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CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO.

June , 2022

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWTON AS FOLLOWS:

That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended with respect to **Chapter 30 ZONING** as follows:

1. **DELETE** the last sentence in **Sec. 5.2.2. Applicability**.
2. **DELETE** the definition of “Sign, Election” in its entirety where it occurs in **Sec. 5.2.3**.
3. **INSERT** a new definition “Sign, Noncommercial. A sign which contains only noncommercial messages.” in **Sec. 5.2.3.**
4. **INSERT** after the word “other” in the definition of “Sign, Non-Accessory” where it occurs in **Sec. 5.2.3** the word “commercial.”
5. **INSERT** at the end of the definition of “Sign, Non-Accessory” where it occurs in **Sec. 5.2.3** “, or of a noncommercial sign.”
6. **DELETE Sec. 5.2.6.B.6** in its entirety and **INSERT** in place thereof a new **Sec. 5.2.6.B.6** as follows:

“Noncommercial Signs. Noncommercial signs shall be allowed in all zoning districts, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, and shall conform to the following:

A. The face of the sign shall be no higher than and no wider than 3 feet;

B. Signs may be located anywhere on a lot, but shall not create a traffic safety hazard by blocking visibility of traffic on a public street from a driveway. Signs shall not overhang a public sidewalk; however, where there is no sidewalk, no part of the sign shall be closer than 8 feet to the edge of the paved portion of the public way;

C. Signs shall not include any names or logos advertising goods, services, or businesses or otherwise constituting commercial speech;

D. Signs shall not be artificially illuminated except as permitted by Sec. 5.2.10.”

1. **DELETE Sec. 5.2.6.B.7** in its entirety.
2. **INSERT** after the word “No” where it appears in the first paragraph of **Sec. 5.2.7** the word “permanent.”
3. **INSERT** after the word “No” where it appears in the first paragraph of **Sec. 5.2.8** the word “permanent.”
4. **DELETE Sec. 5.2.9.A** in its entirety.

Approved as to legal form and character:

Alissa O. Giuliani

City Solicitor

Under Suspension of Rules

Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) Carol Moore\_\_ (SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER

City Clerk Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_