

ORDINANCES

The following ordinances are promulgated under authority of the Charter of the Oronoque Village Tax District and Sections 7-157 and 7-328(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

2017.1 – Annual Meeting. The District’s annual meeting shall be on a date in May selected by the Board, and may be adjourned due to lack of quorum, severely inclement weather, emergency, or other cause.

2017.2 – Conflicts of Interest. No employee, Officer, or Director of the District shall directly or indirectly (a) be financially interested or have any personal beneficial interest in any contract or purchase order for any supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services furnished to or used by the District, or (b) accept or receive from any person, firm, or corporation to which any contract or purchase order may be awarded by the District, by rebate, gifts, or otherwise, any money, or anything of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation, or contract for future reward or compensation. Any such transaction shall be void and unenforceable against the District unless ratified by a majority of the Board or voters at any duly-called annual or special meeting upon full disclosure of the relevant facts. This provision does not apply to good faith expense reimbursements or compensation lawfully established by contract or ordinance.

2017.3 – District Property. No person may build on, obstruct, alter, or otherwise disturb, or leave litter, furniture, lawn refuse, or other unauthorized material or objects on, any land which the District owns, operates, maintains, or causes to be operated or maintained. No person may trim, alter, damage, remove, or affix anything to any tree, shrub, or other landscaping which the District owns, operates, maintains, or causes to be operated or maintained. No person may take for personal use, sell, alter, damage, withhold, conceal, or destroy any tools, equipment, records, or other items owned by the District without the written approval of the Board.

2017.4 – Roads. No person may operate or park an automobile or other motorized vehicle within the District except: (a) on roadways and areas which are designated for such use; (b) in strict compliance with all posted signage (speed limit, one way, stop, no parking, and the like); (c) in a manner which does not damage or obstruct the roadbed or parking area; and (d) in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Connecticut and Town of Stratford. Any abandoned, unregistered, or nuisance vehicle on or obstructing any land owned or maintained by the District may be towed at the owner’s expense.

2017.5 – Unsafe Conditions. No person may cause or permit any hazardous, unsanitary, or blight condition to exist which affects any property or facility owned or maintained by the District, including but not limited to refuse materials, improperly-stored chemicals, rotten wood or food, nuisance trees, accumulated junk, stagnant or diverted water, and feeding or breeding conditions for mosquitoes, vermin, or other pests.

2017.6 – Refuse. No person may cause or permit any refuse to remain outdoors within the District’s boundaries except: (a) in suitable containers properly sealed and secured against wildlife and the elements; (b) within a reasonable time before scheduled pickups; (c) with recyclable materials sorted apart, broken down, and in appropriate bins; and (d) in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Connecticut and Town of Stratford.

2017.7 – Taxes and Debts. All taxes, fines, restitution orders, and other debts owed to the District shall: (a) be collectable by the District in the same manner as any method available for collecting a delinquent real property tax under the laws of the State of Connecticut; (b) accrue interest at the rate of 1.5% for each whole or part month they remain unpaid, which interest shall be waived on amounts paid within thirty days of the original due date; and (c) be deemed increased by all of the District’s collection expenses and attorney’s fees.

2017.8 – Collections. All payments made or recovered for amounts owed to the District shall be applied in the following order: (a) first, to all collection expenses and attorney’s fees incurred by the District; (b) next, to any unsecured debts owed to the District by contract or otherwise; (c) next, to all fines and penalties in the chronological order in which they were imposed; and (d) last, to the interest accrued on, then lien fees incurred for, then principal amounts of each respective year’s unpaid taxes, in the chronological order in which they were levied.

2017.9 – Enforcement. The Board may enforce its Charter and Ordinances and protect the interests of the community by prosecuting litigation in the District’s name for legal and/or equitable relief; by abating any violation without breaching the peace; and/or by taking such other action as is allowed by law. In addition, after a hearing at which the accused has been given at least ten days’ notice and an opportunity to be heard and present evidence and witnesses, the Board may: (a) impose fines of up to \$100 for a first offense or \$250 for subsequent offenses, such that each day of an ongoing violation shall be deemed a separate offense; (b) order full restitution of any actual losses, abatement costs, repair expenses, and attorney’s fees incurred; and (c)

suspend nonessential privileges such as the use of recreational facilities which the District owns, operates, maintains, or causes to be operated or maintained.