

## **Chapter 22**

### **LEGISLATION, ADOPTION OF**

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Town (now City) of Seat Pleasant 12-16-1968 as Ch. 19 of the 1968 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### **Posting of Ordinances**

**§ 22-1. Posting in public place.** [Amended 7-3-1969 by Ord. No. 69-04]

No ordinance shall be valid unless a copy thereof is posted in a public place or places or in or at a place within the corporate limits of the City of Seat Pleasant, in accordance with § C-311 of the City Charter.

#### **ARTICLE II**

##### **Numbering and Indexing**

**§ 22-2. Establishment of system.**

The ordinances and resolutions of the Mayor and Council of Seat Pleasant shall be numbered, and a permanent and uniform system of renumbering, indexing and recording said ordinances and resolutions shall be initiated and established.

**§ 22-3. Authorization to establish system.**

The Clerk to the Mayor and Council of Seat Pleasant is hereby authorized and directed to initiate, institute and establish said permanent and uniform system of renumbering, indexing and recording said ordinances and resolutions of said Mayor and Council of Seat Pleasant forthwith.

**§ 22-4. Authorization for necessary expenditures.**

The Clerk to said Mayor and Council is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the necessary supplies and to expend such funds as may be necessary in the premises to carry this Article into full force and effect without delay.

#### **ARTICLE III**

##### **Books of Ordinances and Resolutions**

**§ 22-5. General provisions.**

- A. By virtue of the authority vested by Chapter 197 of the Laws of Maryland, as amended, compiled, edited, restated and published in the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County, 1987 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland; for the good government of the City of Seat Pleasant, for the purpose of improving its system of keeping its records, the Clerk to the Mayor and Council of Seat Pleasant shall provide two books, to be known as "The Book of Ordinances" and "The Book of Resolutions" of the Mayor and Council of Seat Pleasant.

- B. In these books shall be permanently indexed, recorded and filed the original ordinances and/or original resolutions enacted, ordained and passed by the Mayor and Council of Seat Pleasant, and all pertinent facts relating to the enactment and passage of said ordinances and/or resolutions, including a copy of the minutes taken at the time said ordinances and/or resolutions are enacted, ordained and passed.

**§ 22-6. Purchase of necessary supplies.**

The Clerk to the Mayor and Council of Seat Pleasant shall forthwith purchase such books and supplies as may be necessary to make this Article effective without delay.

ARTICLE IV  
**Adoption of Regulatory Ordinances**

**§ 22-7. Definitions.**

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

EMERGENCY — The existence of circumstances that constitute a danger to the public health, safety or general welfare requiring immediate action.

REGULATORY ORDINANCES — Those enactments which fulfill the requirement that the ordinance possess a penalty clause which may be invoked for the violation of one or more provisions of the ordinance which are proscriptive or prescriptive.

**§ 22-8. First reading.**

Regulatory ordinances shall be initiated by the reading of the proposed draft at a scheduled public meeting of the Mayor and the Council. A written copy shall be provided at that time for each member of the Council.

**§ 22-9. Optional public hearing.**

At the option of the Council, a public hearing may be held to hear testimony on the proposed regulatory ordinance. Hearings shall be advertised at least one week prior to the date of the hearing, such advertisement to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Seat Pleasant.

**§ 22-10. Publication of summary.**

A summary of each proposed regulatory ordinance shall be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Seat Pleasant at least five days prior to the meeting at which the ordinance is submitted for adoption.

**§ 22-11. Adoption at public meeting.**

The adoption of proposed regulatory ordinances shall be accomplished at a scheduled public meeting of the Mayor and the Council, provided that a period of at least 10 and not more than 60 days has elapsed since the first public reading of the regulatory ordinance.

**§ 22-12. When effective.**

Regulatory ordinances shall become effective 20 days following approval by the Mayor or passage by the Council over his veto. If the Mayor does not approve or veto the

ordinance within the time limits described in § C-313 of the Charter, then the ordinance shall become effective 20 days after adoption by the Council.

**§ 22-13. Emergency ordinances.**

When the Council deems an emergency situation to exist, a regulatory ordinance may be adopted at the first reading at any scheduled or unscheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council. Such regulatory ordinances shall be called "Emergency Ordinances" and shall be effective immediately. Such regulatory ordinances shall remain in force and effect for a period of 90 days unless rescinded before the expiration of 90 days or upon their readoption in conformity with the provisions of this Article.