



**Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Ordinance No. 2022-0001**

AN ORDINANCE, NO. 2022-0001

Amending §907.03. Exempt signs, of Section 907 Signs, of Appendix A – Zoning and Subdivisions, of Article IX – Special Provisions, to the Code of the County of Amherst, relating to signs that are subject to the regulations of federal, state and local regulations.

Approved as to form and legality by the Amherst County Attorney

**FIRST READING: Board of Supervisors, March 1, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING: Board of Supervisors, March 15, 2022**

THE COUNTY OF AMHERST HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Section 907.03 of the Code of Amherst County, 1987, as amended, is amended, reenacted, and recodified as follows:

907.03. Exempt signs. The following signs are permitted and exempt from the zoning and building permit process. These signs shall conform to all other applicable standards established pursuant to the sign ordinance except as otherwise provided in this ordinance.

1. Real estate signs not exceeding six (6) square feet in area for residential properties or thirty-two (32) square feet in area for commercial properties. Only two (2) such signs are allowed per parcel.
2. Political campaign signs.
3. Identification or address signs, not exceeding two (2) square feet in area.
4. Construction signs pertaining to on-site activity that do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
5. Nonilluminated, nonportable signs identifying religious assemblies or religious institutions, which signs (i) are affixed to the site at which the assembly or institution is located, and (ii) do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
6. In agricultural areas, non-illuminated signs that advertise products which have been produced on the premises from on-site resources, which signs (i) are affixed to said premises, and (ii) do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
7. On-site directional signs, as follows: a. One (1) for each on-site intersection requiring visual prompting. All directional signs are limited to a maximum width of eighteen (18) inches and a

maximum height of forty-two (42) inches. b. Temporary non-commercial signs which: (i) describe a specific event or activity; (ii) are displayed for no more than thirty (30) days in any given twelve-month period; and (iii) do not exceed eighteen (18) inches in width and forty-two (42) inches in height.

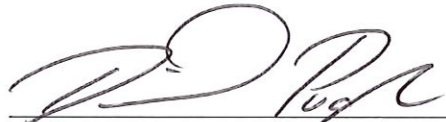
8. Off-site directional signs which: (i) are no larger than four (4) square feet in total area; (ii) do not rise more than four (4) feet above the ground; (iii) contain the name, address or other descriptive information for a religious assembly or religious institution and are erected to guide people to that religious assembly or religious institution; (iv) are located outside the public right-of-way and any public utility easement; (v) are spaced at least three hundred (300) feet from one another; and (vi) appear once on any given street. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed as authorizing the placement of any such signs on private property where the property owner has not consented to such placement. Any dispute as to such consent shall be resolved through dispositive evidence of written consent produced by the party seeking to erect the sign.

9. Sign refacing.

10. Signs that are subject to the regulations of federal, state and local regulations. Such signs include but are not limited to, signs that direct or regulate pedestrian or vehicular traffic, community identification signs that identify the location of buildings and facilities or scenic or historic attractions, and similar types of signs.

§ 2. That this ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 15th day of March 2022.



David W. Pugh, Jr., Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

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