

## PREFACE

This Code constitutes a complete publication of the ordinances of the County of Rockbridge of a general and permanent nature. Source materials used in the preparation of this Code were the 1993 Code of the County of Rockbridge and ordinances subsequently adopted by the Board of Supervisors, as well as the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

The chapters of the Code have been conveniently arranged in alphabetical order and the various sections within each chapter have been catchlined to facilitate usage. Footnotes have been included to link together related sections of the Code and to refer to relevant state laws. A table listing the state law citations and setting forth their location within the Code is included at the back of the volume.

*Numbering System:* The numbering system used in this Code is the same system used in many state and municipal codes. Each section number consists of two component parts separated by a dash, the figure before the dash referring to the chapter number and the figure after the dash referring to the position of the section within the chapter. Thus, the first section of Chapter 2 is numbered 2-1 and the ninth section of Chapter 3 is 3-9. Under this system, each section is identified with its chapter while new sections or even whole chapters can be inserted in their proper place simply by using the decimal system for amendments. By way of illustration: If new material consisting of three sections that would logically come between sections 3-1 and 3-2 is desired to be added, such new sections would be numbered 3-1.1, 3-1.2 and 3-1.3 respectively. New chapters may be included in the same manner. If the new material is to be included between Chapters 4 and 5, it will be designated as Chapter 4.5. Care should be taken that the alphabetical arrangement of chapters is maintained when including new chapters. New articles and new divisions may be included in the same way or, in the case of articles, may be placed at the end of the chapter embracing the subject, and, in the case of divisions, may be placed at the end of the article embracing the subject, the next successive number being assigned to the article or division.

*Index:* In preparing the index to the Code, each particular item has been placed under several headings, some of the headings being couched in lay phraseology, others in legal terminology, and still others in language generally used by municipal officers and employees. There are numerous cross references within the index to direct the user to the particular item of interest.