

**Prohibit accumulation of leaves, grass clippings, etc. on public ways**

(a) Authority of ordinance. The section is enacted pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 160A-174 as an exercise of the police power granted to the town.

(b) Prohibitions. It shall be unlawful for any person to blow, place, or allow to be placed leaves, grass clippings, or any debris from his or her premises on a public street or sidewalk, in the grass strip between a paved sidewalk and street, in any area that pedestrians would be expected to use to walk upon parallel to a public street, or in the median strip within a public right of way.

This section shall not apply to the following: the accumulation of leaves along a curb line of a public right of way for the purposes of collection by a private leaf collecting contractor (provided the leaves are promptly collected by the contractor); **the accumulation of limbs along the curb line of the public right of way for the purposes of collection by the Town of Grifton under the street pick-up policy guidelines established by the Town;** the placement of debris and limbs during a recognized and approved State of Emergency; or to contract mowing within North Carolina Department of Transportation right of ways.

(c) Criminal Penalty. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a class three misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to punishment in accordance with G.S. 14-4. Unless otherwise provided, the maximum fine for a misdemeanor violation is five hundred dollars (\$500.00). This criminal penalty is in addition to any civil penalties that may be charged.