

ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT APPLICATION

CITY OF CHARLOTTE

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<i>Office Use Only</i>	

Section #: Chapter 13 (Title) Signs

Purpose of Change: In order to increase the visibility of addresses displayed on structures it was necessary to make several changes to the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance. These small changes encourage the use of clear legible addresses to support emergency responders such as Police, Fire and MEDIC. These changes exempt a premise's address from restrictions currently set by the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance dealing with signs. Under the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance, addresses posted on new buildings are no longer considered signs as defined by the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance. These changes encourage and not discourage clear display of addresses on structures. Enforcement of the numbering of buildings will be covered by the Charlotte City Code (Numbering of Buildings), Article IV, Chapter 19. Text changes will also be made to Article IV, Chapter 19 to change the required size of residential numbers from three (3) inches to four (4) inches to match the North Carolina international fire code requirement. Changes will also be made to Article IV, Chapter 19 to increase the size of address numbers for commercial, multifamily and institutional structures to have a minimum required four (4) inch number, or one (1) inch in height for every ten feet of distance between the displayed number and the centerline of the road not to exceed thirty (30) inches. Existing addresses posted on structures will not be affected by these changes unless the fire marshal has determined that they are not adequately legible from the road. These changes will not only improve emergency response but will also improve navigation of all vehicles trying to get to a specific address.

1. Paragraph addition to Section 13.101

(5) [In the interest of public safety, the visibility of street address information for use by emergency responders \(fire, police and medical\) is of preeminent importance. Should any conflict be construed between Section 13 of the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance and Article IV, Chapter 19 of the Charlotte City Code \(Numbering of Buildings\), Article IV, Chapter 19 shall take precedence.](#)

2. Paragraph addition to Section 13.102

(A3) [Address](#)

[The name of the street and the street number of a premise as recorded by Land Use and Environmental Services.](#)

3. Text Amendment to Section 13.102

(S2) [Sign.](#)

Any object, device, or structure, or part thereof, situated outdoors, which is used to advertise, identify, display, direct, or attract attention to an object, person, institution, organization, business, product, service, event or location by any means, including words, letters, figures, designs, symbols, fixtures, colors, illumination, or projected images. Signs do not include the flag or emblem of any nation, organization of nations, state, city, or any fraternal, religious or civic organizations; works of art which in no way identify a product; or scoreboards located on athletic fields. [Except where the address is also the name of the business or institution owning or occupying the premises, displayed address information is not a sign or part of a sign for the purposes of this code.](#)

4. Text Amendment to Section 13.102

(S3) Sign face area.

The area within a single, continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of characters, lettering, logos, illustration, or ornamentations, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the display or to differentiate the sign from the background to which it is placed. Structural supports bearing no sign copy shall not be included in the sign area. If a sign is attached to an entrance wall or fence, only that portion of that wall or fence onto which the sign face or letters are placed shall be calculated in the sign area. Only one side of a sign shall be included in the calculation. The area of a Business Sign, which is occupied by the address, shall not be included in any area-limiting or fee calculations, except where the address is also the name of the business or institution owning or occupying the premises. The address area would be identified by a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the address.

5. Text Amendment to Section 13.104

4) Content

If a commercial sign is allowed by any provision of these regulations, then a noncommercial sign shall likewise be permitted subject to the applicable standards herein. In addition, any commercial sign permitted by these regulations may display or publish noncommercial message. This includes signs requiring and not requiring a permit. The premise's address may be included in any permitted sign.

6. Paragraph Addition to Section 13.104

(5) Address information not on face area.

In the interest of public safety and convenience, the display of address information on structures supporting Business Signs is specifically permitted: (a) provided such addresses meet the intent of 13.101 (3), as determined by the Zoning Code Administrator's office. (b) addresses on poles supporting pole signs; road or traffic-facing surfaces of monument signs, suitably visible areas of structures supporting Business Signs; canopies; inclusion in wall signs; and similar display of addresses.

7. Text Amendment to Section 13.106

(4) Identification signs not exceeding 1.5 square feet in area, that indicates the name and/or address of the occupant.

8. Paragraph Addition to Section 13.106

(16) The street address of the premise except where the name of the owner or occupant and the address are identical (e.g., a restaurant named "201 Bay Street"). Where name and address are identical, the name/address shall be considered a Business Sign.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A
OF THE CITY CODE - ZONING ORDINANCE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

Section 1. Appendix A, "Zoning" of the Code of the City of Charlotte is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

I, _____ City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the _____ day of _____, 20____, the reference having been made in Minute Book _____, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book _____, Page(s) _____.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the _____ day of _____, 20__.