Picketing/Demonstration Registration

Please return this form to Blacksburg Police Department, 200 Clay St., Blacksburg, VA 24060 or to nodell@blacksburg.gov. For more information, call Captain Nathan O'Dell at 540-443-1415.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone #1: _____ **Phone #2:** _____ **Email:** _____

Drivers License #: _____

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Date of Event: _____ **Location:** _____

Assemble Time: _____ **Start Time:** _____ **Finish Time:** _____

Expected Number of Participants: _____ **Length of Time of Event:** _____

Purpose or Theme: _____

Distribution of Literature, Candy, Souvenirs, Etc. ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Use of Amplified Sound ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
If Yes, Separate Registration Required.

Brief Additional Information on Event (Attach flyers or use separate pages, if necessary)

By my signature below, I indicate that I have read the accompanying rules and regulations concerning the Town Picketing/Demonstration Ordinance. Additionally, I understand that I am also responsible for all participants' knowledge of these rules and regulations.

_____ _____
Officer of Sponsoring Organization/Individual Date

DO NOT FILL OUT: POLICE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY
Registration Form Filing Date:

_____ _____
Chief of Police or Designee Date

Town of Blacksburg, VA
Section 15-202 Standards of Conduct

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

(b) Pickets may carry written or printed placards or signs; however such written or printed placards or signs shall not at any time nor in any way obstruct, interfere with, or block the sidewalk or public way.

(c) If pickets promoting different objectives, causes, actions or policies desire to use a sidewalk that is already used for picketing, the chief of police or the chief's designated agent shall allot a number of pickets promoting each objective to use such sidewalk on an equitable basis, proportionate to the number of objectives being promoted.

(d) 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.

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

(f) It shall be unlawful for a group of ten or more persons to picket without filing a notice as required herein.

Section 15-204. Penalty for violation.

The provisions of this article are mandatory, and not merely directory, and failure to comply with its provisions is hereby declared to be unlawful and punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.