

DIVISION 4.1. SIGN REGULATIONS*

***Editor's note:** Res. No. 27-10-99, adopted Oct. 19, 1999, amended the Code by adding provisions designated as §§ 25-156.1--25.156.13, which have been set hereinbelow. In order to facilitate the indexing, reference, and general use, the editor has designated these new provisions as a new Div. 4.1, Sign Regulations.

Sec. 25-156.1. Purpose.

These regulations are intended to define, permit and control the use of freestanding signs. They are hereby established to achieve the following community goals and objectives:

- (1) Protect the public health, safety and welfare of the public.
 - (2) Promote the economic growth of Franklin County by creating a community image that is conducive to attracting new residents, businesses and industrial development.
 - (3) Distribute equitably the privilege of using the public environs to communicate private information.
 - (4) Permit reasonable legibility and effectiveness of signs and to prevent the over concentration, improper placement and excessive height, bulk, density and area.
 - (5) Promote the safety of persons and property by requiring that signs not create a hazard due to collapse, fire, decay or abandonment.
 - (6) Ensure that signs do not obstruct fire-fighting efforts and do not create traffic hazards by confusing or distracting motorists or by impairing driver's ability to see pedestrians, obstacles, or other vehicles or to read traffic signs.
 - (7) Provide for the reasonable advertising of business and civic products and services with recognition of the effects of signage on the character of the community.
 - (8) Control visual clutter and encourage high professional standards in sign design and display.
 - (9) Establish clear procedures for the administration and enforcement of this division.
- (Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99)

Sec. 25-156.2. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to this division:

Freestanding sign: A sign erected on a freestanding framework supported and affixed by one or more uprights or braces on or upon the ground.

Off-premises freestanding sign: A sign structure advertising a subject which is not sold, produced, manufactured or furnished at the property on which the sign is located. A billboard is an off-premises sign.

On-premises sign: A sign that advertises goods or services primarily offered by business enterprises on the property where the sign is located.

Roof-mounted sign: An on-premises or off-premises sign that is attached to the roof of a building or protrudes more than four (4) feet above the border between the roof and the wall of a building.

Sign: Any device for visual communication out-of-doors which is used for the purpose of bringing the subject thereof to the attention of the public, but not including when standing alone, a flag, emblem, badge, or insignia of any government unit.

(Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99)

Sec. 25-156.3. Allowed freestanding signs.

(a) Any freestanding sign displayed in Franklin County shall comply with these regulations, all applicable provisions of the Uniform Statewide Building Code, and all state and federal regulations pertaining to the display of signage.

(b) If any sections of the above referenced regulations are in conflict, the provisions that provide the more restrictive standard shall apply.

(Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99)

Sec. 25-156.4. Prohibited signs.

The following signs shall be prohibited:

(a) Roof-mounted signs.

(b) Vehicle-displayed signs, except as follows:

1. When such vehicle is parked in a designated parking area on the same premises as the advertised business is located;
2. When such vehicle is parked in a designated parking area on property owned, leased, or occupied by the owner or operator of the vehicle or trailer;
3. When such vehicle is parked in a designated parking area on property where the advertised business is conducting legitimate business activity; or
4. When such vehicle is being loaded or unloaded as part of its normal business use.
5. When such vehicle is parked in a designated parking area on property where the owner or operator of the vehicle is contemporaneously engaged in the conduct of a legitimate business.

(Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99; Res. No. 16-05-2009, 5-19-09)

Sec. 25-156.5. Sign permits.

(a) No freestanding sign of more than thirty-two (32) square feet in area may be erected or displayed in Franklin County without an approved sign permit. Applications for a sign permit may be obtained from the Franklin County Department of Planning and Community Development.

(b) Any owner of a parcel of land upon which a sign is to be displayed, or any authorized agent of such owner, may apply for a sign permit.

(c) Every application of a sign permit shall include a sketch of the property indicating the lot frontage. The application shall also indicate the square footage of all existing freestanding signs on the property, and the area, size, structure, design, location, lighting and materials for the proposed signs.

(d) A non-refundable sign permit fee in accordance with chapter 27, section 27-1 (Land Use Development Fee Schedule) of the County Code is due and payable with the filing of a sign permit application.

(e) Any sign permit issued shall be null and void if any sign for which the permit was issued is not installed in accordance with the permit within six (6) months of the date the permit was approved.

(f) All applications for a sign permit which includes lighting shall include a lighting plan.

(Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99; Ord. of 6-15-04(2); Res. No. 17-04-2008, 4-22-08; Res. No. 15-04-2009, 4-21-09)

Sec. 25-156.6. Calculation of sign area and height.

(a) The area of a freestanding sign shall be calculated as follows:

(1) The area of a freestanding sign shall be the total area of all surfaces (excluding poles or other support structures) visible from the public right-of-way. For double or multi-faced signs, only the area of surfaces visible at any one time, at any one point on the public right-of-way shall be measured when calculating sign area.

(2) The area of monument-type freestanding signs shall include the copy area above the main pedestal but shall not include the area of the pedestal, unless the pedestal contains advertising information.

(b) The minimum separation between freestanding signs shall be the shortest horizontal distance between two (2) signs, measured in a straight line.

(c) In situations where these criteria do not provide guidance in determining sign area or minimum separation, the zoning administrator shall make the determination.

(d) The height of a sign shall be measured from the abutting road grade if the sign is at or below the grade of the road. However, if the ground surface at the base of the sign is above the grade of the abutting road, then height shall be measured from the elevation at ground level.

(Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99)

Sec. 25-156.7. Nonconforming signs.

(a) Any freestanding sign which was lawfully in existence at the time of the effective date of this ordinance [Res. No. 27-10-99] which does not conform to the provisions herein shall be deemed a nonconforming sign and may remain except as qualified in subsection (c) below. A nonconforming sign shall not be enlarged, extended, structurally reconstructed or altered in any manner. Except a sign head or face may be changed so long as the new head is equal to, or reduced in height, sign area and or projection and so long as the sign is not changed from an on-premises sign to an off-premises sign.

(b) The addition of lighting or illumination to a nonconforming sign shall constitute an expansion of a nonconforming structure and shall not be permitted under these regulations.

(c) Nonconforming signs may remain, provided they are kept in good repair, except for the following:

(1) A nonconforming sign, which is destroyed or damaged, to the extent exceeding fifty (50) percent of its replacement value shall not be altered, replaced or reinstalled unless it is in conformance with these sign regulations. Signs damaged to a lesser extent may be restored within ninety (90) days of the damage or destruction, but shall not be enlarged in any manner.

(2) A nonconforming on-premises sign shall be removed if the structure or use to which it is accessory is discontinued for more than two (2) years.

(3) Whenever a change of zoning occurs by petition of the owner, contact purchaser with the owner's consent, or the owner's agent upon a lot which contain a nonconforming on-premises sign, such sign shall not be permitted without being modified in such a manner as to be in full compliance with these sign regulations.

(Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99)

Sec. 25-156.8. Damaged or neglected signs.

The zoning administrator shall have the authority to order the removal, without compensation, of any sign or sign structure that due to neglect or damage poses a clear danger to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

(Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99)

Sec. 25-156.9. Residential district regulations: RE, R-1, R-2, RC-1, RMF and RPD zoning district regulations (see Table 1 for summary).

(a) A lot within any residential district shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) freestanding signs for any one lawful use, and no individual freestanding sign may exceed eighteen (18) square feet in area.

(b) If more than one use is located on a lot, and the first use already has two (2) freestanding signs, the second business shall be allowed a maximum of one freestanding sign no more than eighteen (18) square feet in area. Each additional business shall be allowed an additional sign according to the same formula.

(c) The required minimum separation for all freestanding signs on a lot or lots under single ownership or control shall be two hundred fifty (250) feet. No freestanding sign shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of any other freestanding sign on an adjacent or adjoining lot.

(d) Any freestanding sign erected must have a minimum sign setback of forty (40) feet from the centerline of any public right-of-way, or fifteen (15) feet from any front property line, whichever is greater.

(e) No freestanding sign shall exceed ten (10) feet in height.

(Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99)

Sec. 25-156.10. Agricultural district regulations: A-1 zoning district regulations (see Table 1 for summary).

(a) Lots within the A-1 district shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) freestanding signs for any one lawful use and no individual freestanding sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.

(b) If more than one lawful use is located on a lot, and the first use already has two (2) freestanding signs, the second use shall be allowed a maximum of one freestanding sign not more than thirty-two (32) square feet in area. Each additional use shall be allowed an additional sign according to the same formula.

(c) The required minimum separation for freestanding signs on a lot or lots under single ownership or control shall be two hundred and fifty (250) feet. No freestanding sign shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of any other freestanding sign on an adjacent or adjoining lot.

(d) Any freestanding sign erected must have a minimum sign setback of forty (40) feet from the centerline of any public right-of-way, or fifteen (15) [feet] from any front property line, whichever is greater.

(e) No freestanding sign shall exceed fifteen (15) feet in height.

(Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99)

Sec. 25-156.11. Business and industrial district regulations: B-1, B-2, M-1, M-2 and PCD district regulations (see Table 1 for summary).

(a) Each lot within a business or industrial district shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) freestanding signs for any one business use and no single sign shall exceed one hundred (100) square feet of sign area.

- (b) If more than one business is located on a lot, and the first business already has two (2) freestanding signs, the second business shall be allowed a maximum of one freestanding sign no more than one hundred (100) square feet in area. Each additional business shall be allowed an additional sign according to the same formula.
 - (c) The required minimum separation for freestanding signs on a lot or lots under single ownership or control shall be two hundred fifty (250) feet. No freestanding sign shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of any other freestanding sign on an adjacent or adjoining lot.
 - (d) Any freestanding sign erected must have a minimum sign setback of forty (40) feet from the centerline of any public right-of-way, or fifteen (15) feet from any front property line, whichever is greater.
 - (e) No freestanding sign shall exceed thirty (30) feet in height.
- (Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99)

Sec. 25-156.12. Special signage district regulations (see Table 2 for summary).

- (a) *Off-premises sign.* Freestanding off-premises signs shall be allowed in business and industrial districts provided the following location and design standards are met:
 - (1) No freestanding off-premises sign shall be located within a 500-foot radius of an existing off-premises sign or an off-premises sign for which a valid permit has been obtained but has not yet been erected. The 500-foot radius shall be measured only on the same side of the road as the proposed sign. It shall not apply to signs on the opposite side of the road.
 - (2) No freestanding off-premises sign shall be located within two hundred (200) feet of any residential zoning district, nor within two hundred (200) feet of a public square, park, school, library, or religious assembly property, unless such land is zoned B-1, B-2, M-1 or M-2.
 - (3) No off-premises sign shall be installed on any roof structure, nor shall any such sign exceed thirty (30) feet in height above the abutting road.
 - (4) Side by side, double and multi-decker off-premises signs shall not be permitted.
 - (5) Any off-premises sign must have a minimum sign setback of forty (40) feet from the centerline of any public right-of-way, or fifteen (15) feet from any front property line, whichever is greater. Any off-premises sign shall have a minimum side and/or rear yard setback of fifteen (15) feet.
 - (6) The maximum size of any free standing off-premises sign on a lot shall be three hundred seventy eight (378) square feet plus ten (10) percent for embellishments.
- (b) *Entrance signs.* No more than two (2) entrance signs may be placed at any one entrance to subdivision, housing development, farm, estate, business or industrial park naming the place and providing no sale or lease reference. In agricultural and residential districts, such entrance signs may not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area. In business and industrial districts, such signs shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area.
- (c) *Planned developments.* A signage plan shall be submitted as a part of any proposal for a planned residential development (RPD), or business or industrial district rezoning as authorized elsewhere in this division. All signage plans shall be of sufficient detail to judge the compatibility of the proposed signage with the character of the proposed district.
- (d) *Shopping center or industrial park tenant directories.* Any shopping center or business park with multiple tenants shall be allowed, in addition to the other freestanding signs herein specified, a freestanding tenant directory located at the entrance to the center or park, provided that the total area of such directory shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet and that no more than two (2) such directories shall be permitted for any one center or park.

(e) *Lots without public street frontage.* Lots without public street frontage that existed upon the effective date of this division shall be allowed signage based upon the applicable district regulations as provided for in sections 25-156.9 through 25-156.11 of this division. Permitted signage shall be calculated based upon the frontage width of the lot that parallels the nearest public street.

(Res. No. 27-10-99, 10-19-99)

Sec. 25-156.13. Variances.

Requests for variances to these sign regulations shall follow the procedures outlined in section 25-775 of the Zoning Ordinance. The board of zoning appeals, in considering any variance request, shall follow the guidelines of this section, and the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended. The power to grant variances does not extend to an economic hardship related to the cost, size or location of a new sign, or to the convenience of an applicant, nor should it be extended to the convenience of regional or national businesses which propose to use a standard sign when it does not conform to the provisions of this section.

TABLE 1: ON-PREMISES BUSINESS SIGN REGULATIONS

TABLE INSET:

Zoning District	Residential Districts	A-1	Business and Industrial
Maximum number of freestanding signs for first business	2	2	2
Maximum number of freestanding signs for additional business	1	1	1
Maximum area of single freestanding sign (SF)	18	32	100
On-lot separation of freestanding signs (LF)	250	250	250
Side setback of freestanding signs	15	15	15
Front setback of freestanding signs (LF)	40 to CL 15 to ROW	40 15	40 15
Height of freestanding sign (LF)	10	15	30

TABLE 2: OFF-PREMISES SIGN REGULATIONS

TABLE INSET:

Maximum area of sign (square feet)	378
Minimum separation from permitted off-premises sign (LF) on the same side of the road	500
Separation from residential zoning district (LF)	200

Maximum height (LF)	30
Side setback from property line (LF)	15
Front setback of freestanding signs (LF)	40 to CL 15 to ROW

Sec. 25-156.14. Churches, fraternal and civic organizations.

The following shall apply to churches, fraternal and civic organizations located within zoned areas of the county and those corridors as defined in section 25-483 including the portion of those corridors within the non-zoned area of the county.

- (a) No more than one (1) freestanding monument type sign per lot not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area with a maximum height of eight (8) feet for any lot fronting on a two-lane secondary road.
- (b) No more than one (1) freestanding monument type sign per lot not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet in area with a maximum height of eight (8) feet for any lot fronting on a two-lane primary road or highway.
- (c) No more than one (1) freestanding monument type sign per lot not to exceed sixty (60) square feet in area with a maximum height of ten (10) feet for any lot fronting on a four-lane divided highway.
- (d) Building mounted signage not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in the aggregate.
- (e) The combined square footage of the base, supporting structure and decorative elements of a freestanding monument type sign shall not exceed a ratio of 3:1 in relation to the size of the copy area of the sign. (i.e. The base, supporting structure and decorative elements of sign with a copy area of thirty-two (32) square feet shall not exceed ninety-six (96) square feet).
- (f) Any church, fraternal or civic organization with three hundred (300) or more feet of total road frontage and where the proposed sign is setback thirty-five (35) feet or more from the front property line shall be able to increase the size of the freestanding monument sign including sign face and base by twenty-five (25) percent.
- (g) Any decorative entrance wall on which a sign is mounted shall be excluded from the 3:1 ratio in subsection (e). Such decorative entrance wall shall be considered the freestanding monument sign for the property and any attached sign face shall meet the size requirements above.

(Ord. of 2-21-06(3))

DIVISION 4.2. OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Sec. 25-157.1. Intent.

The purpose of this division is to promote the general welfare by controlling light trespass and to protect the public safety through the prevention of glare by regulating the size, height, placement, direction and intensity of outdoor lighting in a manner that:

- (a) Permits the reasonable use of outdoor lighting for safety, utility, commerce, and security;
- (b) Minimizes glare and obtrusive light on public streets and adjacent properties by controlling the direction and intensity of light;
- (c) Preserves night skies, to the extent practicable, by directing light downward or otherwise controlling for upward-escaping light; and
- (d) Protects residential neighborhoods by limiting light trespass.

(Res. No. 15-04-2009, 4-21-09)

Sec. 25-157.2. Applicability.

(a) The regulations of this division shall apply to the installation or replacement of any outdoor lighting that requires a building permit. Such installation or replacement shall require the submittal of a photometric plan demonstrating the requirements of this division are met.

(b) The routine maintenance of any existing outdoor lighting fixture, including the changing of lamps or light bulbs, housing, lenses or other similar components, does not constitute replacement and shall not be subject to the requirements of this division.

(Res. No. 15-04-2009, 4-21-09)

Sec. 25-157.3. Exempt.

The following outdoor lighting shall be exempt from the requirements of this division:

(a) Security lighting controlled by motion sensors which provides illuminations for fifteen (15) minutes or less;

(b) Dusk to dawn lighting associated with agricultural uses;

(c) Temporary lighting for holiday decoration or civic occasions;

(d) Temporary lighting for construction purposes, provided that such lighting is removed upon completion of the construction activity.

(e) Lighting required and regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration;

(f) Lighting of the flag of the United States of America or the Commonwealth of Virginia, or other noncommercial flags expressing constitutionally protected speech.

(Res. No. 15-04-2009, 4-21-09)

Sec. 25-157.4. Street lighting.

The following standards shall apply to street lighting:

(a) Street lights shall be located and arranged so that light output does not exceed 0.5 footcandles at any point that is fifty (50) feet from the light source.

(b) Street lights shall be limited to 35 feet in height, as measured from grade at a point directly below the light source.

(c) Street lights fixtures shall be down-casting and full cut-off.

(Res. No. 15-04-2009, 4-21-09)

Sec. 25-157.5. Site lighting.

The following standards shall apply to site lighting:

(a) Site lighting shall be located and arranged so that light output does not exceed 0.5 footcandles at the front, side and rear property lines.

(b) Site lights shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height, as measured from grade at a point directly below the light source, except for the lighting of public recreational facilities, where such lighting shall not exceed eighty (80) feet in height.

(c) Site lighting fixtures shall be down-casting and full cut-off.

(Res. No. 15-04-2009, 4-21-09)

Sec. 25-157.6. Building lighting.

The following standards shall apply to building lighting:

(a) Building lights shall be located and arranged so that light output does not exceed 0.5 footcandles at the front, side, and rear property lines.

(b) Building light fixtures shall be down-casting and full cut-off.

(Res. No. 15-04-2009, 4-21-09)

Sec. 25-157.7. Sign lighting.

The following standards shall apply to sign lighting:

(a) Internally-illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with translucent text and/or symbols, or a translucent background that is not white, off-white, or yellow in color. Light output from internally illuminated signs shall not exceed 0.25 footcandles at the front, side, and rear property lines.

(b) Externally-illuminated signs may be lighted by:

(1) An attached lighting fixture which is attached to the sign face or sign structure, provided that the lighting fixture is downward-casting and full cut-off. The light source shall be shielded from view from public streets, private streets, and adjoining properties. Light output shall not exceed 0.25 footcandles at the front, side, and rear property lines.

(2) A detached lighting fixture which is physically separate from the sign face and sign structure, provided that the light source is directed toward the sign, is shielded from view from public streets, private streets, and adjoining properties, and provided that light output does not exceed 0.25 footcandles at any point that is fifty (50) feet from the light source. Light output shall not exceed 0.25 footcandles at the front, side, and rear property lines.

(Res. No. 15-04-2009, 4-21-09)

Sec. 25-157.8. Landscaping lighting.

The following standards shall apply to landscape lighting:

(a) Landscape lighting shall be located and arranged so that light output does not exceed 0.25 footcandles at the front, side, and rear property lines.

(b) Landscape light fixtures shall be down-casting and full cut-off, except as allowed elsewhere in this section.

(c) Upcasting landscape lights shall be permitted if:

(1) The light source is directed toward a building, structure, wall or landscape feature;

(2) The light source is shielded from view from all public streets, private streets, and adjoining properties;

(3) Light output does not exceed 0.25 footcandles at any point that is fifty (50) feet from the light source.

(Res. No. 15-04-2009, 4-21-09)

Sec. 25-157.9. Nonconforming outdoor lighting.

If any outdoor lighting is lawfully in existence at the time of adoption or amendment of this chapter which does not conform to the provisions of this chapter, such outdoor lighting fixtures may be continued, provided that no change shall be made which increases the degree or extent of nonconformity with the provisions of the division as adopted or amended.

(Res. No. 15-04-2009, 4-21-09)

Secs. 25-158--25-160. Reserved.

DIVISION 5. NONCONFORMITIES

Sec. 25-161. Continuation.

(a) Any use, activity, lot or structure lawfully in existence on the effective date of this chapter which does not conform to the provisions of this chapter relating to the district in which the same is situated may be continued in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) All nonconforming uses legally existing at the time of the enactment of this section and division shall be allowed to transfer ownership or leasehold interest.

(c) Any such use, activity or structure which is discontinued for more than two (2) years shall be deemed abandoned and shall thereafter conform to the provisions of this chapter relating to the district in which the same is situated.

(d) Whenever any such use, activity or structure is changed to a conforming or a more restricted nonconforming use, activity or structure, the original use shall be deemed abandoned.
(Ord. of 5-25-88)

Sec. 25-162. Repairs and maintenance.

On any building devoted in whole or in part to any nonconforming use, work may be done on ordinary repairs or on repair or replacement of nonbearing walls, fixtures, wiring or plumbing to such extent that the structure is kept in usable condition. Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to prevent the strengthening or restoring to a safe condition of any structure or part thereof declared to be unsafe by any official charged with promoting public safety upon order of such official.

(Ord. of 5-25-88)

Sec. 25-163. Changes in district boundaries.

Whenever the boundaries of a district are changed, any uses of land or buildings which become nonconforming as a result of such change shall become subject to the provisions of this section.

(Ord. of 5-25-88)

Sec. 25-164. Expansion or enlargement.

(a) Any existing nonconforming use, activity, or structure shall conform to the provisions of this chapter relating to the district in which the same is situated whenever such nonconforming use, activity, or structure is enlarged, increased, extended, or structurally altered.

(b) A nonconforming activity may be extended throughout any part of a structure which was arranged or designed for such activity at the time of enactment of this chapter.

(Ord. of 5-25-88; Ord. of 6-15-04(3))

Sec. 25-165. Nonconforming lots.

(a) Any lot of record at this time of the adoption of this chapter which is less in area and/or width than the minimum required by this chapter may be used in a manner consistent with the uses permitted for a lot having the minimum area and/or width so required; provided, that the rear, side and front yard and setback requirements of this chapter shall be maintained; and provided further, that no such use shall be permitted which is determined by the zoning administrator to constitute a danger to the public health, safety and general welfare.

(b) In case of any subdivision which was approved pursuant to the zoning document, the rear yard, side setback and front setback shown on the plat are grandfathered as long as the following criterias are met:

- (1) The front setback and rear yard is twenty-five (25) feet or greater.
- (2) The side setback is ten (10) feet or greater.
- (3) The structure is built consistent with structures on adjacent property.
- (c) For purposes of this situation, any lot shown on a preliminary or final subdivision plat which was approved by the proper authority of the county in accordance with law prior to the adoption of this chapter, and which plat was subsequently recorded in due course, shall be deemed to be a lot of record at the time of the adoption of this chapter.
(Ord. of 5-25-88)

Sec. 25-166. Restoration or replacement.

(a) Whenever any nonconforming structure (except signs), or a structure the use of which is nonconforming, is damaged as a result of factors beyond the control of the owner and/or occupant thereof, such structure may be repaired and/or reconstructed and the nonconforming use thereof continued as provided in this section, provided that such repair and/or reconstruction shall be commenced within twelve (12) months and completed within twenty-four (24) months from the date of such damage; and provided further, that no such structure shall be enlarged or expanded as a part of such repair and/or reconstruction. Mobile homes in a residential district legally before the enactment of this section may be restored in the event they are destroyed or damaged by events beyond control of owners.

(b) Any such structure which is substantially destroyed as a result of any act or omissions within the control of the owner thereof shall be deemed to have been abandoned in accordance with section 25-161 above.

(Ord. of 5-25-88)

Secs. 25-167--25-169. Reserved.