

**TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE  
ORDINANCE NO 07-2019**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE AMENDING THE  
TOWN OF CENTREVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE, WHICH IS CHAPTER 170 OF THE  
TOWN CODE, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF SIGN AND SECTION 170-38  
ENTITLED SIGNS TO REGULATE THE SIZE, LOCATION, PLACEMENT AND  
STANDARDS FOR SIGNS WITHIN THE TOWN OF CENTREVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has the authority under Section 5-213 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to adopt zoning regulations;

**WHEREAS**, Section 170-62 of the Code of the Town of Centreville provides for amendments to the regulations, restrictions and boundaries set forth in Chapter 170 of the Code;

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to exempt signs that are under 7 feet tall and are completely screened from view inclusive of light from public roadways and other parcels by on-site buildings, structures, and/or grade differences not visible from public roadways, residentially zoned parcels, and residentially used parcels from the sign provisions;

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has considered the matter and recommended favorably; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council held a public hearing on the zoning amendment on June 6, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of Centreville:

**Section 1.** The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated herein.

**Section 2.** Article IX, Chapter 170 of the Centreville Town Code, Section 170-68 Definitions is hereby amended to modify the definition of sign as provided below:

**SIGN**

A structure or device designed or intended to convey information to the public in written or pictorial form. *For the purposes of this definition, the term sign shall not include scoreboards.* More specific sign definitions are given below.

**Section 3.** Article IX, Chapter 170 of the Centreville Town Code, Section 170-38.B(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (1) Signs Requiring Permits. Other than Temporary Signs provided for in Subsection D herein *and exempt signs as provided herein*, no sign shall be erected, enlarged, or altered without a permit from the Zoning Administrator. Applications for permits shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator. Each application shall be accompanied by drawings and written material showing the area and general appearance of the sign, the

method of illumination, the exact location of the proposed sign, and the method of construction and/or attachment of such sign to the building or structure. *Signs that do not extend over 7 feet above existing grade and are completely screened from view, inclusive of light, from public roadways and other parcels by on-site buildings, structures, evergreen landscaping, and/or grade differences are exempt from the sign provisions of this Ordinance including the requirement to obtain a permit.*

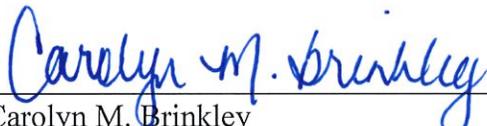
(Language to be deleted from the existing Ordinance is indicated in ~~strikethrough~~ format and language to be added is indicated by ***bold italics*** text)

**Section 4.** If any section, clause, paragraph, sentence or phrase of the Ordinance or the application thereof to any person, property, or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity or unconstitutionality shall in no way affect other provisions or any other application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall become effective on the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day after its enactment.

ATTEST

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CENTREVILLE

  
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Carolyn M. Brinkley  
Town Clerk

  
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Jim A. Beauchamp, President

  
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Jeffrey C. Morgan, Vice President

First Reading: May 2, 2019  
Second Reading: May 16, 2019  
Enacted: June 6, 2019  
Effective: June 27, 2019

  
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Timothy E. McCluskey, Member