

Chapter 9.16

Offenses Pertaining to Property

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§9.16.010 Scaffolds and Ladders. Any scaffolds or ladders placed in such a position that they overhang or can fall onto any public street, alley or other public place or way in the Village, shall be firmly and properly constructed and safeguarded. It is unlawful to place scaffolds or ladders in such a manner that the scaffolds or ladders can fall onto any such street, sidewalk, alley or other public place from a height greater than four (4) feet.

§9.16.020 Articles on Windows. It is unlawful to place any movable article on any window ledge, or other place abutting on a public street, alley or other place at a height above four (4) feet from the ground, in such a manner that the same can be or is in danger of falling onto such street, alley, sidewalk or other public place.

§9.16.030 Obstructing Stairways or Exits. It is unlawful to obstruct or permit the obstruction of any stairway, aisle, corridor or exit in any office, building, factory, hotel, school, church, theater, assembly hall, lodge or other public hall or any building used by two (2) or more tenants or families in such manner that it interferes with the free use of such stairway, aisle, corridor or exit.

§9.16.040 Open Burning and Bonfires.

- A. Definition. “Landscape waste” as used in this Section means all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree branches, and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of the lawn, shrubbery, vines, and trees.

- B. **Duty of Owner.** It shall be the duty of the owner of the premises on which open burning or a bonfire occurs to comply with or cause compliance with the provisions set forth in this Section, as such provisions now exist or may from time to time be amended.
- C. **Open Burning Generally Prohibited.** Open burning within the Village is prohibited, except as permitted in this Section.
- D. **Permissible Open Burning.** Open burning is permitted within the Village when there is compliance with all of the following:
 - 1. Landscape waste may be burned from sunrise until five p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, except that such burning is prohibited at all times on Halloween.
 - 2. All fires must be completed extinguished by five p.m.
 - 3. Open burning of landscape waste is permissible only for landscape waste which is dry, and which was generated on the premises where the fire is located.
 - 4. A fire must be attended at all times by a competent person over the age of sixteen (16). A water supply adequate for extinguishing the fire always must be present.
 - 5. Open burning is prohibited on all public streets, rights-of-way, and sidewalks; and further is prohibited at any location sufficiently close to any building or structure that the fire would place the building or structure at risk.
- E. **Bonfires.** It is unlawful to build or light any bonfire so close to any building or other structure as to endanger such building or structure, or on any public street, rights-of-way, or sidewalk. Only dry wood, and no garbage or other refuse, may be burned in a bonfire.
- F. **Recreational Fires.** Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit fires used for cookouts or in patio fire pits.
- G. **Violations.** Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this Section shall be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per occurrence, plus the Village's costs.

§9.16.050 Combustible Refuse. It is unlawful to permit or store any combustible refuse in such a way as to create a fire hazard, or to store or throw any refuse of any kind on any street, alley or other public place.

§9.16.060 Missiles – Throwing Glass or Nails on Street. It is unlawful to cast, throw, or propel any missile on any street, alley or public place; and it is also unlawful to throw or deposit any glass, nails, tacks, or other similar articles, on any street, sidewalk or alley in the Village.

§9.16.070 Property Interference Unlawful. It is unlawful to injure, deface, or interfere with any property belonging to the Village without proper authority from the Village Board.

§9.16.080 Posting Bills – Consent Required. It is unlawful to post any bills or advertisements on any public property without the authority of the Village President; and it is unlawful to post any bill or advertisement on any property without the written consent of the owner thereof.

§9.16.090 Medical Advertisements – Distribution. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation by himself/herself or his/her or its agents, or servants, to distribute, cast, throw or place or cause to be distributed, cast, thrown or placed in, or upon or along any of the streets, alleys or other public places of the Village, or upon the porches or yards of private residences therein or within any dwelling or building in the Village any samples of merchandise or medicinal preparations for the purpose or with the intent of advertising or making known in a general or promiscuous manner any business, occupation, proposition, medical treatment, medicine, or any other article whatsoever.

§9.16.100 Cheating Unlawful. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to obtain possession of any goods, property or thing of value by any false proceeding or by cheating or by fraud of any kind.