

# Town of Upper Marlboro

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## Potential Town Ordinance/Codes Overview

### **Ordinance/Code 1: Residential Clean Lot & Nuisances**

This Ordinance/Code would establish the Town's Code Compliance program and address issues within the Residential areas of the Town. It would also regulate high grass, overgrown vegetation, trash & litter, vehicle condition & storage, vacant properties, wood storage, vehicle parts storage, building supplies & waste, property identification, exterior storage of household items and other nuisances the Town deems appropriate. This Ordinance/Code would be accompanied by a resolution adopting fine & fee amounts.

### **Ordinance/Code 2: Commercial Clean Lot & Upkeep**

This Ordinance/Code would establish the Town's downtown commercial districts, and regulate the general upkeep and maintenance. The Ordinance/Code would also require all business owners to enclose all dumpsters as mandated by County Code, and establish guidelines on advertising signage. It would also require all property owners to remove business's signage within 30 days of a business leave the site. This Ordinance/Code would be accompanied by a resolution adopting fine & fee amounts.

### **Ordinance/Code 3: Vehicle & Traffic**

This Ordinance/Code would not only include existing Town resolutions regarding traffic, but also address parking meters, vehicle impounds, snow emergency parking, parking ticket fine amounts, no parking zones, parking restrictions and other issues. The adoption of this Ordinance/Code would give the Board a chance to re-evaluate existing parking fine amounts and would be accompanied by a resolution adopting fine & fee amounts.

### **Ordinance/Code 4: Refuse Collection**

This Ordinance/Code would enable the Town to regulate and inform residents of proper disposal procedures of household refuse, recycling & bulk trash. It would also set fines & fees and put in place an enforcement system for repeat violators. A Town Code Official would work with Public Works staff to inform residents verbally or by written communication regarding refuse issues.

### **Ordinance/Code 5: Emergency Operations**

This Ordinance/Code would adopt a Town Emergency Action Plan, the authority of the Town to develop mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions, and a continuity of government plan, and other items pertaining to emergency situations within the Town.

**Ordinance/Code 6: Right of Way**

This Ordinance/Code would regulate construction, illegal dumping, and other activities in Town right of way including streets, Town right of way, and Town owned property.

**Ordinance/Code 7: Building, Permitting & Inspection**

This Ordinance/Code would regulate construction, building permits, roll-off dumpsters & portable storage containers within Town limits. Residents and contractors would need to apply for and receive a County building permit first, then apply for a Town permit, and to submit copies of both the county permits and site plans to the Town. This would allow the Town to review and monitor all construction within the Town limits.

**Ordinance/Code 8: Noise**

This Ordinance/Code would inform residents of the standards and give examples of acceptable noise levels, to enumerate reasonable exceptions; and to clearly define the role of the Town and its employees if and when enforcement becomes necessary.

**Ordinance/Code 9: Animals**

This Ordinance/Code would ensure the safety of both pets and residents by outlining basic regulations that are based off of existing County Code or to adopt the County Code regarding Animals.

**Ordinance/Code 10: Rental Properties**

This Ordinance/Code would require all rental properties within the Town limits to register their property & contact information with the County and Town as mandated by the County. The Town would also monitor the required County rental property inspections of these properties.

**Ordinance/Code 11: Voting & Elections**

This Ordinance/Code would take existing Town Resolutions and Charter sections regarding Town elections and organize them into one document. This would provide additional clarity to the election process.

**Ordinance/Code 12: Signs & Signage**

The Town is looking into the possibility of regulating and setting standards for advertisement and other signage throughout the Town (types of signage allowed and what types are not allowed, setting criteria regulating the size, number and location of permitted signage, etc.)