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Editor's Note. This chapter derives from the general authority of municipalities as provided by §5-7-30 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, Question 21 of the Yemassee Questionnaire and generally accepted municipal practices.

ARTICLE 1. COMMISSION

4.101. COMMISSION CREATED.

There is hereby created a "Beautification Commission."

4.102. MEMBERSHIP. TERMS. COMPENSATION.

- a. The Commission shall consist of three (3) members who shall be appointed by the Town Council.
- b. Members shall serve such staggered terms as may be determined by Council. A member shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed and qualifies.
- c. Any member who resigns shall be replaced by appointment by the Mayor for the unexpired term of that member.
- d. Any member having three (3) unexcused consecutive absences shall be automatically removed from the Commission, and the unexpired term filled by appointment by the Mayor.
- e. Commission members shall serve without compensation.

4.103. FUNCTION AND AUTHORITY.

a. The function of the Commission shall be to promote compliance with all environmental projects of the town; to determine and promote ways for making its highway approaches thereto and the surrounding areas more attractive and aesthetically pleasing to the eye; to encourage specifically the preservation, protection and replacement of trees, flowers and shrubs within the town and prevent their unnecessary destruction pursuant to the general police powers of the town.

b. The Commission shall not enter into any contracts involving financial liability or incur any indebtedness except upon written authority from Council; provided, however, the Commission may enter into agreements for the purpose of effecting its objectives, when no liability of the town is involved.

4.104. MEETINGS.

a. The Commission shall elect from its group a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Chairperson of Publicity. The Commission shall meet on call by the Chairperson. In his absence, the Vice-Chairperson may call such meetings.

b. The Chairperson may appoint such temporary committees from within or outside the membership of the Commission, as may be deemed necessary to effect the functions of the Commission.

c. Minutes of meetings shall be kept in written form as a permanent record, and copies shall be forwarded to Council.

d. Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed as a procedure guide for all meetings. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Commission, and a quorum shall be present to conduct business.

4.105. REPORTS.

The Commission shall report at least annually to Council as to the activities, programs and needs of the Commission and shall make such other reports as may be requested.

4.106. INTERFERENCE WITH COMMISSION.

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the Commission, or any of its agents, while engaging in planting, cultivating, mulching, pruning, spraying or removing of trees on public grounds.

4.107. UTILITY EXEMPTION.

Public and private utility companies shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter, provided they file with the Town Clerk, after notice thereby, the policies and procedures followed in their flower, shrub and tree trimming and removal practices and provided a mutually acceptable standard is agreed upon by the utility and Town Council.

4.108. FLOWERS, SHRUBS, TREES.

No person shall drive any animal or vehicle along, on or across any grass plot in any public place; or trample, pluck, mutilate or injure the grass, shrubs or flowers planted or growing in such place.

ARTICLE II. PENALTIES

4.201. PENALTY.

a. Any person, persons, firm, company, representative of any firm or company and otherwise violating the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

b. Each day during which a violation of the provisions of this chapter occurs, or each separate instance, shall be considered a separate offense punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both.

(1976 SC Code §14-25-65)