

Town of Chincoteague, VA
Town Code
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Chapter 22 ENVIRONMENT

Article III. Nuisances

Division 1. Generally

Sec. 22-62. Certain nuisances enumerated.

(a) The following acts when committed or conditions when existing within the town are defined and declared to be nuisances:

*Cross reference—Nuisance declared on Johnson grass, § 66-52.

State law reference—Abatement or removal of nuisances, Code of Virginia, §§ 15.2-900, 15.2-1115.

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(3) All trees and other appendages of or to realty kept or maintained or which are permitted by any person owning or having control thereof to be kept or maintained in a condition unsafe, dangerous, unhealthy, injurious or disturbing to the public.

(b) The nuisances described in this section shall not be construed as exclusive, and any act of commission or omission and any condition which constitutes a nuisance by statute or common law of the state, when committed, omitted or existing within the town limits, is declared to constitute a nuisance.

(Code 1977, § 12-2)

Chapter 50

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES

Article III. Sidewalks

Sec. 50-56. Duty to keep clean.

(a) It shall be the duty of the occupant or of the owner of any land or premises abutting upon any paved sidewalk in the town to have the sidewalk abutting such property swept and kept clean of all debris, dirt, refuse, grass, weeds, and other forms of overgrowth, including any limbs or other parts of trees or bushes over the sidewalks less than eight feet above the surface of the sidewalks.

(b) If such person occupying or owning such property shall fail, refuse, or neglect to keep the sidewalk as described in subsection (a) of this section, the town shall have the right to enter upon such sidewalk and have such debris, dirt, refuse, grass, weeds, and other forms of overgrowth, including any limbs or other parts of trees or bushes over such sidewalk less than eight feet above the surface of such sidewalk, removed by its agents and employees. The cost thereof shall be chargeable to and paid by the occupant or the owner of such property and shall be collected by the treasurer or such other proper official, as an assessment against the property, in the manner that taxes and levies are collected.

(Code 1977, § 14-1) State law reference—Abatement or removal of nuisances, Code of Virginia, §§ 15.2-900, 15.2-1115.

Chapter 58

TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES*

Article IV. Minimum Sight Distance at Intersections

Sec. 58-107. Erection of obstructions.

No person, firm, or entity owning, leasing or otherwise in possession of real estate in the town, which real estate is situated adjacent to any highway, street, or public right-of-way,

including any sidewalk adjoining thereto, shall erect, place, construct, grow, or otherwise maintain on such real estate or the sidewalk adjacent thereto any improvement, permanent or temporary; any structure; any sign; any banner; any tree, shrubbery, or vine; or any other object or thing which prohibits, restricts, or impedes the operator of any motor vehicle utilizing any highway, street, or public way which intersects with the highway, street or public way adjacent to such real estate from having an unobstructed line of sight of at least 250 feet from the intersection of such highway, street, or public way to observe approaching motor vehicles traveling on the highway, street, or public way adjacent to such real estate. The line of sight will be measured at a point ten feet back from the intersecting street.

(Code 1977, § 11-36; Ord. of 1-3-2000)

APPENDIX A ZONING

ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

Sec. 2.5. Agriculture.

The tilling of the soil, the raising of crops, horticulture, forestry and gardening, including the keeping of animals and fowl, and including any agricultural industry or business, such as fruit packing plants, dairies or similar use.

Sec. 2.19. Buffer strip.

A strip of land located so that it separates and protects one type of land use from the undesirable effects of another. Trees or other vegetation, as well as manmade screening, may be placed on buffer strips.