

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. C-15

June 21, 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."
7. **DELETE Sec. 5.2.6.B.7** in its entirety.
8. **INSERT** after the word "No" where it appears in the first paragraph of **Sec. 5.2.7** the word "permanent."

9. **INSERT** after the word "No" where it appears in the first paragraph of **Sec. 5.2.8** the word "permanent."
10. **DELETE Sec. 5.2.9.A** in its entirety.

Approved as to legal form and character:

Alissa O. Giuliani
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City Solicitor

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
22 Yeas 1 Nay (Councilor Gentile) 1 Absent (Councilor Ryan)

Cassie Moore
(SGD) Carol Moore
Acting City Clerk

Ruthanne Fuller

(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER

Mayor

Date: 9/19/2022