

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE
OF THE TOWN OF NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA BY
REMOVING THE TEN FOOT SETBACK REQUIREMENT FOR**

Ordinance 18-04

WHEREAS, since 1995, the Town's sign ordinance has required a ten-foot setback for certain permanent signs in residential districts; and

WHEREAS, many residential developments and campgrounds, having been developed prior to 1995, are non-conforming; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed the proposed standards and recommended approval of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has found this ordinance to be consistent with the Town's adopted CAMA Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has determined that is in the public's interest to update standards for the placement of certain permanent signs in residential districts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen for the Town of North Topsail Beach, North Carolina that the Unified Development Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

PART I. That Subsection 8.08 of the Unified Development Ordinance be amended with the addition of the following:

§ 8.08 SIGNS PERMITTED IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

(A) Permanent identification signs for subdivisions and residential developments not exceeding 20 square feet in area. One sign may be erected at each major entrance to the subdivision, but shall be located on private property ~~no closer than ten feet to any property line~~. No sign shall exceed six feet in height above ground level, and illumination shall be restricted to indirect white lighting.

(B) Permanent identification signs for campgrounds not exceeding six square feet in area. One sign may be erected at each major entrance to the campground but shall be located on private property ~~no closer than ten feet to any property line~~. No sign shall exceed six feet in height above ground level. Illumination shall be limited to indirect white lighting.

(C) One permanent identification sign for multi-family residential developments may be erected at each major entrance to the property. Such signs shall not exceed 20 square feet in area and may be flat mounted against the wall of an apartment building or freestanding. If freestanding, ~~such signs shall be set back a minimum of ten feet from any public right of way or property line and~~ shall not exceed six feet in height above ground level. Illumination shall be limited to indirect white lighting.

(D) One identification sign for each home occupation is permitted, but ~~shall not be closer than ten feet to any property line, or street right of way~~, shall not project higher than two feet above ground level, and shall not exceed six square feet in area.

(E) Temporary signs as permitted by § 8.09.

(F) All signs under § 8.04, “Exemptions” (including “Signs Exempt From Regulation”; “Signs that Do Not Require a Permit” and “Noncommercial Messages”) permitted in residential districts. No other signs are permitted.

(G) No other signs other than those indicated herein (in § 8.08) are permitted in any residential district.

(Ord. passed 11-2-2011; Ord. 2014-7, passed 7-9-2014) Penalty, see § 10.06

PART II. This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.