

ORDINANCE NO. 2509

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY, CHAPTER 115 ("ZONING"), ARTICLE XXI ("SIGNS"), SECTION 159.5(B)(1)

WHEREAS, Sussex County Code ("County Code") currently addresses the types, uses, and placement of signs in its zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County Council views the placement of signs as an important public safety issue in Sussex County that impacts the welfare of the citizens of Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County Council believes that the current County Code provisions do not sufficiently address its concerns with the placement of signs in Sussex County;

WHEREAS, Sussex County Council desire to amend the Sussex County Code, specifically Section 115-159.5(B)(1) thereof, to state that on-premises signs may be erected within 50 feet of off-premises signs; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County Council believes that this amendment will promote the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Sussex County Code, Chapter 115, Section 115-159.5(B)(1) shall be amended by the addition of the underlined language and deletion of the bracketed language, as follows:

- B. Off-premises signs, after obtaining a special use exception, pursuant to § 115-80C, and provided that:
- (1) All off-premises signs shall have a minimum front yard setback of 40 feet, a minimum side yard setback of 50 feet, and a minimum rear yard setback equal to the required rear yard setback for a principal building within the pertinent zoning district. An off-premises sign shall not be erected within 150 feet of property which is used as a dwelling, church, school, or public lands as measured on a radius from the edge of the off-premises sign. An off-premises sign shall not be erected within 50 feet of an on-premises sign [and an on-premises sign shall not be erected within 50 feet of an off-premises sign] but this separation requirement shall not preclude the erection of an on-premises sign within 50 feet of an off-premises sign.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by a majority of the elected members of Sussex County Council.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2509 ADOPTED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 25TH DAY OF JULY 2017.



ROBIN A. GRIFFITH
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL