

REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

AGENDA

August 17, 2023

RULES FOR PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

1. Each speaker will identify himself or herself by giving his or her **name and place of residence**.
2. Each speaker will be limited to speaking one time on any topic. When you are finished speaking, please step away from the podium and be seated.
3. Each speaker will be limited to **three (3) minutes** and each group's representative will be limited to a **maximum of ten (10) total minutes**. Each group is encouraged to designate a single spokesperson for their group.
4. Each speaker will confine himself or herself to the general question before the Council and avoid irrelevant comments.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

(5:00 PM)

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments
4. Agenda Adoption
5. Approve Consent Agenda *(All matters listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion unless a Council member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.)*
 - a. July 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes - will be distributed on 8/14/23
 - b. Already Approved but Unsigned Minutes: (5)
6. Public Hearing on Amending the UDO in Regard to Commercial For Sale, For Lease or For Rent Signs (6)
7. Consideration of Amending the UDO in Regard to Commercial For Sale, For Lease or For Rent Signs (7)
8. Appearance of Rodney Dofort, Managing Partner of Iron Key Brewing (8)
9. Proposed Municipal Code Changes (9)
10. Reports
 - a) Council Members Report
 - b) Planning Board Minutes (10)
 - c) Managers Report (11)
 - d) Public Works Report (12)
 - e) Police, ABC, and Fire Department Reports (13)
 - f) Discover Columbus (14)
 - g) Fourth of July (15)
11. Adjourn

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Town of Columbus



**Minutes of Columbus Town Council
July 20, 2023**

Mayor McCool called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

In attendance were Mayor, Patrick McCool, Councilmen Richard Hall, Brent Jackson, and Councilwoman Becky Kennedy, Town Manager Timothy Barth, Town Attorney Lora Baker, Police Chief Scott Hamby, Public Works Director James Smith, and Town Clerk Daisy Trejo.

In absents: Councilman Mark Phillips

Regular Meeting 5:00 PM.

Item #1. Invocation

Mayor McCool gave the invocation.

Item#2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item #3. Public Comment

Ms. McKinnon from Beechwood Drive stated that five years ago, the Town of Columbus sent certified letter to the property owner of 75 Beechwood West, but more needs to be done about it. Ms. McKinnon said she wants the house to be marked as abandoned. Ms. McKinnon added the owner of the house has had the opportunity to sell or do something with the property. Ms. McKinnon stated it is a fire hazard.

Lindsey Moore from 220 W Beechwood Drive stated he is concerned about drug activity and various damaged trees and there is a decreased on the value of the properties around the abandoned house.

Item #4. Agenda Adoption

Councilman Jackson requested to add line item 14H for personnel matters G.S.143-318.11-closed session.

Ms. Trejo requested to add line item 13B for Municipal Code Changes.

Councilwoman Kennedy made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes made.
Councilman Hall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Kennedy made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Councilman Jackson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item # 6. Presentation from Catina Gray About the "Feed the Foothills" Music Festival

Ms. Gray stated the Feed the Foothills event is on August 23 to benefit the community food drive. Ms. Gray added Steps to Hope, and Thermal Belt Outreach will be organizations that are being supported from this event. Ms. Gray stated the committee is asking for a \$1,000 donation. Mayor McCool asked if the bands were well known. Ms. Gray stated Diamonds and Whiskey a from Charlotte will be presented and are very well known.

Councilwoman Kennedy made a motion to donate \$1,000 to Feed the Foothills Music Festival. Councilman Jackson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #7. Presentation by Cliff Marr Regarding Municipal Election in Polk County

Mr. Marr from the Board of Elections presented the 2023-2024 session. Mr. Marr stated there had been major changes to municipal elections, such as moving to even-numbered years. Mr. Marr said board members will need to file for office next July 2024; there is no change for the mayor's office but specifies that the mayor will stand for election in 2024 and every two years after that. Mr. Marr added that there is some confusion on the wording for councilmembers under part 2.3: where states "the term of the mayor and two council members" should read as "the term of the mayor and three councilmembers." Mr. Marr stated the voters would see two very different things in the voter's ballot: instead of having just one ballot for just city council, now voters will have city council, state, county, and federal voting. Secondly, two different ballots, one for the county and one for the city. Mayor McCool asked whether the board would pay part of the election as they have in the past. Mr. Marr stated the cost will not be the same as previous years, he believes the cost will be zero but will certainly let the Town Manager know if anything changes.

Item #8. Discussion regarding the house 75 Beechwood West

Lora Baker stated the town has gone through the ordinance's policies, there was a judicial hearing, and the property owner did the requirements that the court ruled. Mr. Barth stated the property owner did take care of the things at the time. Mr. Barth added it is an abandoned structure but will ask the county building inspector to determine if it is, in fact, an abandoned structure. Mr. Barth stated the issue might be to get inside the house. Chief Hamby stated he could get an administrative warrant inside the house. Attorney Baker stated she would investigate the administrative warrant. Mr. Barth stated there is a formula they will need to follow since the state changed its laws regarding the difference between dilapidated and deteriorating.

Attorney Baker stated there needs to be a reassessment of the house to see what has changed and what needs to be done. Mayor McCool stated the board understands that it is a problem, but the board wants to make sure the town does not do anything illegal to where the town will have to build another house for the property owner. Mayor McCool added the town will assess the issue with the administrative warrant and will keep the case in town council meetings.

Councilman Jackson asked when will the culvert be fixed. Mr. Smith stated it must be done early morning; once Prince Paving comes in, he will take them and asked how long the process will take since the road must be closed.

Item #9. Public Hearing on Consideration of Rezoning Certain Property from R-2 to HC

Mayor McCool opened the public hearing for consideration of rezoning certain property from R-2 to HC.

Mr. Barth stated two properties are zoned R-2 located on Ogle Street. The neighboring properties that are in between are zoned Highway Commercial.

Ms. Lunsford from Ogle Street stated it is very concerning to have the property zoned as highway commercial because she has grandkids that will be neighboring an unknown commercial business.

Juanita Odel, the property owner, stated in 2019 she took ownership of the property. Ms. Odel stated she had received letters from Town Manager, Mr. Barth, regarding the property's conditions. Ms. Odel stated that neighboring properties are highway commercial because back in the day, the post office was thinking of buying the property to use it as a potential set office, but instead post office bought the primary location on Ward Street. Mayor McCool asked if it would work best to have the neighboring properties as residential. Ms. Odel stated the highway is right below, and the town needs to build the city up and help clean the property. Mayor McCool added the property owner is responsible for cleaning up the property. Councilman Jackson stated if the current tenants living at the property are not following the rules, the property owner could evict them. Mayor McCool asked if the planning board had had a chance to listen to the request. Mr. Barth stated the planning board had said the same thing as the council.

Mayor McCool closed public hearing.

Item #10. Consideration of Rezoning Certain Property from R2 to HC

Councilman Jackson made a motion to deny the request on Consideration of Rezoning Certain Property from R-2 to Highway Commercial. Councilwoman Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #11. Consideration Approving a contract to construct a Temporary Road at the WWTP

Mr. Barth stated the town needs to determine what they can do with the sheet wall at the wastewater treatment plant, either push it back or build a new fence. Mr. Barth added the only way to know is by digging deep into the soil and getting the samples. Mr. Barth stated Councilman Jackson had found a company that would do the job for a reasonable price.

Councilwoman Kennedy made a motion to approve the contract to construct a temporary road at the wastewater treatment plant. Councilman Hall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #12. Consideration of a Pay Increase for ABC Board Members

Councilman Jackson asked how many meetings the ABC Board Members have a month. Mayor McCool stated two meetings per month. Councilwoman Kennedy stated the ABC board only requires one meeting per month. Councilwoman Kennedy added she was at some point head of the board and believes it needs to be set as one set payment per month, not per meeting. Councilman Hall stated he likes monthly pay instead of per-meeting pay. Mayor McCool stated he would like the increase to be \$250 per month since the ABC Board committee are a good group of people that work hard. Councilman Hall asked how many members were on the board. Mayor McCool stated three board members. Councilman Hall added that he would like to see the increase to \$200 monthly. Councilwoman Kennedy motioned to increase the pay to \$200 monthly regardless of how many meetings the ABC Board meets a month. Councilman Jackson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #13. Consideration of Policies Regarding ARPA Funding

Mayor McCool asked if the names could be removed and mention positions such as Mayor and Town Manager. Mayor McCool asked if the money from ARPA had already been used. Mr. Barth stated that not all the money had been used but would be used for this fiscal year.

Councilman Jackson made a motion to approve the consideration of Policies Regarding ARPA Funding with the changes of leaving out the names of individuals and using titles only.
Councilwoman Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

13b: Municipal Code Changes

Ms. Trejo stated Town Attorney Baker provided these ordinances. Attorney Baker added the ordinances must come in front of the Town Council, and at next month's meeting, the Town Council will be able to vote on the suggested changes.

Item #1. Reports

a. Council Report:

Councilman Hall asked if the town could add streetlights around Veterans Park because it is dark around that area.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked about the Coke machine located on Mills Street. Attorney Baker stated the measurements had been taken but will have a definite answer in the next month's meeting.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked about the steps from Calvert's up to Blue Waters. Mr. Barth stated he would talk to Blue Waters next week and ask for an update.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked for an update on the potholes on Wall Street, Case Street, Simms, Walker Street, ext. Mr. Smith stated Prince Paving would be in town the next few weeks to do the job.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked about limbs located on Wall Street; can public works trim them down, or is it the property owner's responsibility? Mr. Smith stated public works can trim them down.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked if the sewer lift station behind Bricks has been resolved. Mr. Smith stated he has called Duke Energy and will ask what exactly is needed before an electrician can come out. Mayor McCool stated he would like the sewer lift station resolved as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked when the sidewalk on N Peak will be completed. Mr. Smith stated it would be completed once Prince Paving comes in.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked for an update regarding the pool table. Attorney Baker added the town is working on changing the municipal code.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked if the state approved the project regarding sewer systems. Mr. Barth added that it had been approved.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked for an update regarding the sidewalk on Peniel Road. Mr. Smith added Duke Power had moved the power pole and would complete the sidewalk.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked about changing out the overhead lights in downtown Columbus. Mr. Smith added that Duke Power will see if they can place all LED lights.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked about painting the fire hydrants. Mr. Smith stated the paint had been ordered and should be here any day.

Councilwoman Kennedy asked about the shirts that were supposed to be ordered for Town Council. Ms. Trejo stated the shirts will be ordered this new fiscal year. Councilwoman Kennedy asked about the signed at Samco Properties. Mr. Barth stated that at the next Town Council meeting, the planning board committee is proposing to add verbatim under the UDO-sign section as "any commercial property with a master sign offering all or part of the property for sale, lease or rent may only appear on the master sign. No individual signs will be allowed." Councilwoman Kennedy asked if the town council could have a list of the town employees, with each person describing their job duties. Councilwoman Kennedy added to have each employee write down what they do daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, and yearly. Councilwoman Kennedy stated Chief Hamby knows what his officers are doing but to provide a general list, such as how often they do security checks, ride through neighborhoods, etc. Councilwoman Kennedy added that she would like the report submitted in two months. Mayor McCool said he would like to see the final numbers for the 4th of July event.

b. Planning Board Report:

Noted

c. Manager's Report:

Mr. Barth stated August 17 is the next Town Council meeting.

D. Public Works Report:

Mr. Smith gave an update on the leak on Skyuka Road; around ten customers stayed without water. Mr. Smith added that there will be a shut-off valve after the job is finished.

Councilman Jackson stated the town must file a complaint with the insurance company regarding the gas leakage behind Board of Elections.

e. Police Report, ABC Board Report, Fire Department Report

Chief Hamby stated the Flock cameras second day installed were available to detect a suspect.

Chief Hamby added that Brandon Bumgarner will return on July 26 as a full-time officer.

Councilwoman Kennedy stated she appreciates everything that the Columbus Police Department does.

Mayor McCool asked if the contract had been found regarding the fire department. Mr. Barth stated he has yet to be available to locate the contract.

f. Discover Columbus Report

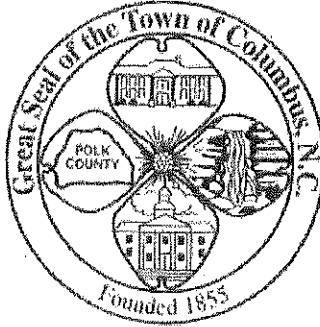
Mrs. Kan stated Christmas lights would be ordered soon and would start repairing Christmas lights. Mrs. Kan added by putting a tent up for people to sit under for the farmers market and having water for them, the people wanted to thank the town for thinking of them.

g. July 4th Committee Report

Councilman Jackson added a bigger tent, a sign that said Town of Columbus, and maybe set a misted fan for people to cool down. Ms. Trejo wanted to thank the town council members and mayor for coming out and helping at the information booth.

Item 14H: Personnel Matters G.S.143-318.11-closed session.

230 Councilman Jackson made a motion to open the closed session meeting to order at 6:51 pm.
231 Councilwoman Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
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233 Councilman Jackson made a motion to close the closed session meeting to order at 7:37 pm.
234 Councilwoman Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
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237 There being no further business, Councilman Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman
238 Kennedy seconded the motion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:42 PM.
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246 Daisy Trejo, Town Clerk

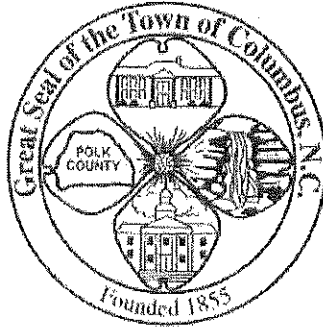


MEMORANDUM FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Timothy J. Barth, Town Manager
Re: Public Hearing on Amending the UDO in Regard to Commercial For Sale, For Lease
And For Rent Signs
Date: August 17, 2023

Before the UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) can be amended, a public hearing must be held. The Public Hearing was advertised in the newspaper on August 2 and August 9.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



MEMORANDUM FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

To: Columbus Planning Board
From: Timothy J. Barth, Town Manager
Re: Consideration of Amending the UDO in Regard to Commercial For Sale, For Lease or For Rent Signs
Date: August 17, 2023

Background

The provision that affects all for sale, for lease or for rent is Section 10.23(F)(1) (a). I have attached that page from the UDO. Number 1 deals with residential zoning districts. Number 2 deals with all other zoning districts.

If we add a sentence to the end of #2 that reads:

“For any commercial property with a Master Sign, signs offering all or part of the property for sale, for lease or for rent, may only appear on the master sign for the property; no individual signs will be allowed.”

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

§ 94.42 TRIMMING AND MAINTENANCE.

Trees and shrubs standing in or upon any lot or land adjacent to any town-owned or town-controlled property, or town rights-of-way and having branches, limbs, trunks, or other parts projecting into the public street or place shall be kept trimmed by the owner of the property on which such trees and shrubs originate as follows:

(A) So that there is a clear space under the tree that is 14 feet above the street and clear recovery zone surface.

(B) So that there is a clear space under the tree that is eight feet above the sidewalk surface or such unpaved right of way area.

(C) So that branches shall not obstruct the light from any street lamp eight feet above the surface of the street right-of-way.

(D) So that such branches shall not obstruct the view of any street intersection in order to ensure a clear space of eight feet above the surface of the street right-of-way.

(E) Remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public.
(Ord. 2018-02, passed 11-15-2018)

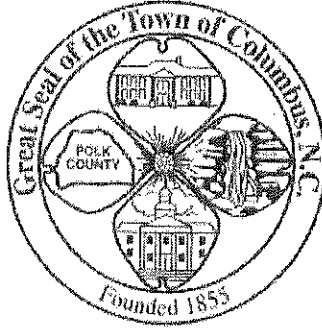
§ 94.43 RIGHTS OF THE TOWN.

The town has the rights afforded to it by law to maintain the streets, sidewalks and other public areas and the municipal utilities as follows:

(A) Plant, trim, spray, preserve and remove trees, plants and shrubs within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares and public grounds, as may be necessary to insure safety when servicing city utilities or to preserve the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds;

(B) Trim any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with visibility of any traffic control device or sign, or visibility of an intersection, such trimming to be confined to the area immediately above the right-of-way;

(C) Trim any tree or shrub on private property to the extent that such tree or shrub comes within eighteen inches of the edge of a road, provided that the town shall not, pursuant to the authority under division (A), trim tree limbs which are more than fourteen feet above the road or the first eighteen inches next to the road unless there are public safety reasons for doing so.



MEMORANDUM FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

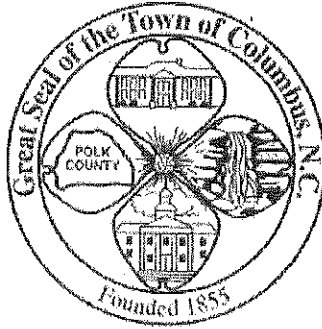
To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Timothy J. Barth, Town Manager
Re: Appearance of Rodney Dofort, Managing Partner of Iron Key Brewing
Date: August 17, 2023

Rodney Dofort, Managing Partner of Iron Key Brewing has requested to appear before you to talk about food truck fees. I hope you all took the opportunity to go to Iron Key on Monday August 14.

Mr. Dofort wants to see if the Town would consider a special rate for a food truck at a restaurant. He believes this can be a positive thing for the Town, especially on a Monday night, which is a day many restaurants are closed. He thinks that having a food truck on Monday nights will be good for his business and will be good for the Town, because it will be an alternative to other restaurants, many of which are not open.

Mr. Dofort also wants to ask about the possibility of allowing restaurants to serve alcohol from 10:00am – 12:00 Noon on Sundays. Several years ago the General Assembly allowed local governments to allow alcohol sales on Sunday mornings if the Town voted to allow it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



MEMORANDUM FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Timothy J. Barth, Town Manager
Re: Proposed Municipal Code Changes
Date: August 17, 2023

These are the Municipal Code changes that the Town Attorney distributed at the July 20 meeting. Please bring the copy of these proposed changes that were distributed at the previous meeting with you to the August 17 meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

1. Section "10.99 GENERAL PENALTY." Of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
2. Section "§ 30.40 REGULAR MEETINGS." of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows

The Town Council ("Council") shall hold a regular meeting on the third Thursday of each month, except that if a regular meeting day is a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next business day. The meeting shall be held at the Town of Columbus Council Chambers and shall begin at **5:00 p.m.** A copy of the Council's current meeting schedule shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

3. Section "§ 55.03 DUMPING IN THIRD PARTY DUMPSTERS" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:

It shall be a Class 3 misdemeanor **punishable by a fine of \$50.00** for any person to deposit trash, garbage or other residue in any dumpster or trash container within the corporate limits of the town which is on some other person or entity's property and which dumpster or trash container is not being charged as a monthly garbage pickup fee by the town to the person, or the person's business or employer, who makes the deposit of trash, garbage or other residue.

4. Section "§ 70.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
5. Section 70.99 "Penalty" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
6. Section 71.01 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed " Penalty, see § 71.99". The following language shall be added "It shall be a Class 3 Misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$50.00 for a violation of this provision."
7. Section 71.99 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
8. **IGNORE CHAPTER 72 FOR NOW**

9. Chapter 73, Schedule 1 (subsection C) of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed "Speeding in excess of 15 mph over the posted speed limit shall be punishable as per G.S. § 20-14(j)(1)"

10. Noise Regulations. Starting at 90.20 **SEE END OF LIST**

11. Abandoned Nuisance and Junked MV

- a. **§ 90.47 PROTECTION AGAINST CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LIABILITY.**
 - i. "Section 90.47 Protection Against Criminal or Civil Liability" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed "Penalty, see § 90.99"
- b. 90.48 Exceptions
 - i. Section 90.48 Exceptions of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 90.99"
- c. **§ 90.49 UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLE.**
 - i. Section 90.49 Unlawful Removal of Impounded Vehicle" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 90.99" The following language shall be added: "Any violation of this section shall constitute a civil offense and subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 per day, with each day that passes without correction constituting a separate offense. The violator shall receive written notice from the Town Manager or such person authorized by the Town Manager to enforce this Code. In addition, the provision of this subchapter may also be enforced through equitable remedies issued by a court of competent jurisdiction including injunction and order of abatement or any other remedy permitted under this article or at law or equity. This section may be enforced by any one, all or a combination of the remedies authorized in this section."

12. Specific Nuisances.

- a. 90.60 Weeds, Garbage, Refuse and the Like.

"Section 90.60 Weeds, Garbage, Refuse and the Like" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 90.99" The following language shall be added: "C. Any violation of section Section 90.60 shall constitute a civil offense and subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of \$50.00 per day, with each day that passes without correction constituting a separate offense. The violator shall receive written notice from the Town Manager or such person authorized by the Town Manager to enforce this Code. In addition, the provision of this

subchapter may also be enforced through equitable remedies issued by a court of competent jurisdiction including injunction and order of abatement or any other remedy permitted under this article or at law or equity. This section may be enforced by any one, all or a combination of the remedies authorized in this section.”

b. 90.99 Penalty.

- i. “Section 90.99 Penalty” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.

13. Chapter 91 IGNORE FOR NOW

14. Chapter 92 IGNORE FOR NOW

15. Chapter 93: IGNORE FOR NOW

16. Chapter 94: Streets and Sidewalks

General Provisions

- a. Section 94.01 “Identification of Signs” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see § 10.99”
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 94.01 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00.
- b. Section 94.02 “Crying Out or Creating Noise” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see § 10.99”
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 94.02 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00.
- c. Section 94.03 “Posting on Poles” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see § 10.99”
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 94.03 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00.
- d. Section 94.04 “Mutilation of Signs” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see § 10.99”
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 94.04 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00.
- e. Section 94.05 “Marking or Painting on Sidewalks and Streets” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see § 10.99”
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 94.05 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00.

- f. Section 94.06 "Posting on Property of Others" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 10.99"
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 94.06 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00

17. Distribution of Handbills

- a. Section 94.22 "Permit Required" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 10.99"
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 94.22 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00
- b. Section 94.23 "Persons Acting for Others" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 10.99"
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 94.23 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00
- c. Section 94.24 "Promiscuous Scattering" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 10.99"
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 94.24 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00
- d. Section 94.25 "Placing in Motor Vehicles" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 10.99"
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 94.25 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00

18. Business Regulations

Massage Businesses

- a. Section 111.04 "Massage of Private Parts for Hire" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 111.99"
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 111.04 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00
- b. Section 111.05 "Patronage of Massage Businesses by Minor; Employment of Minors" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 111.99"
 - i. Any person who shall violate § 111.05 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00
- c. Section 111.06 "License Required" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.

- d. Section 111.07 "Application" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
- e. Section 111.08 "Application Fees" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
- f. Section 111.09 "Investigation; Issuance" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
- g. Section 111.10 "Records of Licensee" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
- h. Section 111.11 "Display of Certificate of Licensure" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
- i. Section 111.12 "Revocation or Suspension; Hearings" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
- j. Section 111.13 "Appeals" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
- k. Section 111.14 "Transfer" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.
- l. Section 111.99 "Penalty" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.

19. Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers

- a. Section 112.01 "Prohibited Activities; Permit Required" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:
The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 10.99"
 - i. The following language shall be added "Any person who shall violate § 112.01 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00"
- b. Section 112.10 "~~Violation a Misdemeanor; Punishment~~" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.

20. Street Vending Permits for Special Events

- a. Section 113.03 "Required" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see § 113.99"
 - i. The following language shall be added: "Any violation of this shall constitute a civil offense and subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 per day, with each day that passes without correction constituting a separate offense. The violator shall receive written notice from the Town Manager or such person authorized by the Town Manager to enforce this Code. In addition, the provision of this subchapter may also be enforced through equitable remedies issued by a court of competent jurisdiction including injunction and order of abatement or any other remedy permitted under this article or at law or

equity. This section may be enforced by any one, all or a combination of the remedies authorized in this section.”

- b. Section 113.06 “Prohibited Conduct” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see § 113.99”
 - i. The following language shall be added: “Any violation of this shall constitute a civil offense and subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 per day, with each day that passes without correction constituting a separate offense. The violator shall receive written notice from the Town Manager or such person authorized by the Town Manager to enforce this Code. In addition, the provision of this subchapter may also be enforced through equitable remedies issued by a court of competent jurisdiction including injunction and order of abatement or any other remedy permitted under this article or at law or equity. This section may be enforced by any one, all or a combination of the remedies authorized in this section.”
- c. Section 113.99 “Penalty” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.

21. Pool Rooms and Bowling Alleys

- a. Section 115.01 “License Required” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see §10.99”
 - i. The following language shall be added: “Any violation of this shall constitute a civil offense and subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of \$50.00 per day, with each day that passes without correction constituting a separate offense. The violator shall receive written notice from the Town Manager or such person authorized by the Town Manager to enforce this Code. In addition, the provision of this subchapter may also be enforced through equitable remedies issued by a court of competent jurisdiction including injunction and order of abatement or any other remedy permitted under this article or at law or equity. This section may be enforced by any one, all or a combination of the remedies authorized in this section.”
- b. Section 115.06 “Rules for Operation” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see §10.99”
 - i. The following language shall be added: “Any violation of this shall constitute a civil offense and subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of \$50.00 per day, with each day that passes without correction constituting a separate offense. The violator shall receive written notice from the Town Manager or such person authorized by the Town

Manager to enforce this Code. In addition, the provision of this subchapter may also be enforced through equitable remedies issued by a court of competent jurisdiction including injunction and order of abatement or any other remedy permitted under this article or at law or equity. This section may be enforced by any one, all or a combination of the remedies authorized in this section.”

22. Game Rooms and the Like

- a. Section 117.02 “Maintenance: Inspection of Buildings” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:
The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see §117.99”
 - i. The following language shall be added: “Any violation of this shall constitute a civil offense and subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of \$50.00 per day, with each day that passes without correction constituting a separate offense. The violator shall receive written notice from the Town Manager or such person authorized by the Town Manager to enforce this Code. In addition, the provision of this subchapter may also be enforced through equitable remedies issued by a court of competent jurisdiction including injunction and order of abatement or any other remedy permitted under this article or at law or equity. This section may be enforced by any one, all or a combination of the remedies authorized in this section.”
- b. Section 117.03 “Sight Obstructions” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see §117.99”
 - i. The following language shall be added: “Any violation of this shall constitute a civil offense and subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of \$50.00 per day, with each day that passes without correction constituting a separate offense. The violator shall receive written notice from the Town Manager or such person authorized by the Town Manager to enforce this Code. In addition, the provision of this subchapter may also be enforced through equitable remedies issued by a court of competent jurisdiction including injunction and order of abatement or any other remedy permitted under this article or at law or equity. This section may be enforced by any one, all or a combination of the remedies authorized in this section.”
- c. Section 117.04 “Hours of Operation” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see §117.99”
 - i. The following language shall be added: “Any violation of this shall constitute a civil offense and subject the offender to a civil penalty in the

amount of \$50.00 per day, with each day that passes without correction constituting a separate offense. The violator shall receive written notice from the Town Manager or such person authorized by the Town Manager to enforce this Code. In addition, the provision of this subchapter may also be enforced through equitable remedies issued by a court of competent jurisdiction including injunction and order of abatement or any other remedy permitted under this article or at law or equity. This section may be enforced by any one, all or a combination of the remedies authorized in this section."

- d. Section 117.05 "Gambling" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see §117.99"
 - i. The following language shall be added: "Any person who shall violate §117.05 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00"
- e. Section 117.06 "Disorderly Conduct" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see §117.99"
 - i. The following language shall be added "Any person who shall violate §117.06 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00"
 - ii. Section 117.10 "License Required for Establishments" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed."
- f. Section 117.11 "License Required for Devices" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed."
- g. Section 117.12 "Non-Coin-Operated Devices; License" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed."
- h. Section 117.13 "License Required for Devices" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed."
- i. Section 117.99 "Penalty" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.

23. Chapter 130 Alcoholic Beverages

- a. Section 130.01 "State Statutes Applicable" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see §10.99"
 - i. The following language shall be added: "Any person who shall violate §130.01 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00"

- b. Section 130.02 “Drinking in Public Places Generally; Penalty” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:
The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see §10.99”
 - i. The following language shall be added: “Any person who shall violate §130.02 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00”
- c. Section 130.03 “Possession of Alcoholic Beverages in or Near Town Recreational and Government Facilities” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see §10.99”
 - i. The following language shall be added: “Any person who shall violate §130.03 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00”
- d. Section 130.04 “Drinking in Town Recreational Facilities” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:
The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see §10.99”
 - i. The following language shall be added: “Any person who shall violate §130.04 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00”
- e. Section 130.05 “Possession of Open Container in Public Places; Exceptions” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see §10.99”
 - i. The following language shall be added: “Any person who shall violate §130.05 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00”
- f. Section 130.06 “Sale Near Schools” of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: “Penalty, see §10.99”
 - i. The following language shall be added: “Any person who shall violate §130.06 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00”

24. Loitering and Temporary Living Facilities

- a. Section 132.02 "General Provisions" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows: The following language shall be removed: "Penalty, see §132.99"
 - i. The following language shall be added: "Any person who shall violate §132.02 shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00"
- b. Section 132.99 "Penalty" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Section 90.21 through 90.27 "Noise" of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER: NOISE

Sections

- 90.21 Loud, disturbing noises prohibited
- 90.22 Definitions
- 90.23 Certain sounds prohibited
- 90.24 Permits for amplified sound
- 90.25 Outdoor amplification and music at commercial establishments
- 90.26 Sound measurement procedures
- 90.27 Penalty

§ 90.21 LOUD, DISTURBING NOISES PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to create, or assist in creating, any unreasonably loud and/or disturbing noise in the Town.

§ 90.22 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

"A" WEIGHTING SCALE. The sound pressure level, in decibels, as measured with the sound level meter using the "A" weighted network scale. (Denoted dB(A).)

AMPLIFIED SOUND. Any sound created by a sound magnifying device, whose source is outside or whose source is inside and where the sound propagates to the outside or to other dwellings or interior locations under separate ownership or occupancy.

ANIMALS. The keeping of any animal or bird, which by causing frequent or long continued noise that is unreasonable, shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity.

ANSI. American National Standards Institute or its successor bodies.

CHURCH BELL(S). The ringing of or sounding of any church bell(s) or chime(s) located upon, in or about any church or place of worship in the Town; to include an amplified speaker system simulating the sound of same.

CONSTRUCTION. On-site erection, fabrication, installation, alteration, demolition or removal of any structure, facility or addition thereto, including all related activities, including, but not limited to, the clearing, moving, blasting or landscaping of land (earth).

DAYTIME HOURS. 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

dB(A). Sound level in decibels, as determined by the "A" weighting scale of a sound meter having characteristics defined by the American National Standards Institute and conforming to the requirements of ANSI/NCSL 2540-1 IOS.

DECIBEL (DB). A unit of measure, on a logarithmic scale, of the ratio of the magnitude of a particular sound pressure to a standard reference pressure, which for the purposes of § 90.26 shall be 0.0002 microbars.

EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLES. Publicly-owned or operated vehicles used for the purposes of responding to public emergencies, to include police, fire and medical rescue vehicles, or vehicles of public utility companies or contracted private companies conducting emergency repairs to the protection of public safety.

EXCEPTIONAL PERMIT. An amplified-sound permit authorized by the Town Council upon a finding of legal entitlement of an applicant's request for a permit which is denied by the Town Manager.

MOTOR VEHICLE or VEHICLE. As used herein shall mean any vehicle propelled on land by a motor, such as, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, truck-trailers, semi-trailers, campers, go-carts, motorcycles, mopeds or buses. It shall exclude trains and emergency service vehicles.

NIGHTTIME HOURS. 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

NOISE. As used herein, any unreasonably loud, disturbing sound levels taking into consideration the volume, duration, frequency and other characteristics of the sound.

NOISE CONTROL OFFICER. Any police officer within the jurisdiction (or extraterritorial jurisdiction) of the Town of Columbus who is authorized to enforce the ordinances of the Town of Columbus.

PERSON. Any individual, corporation, partnership, firm, association, trust, estate, public or private institution, group, agency, political subdivision of the state, any other state or political subdivision or agency thereof or any legal successor, representative, agent or agency of the foregoing.

PLAINLY AUDIBLE. Any sound that can be detected by a person using his or her unaided faculties.

SOUND. An oscillation in pressure, particle displacement, particle velocity or other physical parameter, in a medium with internal forces that cause compression and refraction of that medium. The description of SOUND may include any characteristic of such sound, including duration, intensity and frequency.

SOUND LEVEL. In decibels, a weighted sound pressure level determined by the use of a sound meter whose characteristics and frequency weighting are specified in ANSI standards.

SOUND LEVEL METER. Any instrument certified to meet or exceed ANSI standards which include an omni-directional microphone, an amplifier and output meter and frequency weighting network(s) for the measurement of sound level.

SPONSOR. (also referred to as "Applicant" or "Property Owner") The owner of real property or person/entity in legal possession of the real property (whether tenant/lawful occupant/etc.) upon which amplified sound is anticipated to take place, or does in fact take place.

VIOLATOR. As described herein, means any person that is in possession of or has control of any noise generating device.

§ 90.23 CERTAIN SOUNDS PROHIBITED.

The following acts and activities, among others, are hereby declared to be a source of "unreasonably loud and/or disturbing noise" in violation of § 90.21:

(A) Sounds impacting residential areas. It shall be unlawful to carry on the following activities in any residentially-zoned area of the Town, or within 300 feet of any residentially-occupied structure in any zone of the Town:

- (1) The sounding of any horn, car alarm, siren or other signal device upon any automobile, except when used as a signal of warning or danger, so as to create any unreasonable noise;
- (2) The playing of any sound-magnifying device, radio, television or musical equipment, within or outside of any structure, in a manner or at a volume so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person in any adjoining dwelling, apartment unit or hotel/motel room;
- (3) The operation a front-end loader for refuse collection during nighttime hours;
- (4) The operation of construction machinery or performing any construction activities during nighttime hours;
- (5) The operation of automotive repairs equipment or garage machinery out-of-doors during nighttime hours;
- (6) The operation of lawn mowers or other domestic power tools, out-of-doors during nighttime hours;
- (7) The creation of any mechanical noise which registers more than 60 dB(A) during nighttime hours at the property line of the source of the noise; and
- (8) The keeping of any animal or bird, which by causing frequent or long continued noise that is unreasonable, shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity

(B) Sounds impacting all areas. It shall be unlawful to carry on the following activities in any area of the Town:

- (1) To operate or allow the operation of any sound amplification equipment except in accordance to a permit obtained from the Town Manager or Town Council (in case of Exceptional Permit issuance);
- (2) To amplify sound produced by a radio, compact disc or any other electronic device, or sounds produced by any person or musical instrument from within a motor vehicle, so as to create an unreasonable noise such that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of more than 50 feet away from the vehicle. This division (B)(2) shall not apply to vehicles used for business or political purposes which, in the normal course of operation, are not within 500 feet of any school, child care center, house of worship, personal care facility or hospital. This division (B)(2) does not apply to vehicles operating such equipment during public parades when a valid outdoor gatherings permit, with the sound conditions identified, has been issued;

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(3) To discharge into the open air the exhaust of any internal combustion engine when the muffler system is missing or configured in such condition so as to result in the creation of unreasonable noise; and

(4) The operation of any motor vehicle outside of any structure on private or public property in such a manner as to create unreasonable noises, by actions including, but not limited to racing engines, spinning tires, jackrabbit starts and off-road operation.

(C) Exemptions. This section shall not apply to:

(1) Emergency operations designed to protect the public health or safety;

(2) Work performed by state, county, Town or government-contracted crews in a right-of-way or utility easement when the department responsible for the work determines that it is necessary to perform the work during nighttime hours, under the following considerations:

(a) To avoid unreasonably impacting the flow of traffic; or

(b) To avoid unreasonably disrupting the provision of utility service.

(3) Church bells.

§ 90.24 PERMITS FOR AMPLIFIED SOUND.

(A) Application. An application, on a form approved by the Town, for a permit for commercial sound amplification pursuant to this section must be submitted to the Town Manager's Office no more than 30, but no less than 15, business days before the permit time requested. The application shall specify the responsible person(s) for the sound amplification equipment.

(B) Factors to be considered. In determining whether a permit should be issued pursuant to this section, the Town Manager shall consider the following:

1. The time period during which the event will occur;
2. The location of the event;
3. Whether the activities would be in compliance with other applicable laws;
4. Whether the designated place (or nearby place) at the requested time has already been permitted to a different applicant
5. Whether the equipment to be used and the number of units of equipment to be used will likely lead to excessive noise;
6. Whether the Applicant/Sponsor has had any prior violations of the Town noise ordinance, amplification ordinance, or related state or federal law violations;
7. Whether the Applicant/Sponsor was found to have made misleading statements in prior applications to the Town requesting issuance of an amplification permit;
8. Whether this Applicant/Sponsor has had prior permits granted which excluded the opportunity to provide permits to neighboring property, and whether in the interest of fairness and equity, a neighboring property should be given a permit

(C) Review of permits. Permit applications shall be reviewed by the Town Manager, and after consideration of the factors outlined in subsection (C) above, the Town Manager shall decide

which permits to grant and which permits to reject. The Town Manager may include reasonable conditions on any permit to be granted (including, but not limited to, a set decibel limit on noise) and any failure of the Sponsor to abide by (or ensure other participants abide by the same) may result in the denial of future permits, the suspension of the sponsor's ability to request a similar permit for a set period of time, and/or the immediate revocation of any permit granted as a result of this application.

(D) Limit on permits by geographical area. Subsequent permits shall not be issued for the same date for a location within a 500-foot radius of the location of an issued permit.

(E) Not permitted in residentially-zoned areas. Permits for sound amplification may not be issued for residentially-occupied property. The creation of sounds registering more than 70 dB(A) anywhere within the boundary line of the nearest residentially-occupied property shall be prohibited.

(F) Permit revocation. If sound checks taken by a Town of Columbus Police Officer, or other authorized law enforcement officer, during the event of amplified sound determines the sound levels to be in excess of the permit, or should it be determined that any other conditions of this section have not been completed as required or other conditions of the permit not met, the law enforcement officer charge the offender with a violation of this ordinance, and require an immediate cessation of the amplified sound. In addition, law enforcement shall notify the Town Manager of such violation so that a record may be made of any such violation and considered when determining whether additional permits shall be issued to a particular venue in the future.

(G) Permit denial. If the applicant has been denied the issuance of a permit by the Town Manager, and believes the denial to be illegal under applicable local, state or federal law, the applicant may appeal the denial to the Town Council. The appeal shall be delivered in writing, and shall include a copy of the permit and a statement as to the applicant's beliefs to the legal basis for the appeal. The Town Council shall have the discretion to grant an Exceptional Permit, waiving the exceptions for location, time of day and/or decibel restrictions, upon his or her determination that the applicant has made a substantial showing of legal entitlement.

§ 90.25 OUTDOOR AMPLIFICATION AND MUSIC AT COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

(A) Except in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to § 90.24, it shall be unlawful for any commercial establishment, including, but not limited to, restaurants, bars or nightclubs, to operate or allow the operation of sound amplification equipment out of doors or directed out of doors (an establishment will be presumed to be directing sound amplification out of doors if the sound levels exceed the following set limits at the prescribed measuring distance). Permits issued pursuant to this section shall allow for the operation of sound amplification equipment consistent with the decibel limits established below unless further conditions are required on the permit itself:

<i>Table 1 - Monday through Sunday</i>	
7:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.—7:00 a.m.
70 dB(A)	70 dB(A)

(B) The decibel limits prescribed in this section shall be measured approximately 200 feet from any entrance to the facility if it appears the noise is coming from inside the establishment, or 200 feet from any boundary of an outdoor entertainment area of the commercial property from where the sound is being generated. The law enforcement officer measuring decibel limits shall use his/her skill and training in estimating the distance required herein and shall not be required to use a measuring device to confirm distance. Should a noise check be required for any venue utilizing an outdoor entertainment area, a law enforcement officer shall use his/her best judgment in determining what constitutes the boundary of an outdoor entertainment area for purposes of determining the 200 feet requirement herein.

(C) The amplified sound may only be produced during the operational hours of the commercial establishment.

§ 90.26 SOUND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES.

(A) For the purpose of determining decibels (dB(A)) as referenced in this chapter, the noise shall be measured on the "A-weighting scale slow response" on a sound level meter of standard design and quality having characteristics established by the American National Standards Institute.

(B) When the Noise Control Officer determines that insufficient prima facie evidence exists for establishing a noise violation case, the investigating officer will use a sound-level meter to measure the sound level. Sound measurements shall be conducted at that time, day or night, when the suspect noise source is emitting sound.

(C) The following procedures shall be utilized in the sound measurement process.

(1) The sound measurement equipment shall have been calibrated.

(2) Prior to obtaining the sound sample, the sound level meter shall be set to the "A" weighted network at slow response.

(3) No individual other than the operator of the sound meter shall be within ten feet of the sound level meter during the measurement process.

§ 90.27 PENALTY.

(A) Enforcement remedies. Violation of this offense will be a class 3 misdemeanor and a \$500.00 fine.

(1) The Town may seek an injunction and order of abatement directed toward any person or entity creating or allowing the creation of any unlawful noise, including the owner or person otherwise having legal or actual control of the premises from which it emanates.

(B) Enforcement of § 90.25. When there are repeated violations of § 90.25, the Town Manager, at his/her discretion, may take the following enforcement.

(1) An establishment which has been found in violation of § 90.25 more than two times within any 12-month period may have its privileges under this section suspended for a period of up to 12 months.

(2) The Town may seek an injunction and order of abatement directed toward any person or entity creating or allowing the creation of any unlawful noise, including the owner or person otherwise having legal or actual control of the premises from which it emanates.

(3) An establishment whose privileges under § 90.25 have been suspended continues to produce or allow to be produced amplified shall be subject to a class 3 misdemeanor and a \$500.00 fine per violation.

Cross-reference:

Certain sounds prohibited, see § 90.23

August 17, 2023 Town Manager's Report
Prepared for Columbus Town Council
Friday August 11, 2023

- 1) **September Council Meeting:** The July Town Council meeting is scheduled for September 21. Please check your calendars to make sure there are no conflicts.

- 2) **House at 75 Beechwood West:** An Administrative Warrant is going to be served on August 16 at 75 Beechwood West. Myself, the Police Chief and someone from the Polk County Building Inspection Department will be going through the house and seeing what would need to be done to bring the house into compliance. I will update you on the 17th with the results of our visit. Also, a registered letter has been sent to the property owner demanding that the grass and weeds and bushes be cut. As soon as 10 days is up the Town can cut the grass and charge it to the property owner. If she does not pay, then it will be placed as a lien against her property.

Columbus Police Department

Monthly Activity Report

July 2023

Calls Answered

Wrecks	11
Alarm Calls	10
Domestic	1
Suspicious Vehicles	2
Suspicious Person	7
Assist Fire/EMS	1
Larceny	1
Stranded Motorists	6
Disturbance	4
Involuntary Commitments	4
Breaking & Entering	0
Suicide Threat	0
Hit and Run	0
Stolen Vehicle	0
Total Calls Answered:	781

Premise Checks

Residence Checks	190
Business Checks	10,179
Church Checks	602
Total Checks	10,971

Charges

Speeding Citations	87
No Operators License	10
Driving While License Revoked	9
Drug Charges	6
Uninsured Motorists	6
Careless & Reckless Driving	4
Registration Violations	55
Open Container	3
Total Charges	262
(Traffic & Criminal)	

Arrests

Felony Arrests	4
Misdemeanor Arrests	14
DWI	5
Fugitives Arrested	2
Total Arrests	25

Requested to Assist Sheriff's Office, City Police Departments & Other Agencies

Calls	14
Hours	10.05

Community Patrols – 508

Training Topics

Radar Recertification
Intoximeter Recertification
Firearms Training
Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving
Enforcement
Mandatory In-service

Total Training Hours: 64

COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Head Report

August 17th, 2023 Council Meeting

Scott Hamby, Chief

- Statistical Data
- On Wednesday, July 19th, Officer Justin Queen had “story time” with several kids at the Polk County Library located in Columbus. Officer Queen gave the kids a tour of his patrol car and presented each one with a Columbus Sticker Badge. Officer Queen went above and beyond to make a connection with these kids and was an excellent representation of the Town of Columbus.
- July, 26th Was Officer Brandon Bumgarner’s first day back working full time for the Columbus Police Department.
- August 3, Members of Columbus Police Department executed a search warrant on 175 Blanton Street. Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, Marijuana and several items of drug paraphernalia were located in the residence. William Jordon Daniel was arrested and transported to Polk County Detention Center. He was issued a \$20,000.00 secure bond.

Town of Columbus
Minutes of the ABC Board
July 5, 2023

Chair Hamby called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. In attendance were Board Chair Kelly Hamby, Board Member David Thompson, and Board Member Cindy Gibson.

Regular Meeting

1. Agenda Adoption:

Chair Hamby made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Board Member Gibson.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Ethical Statement & Minutes

Chair Hamby read the following ethical statement:

"In accordance with GS 18B-201, it is the duty of every Board Member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflicts. Does any member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board today?"

All Board Members responded no.

4. Consent Agenda

- a) Approve minutes for May 18, 2023
- b) Approve minutes for May 30, 2023
- c) Approve minutes for June 7, 2023
- d) Approve minutes for June 21, 2023

5. Accounting Update

Foothills Finance Director Charlotte Sullivan provides the Columbus ABC Board weekly accounting updates by email. The following is the weekly update as of June 28, 2023.

- July and August Bank Recs are complete. September is almost complete. It appears that one check run was posted twice to the general ledger in September and not voided in September. I will get with Shana to see what we need to do. I feel these months (July and August) were the most time consuming. Checks were posted to the wrong period, etc.
- Hopefully all bank recs through April will be completed soon, and I will focus on May and June to close the fiscal year. If we get all the bank recs completed very soon – we will be on track to leave most of July for clean-up and have everything to the auditor.
- Diane and I met on Monday. We hope to visit Valdese in July to talk about QuickBooks, etc.

6. Approve Invoices/Sign Checks

Board members approved invoices/signed checks.

7. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for July 19th at 4pm.

8. Adjourn

The meeting is adjourned at 5:43pm.

Town of Columbus
Minutes of the ABC Board
July 19, 2023

Chair Hamby called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. In attendance were Board Chair Kelly Hamby, Board Member David Thompson, Board Member Cindy Gibson, ABC Store Manager Diane Fields, and Columbus ABC Store Accountant Charlotte Sullivan.

Regular Meeting

1. Agenda Adoption:

Board Member made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Board Member Gibson. Motion carried.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Ethical Statement & Minutes

Chair Hamby read the following ethical statement:

"In accordance with GS 18B-201, it is the duty of every Board Member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflicts. Does any member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board today?"

All Board Members responded no.

4. Consent Agenda

- a) Approve minutes for July 19, 2023

Chair Hamby made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Board Member Thompson.

5. Manager's Report

STAFF

- New employee is doing a good job. She will continue on probation for 2 more months (60 days).
- On July 3, 2023, Elliott gave me his notice that he is leaving the end of July. His wife took a job in Raleigh and they are moving there.
- I submitted the 5% COLA raises for the staff to Daisy. They will be in the employee's checks on 7/26/23. New employee started out in mid-June, so I started her at the clerk rate plus the COLA. She will not get an increase in the 7/26/23 check. She had her first closing shift on her own on Monday, 7/17/23.
- On 7/16/23, I personally paid for brunch for my staff at the Orchard Inn in Saluda, to thank them for their hard work this year in getting us to our \$1M goal in sales.
- I have tentatively hired a new employee to replace Elliott. This is pending his drug screen. His first day is scheduled for 7/26/23 to begin training.

FINANCE

- **Accountants**
 - I received an invoice from Brian Broom for fees charged to us for his work from January through April 30, 2023. Apparently, our \$10 k ran out the first of January. Although we were told he would finish the accounting repairs for FY 21/22 within 8 weeks of hire in October of 2022, it was not completed until we turned in our audit in May of 2023. He has told Shana there will be more billing for work he has done in May/June of 2023. In an email on 7/13, he said: ***"Diane is correct, there will be no more charges related to***

the 2022 audit. However, I may have to assist Shana occasionally on issues related to the ABC Board. For instance, Last week I helped Shana record the ABC Board's 2023 budget amendments and the 2024 budget in the accounting software." I told him that Shana and I need to work with Charlotte going forward on ABC issues. I'm sure the vendor tech support is able to help them do entries in the software. And Charlotte knows the financial information on what needs to be done. Shana responded that she understands she will be working with Charlotte and me on ABC finances.

- **Charlotte**

- Charlotte and I are going to Valdese to talk with Chris (store manager) about how he uses QuickBooks in-house and how their outsourced payroll is handled.
- QS1 has set us up for quarterly subscription payments starting July 1. This gives us time to analyze our options for software.
- Charlotte is working well with me. She is finished with the bank recs through March 2023, and is working on April 2023. She said they will all be done in time for the audit.

- **AUDIT FY 22/23**

- The store audit for cash on hand and inventory went smoothly. Terry only found 2 discrepancies. One bottle over on one item (probably a miscount), and one 50ml Moonshine short. Mike found everything he randomly chose to count.
- Terry has scheduled the field audit for August 28. The fieldwork will be done in the chambers at Town Hall.
- I will contact Shana and Charlotte for things I do not have but he needs.
- High level review of auditor's list of what he needs to do the fieldwork.
- I have packed boxes with sales reports, mixed beverage receipts, credit card receipts and catalogs in preparation for the audit.
- Sharon and I have done the preliminary reconciliation of the June bank statement. Will give to Charlotte to reconcile checks and misc.

- **BUDGET**

- **Reporting**

- The budget was submitted to the state ABC Commission by the June 30th deadline.

- **Audit Calendar**

- 07/01/2023 – FY 23 Audit – Terry Anderson came to the store to audit cash and inventory.
- 08/07/2023 – Charlotte Sullivan said we will be ready to hand everything Terry needs over to him.
- 8/28/2023 – Field audit date scheduled by Terry.
- 09/30/2023 – FY 23 Audit – due at the state NC ABC Commission.

- **Insurance**

- On July 10, I contacted our agent at EMC regarding going over our policy to make sure we have whatever coverage we need. I met with him on Wednesday, July 12 to review. I thought we had umbrella coverage, but on inspection of our insurance book when we received it, I saw that we do not. Our agent is going to get me a price to add \$1M umbrella coverage to cover us in case of any type of discrimination suit. I did learn that for deliveries, employee's insurance pays first, and then the current store insurance pays for liability and damaged or lost product.
- I was off on Friday 7/14. I came in on the 15th to make up for being off on the 11th for a doctor visit. I found paperwork for an Insurance Audit on my desk. I added the

information that I know and sent an email to Kyla at EMC for clarification on information I do not know.

- **Shredder**
 - I budgeted \$300 - \$400 for a shredder for the office. I want to make sure it is approved before I go purchase it. We do a lot of shredding on my personal shredder that I brought in. This will be a helpful office addition.

OTHER:

- **Legislation**
 - I do not have an update on where the legislation is at this time.
- **Software Change for POS and Back Office**
 - The new system is much better than the old one. Steve Gaskins has been bending over backwards to make things as easy as possible for us.
 - As expected, there were a few hiccups related to changing systems. But they are being immediately resolved.
 - No update on the status of paying Carolina data for one year of maintenance. Kelly is looking into a letter from an attorney to them to see if we can be relieved of this obligation.
- **Fire Inspector**
 - 7/3/2023 – Fire re-inspection. The inspector insisted that we put in a hard-wired connection in the ceiling to run the tv for the security system. I am documenting everything that he says/does and keeping record for the future.
 - 7/5/2023 – Becker Electric removed the extension cord from the TV monitor. He installed a grounded outlet in the ceiling to directly plug the TV in to power. The outlet is on the switch in the stock room that turns on/off the last row of ceiling lights in the store. We leave those on all the time, so the TV will stay on all the time. Invoice to come.
- **NC Association of ABC Boards (NCAABC)**
 - No news
- **Tastings**
 - July 14th End Of Days tasting went very well. The rep told the staff that this was the best tasting she had ever done. The last tasting we had went well and the staff attributed it to having postcard size advertisements of the event that we could give to customers. I suggested this to our EOD rep and she asked her “board” about it. They thought it might be a good idea, but they didn’t have time to get it ready for this tasting. I created our own postcard size ads for the staff to hand out – which they did. I’m sure this contributed to the success of the tasting.
- **Sales**
 - July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023: Gross \$1,078,342.78
- **Additional Accounting Costs – Due to issues related to Software migration by TOC**
 - \$10,400.00 – Brian Broom – Prep for FY22 audit
 - \$ 512.50 – Kathleen Gregory – Prep for FY22 audit
 - \$ 5,200.00 – Brian Broom – Invoice 2 Prep for FY22 Audit
 - \$ 7,900.00 – Carland & Anderson – FY22 audit
 - \$ 3,357.50 – Foothills Regional Commission – Prep for FY23 Audit
 - **TOTAL TO DATE:** \$27,370.00

6. Accounting Update

Columbus ABC Store Accountant Charlotte Sullivan presented the following Accounting Update.

I have reconciled July- April bank recs on paper -Every month is balanced to the penny on paper. This means I know what adjustments need to be made to the General Ledger to match with the bank. However, I do need Shana and Daisy's help on some of the entries because the adjustments involve accounts payable and payroll. I've scheduled July 25 to go to town hall and work with Shana (first date she is available). Once we have all the adjustments made – and have June items paid or closed – we can send the auditor a trial balance. I know he will likely have audit adjustments – so I would like to send this T/B to him early. I'm hoping Diane and I can schedule a time to call and talk with Terry again.

7. Approve Invoices/Sign Checks

Board Members approved invoices and signed checks.

8. Announcements

August meetings are scheduled for August 2nd and 16th.

9. Adjourn

The meeting is adjourned at 5:29pm.

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Start Date: 04/01/2023 | End Date: 05/31/2023

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
MUNICIPALITY: COLLINSVILLE	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR COLLINSVILLE:	1

MUNICIPALITY: COLUMBUS	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
111 - Building fire	2
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	25
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	8
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2
400 - Hazardous condition, other	2
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
500 - Service Call, other	4
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	4
553 - Public service	3
554 - Assist invalid	2
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	7
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	65
# INCIDENTS FOR COLUMBUS:	65

MUNICIPALITY: COLUMBUS (TOWNSHIP OF)	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	15
320 - Emergency medical service, other	4
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	8
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	3
400 - Hazardous condition, other	3

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
500 - Service Call, other	1
510 - Person in distress, other	1
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1
553 - Public service	2
554 - Assist invalid	3
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	3
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	2
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	3
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
900 - Special type of incident, other	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	58
# INCIDENTS FOR COLUMBUS (TOWNSHIP OF):	58

MUNICIPALITY: GREEN CREEK	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	3
# INCIDENTS FOR GREEN CREEK:	3

MUNICIPALITY: MILL SPRING	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	3
# INCIDENTS FOR MILL SPRING:	3

MUNICIPALITY: SALUDA	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	3
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	3
# INCIDENTS FOR SALUDA:	3

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
MUNICIPALITY: SALUDA (TOWNSHIP OF)	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	2
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	4
# INCIDENTS FOR SALUDA (TOWNSHIP OF):	4

MUNICIPALITY: SUNNY VIEW	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR SUNNY VIEW:	1

MUNICIPALITY: TRYON	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1
500 - Service Call, other	1
554 - Assist invalid	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	2
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	7
# INCIDENTS FOR TRYON:	7

MUNICIPALITY: TRYON (TOWNSHIP OF)	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR TRYON (TOWNSHIP OF):	1

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
MUNICIPALITY: COLUMBUS	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	21
320 - Emergency medical service, other	2
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	3
400 - Hazardous condition, other	3
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
462 - Aircraft standby	4
500 - Service Call, other	4
550 - Public service assistance, other	2
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2
553 - Public service	3
554 - Assist invalid	4
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	5
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	3
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2
700 - False alarm or false call, other	2
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	1
815 - Severe weather or natural disaster standby	1
900 - Special type of incident, other	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	80
# INCIDENTS FOR COLUMBUS:	80

MUNICIPALITY: COLUMBUS (TOWNSHIP OF)

Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:

311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	15
320 - Emergency medical service, other	3
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	4
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	4
400 - Hazardous condition, other	2
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1
460 - Accident, potential accident, other	1

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
462 - Aircraft standby	2
500 - Service Call, other	3
550 - Public service assistance, other	6
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1
553 - Public service	3
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	2
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	2
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1
812 - Flood assessment	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	52
# INCIDENTS FOR COLUMBUS (TOWNSHIP OF):	52

MUNICIPALITY: MILL SPRING

Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:

132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR MILL SPRING:	1

MUNICIPALITY: SALUDA

Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:

324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR SALUDA:	1

MUNICIPALITY: SALUDA (TOWNSHIP OF)

Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:

611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR SALUDA (TOWNSHIP OF):	1

MUNICIPALITY: TRYON

Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:

311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	2
# INCIDENTS FOR TRYON:	2

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Columbus, NC

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
MUNICIPALITY: COLUMBUS	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	22
320 - Emergency medical service, other	2
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	16
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	5
400 - Hazardous condition, other	4
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2
462 - Aircraft standby	1
500 - Service Call, other	5
510 - Person in distress, other	1
550 - Public service assistance, other	3
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2
553 - Public service	4
554 - Assist invalid	3
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	3
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	80
# INCIDENTS FOR COLUMBUS:	80

MUNICIPALITY: COLUMBUS (TOWNSHIP OF)

Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:

311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	17
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	7
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1
444 - Power line down	1
462 - Aircraft standby	2
500 - Service Call, other	1
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
553 - Public service	2
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	5
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1
700 - False alarm or false call, other	4
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1
900 - Special type of incident, other	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	51
# INCIDENTS FOR COLUMBUS (TOWNSHIP OF):	51

MUNICIPALITY: GREEN CREEK

Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:

611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR GREEN CREEK:	1

MUNICIPALITY: MILL SPRING

Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:

322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	3
# INCIDENTS FOR MILL SPRING:	3

MUNICIPALITY: SALUDA

Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:

140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR SALUDA:	1

MUNICIPALITY: SALUDA (TOWNSHIP OF)

Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:

611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	1
# INCIDENTS FOR SALUDA (TOWNSHIP OF):	1

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
MUNICIPALITY: TRYON	
Station 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1
553 - Public service	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
# Incidents for 1 - Town of Columbus Fire Department:	4
# INCIDENTS FOR TRYON:	4

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