

ORDINANCE #2001-5. An Ordinance to amend Article XX. Signs. of the Code of the Town of Ashland, Virginia, to provide regulations that more clearly reflect the time period for removal of prohibited signs.

WHEREAS the Planning Commission of the Town of Ashland has held an advertised public hearing and forwarded this matter to the Town Council with its recommendation; and

WHEREAS the Town Council has held a public hearing on the 26th day of June 2001, advertised as required by Virginia Code Section 15.2 – 2204; and

WHEREAS the Town Council has determined that the public necessity, general welfare, and good zoning practices require this amendment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Ashland, Virginia that:

- 1) Article XII. Signs. Section 21-214. Prohibited signs. of the Code of the Town of Ashland, Virginia, be amended to read as follows:

Section 21-214.

(b) *Nonconforming signs.* A person shall not erect or install any sign which does not meet the provisions of the article. If a nonconforming sign is erected or installed, the administrator shall provide the following time limits to remove such signs. Attached signs – 10 days; business identification signs – 10 days; church bulletin board – 10 days; directional signs – 5 days; home occupation signs – 5 days; projecting signs – 10 days; other prohibited signs – 1 day. If such removal is not accomplished, the administrator shall cause removal and charge the cost to the owner on whose property the sign is erected or take such other action as is specified in section 21-7 of this chapter.

Section 21-7. Violations; penalties.

(2) Each day during which any violation of the provisions enumerated in paragraph (1) above is found to have existed shall constitute a separate offense. Nor shall a series of such violations arising from the same set of operative facts result in civil penalties which exceed a total of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)

- 2) All sections of the **Code of the Town of Ashland, Virginia**, Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with and/or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
- 3) The provisions of this Ordinance shall be in force immediately upon adoption.
- 4) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Town Council of Ashland, Virginia that the clauses, phrases, sentences paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance are severable, and, if any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or section of this

Ordinance hereby adopted shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a valid judgement of decree by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining clauses, phrases, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance hereby adopted.

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Advertised:

Planning Commission: Herald Progress: June 4 and June 11, 2001

Town Council: Herald Progress: June 11 and June 18, 2001

Public Hearing:

Planning Commission: June 20, 2001

Town Council: June 26, 2001

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Effective: June 26, 2001

