

ORDINANCE 2016-16

An Ordinance Amending Section 73 of the Warren County Zoning Ordinance as adopted by the Warren County Commissioners Pertaining to Off Premise Signs in Commercial Districts

WHEREAS, the Williamsport Town Council ("Council") has recommended amending unified Zoning Ordinance for the County of Warren and the Town of Williamsport ("Zoning Ordinance"), previously adopted by the Town of Williamsport, pertaining to special exceptions within the Town's limits.

WHEREAS, Warren County desires to amend Section 73 of the Zoning Ordinance, to allow the display of off premise advertising signage in either C-1 General Retail District or C-2 Service Retail District, within the Town of Williamsport limits by special exception consistent with Article X of the Zoning Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance was first considered by the Williamsport Town Council on March 1, 2016 pursuant to IC § 36-7-4-600 Series Zoning Ordinance, and upon recommendation of the Council forwarded to the Warren County Plan Commission for comment, and is now before the Warren County Commissioners for final action; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Commissioners find that this Ordinance is adopted for the purposes of (1) Securing adequate light, air convenience of access, and safety from fire, flood, and other danger; (2) Lessening or avoiding congestion in public ways; (3) Promoting the public health, safety, comfort, morals, convenience, and general welfare; and (4) Otherwise accomplishing the purposes of § 36-7-4.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Warren County Commissioners that Section 73 of the Zoning Ordinance is amended to create the following provisions:

Article VII - PROVISIONS GOVERNING COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

Section 73 - SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS IN THE C-1 AND C-2 DISTRICTS

73.16 Signs that do not pertain to the property on which they are placed, may be permitted by Special Exception pursuant to Article X, subject to the following restrictions:

73.161 The sign shall not be illuminated by blinking, flashing or fluttering lights. The sign may be illuminated by directional lighting, so long as the source of the lighting directs the light away from roadways and other structures in the immediate area, and is constructed in such a manner as not to unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of adjoining/adjacent property and does not unreasonably detract from the existing character of the immediate area.

73.162 The sign shall be placed flat upon the exterior of an existing lawful structure, so that it does not further impede the view, light, air, space, or create any added visual impairment.

73.163 The property owner shall maintain the sign in a state of good repair.

73.164 Each sign shall consist of no more than 30 square feet or if a grouping of multiple signs, the total of all signs shall not cover more than 75% of the surface area of any one side of the structure.

73.165 Property owner shall have obtained any applicable sign permit, if required by the Indiana Department of Transportation and remain in compliance with said permit.

73.166 A sign erected or subsequently maintained in violation of any of these provisions, may be removed by the Town at the property owner's expense

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Warren County Commissioners.

ORDAINED this 6th day of June 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
WARREN COUNTY, INDIANA



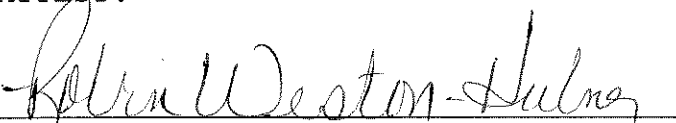
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