

TITLE 16

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, ETC¹

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16-101. Obstructing streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited. No person shall use or occupy any portion of any public street, alley, sidewalk, or right of way for the purpose of storing, selling, or exhibiting any goods, wares, merchandise, or materials. (1978 Code, § 12-101)

16-102. Trees projecting over streets, etc., regulated. It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to allow any limbs of trees on his property to project out over any street, alley at a height of less than fourteen (14) feet or over any sidewalk at a height of less than eight (8) feet. (1978 Code, § 12-102)

¹Municipal code reference

Related motor vehicle and traffic regulations: title 15.

16-103. Trees, etc., obstructing view at intersections prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to have or maintain on his property any tree, shrub, sign, or other obstruction which prevents persons driving vehicles on public streets or alleys from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection. (1978 Code, § 12-103)

16-104. Projecting signs and awnings, etc., restricted.

Signs, awnings, or other structures which project over any street or other public way shall be erected subject to the requirements of the building code.¹ (1978 Code, § 12-104)

16-105. Banners and signs across streets and alleys restricted.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or have placed any banner or sign across any public street or alley except when expressly authorized by the board of mayor and aldermen after a finding that no hazard will be created by such banner or sign. (1978 Code, § 12-105)

16-106. Gates or doors opening over streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or occupying property to allow any gate or door to swing open upon or over any street, alley, or sidewalk except when required by statute. (1978 Code, § 12-106)

16-107. Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to litter, place, throw, track, or allow to fall on any street, alley, or sidewalk any refuse, glass, tacks, mud, or other objects or materials which are unsightly or which obstruct or tend to limit or interfere with the use of such public ways and places for their intended purposes. (1978 Code, § 12-107)

16-108. Obstruction of drainage ditches. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or cause the obstruction of any drainage ditch in any public right of way. (1978 Code, § 12-108)

16-109. Abutting occupants to keep sidewalks clean, etc. The occupants of property abutting on a sidewalk are required to keep the sidewalk clean. Also, immediately after a snow or sleet, such occupants are required to remove all accumulated snow and ice from the abutting sidewalk. (1978 Code, § 12-109)

¹Municipal code reference

Building code: title 12, chapter 1.

16-110. Parades, etc., regulated. It shall be unlawful for any club, organization, or similar group to hold any meeting, parade, demonstration, or exhibition on the public streets without some responsible representative first securing a permit from the recorder. No permit shall be issued by the recorder unless such activity will not unreasonably interfere with traffic and unless such representative shall agree to see to the immediate cleaning up of all litter which shall be left on the streets as a result of the activity. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person obtaining such a permit to fail to carry out his agreement to clean up the resulting litter immediately. (1978 Code, § 12-110)

16-111. Operation of trains at crossings regulated. No person shall operate any railroad train across any street or alley without giving a warning of its approach as required by state law. It shall be unlawful to stop a railroad train so as to block or obstruct any street or alley for a period of more than five (5) consecutive minutes. (1978 Code, § 12-111, modified)

16-112. Animals and vehicles on sidewalks. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, lead, or tie any animal, or ride, push, pull, or place any vehicle across or upon any sidewalk in such manner as to unreasonably interfere with or inconvenience pedestrians using the sidewalk. It shall also be unlawful for any person knowingly to allow any minor under his control to violate this section. (1978 Code, § 12-112)

16-113. Fires in streets, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to set or contribute to any fire in any public street, alley, or sidewalk. (1978 Code, § 12-113)

CHAPTER 2

EXCAVATIONS AND CUTS¹

SECTION

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16-201. Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, or others, to make any excavation in any street, alley, or public place, or to tunnel under any street, alley, or public place without having first obtained a permit as herein required, and without complying with the provisions of this chapter; and it shall also be unlawful to violate, or vary from, the terms of any such permit; provided, however, any person maintaining pipes, lines, or other underground facilities in or under the surface of any street may proceed with an opening without a permit when emergency circumstances demand the work to be done immediately and a permit cannot reasonably and practicably be obtained beforehand. The person shall thereafter apply for a permit on the first regular business day on which the office of the recorder is open for business, and said permit shall be retroactive to the date when the work was begun. (1978 Code, § 12-201)

16-202. Applications. Applications for such permits shall be made to the recorder, or such person as he may designate to receive such applications, and shall state thereon the location of the intended excavation or tunnel, the size thereof, the purpose thereof, the person, firm, corporation, association, or others doing the actual excavating, the name of the person, firm, corporation, association, or others for whom the work is being done, and shall contain an

¹State law reference

This chapter was patterned substantially after the ordinance upheld by the Tennessee Supreme Court in the case of City of Paris, Tennessee v. Paris-Henry County Public Utility District, 207 Tenn. 388, 340 S.W.2d 885 (1960).

agreement that the applicant will comply with all ordinances and laws relating to the work to be done. Such application shall be rejected or approved by the recorder within twenty-four (24) hours of its filing. (1978 Code, § 12-202)

16-203. Fee. The fee for such permits shall be two dollars (\$2.00) for excavations which do not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area or tunnels not exceeding twenty-five (25) feet in length; and twenty-five cents (\$.25) for each additional square foot in the case of excavations, or lineal foot in the case of tunnels; but not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for any permit. (1978 Code, § 12-203)

16-204. Deposit or bond. No such permit shall be issued unless and until the applicant therefor has deposited with the recorder a cash deposit. The deposit shall be in the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) if no pavement is involved or seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) if the excavation is in a paved area and shall insure the proper restoration of the ground and laying of the pavement, if any. Where the amount of the deposit is clearly inadequate to cover the cost of restoration, the mayor may increase the amount of the deposit to an amount considered by him to be adequate to cover the cost. From this deposit shall be deducted the expense to the town of relaying the surface of the ground or pavement, and of making the refill if this is done by the town or at its expense. The balance shall be returned to the applicant without interest after the tunnel or excavation is completely refilled and the surface or pavement is restored. (1978 Code, § 12-204)

16-205. Manner of excavating--barricades and lights--temporary sidewalks. Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others making any excavation or tunnel shall do so according to the terms and conditions of the application and permit authorizing the work to be done. Sufficient and proper barricades and lights shall be maintained to protect persons and property from injury by or because of the excavation being made. If any sidewalk is blocked by any such work, a temporary sidewalk shall be constructed and provided which shall be safe for travel and convenient for users. (1978 Code, § 12-205)

16-206. Restoration of streets, etc. Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others making any excavation or tunnel in or under any street, alley, or public place in this town shall restore said street, alley, or public place to its original condition except for the surfacing, which shall be done by the town, but shall be paid for by such person, firm, corporation, association, or others promptly upon the completion of the work for which the excavation or tunnel was made. In case of unreasonable delay in restoring the street, alley, or public place, the recorder shall give notice to the person, firm, corporation, association, or others that unless the excavation or tunnel is refilled properly within twenty-four (24) hours, the town will do the work and charge the expense

of doing the same to such person, firm, corporation, association, or others. If within the specified time the conditions of the above notice have not been complied with, the work shall be done by the town, an accurate account of the expense involved shall be kept, and the total cost shall be charged to the person, firm, corporation, association, or others who made the excavation or tunnel. (1978 Code, § 12-206)

16-207. Insurance. In addition to making the deposit or giving the bond hereinbefore required to insure that proper restoration is made, each person applying for an excavation permit shall file a certificate of insurance indicating that he is insured against claims for damages for personal injury as well as against claims for property damage which may arise from or out of the performance of the work, whether such performance be by himself, his subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by him. Such insurance shall cover collapse, explosive hazards, and underground work by equipment on the street, and shall include protection against liability arising from completed operations. The amount of the insurance shall be prescribed by the recorder in accordance with the nature of the risk involved; provided, however, that the liability insurance for bodily injury shall not be less than \$100,000 for each person and \$200,000 for each accident, and for property damages not less than \$50,000 for any one (1) accident, with an aggregate of \$100,000 for all accidents. (1978 Code, § 12-207)

16-208. Time limits. Each application for a permit shall state the length of time it is estimated will elapse from the commencement of the work until the restoration of the surface of the ground or pavement, or until the refill is made ready for the pavement to be put on by the town if the town restores such surface pavement. It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with this time limitation unless permission for an extension of time is granted by the recorder. (1978 Code, § 12-208)

16-209. Supervision. The recorder shall from time to time inspect all excavations and tunnels being made in or under any public street, alley, or other public place in the town and see to the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. Notice shall be given to him at least ten (10) hours before the work of refilling any such excavation or tunnel commences. (1978 Code, § 12-209)

16-210. Driveway curb cuts. No one shall cut, build, or maintain a driveway across a curb or sidewalk without first obtaining a permit from the recorder. Such a permit will not be issued when the contemplated driveway is to be so located or constructed as to create an unreasonable hazard to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic. No driveway shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in width at its outer or street edge and when two (2) or more adjoining driveways are provided for the same property a safety island of not less than ten (10) feet in

width at its outer or street edge shall be provided. Driveway aprons shall not extend out into the street. (1978 Code, § 12-210)

16-211. Protection of adjoining property. Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others, shall at all times, and at their own expense, preserve and protect from damage any adjoining property by providing proper foundations and taking other measures suitable for the purpose. Where in the protection of such property it is necessary to enter upon private property for the purpose of taking appropriate protective measures, permission shall be obtained from the owner of the private property for such purpose. The contractor shall, at his own expense, shore up and protect all buildings, walls, fences or other property likely to be damaged during the progress of the excavation work and shall be responsible for all damage to public or private property resulting from his failure to properly protect and carry out said work. Whenever it may be necessary for the contractor or person to trench through any lawn the area shall be restored to its original condition. (1978 Code, § 12-211)

CHAPTER 3

PROPERTY NUMBERING SYSTEM

SECTION

- 16-301. Uniform numbering system adopted.
- 16-302. Assignment and display of numbers.
- 16-303. Administration.
- 16-304. Violations.

16-301. Uniform numbering system adopted. A uniform system of numbering properties and principal buildings, as established by the Jefferson County Emergency Communication District, as shown on a map filed in the office of the recorder, is hereby adopted for use in the Town of White Pine, Tennessee. This map and all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter. (1978 Code, § 12-301)

16-302. Assignment and display of numbers. (1) All properties or parcels of land within the corporate limits of White Pine, Tennessee, shall hereafter be identified by reference to the uniform numbering system adopted herein. All existing numbers of property and buildings not now in conformity with provisions of this chapter shall be changed immediately to conform to the system herein adopted.

(2) A separate number shall be assigned for each 50 feet of frontage in most parts of town and each 25 feet in the central business district as shown on the map.

(3) Even numbers shall be assigned on the east side of north-south streets and the north side of east-west streets. Odd numbers shall be assigned on the west side of north-south streets and the south side of east-west streets.

(4) A structure on a corner lot shall be assigned a number on the street it is facing. If it has two entrances which appear to both be "front" entrances, the number on the more significant street shall be assigned.

(5) Each individual business fronting on a public street shall be given a separate number. Doorways leading to several businesses or offices via a hallway or stairs shall be given one number and the individual business distinguished by alphabetical letters.

(6) Multi-unit residential developments (mobile home parks, apartments, and duplexes) if assigned one street number, shall distinguish each individual unit by the letters A, B, C, etc. or apartment numbers such as 201, 202, 203, etc.

(7) Numerals indicating the official numbers for each principal building or each front entrance to such building shall be posted in a manner as to be visible from the street on which the property is located. (1978 Code, § 12-302)

16-303. Administration. (1) The building inspector shall be responsible for maintaining the numbering system. In the performance of this responsibility, this person shall be guided by the provisions of § 16-302 of this chapter.

(2) The recorder or inspector shall keep a record of all numbers assigned under this chapter. (1978 Code, § 12-303)

16-304. Violations. Violation of this chapter shall be punishable under the general penalty clause of this code. (1978 Code, § 12-304, modified)

CHAPTER 4

STREET NAME SYSTEM

SECTION

16-401. Street name system established.

16-402. Rules for establishing street names.

16-401. Street name system established. There is hereby established an official system of street names in White Pine, Tennessee, as reflected on the map entitled Official Street Name Map, White Pine, Tennessee, and as adopted and certified by the municipal planning commission. A copy is attached and made an official part of this chapter. (1978 Code, § 12-501)

16-402. Rules for establishing street names. All names of all streets in White Pine, Tennessee, shall remain as shown on said map unless officially changed by specific ordinances passed subsequent to the effective date of this section. The city shall not accept or improve any right-of-way within the corporate limits until such right-of-way has been named in accordance with other provisions or regulations of this town. All extensions of existing streets shall be so named with the extension, and if a new name, then the name shall not duplicate or be similar to other street names already assigned. (1978 Code, § 12-502)

CHAPTER 5**PROHIBITION OF PLAY VEHICLES ON PUBLIC WAYS****SECTION**

16-501. Prohibition of play vehicles on public ways.

16-501. Prohibition of play vehicles on public ways. It shall be unlawful for any person to use roller skates, coasters, skateboards, or any similar vehicle or toy or article on wheels or a runner on any public street, roadway, alley, sidewalk, or other public building or public place, except in such areas as may be specifically designated for such purpose by the board of mayor and aldermen. The aforementioned prohibited vehicle list, with the addition of bicycles, also applies to designated walking trails. Baby strollers pushed by walkers are not prohibited on a walking trail. (1978 Code, § 12-601, as amended by Ord. #5-02, Aug. 2002)