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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

If you wish to vote YES on the ballot QUESTION, put an X in the square next to YES
If you wish to vote NO on the ballot QUESTION, put an X in the square next to NO

To amend the following ordinance for the Town of South Hampton March 8, 2016:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Article XX. **SIGNS** (Adopted 3/13/90, amended March 8, 2016)

- A. Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to permit signs that will not by reason of size, location, construction or manner of display, endanger public health and safety.
- B. Definitions:
1. Area: The area of one side of a not more than two sided sign, or one half of the total area of more than two sides.
 2. Sign: Any surface, fabric, device or display which bears lettered, pictorial, or sculptured material designed to convey information visually and which is exposed to public view.
- C. Enforcement:
1. The Building Inspector shall be the administrative officer of this ordinance.
 2. No sign shall be erected, moved or altered until a permit therefore is issued under the terms of this ordinance.
 3. All unused sign permits shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance.
 4. All applications for sign permits shall be accompanied by an acceptable sketch of the proposed sign, and an indication of the location and dimensions of all existing signs located on the lot or tract.
- D. General Provisions:
1. No sign in a Residential District shall be illuminated.
 2. No sign in a Commercial or Industrial District shall be internally illuminated, flashing, or animated, nor shall any illuminated sign or advertising outline any part of a building such as a gable, roof, sidewalk or corner.
 3. The maximum height of all signs shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet above grade, as determined by the average ground level around the sign.
 4. There shall be permitted in the following zones no permanent signs larger than:
 - a. Four (4) square feet in any Residential District.
 - b. Thirty-two (32) square feet in any Commercial District.
 - c. Thirty-two (32) square feet in any Industrial District.
 5. Every sign shall be constructed of durable material and shall be maintained in good condition and repair at all times.
 6. Illuminated roadside signs shall not remain lit after 9:30 p.m..
 7. No sign shall be located within the right-of-way of any town road, nor shall it obstruct driving sight distance.
 8. Any sign in the Historic Districts shall require approval of the Historic District Commission prior to being erected.
- E. Number of Signs:
1. No more than one (1) freestanding sign shall be permitted on any lot.
 2. A single freestanding sign is permitted for each business in the Commercial and Industrial Districts except:
 - a. Where two or more businesses share a lot or tract, a single freestanding sign is permitted for the entire lot or parcel.

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F. Exceptions:

1. In the Rural Residential District, the Zoning Board of Appeals may allow a business two additional non-illuminated seasonal signs, each not to exceed eight (8) square feet in area, for a period not to exceed eight (8) months a year.
2. One temporary sign is permitted on any lot or parcel, provided it is unlit, is located ten (10) feet away from the right-of-way, does not exceed eight (8) square feet in area, and is removed within six (6) months. No lot or parcel may display a temporary sign for more than six (6) months per year.
3. In the Commercial and Industrial Districts, the Zoning Board of Appeals may allow a South Hampton business to place two (2) signs located off the site of the business. These signs must not exceed four (4) square feet in area, and meet all the other provisions of this ordinance.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR AMENDING the SIGN ORDINANCE.

VOTE: Are you in favor of amending this ordinance

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