MINUTES

TOWN OF KURE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

117 Settlers Lane • Kure Beach, NC 28449



Mac Montgomery, Mayor
Jim Dugan, Mayor Pro Tem
Dean Lambeth, Commissioner
Barry Nelder, Commissioner
Jim Vatrt, Commissioner
Michelle James, Town Administrator ■ Kaysie Pralle, Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 20, 2009 6:00 P.M.

PURPOSE

Council will hear public comment to consider a change to the sign ordinance (Chapter 19 ZONING, ARTICLE VI. SIGNS, Sec. 19-373. Exceptions.)

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Mayor

Mac Montgomery

None

Mayor Pro Tem

Jim Dugan

Commissioner

Dean Lambeth

Commissioner

Barry Nelder

Commissioner

Iim Vatrt

STAFF PRESENT:

Town Administrator

Michelle James

Town Clerk

Kaysie Pralle

Town Attorney A. A. Canoutas was in attendance. There was a quorum of the Town Council present.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Montgomery called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Montgomery explained that the amendment would include removing the time limit on when political signs can be erected. The Town has no restriction on other temporary signs, such as real estate signs. The amendment would also amend the size restriction from four feet to six feet.

The Clerk clarified that the Public Hearing did not meet proper posting requirements; therefore, written public comment could be submitted to Town Hall up until October 29, 2009 at 5:00 pm. Council will discuss and consider the Ordinance amendment at the October 30th Special Meeting.

Per Attorney Canoutas, the Building Inspector is not to enforce this portion of the Sign Ordinance.

Mayor Montgomery opened the floor for discussion.

Chuck Keener questioned the size of the signs.

Mayor Montgomery explained that in other parts of the Code, the maximum size of temporary signs is six square feet. This Ordinance states that the maximum size to be only four square feet. He noted that the Ordinances should all reflect the same size limits.

Currently Section 19-373 (7) reads as follows:

(7) Political signs may be erected on any privately owned premises. One may erect non-illuminated political signs for a period of seventeen (17) days prior to any primary or general election. Political signs shall be removed within five (5) days after the general or run-off election to which the sign pertains or after the termination of a candidacy, whichever occurs first. Portable political signs are not permitted. Political signs may not exceed four (4) square feet in size. Political signs will not be allowed within the right-of-way in the town limits or its extraterritorial jurisdiction nor on any publicly owned property. Political signs may be erected within 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.

The proposed amendment to Section 19-373 (7) reads as follows:

That Section 19-373 (7) of the Code of the Town of Kure Beach, North Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(7) Temporary Political signs may be erected on any privately owned premises. One may erect non-illuminated 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 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.

If this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance

which can be given separate effect and to that end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Any Ordinance or any part of the Ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, is hereby repealed.

This Ordinance is adopted in the intent of public health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Kure Beach, North Carolina, and shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION - Commissioner Nelder MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Dugan seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

Mac/Montgomery,/Mayor/

Kaysie Pralle, Town Clerk

NOTE: These are action minutes reflecting items considered and actions taken by Council. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. Persons wishing to hear the recording of this meeting may request to do so by contacting the Town Clerk.