PART II: THE CODE

Chapter 1

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Sec. 1-1. How Code designated and cited.

The ordinances embraced in this and the following chapters and sections shall constitute and be designated "The Code of the Town of Keysville, Virginia" and may be so cited. Such ordinances may also be cited as the "Keysville Town Code".

Sec. 1-2. Provisions considered as continuation of existing ordinances.

The provisions appearing in this Code, so far as they are the same as those of the ordinances existing at the time of the adoption of this Code, shall be considered as a continuation thereof and not as new enactments.

Sec. 1-3. Severability of parts of Code.

If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Code is of any reason declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Code.

Sec. 1-4. Catchlines of sections.

The catchlines of the several sections of this Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the contents of the section, and shall not be deemed or taken to be the titles of such sections, nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted. No provision of this Code shall be held invalid by reason of deficiency in any such catchline or in any heading or title to any chapter, article or division.

Sec. 1-5. Definitions and rules of construction.

In the interpretation and construction of this Code and of all ordinances of the town, the following definitions and rules of construction shall be observed, unless they are inconsistent with the manifest intent of the council or the context clearly requires otherwise.

Bond. When a bond is required, an undertaking in writing shall be sufficient.

Computation of time. The time within which an act is to be done shall be computed by excluding he first and including the last day; and if the last day be Sunday or a legal holiday, that day shall be excluded.

Council. The words "council" or 'the council" shall mean the council of the Town of Keysville, Virginia,

County. The words "county", or 'the county", shall mean the County of Charlotte in the State of Virginia.

Gender. Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter.

Health Officer. The words "health officer" shall mean the health officer of the Charlotte County State Health District or his authorized agent or representative.

In the town. The words "in the town" shall mean any territory jurisdiction of which for the exercise of its regulatory power has been conferred on the town by public or private law.

Month. The word "month" shall mean a calendar month.

Number. A word importing the singular only shall extend and be applied to several persons and things, and a word importing the plural only may apply to one person or thing.

Oath. The word "oath" shall include an affirmation in all cases in which, by law, an affirmation may be substituted for an oath, and in such cases the words "swear" and "Sworn" shall be equivalent to the words "affirm" and "affirmed".

Occupant. The word "occupant" applied to a building or land shall mean any person who holds a written or oral lease of or actually occupies the whole or part of such building or land, either alone or with others.

Official time standard. Whenever particular hours are specified in this Code relating to the time within which any act shall be performed by any person, the time applicable shall be official standard time or daylight-saving time, whichever may be in current use in the town.

Owner. The word "owner", applied to a building or land, shall include any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant or tenant by the entirety, of the whole or part of such building or land.

Person. The word "person" shall include a firm, partnership, association of persons, corporation, organization or any other group acting as a unit.

Preceding, following. The words "preceding" and "following" shall mean next before and next after, respectively.

Property. The word "property" shall mean real, personal or mixed property.

Shall. The word "shall" shall be mandatory.

Sidewalk. The word "sidewalk" shall mean any portion of a street between the curb line, and the lateral lines of a roadway where there is no curb, and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.

Signature, subscription. The words "signature" and subscription" shall include a mark when the person cannot write, his name being written near it, and being witnessed by a person who writes his own name as a witness.

State. The words "state" or "the state" shall mean the State of Virginia.

Street. The word "street" shall include avenues, boulevards, highways, roads, alleys, lanes, viaducts, bridges and the approaches thereto and all other public thoroughfares in the town, and shall mean the entire width thereof, between abutting property lines; it shall be construed to include

a sidewalk or footpath, unless the contrary is expressed or unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the town council.

Town. The words "town" or "the town" shall mean the Town of Keysville, in the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia.

Written, in writing. The words "written" and "in writing" shall include typewriting, printing on paper and any other mode of representing words and letters.

Year. The word "year" shall mean a calendar year, unless a fiscal year is indicated.

Sec. 1-6. Right of entry for purposes of inspection.

Whenever any officer or employee of the town is required or authorized by statute, he provisions of this Code, or any ordinance or resolution, or rules and regulations or orders issued thereunder, in order to carry out his duties thereunder, to enter any premises or vehicle for the purpose of making an inspection thereof or of anything therein contained, such officer or employ shall have the right to enter any such premises or vehicle at any reasonable time in pursuance of such duties.

Sec. 1-7. General penalty; continuing violations.

Whenever in any provision of this Code or in any other ordinance of the town or any rule or regulation promulgated by an officer or agency of the town, under authority duly vested in such officer or agency, any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or the doing of any act is required, or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, where no specific penalty is provided for the violation of such provision and such violation is not described as being of a particular class of misdemeanor, or where it is provided that the violation shall be punished as prescribed in this section, without further qualification, no penalty imposed for such violation shall exceed a fine of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) or imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution for twelve (12) months or both; provided, however, that such penalty shall not exceed the penalty prescribed by general law for a like offense.

Sec. 1-8. Precincts and by voting places.

There shall be one polling place in the town. The voting place shall be at the Fire Department.

Sec. 1-9. Depositories for town funds.

The Bank of Charlotte County is hereby designated by the council as depository for town money, or a bank designated by the Council.