

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DORCHESTER COUNTY ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-13, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 13.5.7, SUBSECTION (d): “INSTITUTIONAL SIGNAGE” TO LIMIT RESTRICTIONS UNIQUE TO INSTITUTIONAL SIGNAGE TO RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS. (The purpose of this amendment is to set standards for signs for churches, schools, and other institutions in commercial areas to the same standards applicable to commercial uses.)

WHEREAS, Dorchester County Council desires to amend Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards Ordinance Number 04-13, as heretofore amended, with respect to the allowable size and height of institutional signs;

WHEREAS, Dorchester County Council desires to treat signage for institutional and commercial uses equally in districts where they are permissible uses in close proximity of each other;

WHEREAS, Dorchester County Council wishes to retain stricter signage limits in residential districts in which commercial signage, together with commercial land uses, are typically prohibited;

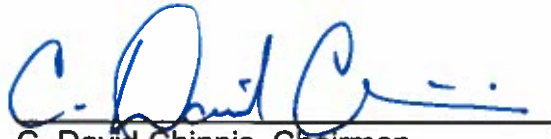
NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by Dorchester County Council, duly assembled, that Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards Ordinance Number 04-13, as previously amended, is further amended as follows (wherein additions are underlined):

(d) **Institutional Signs in Residential Zoning Districts**

- (1) Institutional signs shall be no more than six (6) feet in height and each sign face shall not exceed twenty-four (24) SF.
- (2) There shall be no more than one (1) sign per institutional use per entrance; provided, however, each separate building shall be allowed one (1) additional sign no more than four (4) feet in height and twelve (12) sq. ft. in signage area.

Except as specifically amended hereby, Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance Number 04-13, as heretofore amended, and as amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted this 8th day of August, 2016.



C. David Chinnis, Chairman
Dorchester County Council

First Reading: 06/06/2016
Second Reading: 07/18/2016
Public Hearing: 07/18/2016
Third Reading: 08/08/2016

ATTEST:



Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council