

KURE BEACH  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Meeting Date: March 2, 2016  
Agenda Item# V. A.

Present to Town Council on:  
Date: March 22, 2016

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
CONSISTENCY STATEMENT  
N.C. Gen. Stat. 160A-383

**(To be read into the record as a motion, seconded, and voted upon)**

         This recommendation is consistent with the objectives and policies of the Town of Kure Beach Land Use Plan adopted by Town Council September 27, 2006 (Adopted and Certified by Coastal Resources Commission November 17, 2006

         This recommendation applies to Section          Part          of the Town of Kure Beach Land Use Plan

  X   Consideration of recommended text amendment to The Town of Kure Beach Code , Chapter 19 Zoning, Art.          Sec. 19-373 (7)

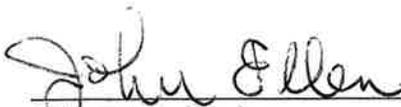
         This recommendation applies to the John Sawyer Architects B1 District Study (HPA 2007)

The Planning and Zoning Commission considers its recommendation to be reasonable and in the public interest based on the following:

1. Proposed text amendment consistent with codified sign regulations;  
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2. Content neutral;  
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3. Constitutionally valid.  
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Therefore, the Planning and Zoning Commission requests Town Council's consideration of the above recommendation.

Attest:

  
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John Ellen, Chairman  
Planning and Zoning Commission

**Section 19 Zoning, Article VI Signs, Section 373 Exceptions, Subsection 7 Political Signs  
CURRENT CODE**

Temporary political signs may be erected on any privately owned premises. One may erect nonilluminated political signs prior to any primary or general election. Political signs shall be removed after the general or run-off election to which the sign pertains or after the termination of a candidacy, whichever occurs first. Political signs may not exceed six (6) square feet in size. Political signs will not be allowed within the right-of-way in the town limits or its extraterritorial jurisdiction, shall not be attached to trees or utility poles, shall not be roof-mounted, nor shall they be allowed on any publicly owned property. Political signs may be erected within one hundred (100) yards of the town hall or polling place twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled election subject to limits imposed by the New Hanover County Board of Elections.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHOWING TEXT CHANGES NOTED**

~~(1) Temporary political signs may be erected on any privately owned premises. One may erect nonilluminated political signs prior to any primary or general election. Political signs shall be removed after the general or run-off election to which the sign pertains or after the termination of a candidacy, whichever occurs first.~~ <sup>(2) During the period beginning on the 30<sup>th</sup> day before the beginning date of “one-stop” early voting and ending on the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the primary, run-off, general or Election Day, political signs may be erected on any privately owned premises.</sup> Political signs may not exceed six (6) square feet in size. <sup>(3) Political signs will not be allowed within the right-of-way in the town limits or its extraterritorial jurisdiction, shall not be attached to trees or utility poles, shall not be roof-mounted, nor shall they be allowed on any publicly owned property.</sup> <sup>(4) Political signs in the extraterritorial jurisdiction shall be placed near the tree line from the edge of the road.</sup> <sup>(5) Political signs may not be erected within one hundred (100) yards</sup> ~~fifty (50) feet~~ of the town hall or polling place twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled election subject to limits imposed by the New Hanover County Board of Elections.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

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**The above proposed amendment makes the following changes to the existing code. These changes were approved by council during their February council meeting**

- 1) Removes the first three sentences of current ordinance regarding temporary political signs on private premises, non-illuminated political signs, and non-specific time periods for political signs during primary, run-off and general elections.
- 2) Adds first sentence to specify time period that political signs can be erected on private property, before and after elections.
- 3) Revises language regarding specific placement of political signs in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) to remove allowing them to be attached to trees, utility poles, roof-mounted.
- 4) Adds language to specify where political signs can be placed within the ETJ.
- 5) Revises the distance limit that a political sign can be erected near town hall or the polling place to no more than 50 feet.