

GOLDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PICKET APPLICATION

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 98.81, adopted by the City of Goldsboro, no ***picketing*** shall be conducted on the public ways of the City; and no person shall participate in the same unless a permit has been obtained from the Chief of Police or his designated representative **at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time the picketing is scheduled to begin. Application must be submitted at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the event.** See attached ordinance.

Date of Application: _____

1. Name of organization or group seeking permit: _____
2. Purpose of picket: _____
3. Location(s) where picket will occur: _____
4. Date and hours for which permit is sought: _____
5. Expiration time of permit: _____
6. Number of persons participating: _____
 - a. Are persons below the age of 18 participating: _____
 - b. If yes, how many? _____
7. Name of person applying for the permit: _____
8. Person in charge of activity who will accompany it and carry permit at all times: (Name and Address) _____
9. Other members of picket committee: _____
10. Other groups or organizations participating: _____
11. Remarks: _____

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name of Applicant

Street Address

City

NC

Telephone Number

If application is approved, a permit will be issued, which must also be signed by the applicant acknowledging understanding and agreement to abide by the requirements of the attached ordinances.

§ 98.81 PICKETS.

(A) *Definition.* For the purpose of this section the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

PICKET, PICKETS and PICKETING. Include “demonstrators,” persons participating in vigils and any action primarily promoting or objecting to a policy upon those portions of the public ways not used primarily for vehicular parking and moving traffic and not constituting a parade.

(70 Code, § 15-50)

(B) *Conditions under which picketing permitted; notice of intent and receipt required.* Peaceful picketing shall be permitted in the city provided the same is done under the following conditions:

(1) No picketing shall be conducted on the public ways of this city and no person shall participate in the same unless notice of intent to picket has been given to the Chief of Police or his designated representative at least 72 hours prior to time of picket. After review, the Chief of Police or his representative shall issue a picket receipt no later than 24 hours prior the event.

(2) A notice of intent to picket shall be given in writing and shall contain the following information:

(a) The name, if any, of the organization or group sponsoring or proposing to picket;

(b) The location or locations in the city where the pickets propose to assemble and demonstrate;

(c) The date(s) and hours during which the picketing is to occur;

(d) The name of the person and organization giving notice of intent to picket;

(e) Whether or not persons below the age of 18 years are expected to participate;

(f) An estimate of the number of people who will be picketing; and

(g) The name of the person or persons to be in charge of the activity and who will accompany it and carry any receipt of notice at all times.

(3) Upon the giving of notice of intent to picket, properly completed as herein above set out, the designated officer shall issue a picket receipt no later than 24 hours prior to the event. The receipt shall contain all information stated in the notice. Notice shall be given by the holder of a picket receipt to the Chief of Police or his designated representative immediately upon cessation of such picketing for a period of 24 hours or more. Before resumption of picketing interrupted for any such period, a new notice shall be given and a new picket receipt issued.

(70 Code, § 15-51)

(C) *Standards of conduct for picketing activities.*

(1) Picketing shall be conducted only on portions of the public ways not used primarily for vehicular parking or moving traffic.

(2) Pickets may carry written or printed placards or signs not exceeding 24 inches by 24 inches promoting the objective for which picketing is done provided the words used would not tend to incite violence.

(3) Pickets must, if marching, march in single file, not abreast, and may not march closer together than 15 feet, except in passing one another. Pickets not marching shall remain at least 15 feet apart.

(4) If pickets promoting different objectives, causes, actions or policies desire to use a sidewalk that is already being used for picketing, the Chief of Police or his designated agents shall allot a number of pickets promoting each objective to use such sidewalk, on an equitable basis, according to the number of objectives being promoted.

(5) Pickets shall be restricted to the use of the outermost half of the sidewalk or other public way nearest the street and shall not at any time nor in any way obstruct, interfere with, or block persons entering or exiting from vehicles; persons crossing streets or otherwise using the public way; the entrance or exit to any building or access to property abutting the street or sidewalk; or pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

(6) No person observing, engaging in, or assisting in picketing shall bring to or allow to remain in the immediate area of picketing any vicious animal.

(7) It shall be unlawful for anyone to picket without filing a notice as required herein and being issued a receipt of such notice.

(8) The provisions of divisions (B) through (D) of this section are mandatory and not merely directory, and failure to comply with the provisions of these sections is hereby declared to be unlawful and punishable as provided by law.

('70 Code, § 15-52)

(D) Interference with pickets prohibited; police authority to disperse crowds; failure to leave when ordered declared offense.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to physically interfere with pickets in the use of the sidewalk or to address profane, indecent abusive, or threatening language to or at those pickets which would tend to provoke the pickets or others to a breach of the peace.

(2) In the event of the assemblage of persons in such numbers as to tend to intimidate pickets pursuing their lawful objective through numbers alone or through use of inflammatory words, police officers of the city may direct the dispersal of persons so assembled. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to disperse or move on when so directed by a police officer, and police officers may arrest any person who fails to do so.

(3) Whenever the free passage of any street or sidewalk in the city shall be obstructed by a crowd, whether or not the crowd assembles as a result of or in connection with picketing, the persons composing such crowd shall disperse or move on when directed to do so by a police officer. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to so disperse or move on when so directed by a police officer, and police officers may arrest any person who fails to do so.

('70 Code, § 15-53) (Ord. 1982-42, passed 8-2-82) Penalty, see § 98.99