

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO

THAT WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vanceboro deems it advisable and in the public interest to amend the zoning ordinance of the Town of Vanceboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO:

SECTION 1. That Section 1-5 "Definitions" of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Vanceboro be and the same is hereby amended by adding the following definition and renumbering the subsequent subsections accordingly:

"Section 1.5 Definitions

26 Off-premises sign: A sign that draws attention to or communicates information about a business, service, commodity, accommodation, attraction, or other activity that is conducted, sold, or offered at a location other than the premises on which the sign is located. This definition shall include the terms "outdoor advertising sign" or "billboard".

27. Advertising Sign: A sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered (i) only elsewhere than upon the premises where the sign is displayed, or (ii) is [as] a minor and incidental activity upon the premises where the sign is displayed.

28. Business sign: A sign which directs attention to a business, profession, or industry located upon the premises where the sign is displayed, to type of products sold, manufactured, or assembled, and/or to service or entertainment offered on said premises, but not a sign pertaining to the preceding if such activity is only minor and incidental to the principal use of the premises.

29. Freestanding sign: A sign that (i) is permanent, and (ii) is attached to, erected on, or supported by some structure such as a pole, mast, or frame that is not itself an integral part of a building or other structure having a principal function other than the support of a sign.

30. Temporary Sign A sign that (i) is used in connection with a circumstance, situation, or event that is designed, intended, or expected to take place or to be completed within a reasonably short or definite period after the erection of such sign, or (ii) is intended to remain on the location where it is erected or placed for a period of generally not more than 15 days, or (iii) is displayed on a premises only during normal operating hours and then removed from that location. If a sign display area is permanent but the message displayed is subject to periodic changes, that sign shall not be regarded as temporary.

SECTION 2. That the zoning ordinance of the Town of Vanceboro be and the same is hereby amended by adding Article 7 "PROHIBITED SIGNS" and renumbering the subsequent Articles accordingly:

"ARTICLE 7
PROHIBITED SIGNS

The following signs are prohibited in the Town:

- (1) Signs that imitate, or in any way approximate, official highway signs, or that are erected in a way that obscures a sign displayed by a public authority.
- (2) Signs that are erected in a street right-of-way, or placed in a street right-of-way, or placed in such a manner as to obstruct driver vision of any vehicle entering a roadway from any street, alley, driveway, or parking lot.
- (3) Advertising signs on public utility poles, telephone poles, and trees.
- (4) Any sign located in such a way as to intentionally deny an adjoining property owner visual access to an existing sign.
- (5) Off-premises signs
- (6) Any sign in a residential zoned area that exceeds the total sign surface area of 18 inches by 24 inches .

SECTION 2: That the zoning ordinance of the Town of Vanceboro be and the same is hereby amended by adding Article 7 "PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SIGNS" and renumbering the subsequent Articles accordingly:

ARTICLE 7
PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SIGNS

- (a) (With the exception of temporary signs , permit exceptions and additional regulations), No sign may be erected , moved or enlarged or substantially altered except in accordance with the following provisions
1. Signs that are not exempted, may be erected, moved, enlarged or substantially altered only in accordance with a zoning sign permit issued by the Town of Vanceboro and approved for recommendation by a designated member of the zoning committee.
 2. Sign permits must be issued in the name of the property owner rather than in the name of the individual business and it shall be the responsibility fo such owner that the sign is compliance with such sign ordinances
 3. All sign applications must include a master sign plan that includes the following:
 - 1) Sketch outlining the sign
 - 2) Calculation of total sign surface areas
 - 3) Details regarding sign installment, type of sign and other considerations

SECTION 3: That the zoning ordinance of the Town of Vanceboro be and the same is hereby amended by adding Article 7 “TOTAL SIGN SURFACE AREA” and renumbering the subsequent Articles accordingly:

ARTICLE 7
TOTAL SIGN SURFACE AREA

- (a) Subject to any and all other provisions in this section, the total surface area devoted to all signs on any lot zoned agricultural , office , industrial and institutional shall not exceed the total sign surface area of 32 square feet.

SECTION 4: That the zoning ordinance of the Town of Vanceboro be and the same is hereby amended by adding Article 7 “FREE STANDING SIGN SURFACE” and renumbering the subsequent Articles accordingly:

ARTICLE 7
FREE STANDING SIGN SURFACE AREA

- (a) For the purposes of this section, the a free standing sign which typically have two sides (back to back) , although four sided and other multisided signs are common.
- (b) A single side of a free standing sign may not exceed the total sign surface area of 32 square feet
- (c) Free standing signs cannot exceed the height of 18 feet
- (d) No development may have more than one free standing sign
- (e) If a development is located on a lot that is bordered by two public streets then one free standing sign is allowed on facing the development bordered by the street.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

Chad E. Buxton
MAYOR

Beverly W. Drake
TOWN CLERK

