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## **CITY OF SOUTHPORT UPDATE TO SIGN ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REGARDING POLITICAL SIGNS**

Southport, NC – At the first of two regular Board of Aldermen monthly meetings on October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Board voted unanimously to not enforce the first line of the Sign Ordinance of the City of Southport Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The ordinance can be found below:

### **City of Southport: Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)**

#### **Article 3: Zoning Page 3-94**

Political Signs. On private property, ~~one (1) sign shall be permitted per lot, not exceeding eight (8) square feet in the area per display face, and two (2) faces per sign~~ **the one sign rule will not be enforced**; *property owners may have as many signs as they would like on their private property.* Within NCDOT right-of-way, sign placement and duration shall be in accordance with NCGS 136-32 during the period beginning on the 30th day before the beginning of “one-stop” early voting under NCGS 163-227.2 and ending on the 10th day after the primary or Election Day, subject to the following provisions. A person must obtain the permission of any property owner of a residence, business, or religious institution fronting the right-of-way where a sign would be erected. Signs must be placed in accordance with the following:

- No sign shall be permitted in the right-of-way of a fully controlled access highway.
- No sign shall be closer than three (3) feet from the edge of the pavement of the road.
- No sign shall be higher than 42 inches above the edge of the pavement of the road.
- No sign shall be larger than 864 square inches.
- No sign shall obscure or replace another sign.
- No sign shall be located in the City’s right-of-way.

The Board of Aldermen requested that the Planning Board review the Sign Ordinance, specifically the Political Sign section, and a recommendation will be sent to the Board of Aldermen for their approval. Questions regarding Code Enforcement should be directed to Alliance Code Enforcement Officer, Derek Mabe: (336) 569-9988, and questions regarding the UDO should be directed to City Planner Maureen Meehan at [mmeehan@cityofsouthport.com](mailto:mmeehan@cityofsouthport.com).

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