

**ORDINANCE 4477**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, ARTICLE VII - SIGNS AND ADVERTISING DEVICES, SECTION 5 - RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICTS; PERMITTED SIGNS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission received a request to consider amending the ordinance to allow internally lighted signs in a residential zoning district; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission reviewed the request and voted unanimously to not allow internally lighted signs in a residential zoning district; and,

**WHEREAS**, during the review, the Planning Commission determined that there was no language in the ordinance specific to certain permitted uses in residential zones; and,

**WHEREAS**, to correct the omission, Planning Commission voted unanimously to amend the ordinance to include language that provides sign guidelines for all non-residential uses permitted in residential zones; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recommended amending the City of Hartsville Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Zoning, Article VII - Signs and Advertising Devices, Section 5 - Residential and agricultural zoning districts; permitted signs.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hartsville that the Hartsville City Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 5. Residential and agricultural zoning districts; permitted signs.**

- a. Reserved.
- b. Residential developments may erect permanent subdivision or development identification signs at any entrance to such development; provided, however, such signs must be ground mounted, and nonilluminated except by floodlights which are mounted in the ground in front of the sign and that do not shine into roadways, and may not exceed a maximum size of 15 square feet in area or six feet in height.
- c. Off-premises signs for any noncommercial use within the residential district, provided that such sign shall not exceed two square feet in area, shall be within one mile of the use, shall not exceed eight feet in height, and shall not be illuminated.
- d. Signs advertising private nursery schools, day care centers, or kindergartens may have on-premises one unlighted sign that may not exceed a maximum size of six square feet or a maximum height of four feet.

e. All other non-residential uses permitted in a residential zoning district may erect one freestanding sign not exceeding fifteen (15) square feet in area or a maximum height of six (6) feet. Such signs shall use only external illumination.

e.f. Agricultural operations may have one sign that may not exceed a maximum size of 15 square feet or a maximum height of eight feet. Such sign may be lit from the ground but not internally illuminated.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED IN MEETING DULY ADVERTISED AND ASSEMBLED** on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 and to become effective upon final reading.

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Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea D. Crenshaw, CMC, City Clerk

First Reading: July 9, 2024  
Public Hearing:  
Final Reading: