

# **CAMPBELL COUNTY CODE OF 1988**

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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**Sec. 1-1. How Code designated and cited.**

The ordinances embraced in this and the following chapters and sections shall constitute and be designated “The Code of the County of Campbell, Virginia of 1988.” Such Code may be cited as “Campbell County Code of 1988.”

For authority of county to codify ordinances, see [Va. Code §15.2-1433](#). As to admissibility of Code as evidence in courts, see last paragraph of [Va. Code §15.2-1433](#). As to authority for nonsubstantive changes or corrections, see [Va. Code §15.2-1433](#) at second paragraph and also [Va. Code §30-149](#).

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**Sec. 1-2. Definitions and rules of construction.**

In the construction of this Code and of all County ordinances, the following rules shall be observed, unless otherwise specifically provided or unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Board of Supervisors:

**Board of Supervisors.** Wherever the term “Board of Supervisors” is used, it shall be construed to mean the Board of Supervisors of the County of Campbell, Virginia.

**Computation of time.** When an act of the General Assembly, an ordinance or rule of court requires that an act be performed a prescribed amount of time before a motion or proceeding, the day of such motion or proceeding shall not be counted against the time allowed, but the day on which such act is performed may be counted as part of the time. When an act of the General Assembly, an ordinance or rule of court requires that an act be performed within a prescribed amount of time after any event or judgment, the day on which the event or judgment occurred shall not be counted against the time allowed.

When the last day for performing an act during the course of a judicial proceeding falls on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or any day or part of a day on which the Clerk's office is closed as authorized by an act of the General Assembly the act may be performed on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day or part of a day on which the Clerk's office is closed as authorized by an act of the General Assembly.

When an act of the General Assembly specifies a maximum period of time in which a legal action may be brought and the last day of that period falls on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day or part of a day on which the clerk's office is closed as authorized by an act of the General Assembly, the action may be brought on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day or part of a day on which the clerk's office is closed as authorized by an act of the General Assembly.

Any court or proceeding authorized to be adjourned from day to day shall not be required to meet on a Sunday or legal holiday.

When an act of the General Assembly or Board of Supervisors, order of the court, or administrative regulation or order requires, either by specification of a date or by a prescribed period of time, that an act be performed or an action be filed on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday or on any day or part of a day on which the state or local government office where the act to be performed or the action to be filed is closed, the act may be performed or the action may be filed on the next business day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which the state or local government office is closed.

For state law as to computation of time, see [Va. Code §1-210](#).

**County.** The words "the County" shall mean the County of Campbell, in the State of Virginia.

**Gender.** A word used in the masculine includes the feminine and neuter.

For similar state law, see [Va. Code §1-216](#). See also [Va. Code §2.2-3901](#).

**Month.** The word "month" means a calendar month.

For similar state law, see [Va. Code §1-223](#).

**Number.** A word used in the singular includes the plural and a word used in the plural includes the singular.

For similar state law, see [Va. Code §1-227](#).

**Oath.** The word "oath" includes affirmation.

For similar state law, see [Va. Code §1-228](#).

**Or, and.** “Or” may be read “and” and “and” may be read “or” if the sense requires it.

**Owner.** The word “owner,” applied to a building or land, shall include any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, tenant in partnership, joint tenant or tenant by the entirety of the whole or a part of such building or land.

**Person.** The word “person” includes any individual, corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, government, political subdivision, or any other legal or commercial entity and any successor, representative, agent, agency, or instrumentality thereof. Whenever the term “person” is defined to include both “corporation” and “partnership,” such term shall also include “business trust and limited liability company.”

For state law definition of “person” see [Va. Code §§1-230](#) and [1-231](#).

**Sidewalk.** The word “sidewalk” shall mean any portion of a street between the curb line, or the lateral lines of a roadway where there is no curb, and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.

**Signature or subscription.** The words “signature” or “subscription” include a mark when a person cannot write.

**State, commonwealth.** The words “State” and “Commonwealth” shall be construed as if the words “of Virginia” followed.

**Street; highway.** The word “street” shall include public streets, avenues, boulevards, highways, roads, alleys, lanes, viaducts, bridges and the approaches thereto and all other public thoroughfares in the county, and shall mean the entire width thereof between abutting property lines; it shall be construed to include a sidewalk or footpath, unless the contrary is expressed or unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Board of Supervisors. This definition shall not apply to Chapter 21 hereof, wherein the term “street” is separately defined.

**Swear, sworn.** The words “swear” or “sworn” means “affirm” or “affirmed.”

For similar state law, see [Va. Code §1-250](#).

**Time.** Words used in the past or present tense include the future as well as the past and present.

**Written; writing; in writing.** The words “written,” “writing,” and “in writing” include any representation of words, letters, symbols, numbers, or figures, whether (i) printed or inscribed on a tangible medium or (ii) stored in an electronic or other medium and retrievable in a perceivable form and whether an electronic signature authorized by [Va. Code §59.1-479 et seq.](#) is or is not affixed.

For similar state law, see [Va. Code §1-257](#).

**Year.** The word “year” means a calendar year.

For similar state law, see [Va. Code §1-223](#).

**Other words.** The rules of construction given in [Va. Code §§1-202 et seq.](#) shall govern, so far as applicable, the construction of all other words not defined in this section.

**Sec. 1-3. Provisions considered as continuations of existing ordinances.**

The provisions appearing in this Code, so far as they are the same as those of the ordinances included herein, shall be considered as continuations thereof and not as new enactments.

See [Va. Code §1-238.](#)

**Sec. 1-4. Severability of parts of Code.**

If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Code is for any reason declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, by the valid final judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Code which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications. The provisions of all ordinances are severable unless (i) the ordinance specifically provides that its provisions are not severable; or (ii) it is apparent that two or more ordinances or provisions must operate in accord with one another.

For similar state law, see [Va. Code §1-243.](#)

**Sec. 1-5. Catchlines of sections.**

The catchlines of the several sections of this Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the contents of the sections and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections, nor as any part of the sections, nor unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or re-enacted.

For similar state law, see [Va. Code §1-217.](#) See also [Va. Code §1-244.](#)

**Sec. 1-6. Classification of and penalties for violations; general penalty; continuing violations; injunctive relief.**

A. Whenever in this Code or in any other ordinance of the County or any rule or regulation promulgated by any officer or agency of the County, under authority duly vested in such officer or agency, it is provided that a violation of any provision thereof shall constitute a Class 1, 2, 3, or 4 misdemeanor, such violation shall be punished as follows:

1. For Class 1 misdemeanors, confinement in jail for not more than twelve (12) months and a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), either or both.

2. For Class 2 misdemeanors, confinement in jail for not more than six (6) months and a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), either or both.

3. For Class 3 misdemeanors, a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

4. For Class 4 misdemeanors, a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

B. Whenever in any provision of this Code or in any other ordinance of the County or any rule or regulation promulgated by an officer or agency of the County, under authority duly vested in such officer or agency, any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or the doing of any act is required, or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, where no specific penalty is provided for the violation of such provision and such violation is not described as being of a particular class of misdemeanors, such violation shall be punished by a fine or imprisonment or by both such fine and imprisonment, not exceeding the penalty provided in general law of the Code of Virginia or in subsection (a) of this section for the violation of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any other section of this Code, no penalty for a violation of this Code or other ordinance, rule or regulation of the County shall exceed that prescribed by the general law for a like offense.

D. Such fines or other punishments for violations of ordinances shall be enforced by proceedings as if such violations were misdemeanors.

E. Each day any violation of this Code or any other ordinance or any rule or regulation of the County shall continue shall constitute a separate offense, except where otherwise provided, and except where such a penalty would be inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States or of the State of Virginia.

F. The imposition of any penalty, pursuant to this or any other provision of this Code, shall not prohibit the County in any proper case from seeking equitable relief in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin the violation of any provision of this Code or any other County ordinance.

For state law as to authority of Board of Supervisors to prescribe penalties for violation of ordinances, see [Va. Code §15.2-1429](#). As to penalties for misdemeanors, see [Va. Code §18.2-11](#) and [§18.2-12](#). See also [Va. Code §1-248](#). For authority as to injunctive relief, see [Va. Code §15.2-1432](#).

Cross-references: As to penalties for violations of Uniform Statewide Building Code, see [§5-7](#) of this Code. As to penalties for violation of erosion and sedimentation control regulations, see [§8-13](#). As to penalties for violations of motor vehicle and traffic regulations, see [§15-8](#). As to penalties for violations of land regulations, see [§21-50](#).