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Sec. 7.01. Contracts for erection of public improvements and buildings; interest of council members in contracts.

All contracts for the erection of public improvements and buildings within the jurisdiction of the town shall be in compliance with the Code of Virginia, and in all cases where practicable, shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, all things considered, and the party to whom any contract is let shall give bond as the council may require, but in no event shall any contract be let to any member of the town council, nor shall any member have any interest in such contract.

(Acts 1968, ch. 173; Acts 2014, ch. 786, § 1)

State Law reference— Virginia Public Procurement Act, Code of Virginia, § 11-35 et seq.

Sec. 7.02. Inspection, weighing, etc., of commodities for sale in Town; regulation of scales, measures, meters and transportation of commodities through streets.

The Town Council shall have the power to provide for the inspection, testing, measuring and weighing of any commodities or articles for sale, consumption or use within the Town; to establish, regulate, inspect and license scales, measures, meters and similar devices; and to charge a reasonable fee for same, and to regulate the transportation of such commodities through the streets.

Sec. 7.03. Protection of persons and property and preservation of peace and order.

The town council shall have the power and authority to protect the persons and property of the inhabitants of the town and others within the town, restrain and punish drunkards, vagrants and street beggars; to prevent vice and immorality; to preserve the public peace and good order; to prevent and quell riots, disturbances and disorderly assemblages; to suppress houses of ill fame and gambling houses; to prevent and punish lewd or indecent conduct or exhibitions in the town; and for any violation of such ordinances may impose fines and other punishments in addition to those prescribed by the laws of the State.

(Acts 2014, ch. 786, § 1)

Editor's note— The penalty for the violation of an ordinance must not exceed the penalty prescribed by general law for a like offense. (Code of Virginia, § 15.2-1429)

Sec. 7.04. Repealed by Acts 2014, ch. 786 § 2.

Sec. 7.05. Reward for information leading to arrest of criminals.

The Town Council shall have the power and authority, where any crime has been committed or attempted to be committed in the Town, in their discretion to offer such reward as they think right to any person or persons for information leading to the arrest or conviction of any such criminal.

Sec. 7.06. Repealed by Acts 2014, ch. 786 § 2.

Sec. 7.07. Repealed by Acts 2014, ch. 786 § 2.

Sec. 7.08. Repealed by Acts 2014, ch. 786 § 2.

Sec. 7.09. County jail.

The Town is authorized to use the jail of Montgomery County for the confinement of persons awaiting trial for, or convicted and sentenced to jail for, violation of Town ordinances, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the governing bodies of the Town and County, respectively.

Sec. 7.10. Working of prisoners.

Any person confined in jail as provided in this charter or for violations of town ordinances, the Code of Virginia, or federal laws may be required to work on the streets and public works of said town during the time of confinement.

(Acts 2014, ch. 786, § 1)

Sec. 7.11. Continuation of existing ordinances.

All ordinances now in force in the town of Christiansburg, not inconsistent with this Charter, shall be and remain in force until altered, amended or repealed by the town council.

(Acts 2014, ch. 786, § 1)

Sec. 7.12. Publication of ordinances; ordinances as evidence.

No ordinance hereafter passed by said Council, as now constituted or hereafter elected, for the violation of which any penalty is imposed, shall take effect until the same shall have been published as the Council may order; and all laws regulating any ordinance of the Council may be read in evidence in all courts of justice, and all proceedings before any officer, body or board, in which it shall be necessary to refer thereto; but after the expiration of six months from the date of such ordinance its publication shall not be questioned or its validity affected by any failure to publish the same; but this section shall not apply to the ordinances of whatever kind now in force in the Town of Christiansburg so as to require republication thereof.

Sec. 7.13. Continuation of present officers.

The present elective officers of the Town shall be, and remain in, office until expiration of their several terms, and until successors have been duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 7.14. Title of Charter.

This Charter may for all purposes be referred to or cited as the Christiansburg Charter of 1954, as amended.

(Acts 2014, ch. 786, § 1)