

The Mayor and Commissioners  
of the Town of Elkton

Ordinance 7-2003

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BY:	Mayor and Commissioners
PUBLIC HEARING (by Elkton Planning Commission):	<b>December 8, 2003</b>
RECOMMENDATION BY ELKTON PLANNING COMMISSION:	<b>Approval as submitted</b>
INTRODUCTION (Mayor and Commissioners):	<b>December 17, 2003</b>
PUBLIC HEARING (by Mayor and Commissioners):	<b>January 7, 2004</b>
ADOPTION (Mayor and Commissioners):	<b>January 7, 2004</b>

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

**THE ELKTON ZONING ORDINANCE**

FOR THE PURPOSE of amending the Elkton Zoning Ordinance by repealing certain provisions of Article XVI, Section 16; whereby amending the requirements for maintaining signs; prohibiting signs containing or consisting of banners, posters, pennants, ribbons, streamers, and strings of light bulbs, except as otherwise provided therein; and amending language prohibiting notices, etc., on lampposts, etc., as set forth therein.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Maryland, Article XI-E; Article 23A, Annotated Code of Maryland; Article 66B, Annotated Code of Maryland; Elkton Zoning Ordinance; and the Charter of the Town of Elkton provide the authority under which the Board of Commissioners may adopt, repeal and/or amend the ordinances of the Town of Elkton; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners adopted the Elkton Zoning Ordinance on November 8, 1994, and as thereafter amended; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners have determined that the provisions set forth under Article XVI, Section 16, shall be amended as set forth hereinafter; and

WHEREAS, the Elkton Planning Commission held a public hearing in accordance with the Elkton Zoning Ordinance, Article XIX, Section 1., et seq., on **December 8, 2003**, and following the public hearing and their review of the proposed amendment, the Elkton Planning Commission submitted their recommendation to the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton hereby ordain that:

Section 1:       The Elkton Zoning Ordinance, Article XVI., Signs., Section 16., Miscellaneous Requirements, shall be repealed; and

Section 2:       The Elkton Zoning Ordinance, Article XVI., Signs, Section 16., Miscellaneous Requirements, shall be re-enacted and amended to read as follows:

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### ARTICLE XVI. SIGNS

Section 1. through Section 15. No change in text.

#### Section 16. Miscellaneous Requirements.

1. No permit shall be issued for any sign except as prescribed in this Article.
2. The property owner, business or other person responsible for the placement and/or maintenance of any sign shall maintain said sign in good and reasonable condition as deemed appropriate by the Town.
3. Signs which contain or consist of banners, posters, pennants, ribbons, streamers, and strings of light bulbs, are prohibited, except as permitted below:
  - a. Charitable banners will be permitted for a fourteen (14) day period at approved locations with the issuance of a permit by the Zoning Administrator.
  - b. The Zoning Administrator may issue a person a permit to display a banner used for business advertising purposes in commercial zones for a period not exceeding thirty (30) consecutive days, up to four times per calendar year.
4. Temporary Signs - Portable signs with maximum area of six (6) square feet are permitted with the issuance of a permit by the Zoning Administrator. Each business may be issued one permit per calendar year good for thirty (30) consecutive days.
5. Notices, placards, bills, cards, posters, advertisements, or other signs mounted or placed in any fashion upon any lamppost, utility pole, satellite dish, fire hydrant or other public water, sewer, stormwater, building, structure or other public infrastructure, tree or tree box, or upon any piers or columns located on or along the public streets and highways of the Town of Elkton, shall be prohibited, except as such may be authorized or required by law.

\*\* End of Section \*\*

### DATE OF EFFECT

THIS ORDINANCE shall be effective on **27th** day of **January, 2004**.

### EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

**Joseph L. Fisona, Mayor**

**C. Gary Storke, Commissioner**

**John K. Burkley, II, Commissioner**