

**Ordinance ORD2011-07**

**AN ORDINANCE** to amend The Code of the Town of Ashland, Chapter 21, "Zoning", Article XIV, "Higher Education District HE", Sec. 21-132, "Height regulations."

The purpose of this ordinance is to allow for exceptions to be granted to the maximum height regulations of the Higher Education district.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has held a public hearing on the 6th day of December 2011, advertised as required by Virginia Code Section 15.2 – 2204.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Town of Ashland, Virginia that Section 21-132 "Height regulations" shall be amended to read, as follows:

**Sec. 21-132. Height regulations.**

(a) No building or structure shall exceed a height of thirty-five (35) feet from grade. See article XXV for supplemental height regulations.

(b) ~~Reserved.~~ Exceptions to the height regulations set forth in subsection (a) may be granted by the town council upon finding that an exception is necessary to ensure that future buildings are constructed to match the scale and character of existing buildings in the HE, Higher Education district. Requests for exceptions must be submitted in writing by the property owner or applicant.

(c) Any wireless communications antennas permitted under section 21-128(l) shall not extend beyond the height of the structure upon which the antennas are attached. (8-13-85, § 2; 12-15-98, § 1; 6-13-00, § 1)

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Town Council that the amendments herein of the Code of the Town of Ashland shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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