Council Order: 2020-046  Introduced By: Vice President Ryan Egan  August 17, 2020

Request for the Town Council to Initiate  
An Amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance –  
Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph –  
To Amend Article IX – Signs and Advertising Devices  
Pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, Section 5

That the Town Council of the Town of Randolph hereby initiates an amendment to the Randolph Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 200 of the General Code of the Town of Randolph, to amend Article IX – Signs and Advertising Devices, pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, Section 5, as follows:

A. Delete Section 200-50 of the Randolph Zoning Ordinance and replace it with the following:

§ 200-50 Administration.

A. Permits. No sign, billboard or other advertising device that is visible to the public from any location outside of the property on which it will be located shall be erected on the exterior of any building or on any land, and no such sign, billboard or other advertising device shall be altered or enlarged, without the issuance of a Sign Permit by the Randolph Building Commissioner or his designee, as described in this Section 200-50. Applications for Sign Permits shall be submitted to the Building Department on appropriate forms furnished by the Building Commissioner. Each such application shall be accompanied by a Sign Permit Fee to be established by the Town Manager. Such Sign Permit application may require the submission of any information deemed relevant by the Building Commissioner, including submission of relevant photographs, plans or scaled drawings. A Sign Permit shall be issued by the Building Commissioner or his designee for the erection, installation, alteration or enlargement of any sign, billboard or other advertising device requiring a permit under this Section IX of the Zoning Ordinance, so long as said sign, billboard or other advertising device complies with all requirements contained in the Town Zoning Ordinances. The provisions of this Section 200-50 shall not apply to the following categories of signs and no Sign Permit shall be required to display the following:

(1) Signs, billboards or other advertising devices that are excluded from these regulations pursuant to § 200-51 below.
(2) Political signs, billboards or other advertising devices described in § 200-52 below.
(3) One (1) real estate sign advertising the premises for sale or rent, of not over ten (10) square feet in total area [five (5) square feet per side if it is a two-sided sign] located on the premises in question.
(4) Nonaccessory signs located within the Sanitary Facility Zoning District or the Industrial Zoning District, provided that the sign(s) advertises uses or structures
that are permitted via a special permit that has been issued by the Randolph Town Council and that the signs were reviewed as part of the issuance of said special permit.

B. Add a new Section 200-55(G) of the Randolph Zoning Ordinance as follows:

§ 200-55 Permitted Signs.

G. Subject to any applicable permitting requirements and to any other applicable requirements contained in this Article IX relating to the appearance, materials, mounting and location of such signs, the following signs shall be permitted in all zoning districts in the Town of Randolph:

1. Signs identifying the address of and the means of access to and from any business or residence.
2. Signs identifying health or safety measures, health or safety requirements, or emergency access or procedures for any structure or use.
3. Signs, billboards or other advertising devices legally located on Town property.
4. Unless otherwise permitted by this Article IX, signs identifying offices for Executive or Administrative Purposes or offices for Office or Professional Uses, so long as there is only one such sign per business entity on any one property and so long as each such sign does not exceed ten (10) square feet in total area [five (5) square feet per side if it is a two-sided sign].
5. Unless otherwise permitted by this Article IX, signs identifying Home Occupations conducted on premises, so long as there is only one such sign per dwelling unit and so long as each such sign does not exceed six (6) square feet in total area [three (3) square feet per side if it is a two-sided sign].