

STAFF REPORT
Public Hearing 5-2-17

AGENDA ITEM #:

17-41

**OUNCIL MTG OF:** 

April 18, 2017

FROM:

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OFFERED BY:

Planning Department

PREPARED BY:

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SUBJECT:

Revisions to the Derry Zoning Ordinance

INTRODUCTION: As part of the Planning Board goals for 2016-2017 the Board and staff from the Code Enforcement and Planning Departments reviewed the sign requirements in the Derry Zoning Ordinance.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The Town Council is encouraged to schedule a public hearing on May 2, 2017 and it is further recommended that the amendments as proposed by the Planning Board be adopted after the May 2 hearing.

## **BACKGROUND**

To amend Article II, Section 165-5, Definitions, to add a definition for Display Sign and to amend Article XII, Section 165-100 through Section 165-103, Signs, to change the requirement for church signs, signs in residential districts, signs in commercial and business districts, campground signs, political signs, and electronic message center signs.

## **DISCUSSION**

The purpose of the amendments is to ensure compliance with recent Federal Supreme Court case law.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

# RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the Town Council approve the attached revisions to the Derry Zoning Ordinance relating to the sign regulations and definitions.

## RECOMMENDED MOTION

I MOVE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL vote to approve Ordinance #2017-002 as recommended.

TA OFFICE USE -- Vote Required: Simple majority of Councilors present

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