



Town of Ashland

MEMORANDUM

To: Town Council, Town of Ashland, Virginia
From: Nora Amos, Director of Planning and Community Development
Date: November 17, 2015
Case Type: Ordinance Amendment
Case No.: ORD2015-09
Case Name: Flagpole Height
Applicant: Town Council

REQUEST:

Staff requests that Town Council review and hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment to allow for a height exception for flag poles.

RECOMMENDATION:

The flag pole amendment was separated from a larger amendment package for planned zoning districts and unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on October 9, 2015. Staff is recommending approval of ORD2015-09.

MOTION:

Approve – I move to approve ORD2015-09.

Approve with amendments – I move to approve ORD2015-09 with the following amendments...

Deny – I move to deny ORD2015-09.

Defer – I move to defer action on ORD2015-09 until the ____ Town Council meeting.

ORD2015-09 Flagpole Height

AN ORDINANCE WHICH AMENDS THE ASHLAND TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 21, "ZONING," ARTICLE XXV, "SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS," SEC. 21-259, "EXCEPTIONS TO HEIGHT REGULATIONS" TO ADD A HEIGHT EXCEPTION FOR FLAGPOLES.

WHEREAS, the Town Council has held a public hearing on November 17, 2015, advertised as required by Virginia Code Section 15.2 – 2204.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Ashland Town Council that Chapter 21, "Zoning," Article XXV, "Supplemental Regulations," Section 21-259, "Exceptions to Height Regulations," in the Ashland Town Code shall be amended to read, in part, as follows:

"Sec 21-259. Exceptions to Height Regulations.

- A. *Applicability of height regulations.* The height regulations set forth in this chapter shall not apply to church spires, belfries, cupolas, barns or silos used for agriculture or feed storage or mixing, water or cooling towers, accessory antennas, ventilators, chimneys, flues, solar energy equipment or similar appurtenances or mechanical structures attached to a building and not intended for human occupancy and containing no signs or other advertising. Parapet walls may exceed the height limit applicable in a district by not more than four (4) feet. **The maximum height to which flagpoles may be erected is equal to the maximum height of the tallest building on the property in which it is located or thirty-five (35) feet from grade, whichever is greater.**
- B. *Height of accessory buildings.* No accessory building shall exceed the height of the main building on the lot, nor shall any accessory building exceed fifteen (15) feet in height when located within any portion of a side or rear yard that would be required for a main building on the lot."

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

Introduced:

Town Council Referred to Planning Commission: October 6, 2015

Advertised:

Planning Commission:

Herald Progress: October 1, 2015, and October 8, 2015

Town Council:

Herald Progress: November 5, 2015, and November 12, 2015

Public Hearing:

Planning Commission: October 14, 2015

Town Council: November 17, 2015

Adopted:

Effective:



Attn: Nora D. Amos
Town of Ashland
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Ashland, VA 23005

Subject: Flagpole Height

Current regulations only allow a maximum 35 foot flagpole to be erected in the Town of Ashland. This size would be proportionately short in vicinity to The Vitamin Shoppe's 45 foot pole and the height of our building. I request a Text Amendment to allow flagpoles to be the same height as the building on which property it is erected provided the offset from public roadway is equal to or greater than the pole height..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Gay", is written over the typed name and title.

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