

**BY-LAWS OF THE
FRONT ROYAL-WARREN COUNTY JOINT TOWING BOARD**

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

- 1-1 The Front Royal-Warren County Joint Towing Board (“the Committee”) is hereby created to ensure proper storage, availability and service by persons and firms authorized to provide towing services at the request of the Warren County Sheriff’s Office (hereinafter the “Sheriff’s Office”), the Front Royal Police Department (hereinafter the “Police Department”), Virginia State Police (hereinafter “State Police”) and other law enforcement personnel.

ARTICLE 2 – SELECTION OF MEMBERS

- 2-1 The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed jointly by the Front Royal Town Council and the Warren County Board of Supervisors. The Committee shall include the following members:
- 2-1-1 Three (3) members shall be law enforcement officers, including a representative from the Sheriff’s Office, the Police Department, and State Police.
 - 2-1-2 Three (3) members shall be representatives of towing and recovery businesses.
 - 2-1-3 One (1) member shall be a citizen of the Town of Front Royal or the County of Warren.
- 2-2 Each member shall serve a four (4) year term and shall be appointed jointly by the Front Royal Town Council and the Warren County Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE 3 – SELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 3-1 Officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary.
- 3-2 The officers of the Committee shall be appointed for a one (1) year term, with no individual holding an office for more than two (2) consecutive terms without a one (1) year lapse between terms.
- 3-3 Nomination of officers shall be made from the floor at the beginning of the first meeting of the year for the ensuing year. Election of officers shall follow immediately. A candidate receiving a majority vote of the members shall be declared elected. The Warren County Sheriff or his designee shall oversee the nomination and election of officers.
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ARTICLE 4 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

4-1 The Chairman shall:

- 4-1-1 Develop an agenda and preside at meetings.
- 4-1-2 Report annually to the Board of Supervisors and the Town Council.
- 4-1-3 Rule on procedural questions (subject to reversal by a majority vote of the members present).
- 4-1-4 Certify official documents involving the authority of the Committee.
- 4-1-5 Certify minutes as true and correct copies.
- 4-1-6 Carry out other duties as assigned by the Committee.

4-2 The Vice-Chairman shall:

- 4-2-1 Assume the full powers of the Chairman in the absence or inability of the Chairman to act upon and oversee the Plan of Work.

4-3 The Secretary shall:

- 4-3-1 Record attendance at all meetings.
- 4-3-2 Record the minutes of the Committee meetings.
- 4-3-3 Notify members of all meetings.
- 4-3-4 Maintain a file of all official Committee records and reports.
- 4-3-5 Certify maps, records, and reports of the Committee.
- 4-3-6 Give notice and be responsible for publishing public notices of all Committee public hearings and public meetings.
- 4-3-7 Attend to the correspondence necessary for the execution of the duties and functions of the Committee.

ARTICLE 5 – SUBCOMMITTEES

5-1 The Committee may appoint any subcommittees or advisory groups as necessary for the conduct of its work. The Chairman of the Committee shall be an ex-officio member of all such subcommittees or groups.

ARTICLE 6 – MEETINGS

6-1 The Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis on the first Wednesday of January, April, July and October or any other day determined by majority vote of the Committee. Whenever the regular scheduled meeting falls on a legal holiday, the regular meeting shall be held on the following day. Notice of time and place of regular meetings shall be emailed by the Secretary to the Committee and interested parties at least fourteen (14) days in advance of each meeting.

- 6-2 Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or on request of three (3) members of the Committee by emailed notice at least seven (7) days in advance of the date of such special meeting. Emergency meetings may be convened by the Chairman with a 24-hour telephone notice attempt to reach all members.
- 6-3 All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public, except as provided for in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
- 6-4 If any member has three (3) unexcused absences in a calendar year, the member shall be removed from the Committee and another representative shall be appointed jointly by the Board of Supervisors and Town Council to fill the unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE 7 – VOTING

- 7-1 A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
- 7-2 No action of the Committee shall be valid unless authorized by a majority vote of those present and voting.

ARTICLE 8 – COMPLAINTS

- 8-1 In the event that a complaint is lodged by a member of the Committee against a towing operator or law enforcement personnel, such member shall be excused from the hearing on the complaint.

ARTICLE 9 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 9-1 The order of business for a regular meeting shall be:
- 9-1-1 Call to Order
 - 9-1-2 Roll Call
 - 9-1-3 Adoption of Agenda
 - 9-1-4 Approval of Minutes
 - 9-1-5 Committee Matters
 - 9-1-6 Adjournment
- 9-2 Parliamentary procedure in all Committee meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- 9-3 The Committee shall keep minutes of each meeting, and these minutes shall become a public record. The Chairman shall sign all minutes, and they shall be kept in the official minute book.

ARTICLE 10 – AMENDMENTS

10-1 These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of both the Warren County Board of Supervisors and Front Royal Town Council with thirty (30) days' notice to each governing body.

Adopted by the Warren County Board of Supervisors: February 20th, 2018

Adopted by the Front Royal Town Council: _____, 2018