

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT  
THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 22,  
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES BY ENACTING SECTION 22-10, PROSTITUTION.**

**WHEREAS**, notice of a public hearing before the Christiansburg Town Council concerning this ordinance was published two consecutive weeks (July 31, 2019 and August 7, 2019) in The News Messenger, a newspaper published in and having general circulation in the Town of Christiansburg; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing before the Town Council was held on August 13, 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this ordinance is to clearly identify and prohibit those acts which shall be deemed an act of prostitution within the Town of Christiansburg;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia, that Chapter 22, Miscellaneous Offenses of the Christiansburg Town Code be amended and reenacted by enacting Section 22-10 as follows:

**Sec. 22-10. – Prostitution.**

- (a) Any person who, for money or its equivalent, (i) commits or performs masturbation or any act in violation of Virginia Code § 18.2-346, or (ii) offers to commit or perform masturbation or any act in violation of Virginia Code § 18.2-346 and thereafter does any substantial act in furtherance thereof, shall be guilty of prostitution, which is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- (b) Any person who solicits another by word, sign, or gesture to commit any act as enumerated in subsection (a) above shall be guilty of soliciting for prostitution, which shall be a Class 2 misdemeanor.
- (c) Any person who offers money or its equivalent to another for the purpose of engaging in acts as enumerated in subsection (a) above and thereafter does any substantial act in furtherance thereof, shall be guilty of solicitation of prostitution, which is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- (d) For the purposes of this Section, “masturbation” shall mean the erotic stimulation of the genitals of oneself or another by manual or other means exclusive of coitus.

Upon a call for an aye and nay vote on the foregoing ordinance at a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia held August 13, 2019, the members of the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia present throughout all deliberations on the foregoing and voting or abstaining, stood as indicated opposite their names as follows:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Samuel M. Bishop	X			
Harry Collins	X			
Steve Huppert	X			
Merissa Sachs	X			
Henry Showalter	X			
Bradford J. Stipes	X			
Mayor D. Michael Barber*				

\*Votes only in the event of a tie.



D. Michael Barber, Mayor



Michele M. Stipes, Town Clerk