



# TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE

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### ORD #11-08-17-001

## AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE, REGARDING CERTAIN NON-CONFORMING SIGNS

WHEREAS, the Town of Knightdale has received a petition to amend Chapter 12 of the Unified Development Ordinance in regard to expanding certain conditions under which a non-conforming sign may be allowed to continue; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Knightdale Unified Development Ordinance Section 15.15 establishes uniform procedures for amending the text of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning text changes as a part of sign regulations in general advance the stated objectives of enhancing the 'sense of place' and preserving the local character of Knightdale. For the same reasons, it is furthermore consistent with the Comprehensive Plan's stated goal of providing responsible urban design, planning and development in a manner that is unique and tailored to the needs of the Town of Knightdale;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Knightdale, North Carolina:

SECTION 1. That the Unified Development Ordinance of the Town of Knightdale Code be amended to read as follows (*editing notes in parenthetical italics*):

### **Section 12.13B**

The ordinary maintenance or repair of a non-conforming sign is allowed. The copy of an on-site non-conforming sign may be altered, replaced, or modified if the following two (2) conditions are met:

- There is no change in the supporting structural components of the said on-site non-conforming sign; and
- Only the existing on-site tenants operating a business on the related site at the time of the original sign construction, and whose name already appears on the non-conforming sign are permitted to locate copy on the non-conforming sign.

New tenants may be permitted to locate on the related site; however, if they wish to add their tenant name to the existing non-conforming sign, the sign shall be immediately brought into compliance with all provisions of this Chapter. Under no circumstance however, shall the non-conforming condition of any non-conforming sign be increased. Any other alteration, replacement, conversion or change will require the entire sign to be immediately brought into compliance with all provisions of this Chapter.

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SECTION 2. That all laws and clauses of law in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

SECTION 3. That if this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this ordinance which can be given separate effect and to the end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance has been adopted following a duly advertised public hearing of the Town Council and following review and recommendation by the Land Use Review Board.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall be enforced as provided in G.S. 160A-175 or as provided for in the Knightdale Town Code.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by Town Council.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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Russell B. Killen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne M. Yeatts, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Clyde Holt, III; Town Attorney

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