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ORDINANCE 2011-03
AN AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE,
TITLE I, CHAPTERS II-XXIII and XXV-XXVI

WHEREAS the Section 3.10 of the Town Charter requires a decennial revision or codification of the ordinances of the Town; and,

WHEREAS the Town Council established an FY11 Goal to review all town regulations and procedures in an effort to eliminate inefficient processes or regulations; and,

WHEREAS most of the current Chapters in Title I have been reviewed for recommended edits;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Londonderry that the Municipal Code of the Town of Londonderry, Title I – General Code, Chapters II-XXIII and XXV-XXVI, is hereby amended pursuant to the attached summary.

Sean O’Keefe - Chairman
Town Council

Meg Seymour
Town Clerk

(TOWN SEAL)

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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<i>Recommended Revisions to the Municipal Code – Title I General Code</i>		
<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Recommended Revisions</i>
I	Town Charter	No changes recommended; changes must be approved by the voters at a Town Meeting
II	Ordinances	Aligns with Town Charter by requiring second read and public hearing prior to adoption; eliminates use of Legislative Committee
III	Town Seal	No changes recommended (NCR)
IV	Town Motto/Song	NCR
V	Town Council Meetings	Eliminates specific location of meetings; clarifies process for meetings scheduled on a holiday; requires Council to establish rules for its proceedings; requires petition signatories to be registered voters
VI	Fiscal Year	Aligns with Town Charter by removing procedure that the Town Manager's budget is adopted absent Town Council or Town Meeting action; aligns with Town Charter confirming that the Capital Improvements Program is a Planning Board responsibility.
VII	Public Hearings	Standardizes hearing notice requirement at seven days, with no waiver provision.
VIII	Removal of Municipal Officials	Rewrites Chapter to recognize limited authority to remove municipal officials pursuant to state law.
IX	Execution of Official Documents	NCR
X	Indemnification	Aligns language with RSA 31:105 & 106.
XI	Municipal Tax Liens	Minor textual changes (MTC)
XII	Street Acceptance	Significant changes to align with Subdivision Regulations
XIII	Naming of Streets/Renumbering	Total rewrite as adopted by the Council under Ordinance 2008-08
XIV	...Structures with the Town's Right of Way...	Significant changes recommended by the Department of Public Works
XV	Loitering	NCR
XVI	Littering and Public Cleanliness	Enforcement authority transferred to the Police Department; penalties align with RSA 676:17.
XVII	Driveway Permits/Construction	Review authority transferred from Building Inspector to Department of Public Works; design and construction criteria assigned to DPW; penalties align with RSA 676:17.
XVIII	...Work Conducted within Town Right of Way	Significant re-write; minor changes only.
XIX	Yard Sales	Minor changes and elimination of permit procedure; OR <u>Recommendation to repeal Chapter.</u>
XX	Solicitation/Sale on Public Property	Permission transferred to Town Manager's Office.
XXI	Fireworks	Statutory references, authority and penalties updated.
XXII	Town Common	Clarification that supervision rests with Town Manager with input from elected and appointed committees.
XXIII	Parks/Recreation Areas	MTC and statutory penalties.
XXIV	Cable Television	UNDER REVIEW
XXV	Prepayment of Taxes	NCR
XXVI	Prohibited Activities on Town Property	NCR