

ORDINANCE 74

SIGN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE ERECTION OR CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNS; AND TO FIX PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS "THE SIGN ORDINANCE OF JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 504, 505, AND 510, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 15.1, CODE OF VIRGINIA OF 1950, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1  
DEFINITIONS

- 1-1       SIGN: Any display of any letters, words, numerals, figures, devices, emblems, pictures, or any parts or combinations thereof, by any means whereby the same are made visible for the purpose of making anything known, whether such display be made on, attached to, or as a part of a structure, surface or any other thing, including, but not limited to, the ground, any rock, tree, or other natural object, which display is visible beyond the boundaries of the parcel of land on which the same is made.
- 1-2       SIGN STRUCTURE: Includes the supports, uprights, bracing, and framework of any structure, be it single-faced, double-faced, v-type or otherwise, exhibiting a sign.
- 1-3       STRUCTURE: Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires permanent location on the ground, or attachment to something having a permanent location on the ground. This includes, among other things, dwellings, buildings, signs, etc.

ARTICLE 2  
SIGN REGULATION

2-1 No approval shall be given nor any permit issued for the construction or erection of any sign or sign structure within any area of James City County, Virginia.

ARTICLE 3

PENALTIES

3-1 Any person, firm or corporation, whether as principal, agent, employed or otherwise, violating, causing or permitting the violation of any of the articles, sections, subsections, regulations, or provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty (50) dollars nor more than three hundred (300) dollars, or imprisonment in the County jail, not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both. Each and every day during which any violation of this ordinance is committed, continued or permitted, shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as herein provided.

ARTICLE 4  
SEVERABILITY

4-1       Should any article, section, subsection, paragraph, clause or other provision of this ordinance be decided by the Courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so held to be unconstitutional or invalid.

ARTICLE 5

CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

5-1 All conflicting ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 6  
EFFECTIVE DATE

6-1        There deemed to be an emergency existing the effective date of this ordinance shall be from its date of passage and legal application, and its provisions shall be in force for a period of sixty (60) days thereafter, save those provisions which may be amended or repealed.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, on August 13, 1973, as an Emergency Ordinance.