

APPROVED BY COUNTY COMMISSION

DATE 02/13/01

Petition No: 2000-16c

Petitioner: Peter Tatge (County Engineering and Building  
Standards Department)

**ZONING REGULATIONS  
TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 84**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING  
THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
ZONING REGULATIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:**

Section 1. The Mecklenburg County Zoning Regulations as embodied in the Zoning Ordinance are hereby amended as follows:

1. Amend CHAPTER 13: SIGNS, 13.106(7) Flags on permanent poles, by adding the following under this heading as specified below:

(7) Flags on permanent poles.

Flags or emblems of any nation, organization of nations, state, city, or any fraternal, religious or civil organization are also exempt from permit requirements when used to adorn an entrance feature in nonresidential zoning districts and are displayed as set forth below. This provision pertaining to an entrance feature is not permitted in residential districts. (Residential districts: R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6, R-8, MX-1, MX-2, MX-3, R-MH, R-8MF, R-12MF, R-17MF, R-22MF, R-43MF, UR-1, UR-2, UR-3, and all of their parallel conditional zoning districts plus any parallel conditional zoning residential districts approved prior to January 1, 1992)

- (a) The term flag in this subsection shall mean a piece of fabric or other flexible material solely containing distinctive colors, patterns, standards, words, or emblems of any nation, organization of nations, state, or city including but not limited to political jurisdictions such as the United States, or any fraternal, religious or civic organizations, or works of art which in no way identify a product. References to flagpole height in this subsection refer to vertical flagpoles. References to the number of flags, flagpoles and flag dimensions refer to both vertical

flagpoles and mast arm flagpoles (for example, staffs extending at an angle from a building).

- (b) Except as otherwise provided herein, or as allowed in Chapter 13 of the Zoning Ordinance, flags shall be displayed on permanent poles. Such poles in nonresidential zoning districts shall not exceed the allowed height of the zoning district or 70 feet whichever is less.
- (c) The maximum dimensions of any flag shall be proportioned to the flagpole height. The hoist side of the flag shall not exceed 20 % of the vertical height of the pole. In addition, flags are subject to the following dimensional limitations:

<u>Pole Height (ft)</u>	<u>Maximum Flag Size (total sq. ft.)</u>
Up to 25 ft.	24 sq. ft.
25 to 39 ft.	40 sq. ft.
40 to 49 ft.	60 sq. ft.
50 to 59 ft.	96 sq. ft.
60 to 69 ft.	150 sq. ft.
70 ft. max.	216 sq. ft.

- (d) A maximum of 2 flags shall be allowed per flagpole.
- (e) The flagpoles along an entrance driveway or street shall be set back from the edge of any street right-of-way a minimum of 10 feet with a minimum spacing between flagpoles of 10 feet. There shall be a maximum of one flagpole per 50 linear feet of the development's street frontage from where the entrance is accessed. All flagpoles must be located within 200 feet from the outer edge of the street right-of-way from where the entrance is accessed.
- (f) Flags displaying a logo, message, statement, or expression relating to commercial interests and banners not meeting the definition for a flag contained in subsection (a) must conform with all sign regulations under Chapter 13 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- (g) Flags and flagpoles shall be maintained in good repair. Flagpoles with broken halyards shall not be used and flags, which are torn or frayed, shall not be displayed.
- (h) Flagpoles shall be permanently mounted to the ground with necessary structural support features or below grade footings, installed in accordance with all required state and local regulations or applicable codes.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Approved as to form:

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County Attorney

Read, approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

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Clerk, Board of County Commissioners