

District 1: Mark Dotson  
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ADMINISTRATION  
Evan L. Vass, County Administrator  
Mandy R. Belyea, Deputy County Administrator

## ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156, ARTICLE I, ADOPTION OF STATE LAW

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Supervisors of Shenandoah County wishes to amend Section 156-1 of the County Code to reincorporate certain sections of the Code of Virginia in order to ensure that any amendments to the incorporated statutes are properly incorporated into the County Code

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Shenandoah County, Virginia, that Article I of Chapter 156 of the County Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

### ARTICLE I, Adoption of State Law

#### 156-1. Adoption by reference.

- A. Pursuant to the authority of Code of Virginia, 46.2-1313, all of the provisions and requirements of the laws of the Commonwealth contained in Code of Virginia, Title 46.2, as amended, and in Code of Virginia, 18.2-266 through 18.2-273, as amended, as it reads, effective July 1, 2026 except those provisions and requirements, the violation of which constitutes a felony, and except those provisions and requirements, which by their very nature, can have no application to or within a county, are hereby adopted and incorporated in this chapter by reference and made applicable within the county.
- B. References to “highways of the state” contained in such provisions and requirements hereby adopted shall be deemed to refer to the streets, highways and other public ways within the county. Such provisions and requirements are hereby adopted, mutatis mutandis, and made a part of this chapter as fully as those set forth at length herein, and it shall be unlawful for any person within the county to violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provision of the laws adopted and incorporated into this chapter, provided that in no event shall the penalty imposed for the violation of any provision or requirement hereby adopted exceed the penalty imposed for a similar offense under Code of Virginia, Title 46.2 or under Code of Virginia, 18.2-266 through 18.2-273.
- C. Ordinances adopted hereunder incorporating by reference appropriate provisions of State Law before the effective date of such a law become effective on the effective date of the law and not before.
- D. All other Commonwealth of Virginia statutes and regulations incorporated into the ordinances of the County are reincorporated, and all County Code provisions incorporating the Commonwealth provisions are readopted. This reincorporation extends to statutes which have been amended and to Commonwealth statutes which have been repealed and recodified.
- E. All County ordinances incorporating or referring to Commonwealth statutes or regulations are readopted and, if necessary, the ordinances are amended to reflect any amendments to or

recodifications of the statutes or regulations.

- F. All future amendments and recodifications of statutes and regulations incorporated into the ordinances of the County are also incorporated in accordance with §1-220 of the Code of Virginia.

This ordinance is effective on “the first day of July,” 2026, within the meaning of Article IV, Section 13 of the Virginia Constitution.

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### CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Evan Vass, County Administrator of Shenandoah County, Virginia, hereby certifies the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 156, Article I, Adoption of State Law, adopted by the Board of Supervisors after due publication at a regular meeting duly held and called on May 26, 2026, for which proper notice was given. A record of the roll-call vote by the Board is as follows:

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tim Taylor	X			
Dennis Morris	X			
Steve Baker	X			
Mark Dotson	X			
David Ferguson	X			
Kyle Gusthall	X			

May 26, 2026

**ATTEST:**

Evan Vass, Clerk of the Board

Tim Taylor, Chairman of Board of Supervisors