



Lenoir Police Department

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Application to Demonstrate and/or Picket

(Should be submitted at least 7 days prior to anticipated demonstration and/or picket date)

Anticipated Dates/Times of Demonstration/Picket: _____

Name of Person Applying: _____

Address: _____

Phone and Email: _____

Name of Person in Charge: _____
(if different from applicant)

Address: _____

Phone and Email: _____

Purpose of Demonstration/Picket: _____

Location of Demonstration/Picket: _____

Number of People Involved in Demonstration/Picket: _____

I verify that the above information is true and correct, and acknowledge receipt and understanding of a copy of the City of Lenoir Ordinance (Chapter 14) governing Demonstrations and Picketing:

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Identity verified by suitable picture identification.

Received by: _____

Date: _____

- Approved
- Denied

Chief of Police or Designee

Date: _____

CITY OF LENOIR CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 14 ARTICLE III. - PICKETING

Sec. 14-51. - Statement of purpose.

Peaceful picketing in the furtherance of a lawful purpose shall be permitted in the city. The additional standards and regulations in this article are promulgated for the regulation of such picketing.

Sec. 14-52. - Picketing permit.

A permit to picket shall contain all the information and be subject to all the constraints as a normal parade permit except as specified in this article.

Sec. 14-53. - Marching order.

- (a) Not more than 15 pickets promoting the same objective shall use either of the two sidewalks within a block at any one time.
- (b) Pickets must march in single file and not abreast and may not march closer together than ten feet except in passing one another.
- (c) Pickets shall be in continuous motion.

Sec. 14-54. - Signs.

Pickets may carry written or printed placards or signs not exceeding two feet in width and two feet in length promoting the objective for which the picketing is done. The staff on any such placard or sign shall not exceed 40 inches in length, must be made of wood, shall not exceed three-fourths of an inch in diameter or on any side at any point, and must be blunt at each end.

Sec. 14-55. - Prohibited areas.

Picketing shall not be conducted on the portion of a street used primarily for vehicular traffic nor in any public buildings.

Sec. 14-56. - Prohibited conduct.

- (a) No picket shall make or produce loud, or unusual noise, including, but not limited to shouting, clapping, or singing, of such a nature as to or be likely to disturb the peace and tranquility of persons inside buildings or otherwise to unreasonably interfere with personal or commercial businesses and activities of the people of the city.
- (b) No picket shall interfere with or attempt to interfere with another person in the exercise of his right to work or to enter upon the performance of any lawful vocation or activity by the use of force, the threat of force, threats of violence or intimidation, or by the use of insulting or threatening language directed toward such person or use such methods to induce or attempt to induce any person to quit his employment or refrain from seeking employment or to do or cease to do any lawful activity.

Sec. 14-57. - Counter-picketing.

If pickets promoting different objectives apply for permits to use the same sidewalk for picketing and such use would result in the presence of more than 15 pickets thereon, the chief of police shall allot time to each group of pickets for the use of such sidewalk on a pro rata basis.

Sec. 14-58. - Interference with pickets.

- (a) No person shall physically interfere with persons engaged in peaceful picketing in the furtherance of a lawful purpose or address profane, indecent, abusive or threatening language to or at such pickets which would reasonably tend to provoke conduct which would constitute a breach of the peace.
- (b) If persons assemble in such numbers as to tend to intimidate pickets pursuing their lawful objective through numbers alone or through use of inflammatory words, then the police may direct the dispersal of such persons so assembled, and may arrest any person who fails to absent himself from the place of such assemblage when so directed by the police. No person or persons so assembled shall fail to absent himself from such place or to cease and desist from such course of conduct after having been directed by the police so to do.

(Chapter 14 in its entirety can be viewed from a link on www.cityoflenoir.com under City of Lenoir Code of Ordinances)