

## ORDINANCE A

(Enacting the Land Use Management Ordinance Text Amendment proposal)

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHAPEL HILL LAND USE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE FOR SIGNS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION (2020-\_\_-\_\_ / O-#).**

WHEREAS, the Council called a Public Hearing to amend subsections of Articles 5.14.4 of the Land Use Management Ordinance as it relates to Signs Exempt from Regulation for the Council's September 30, 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill has considered the proposed text amendment to the Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO) Sections 5.14.4 related to Signs Exempt from Regulation, and finds that the amendment, if enacted, is reasonable and in the public's interest and is warranted, to achieve the purposes of the Comprehensive Plan as explained by, but not limited to, the following goals of the Chapel Hill 2020 Comprehensive Plan:

- Promote a safe, vibrant, and connected (physical and person) community (Community Prosperity and Engagement.3)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Land Use Management Ordinance be amended as follows:

#### **Section 5.14.4. Signs Exempt from Regulation:**

"The following signs are exempt from regulation and permit requirements under this Section, provided that signs comply with the provision of this section and are not illuminated.

(j) Temporary political signs advertising candidates or election issues, provided such signs do not exceed 4 square feet in area per display surface, and provided that any such signs, on private property, are removed within 10 days after the primary or election day; and provided further that any such signs in the public right-of-way are not erected prior to 30 days before the beginning date of "one-stop" early voting under G.S. 163-227.2 and ending on the 10th day after the primary or election day. Any such sign that remains more than 30 days after this period ends is to be deemed unlawfully placed and abandoned property, and a person may remove and dispose of such political sign without penalty. The NC Department of Transportation may remove any signs erected without authority or allowed to remain beyond the deadline established in this paragraph. Signs in the right-of-way must be placed in compliance with the following:

- (1) The sign permittee must obtain the permission of any property owner of a residence, business, or religious institution fronting the right-of-way where a sign would be erected.
- (2) No sign is permitted in the right-of-way of a fully controlled access highway.
- (3) No sign may obscure motorist visibility at an intersection.
- (4) No sign may be higher than 42 inches above the edge of the pavement of the road.
- (5) No sign may be larger than 18 inches by 24 inches.
- (6) No sign may obscure or replace another sign."

This ordinance shall be effective upon enactment.

This the \_\_ day of \_\_, 2020