

**Town of Washington Grove
Code of Ordinances
Table of Contents**

Article I	Public Nuisances, Morals And Conduct	
Section 1.	Public Trash Receptacles.....	I - 1
Section 2.	Destroying Public Property.....	I - 1
Section 3.	Unlawful Entry on Public Property.....	I - 1
Section 4.	Dirt and Trash on Highways.....	I - 1
Section 5.	Throwing Glass, Refuse, etc., Upon the Streets.....	I - 2
Section 6.	Animals.....	I - 2
Section 7.	Operation of Power Mowers, etc.....	I - 2
Section 8.	Cruelty to Animals.....	I - 3
Section 9.	Disturbing Religious Worship.....	I - 3
Section 10.	Abandoned Ice Boxes.....	I - 3
Section 11.	Public Recreation Facilities.....	I - 3
Section 12.	Hunting; Fishing.....	I - 3
Section 13.	Condemnation of Buildings.....	I - 4
Section 14.	Use and Enjoyment of the Woods and any Town Park.....	I - 6
Section 15.	Removal of Archeological or Cultural Artifacts or Fossils.....	I - 6
Section 16.	Injury to or Removal of Trees, Plants or Minerals the Woods, Parks or other Town Land.....	I - 7
Section 17.	Penalty.....	I - 7
Article II	Public Health	
Section 1.	Purpose.....	II - 1
Section 2.	Dwellings, Yards and Lots to be Kept Clean.....	II - 1
Section 3.	Dwellings to be Kept in Repair.....	II - 1
Section 4.	Danger to Life and Health to be Abated.....	II - 1
Section 5.	Garbage, Rubbish and Ash Receptacles.....	II - 2

Section 6.	Trailers for Habitation Prohibited.....	II - 2
Section 7.	Smoking in Public Buildings and Venues.....	II - 2
Section 8.	Conflict with Other Laws.....	II - 2

Article III Traffic, Vehicles, Transportation, Public Ways and Town Property

Section 1.	Scope.....	III - 1
Section 2.	Traffic and Parking Control Signs.....	III - 1
Section 3.	Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specific Places.....	III - 1
Section 4.	Notice of Violation; Payment of Penalty; Issuance of Summons	III - 1
Section 5.	Parking Restrictions; Vehicles Impounded.....	III - 2
Section 6.	Unregistered Vehicles; Parking Prohibited; Vehicles.....	III - 3
Section 7.	Reckless Driving and Speed: Penalty.....	III - 3
Section 8.	Parking Restrictions.....	III - 4
Section 9.	Designations of Streets and Walkways.....	III - 4
Section 10.	Removal of Trees, Bushes and Other Obstructions to Vision of Persons Traveling on Public Highways: Penalty.....	III - 5
Section 11.	Weight Regulations.....	III - 6
Section 12.	Horseback Riding Regulations.....	III - 6
Section 13.	Bicycle Regulations.....	III - 6
Section 14.	Construction in Public Ways and on Town Property.....	III - 6

Article IV Building Regulations

Section 1.	Building Permit Required.....	IV - 1
Section 2.	Building Permit Applications.....	IV - 1
Section 3.	Building Permits Issued by Montgomery County.....	IV - 2
Section 4.	Connection to Sewer System.	IV - 2
Section 5.	Special Structures; Permits.....	IV - 2
Section 6.	Compliance with Forest Conservation.....	IV - 3
Section 7.	Referral to Historic Preservation Commission.....	IV - 3
Section 8.	Temporary Use Permit.....	IV - 3

Section 9.	Building Permit Expiration Limits.....	IV - 4
Section 10.	Grant of Permanent Easement for Use of Town Land.....	IV - 4
Article V	Planning	
Section 1.	Commission Created.....	V - 1
Section 2.	Composition; Appointment; Terms of Members; Vacancies; Compensation.....	V - 1
Section 3.	Chairman.....	V - 1
Section 4.	Powers and Duties.....	V - 1
Section 5.	Hearings on Plans and Regulations.....	V - 2
Section 6.	Duties of the Secretary and Other Town Officials in Connection with Commission.....	V - 2
Section 7.	Referral to Historic Preservation Commission.....	V - 2
Article VI	Fire Regulations	
Section 1.	Adoption of Fire Safety Code.....	VI - 1
Section 2.	Establishment of Office of Fire Official.....	VI - 1
Section 3.	Burning of Trash in Incinerators.....	VI - 1
Section 4.	Burning of Leaves in Open.....	VI - 1
Section 5.	Burning Trash on Streets, etc. Prohibited.....	VI - 2
Section 6.	Fireworks.....	VI - 2
Section 7.	Penalties.....	VI - 2
Article VII	Zoning	
Section 1.	Purpose and Title.....	VII - 1
Section 2.	Establishment of Controls, Zones and Zoning Map.....	VII - 1
Section 3.	General Provisions.....	VII - 3
Section 4.	Rules for Interpretation.....	VII - 8
Section 5.	Non-Conforming Uses and Non-Complying Buildings.....	VII - 13
Section 6.	Accessories to Principal Use of or Building.....	VII - 15
Section 7.	Residential Zones, One-Family.....	VII - 21

Section 8.	Commercial Zone.....	VII - 23
Section 9.	Schedule of Standards.....	VII - 26
Section 10.	Forest and Recreational Zone (FR).....	VII - 28
Section 11.	Board of Zoning Appeals.....	VII - 28
Section 12.	Variances.....	VII - 32
Section 13.	Amendment of this Article.....	VII - 34
Section 14.	Violations and Remedies.....	VII - 39

Article VIII Office of Mayor and Secretary

Section 1.	Purpose.....	VIII - 1
Section 2.	Town Records.....	VIII - 1
Section 3.	Security.....	VIII - 1

Article IX Penalty - Severability

Section 1.	Penalties	IX - 1
Section 2.	Enforcement	IX - 2
Section 3.	Lien Against Real Property.....	IX - 2
Section 4.	Severability.....	IX - 2

Article X Registration, Nominations and Elections

Section 1.	Purpose.....	X - 1
Section 2.	Registration.....	X - 1
Section 3.	Nominations.....	X - 1
Section 4.	Voting.....	X - 1
Section 5.	Bar to Political Activities.....	X - 3

Article XI Commercial Regulations

Section 1.	Beverage Container Deposits.....	XI - 1
Section 2.	Business License.....	XI - 1

Article XII	Subdivision Regulations	
Section 1.	Plat Approval before Use of Plat in Sale or Transfer.....	XII - 1
Section 2.	Plat Approval Before Building Permit.....	XII - 1
Section 3.	Application for Approval of Plat.....	XII - 1
Section 4.	Criteria for Approval of Plat.....	XII - 2
Section 5.	Copy of Recorded Plat Required.....	XII - 2
Section 6.	Compliance with Forest Conservation.....	XII - 2
Article XIII	Application of County Legislation	
Section 1.	Exemption from County Legislation.....	XIII - 1
Section 2.	Amendments to County Legislation.....	XIII - 1
Section 3.	Right to Further Exemption.....	XIII - 1
Section 4.	Enforcement of County Legislation.....	XIII - 1
Section 5.	Applicability.....	XIII - 1
Article XIV	Forest Conservation	
Section 1.	Purpose.....	XIV - 1
Section 2.	Definitions.....	XIV - 1
Section 3.	Applicability.....	XIV - 5
Section 4.	Exemptions.....	XIV - 5
Section 5.	Declaration of Intent.....	XIV - 6
Section 6.	General Requirements.....	XIV - 7
Section 7.	Forest Stand Delineation.....	XIV - 8
Section 8.	Forest Conservation Plan.....	XIV - 9
Section 9.	Afforestation and Retention.....	XIV - 12
Section 10.	Reforestation.....	XIV - 13
Section 11.	Priorities and Time Requirements for Afforestation and Reforestation.....	XIV - 13
Section 12.	Payment Instead of Afforestation and Reforestation.....	XIV - 14
Section 13.	Recommended Tree Species.....	XIV - 15

Section 14.	Financial Security for Afforestation and Reforestation.....	XIV - 15
Section 15.	Standards for Protecting Trees from Construction Activities.....	XIV - 15
Section 16.	Variances.....	XIV - 16
Section 17.	Penalties.....	XIV - 16
Section 18.	Annual Report.....	XIV - 17
Section 19.	Amendments.....	XIV - 17

Article XV Historic Preservation Commission

Section 1.	Purpose.....	XV - 1
Section 2.	Commission Created.....	XV - 1
Section 3.	Composition; Appointment; Term of Members; Vacancies; Compensation.....	XV - 1
Section 4.	Chairman.....	XV - 2
Section 5.	Powers and Duties.....	XV - 2
Section 6.	Rules and Regulations; Right to Appear and Be Heard.....	XV - 4
Section 7.	Duties of the Secretary and Other Town Officials in Connection with the Commission.....	XV - 4

Article XVI Schedule of Fees

Section 1.	Purpose.....	XVI - 1
Section 2.	Collection of Fees, Refunds.....	XVI - 1
Section 3.	Building Permit Applications.....	XVI - 1
Section 4.	Sign Permit.....	XVI - 1
Section 5.	Business License.....	XVI - 2
Section 6.	Subdivision Plans.....	XVI - 2
Section 7.	Zoning Map and/or Text Amendments.....	XVI - 2
Section 8.	Administrative Appeals and Requests for Variances or Special Exceptions.....	XVI - 2
Section 9.	Licenses for Private Use of Town Facilities.....	XVI - 3
Section 10.	Transcripts.....	XVI - 3
Section 11.	Public Ways and Property Permit Fee.....	XVI - 3

Article XVII Sale of Town Land

Section 1.	Purpose.....	XVII - 1
Section 2.	Establishment of Sale Price.....	XVII - 1
Section 3.	Request for Purchase.....	XVII - 1
Section 4.	Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Duties.....	XVII - 1
Section 5.	Recommendations.....	XVII - 1
Section 6.	Conveyance of Land.....	XVII - 1
Section 7.	Deed Requirements.....	XVII - 2
Section 8.	Applicable Properties.....	XVII - 2
Section 9.	Costs.....	XVII - 2

Article XVIII Small Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

Section 1.	Definitions.....	XVIII - 1
Section 2.	Access to Public Ways and Property (PW&P).....	XVIII - 5
Section 3.	Application Requirements for New Facilities or Substantial Modification.....	XVIII - 9
Section 4.	Requirements for facilities.....	XVIII - 11
Section 5.	Construction standards.....	XVIII - 14
Section 6.	Violation and penalties.....	XVIII - 16