

**ZONING ORDINANCE
TEXT AMENDMENT APPLICATION**

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

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Section #: Section 13.113 Enforcement (2) Civil Penalties
(Title)

Purpose of Change:

Under the Zoning Ordinance, the civil penalties for a sign violation and the civil penalties for all other Zoning Ordinance violations are different. For sign violations, Section 13.113(2) provides for a warning citation and a sequence of fines of \$25, \$25, \$50, and \$50 thereafter. For all other Zoning Ordinance violations, Section 8.105 provides for a sequence of fines of \$50, \$200, and \$500 and \$500 thereafter.

Many violators find that it is more profitable to leave up their signs and pay the \$25 and \$50 citations. As a result, it has become an inefficient use of an inspector's time to issue ineffective citations that do not deter violators of the sign ordinance provisions. Increased citation penalties have been an effective means of enforcement in other jurisdictions.

This amendment would make the civil penalties for sign violations the same as any other Zoning Ordinance violations. The only difference would be that, as this amendment states, a sign violation would still receive a warning citation before the issuance of a civil penalty. The civil penalties for sign violations would change essentially from \$25 and \$50 to \$50, \$200, and \$500.

Name of Agent

Agent's Address

Telephone Number

Signature of Agent

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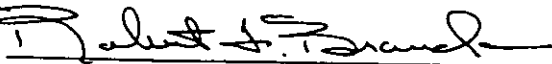
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**PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT FOR THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY
ZONING ORDINANCE**

Amend Section 13.113, subsection (2), entitled "Civil Penalties", of "Enforcement" by deleting only subsection (2) in its entirety and by substituting a new subsection (2) to read as follows:

(2) Citations

If, through inspection, it is determined that a person has failed to comply with the provisions of these regulations, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a warning citation to the violator. Violations shall be corrected within ten days of the issuance of such citation. If the violation is not corrected within the specified time period, the violator is subject to Section 8.105, 'Citations', of this Ordinance which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully stated.