

Chapter 21

TRAILERS AND TRAILER CAMPS*

***Cross references**-Buildings, ch.4; erosion and sediment control, ch.5; fire prevention and protection, ch.6; floodplain districts, ch.7; historic district, ch.8; licenses and occupation taxes, ch. 9; music and entertainment festivals, ch.11; nuisances, ch. 13; streets, sidewalks and public places, ch.17; water, sewers and sewage, ch.22.

State law references-Regulation of location of mobile homes, Code of Virginia, §15.2-2247; campgrounds, Code of Virginia, §15.2-2247; campgrounds, Code of Virginia, §35.1-1 et seq.; Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Law, Code of Virginia, §36-70 et seq.; Virginia Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Law, Code of Virginia, §36-85.2 et seq.; Mobile Home Lot Rental Act, Code of Virginia, §55-248.41 et seq.

Sec. 21-1. "Trailer" defined.

The word "trailer" as used in this chapter means any vehicle used or maintained for use as a conveyance upon highways, or which may be transported from one place to another, whether containing its own motive power or attached to another vehicle, and so designed and constructed as to permit occupancy thereof as a business place or office, meeting place, or as a dwelling or sleeping place, for one or more persons, and which may also be called or known as a mobile home, and whether on wheels or on temporary or permanent foundations.

(Code 1975, § 19-1)

Cross reference—Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 21-2. Trailer camps prohibited; trailers prohibited except for temporary periods pursuant to permit.

It shall be unlawful for trailers or trailer camps to be located, maintained, or occupied as dwellings, or for other purposes, within the town, except that trailers may be permitted for temporary periods as provided in this chapter.

(Code 1975, § 19-2)

Sec. 21-3. Special use permit to locate trailer within town for limited period and for limited purposes; provisions governing permits.

A special use permit may be obtained from the town clerk, after approval by the town council, for the location of a trailer within the town on a temporary basis, not to exceed 30 days from the date of issuance, for use as a church, school, office or meeting place, but in no event shall its use as a dwelling or sleeping place be permitted. The location of the trailer shall first be approved by the building official. As a condition to such use, a trailer with a toilet, sink, bathtub or shower shall be subject to all applicable provisions of this Code and other ordinances, rules and regulations of the town concerning water and sewage. Subsequent extensions of the special use permit may be granted upon approval of the town council in increments of not to exceed 30 days.

(Code 1975, § 19-3)

Sec. 21-4. Permit and permit extension fees.

There is hereby imposed a special use permit fee of \$15.00 for the original permit granted upon any application and a fee of \$5.00 for each extension thereof.

(Code 1975, § 19-4)

Sec. 21-5. Violations and penalties.

Any person locating, maintaining, or occupying a trailer or trailer camp in contravention of this chapter shall be arrested and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00 per day until the trailer or trailer camp is removed and the ground upon which it was located, maintained, or occupied is put in a sanitary condition.

(Code 1975, § 19-5)

Sec. 21-6. Exceptions from chapter.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to trailers erected for dwellings prior to June 1, 1962, and complying in all respects with the requirements and standards of sanitation established by the Winchester-Frederick County health department.

(Code 1975, § 19-6)