costs associated with the actual connection to the system to include labor, material, and equipment needed to make the actual tap to the main water line and terminating in a meter box and other system costs. This tap does not include providing or installing required valves and piping from meter box to end user.
**** See rate sheet for fee and water tap classification**
- **Impact Cost** – A cost that is imbedded in the tap fee to offset the capital cost of the system infrastructure such as piping, pumps, etc.
- **Sewer Tap Fee** – A fee as per the approved schedule charged to new customers, to recover costs associated with the actual connection to the system and other system costs. This includes labor, material, and equipment needed to make the actual tap to the main sewer line and stubbed out for owner/contractor connection. This tap does not include providing or installing required valves, pumps, piping and wiring from sewer tap to end user. **** See rate sheet for fee and sewer tap classification**
- **Water Connection Fee** – The charge as per the approved schedule for initial water service or reconnection as required due to disconnection of service.

- **Sewer Capacity Fee** – A charge for NEW CONSTRUCTION for each new connection made to the sanitary sewer system to recover partial infrastructure, transmission and capacity charges from the waste water treatment facility. The fee is computed by calculating the minimum daily design flow as per North Carolina Administrative Code Title 15A Subchapter 2T. The fee per gallon is as per the approved schedule.
- **Sewer Availability Assessment Charge** – A charge as per the assessment for individual properties within the town limits in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-216 that have sewer lines within 300 feet of the property and are available for immediate connection or for future development on the property. The assessment is as shown on the approved rate schedule.
- **Sewer Disconnection Fee (Grinder pump)** – The charge as per the approved schedule for disconnection of sewer service for non-payment.
- **Sewer Reconnection Fee (Grinder pump)** – The charge as per the approved schedule for sewer reconnection after disconnection of service for non-payment.
- **Security Deposit** – A fee as per the approved schedule charged to new sewer or water customers to ensure payment of final bill.
- **Late penalty** – A fee as per the approved schedule charged for late payment of either water or sewer bills as of a certain date and is applied to current bill only.
- **Irrigation Tap** – A fee as per the approved schedule charged for a new water tap into the existing tap lines for the original service.
- **Water Meter Tampering Charge** – A fee as per the approved schedule charged for illegal meter tampering.
- **Water Meter Testing Fee** – A charge as per the approved schedule charged if a meter is found working properly after three tests requested by customer.
- **Road Punch Fee** – A fee as per the approved schedule charged to the new customer for any required road punch for either water or sewer service to connect from the system line to the owner's property.
- **Road Bore Fee** – A fee that is negotiated for a contracted price to bore under a road for either water or sewer service from the system line to the owner's property.
- **Grinder Pump and/or pit cleanout Fee** – A charge passed on to the customer for damage to the grinder pump and/or associated equipment in the housing pit due to improper disposal of matter not conducive to grinder pump operations (see town fact sheet). A customer may also be charged for cleaning out grease and other improper waste from the pit. The charge amount for Grinder pump cleanout of improper waste disposal e.g. grease & oil, cat litter, diapers, wipes, cloth, rags, plastic objects, etc, is as per approved schedule. Replacement of grinder pump (new) due to improper waste disposal is as per approved new grinder pump charge.
- **Administration Fee** – The charge as per the approved schedule for administrative costs such as billing, stamps, etc., for each utility account.
- **Sewer Transmission Fee** - The charge as per the approved schedule for maintenance and improvements to the jointly owned (Stanfield & Locust) transmission line running down Big Lick Road.
- **Water Rate** – The charge as per the approved schedule for quantity of water used.
- **Sewer Rate** – The charge as per the approved schedule for quantity of sewer billed based on the corresponding water usage or flat rate.
- **Engineering Fee** – All engineering costs incurred by the town will be passed through to the customer. This includes applications, permits, engineering reviews, etc.

GENERAL POLICY

Policy

- Water Bills are the responsibility of the applicant (renter or owner)
- Sewer Bills are the responsibility of the property owner; Town does not bill renters for sewer service
- All past due charges and new required fees for either or both water and sewer systems must be paid before any Business Licenses and Zoning Compliance Permits/Approvals are issued.
- The town's administrative staff will make every reasonable effort to collect all past due accounts in accordance with applicable North Carolina laws, Town Ordinances and Resolutions.
- No refunds for any of the fees will be paid unless specific approval to do so is given by the Town Board of Commissioners.
- All new Subdivisions will be in accordance with the Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance and as approved by the Town Board of Commissioners.

Clarification of Past Charges/Fees Collected

Over the years, numerous grants and opportunities for various reasons have permitted individual property owners to prepay for either water or sewer taps and capacity fees. The following is applicable to those situations:

○ **Water Taps**

Many taps are placed during construction for the convenience of the Town. Only taps that were prepaid during the construction phase are considered paid in full and this record is kept in Town Hall. These records are the determining factor in regards to any prepayment. The Tap paid determination is assigned to the property, not individuals. It is the new customer's responsibility to run all lines and install any necessary equipment to ensure the new line to the tap is code compliant. An inspection must be arranged by the customer with Stanfield Public Works Department before any connection will or can be made. The prepaid tap fee or new tap fee as per schedule does not include any cost for road bores or punches. See prevailing fee schedule for this cost.

○ **Sewer Taps**

Many sewer taps were prepaid and assigned to the property. The circumstances, equipment and considerations varied over the years. All prepaid sewer taps were inclusive of any capacity fees. Grinder pumps were provided on some properties and thus considered paid under the prepaid sewer tap fee for those properties with a pump installed (note: Over the years many grinder pump pits have had the pumps removed. If a pit is on site, the grinder pump is considered paid for and must be replaced). Some electrical apparatuses associated with the grinder pumps were also installed during the construction process and thus considered part of the prepaid fee also. For properties that have prepaid the sewer tap fee and require a grinder pump, refer to the applicable fee schedule that must be paid by the customer for the grinder pump. Any electrical installation for the new pump is the responsibility of the customer. The customer is responsible for all associated plumbing to the home/business and new line installation from the pump and to the pit or tap connection point.

○ **Owner Equipment Specifications**

Owner equipment specifications will be provided to each customer after engineering review of requested tap. These specifications must be followed. (It is recommended that the equipment be bought via the town as per schedule) Cost and installation of all required pumps, valves, pits, piping, and wiring are the total responsibility of the land owner. Following installation and review, the Town will assume operation and maintenance of grinder pumps and/or valve pit bodies.

- **Owner Responsibility**
 - Maintain and keep in good working order all piping, valves and accessories from the meter, valve or pump assembly.
 - Prevent use which may damage system including discharge of hazardous waste, chemicals, or any solids that may stick and/or clog Town operated systems.
 - Cost to repair will be paid by the owner. See schedule for costs associated with improper waste disposal.
 - Pay monthly bill on time along with any back charges due to repairs made by the Town.
- **Town Responsibility**
 - Provide water and/or sewer service as may be available, provided monthly bill is paid on time.
 - Provide routine maintenance and repair on Town owned utility systems. Provide bills and collect fees.
 - Town responsibility may be provided by town employees or other agreements as decided by the Town.
- **Connection to Town's Utility System**

The Town may, at its option, refuse water or sewer connection to any customer. All prospective customers must request service from the Town, be approved for service by the Town, submit engineering plans as requested, pay all fees required by the town, and meet all installation requirements. Developments requesting service from the Town lines must install system to Town engineer's requirements and, upon completion, turn system, including meters, over to the Town.

Damage to sewer system components - customers that willfully destroy or damage grinder pumps installed to collect and pump sewer waste into the sewer collection system will be charged for the repairs to the grinder pump and other ancillary services, e.g., commercial pump truck, when it can be clearly identified and documented that the failure was due to excessive grease, bulk items, such as rags, sand and grit or other items, that should not be flushed or poured into drains that are connected to the sewer system.

The Town Administrator shall be presented the documentation and a cost breakdown to repair the pump for approval. The approved schedule shall be used when charging any customer under this section.