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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Foxborough was held May 13, 2019 at the Foxborough High School, 120 South Street, Foxborough, Massachusetts. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with 226 (two hundred twenty-six) registered voters recorded as present [a quorum being one hundred (100) registered voters]. The following action took place:

ARTICLE 15: Moved, to vote to amend the Code of the Town of Foxborough, Massachusetts, Chapter 213: Signs, as follows:

1. Amend the first sentence of Section 213-3.B.(1) to read as follows:
An applicant seeking to erect, alter, modify, replace or relocate a sign shall submit to the Building Commissioner a completed sign permit application, the required application fee, and all supporting information and materials that the Building Commissioner may require.
2. Amend Section 213-3.B.(3) to read as follows:
A permit application shall be acted upon by the Building Commissioner within thirty (30) days of receipt thereby of a complete permit application. The Building Commissioner may approve or deny any such application, or may refer it to the Board of Appeals. Permit applications for signs that require a special sign permit or an integrated sign permit in accordance with Sections 213-3.C. or 213-3.D. of this bylaw shall be referred to the Board of Appeals. Any permit application that is referred to the Board of Appeals shall be subject to the provisions set forth in Section 213-3.E. of this bylaw.
3. Amend Section 213-3.B.(4) by adding the following sentence:
The Building Commissioner in granting a sign permit may impose such reasonable conditions, restrictions or limitations on the location, number, size, illumination, condition or materials of the sign as he deems appropriate in his discretion.
4. Amend the first sentence of Section 213-E.(6) to read as follows:
Any party aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Appeals may appeal the decision to a court of competent jurisdiction within thirty (30) days of its filing with the Town Clerk.
5. Amend Section 213-3.F.(2) to read as follows:
Any alteration that includes, but is not limited to, significant alterations to illumination mechanisms, building materials and/or structure, digitization, illumination, and/or increase in sign area or dimension, shall be subject to review and approval by the Board of Appeals at the discretion of the Building Commissioner.

6. Amend Section 213-3.F. by adding the following new subsection:
 - (4) Any alteration that involves the replacement of an existing sign, including any preexisting sign and any nonconforming sign, shall be considered a new sign and shall be required to conform to the provisions of this bylaw, including, but not limited to, any requirement to obtain a permit or a special sign permit for such sign, as the case may be.
7. Amend Section 213-3.G.(5) to read as follows:
 - (5) Any party aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Appeals may file an appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction within thirty (30) days of its filing with the Town Clerk.
8. Amend Section 213-3.G. adding the following new subsection:
 - (6) No appeal of a decision of the Building Commissioner to deny a sign permit application that has been upheld by the Board of Appeals may be acted upon within two (2) years of the date of the decision by the Board of Appeals unless such board determines that there are specific and material changes in the conditions upon which such denial was based and describes such changes in detail in the record of its proceedings.
9. Amend Section 213-3 by re-lettering subsection J. as subsection K., and adding the following as subsection J.:
 - J. Assignments, etc. No permit, special sign permit or integrated sign permit that has been issued or granted pursuant to this bylaw may be assigned, transferred or otherwise conveyed by the owner of such sign without the prior written authorization of the Building Commissioner in the case of a sign for which a permit was issued thereby, or of the Board of Appeals in the case of a sign for which a special sign permit or an integrated sign permit was issued by such board.
10. Delete Section 213-5.D.(9) in its entirety.
11. Amend Section 213-5.D.(14) to read as follows:

Institutional uses are allowed to have (i) one wall sign and (ii) one freestanding sign, marquee sign or monument sign (which such signs may include an electronic message board that displays public service information and information concerning the activities, events or services that are available or provided at the location of the institutional use). Such signs are subject to the dimensional requirements applicable to commercial uses in the sign district in which the institutional use is located.
12. Renumber Sections 213-5.D.(10) through (15) as Sections 213-5.D.(9) through (14).
13. Amend Section 213-5.D. by adding the following new subsection:
 - (15) Governmental signs are subject to the dimensional requirements applicable to commercial uses in the sign district in which the governmental sign is located.
14. Amend Section 213-6.A.(2)(b) to read as follows:
 - (b) General advertising signs are only permitted on billboards, provided that billboards may display public service information subsidiary to such general advertising purposes.

15. Amend Section 213-6.B.(2)(a) to read as follows:
 - (a) Freestanding signs or wall signs may be combination signs that include message boards with automatic or manual changeable copy.

16. Amend the first sentence of Section 213-8.B. to read as follows:

Any preexisting sign and any nonconforming sign that the Building Commissioner determines to be enlarged or otherwise structurally altered, and any such sign that is to be replaced by a different sign, shall be considered a new sign and shall be required to conform to the provisions of this bylaw, including, but not limited to, any requirement to obtain a permit or a special sign permit for such sign, as the case may be.

ADOPTED

118 AFFIRMATIVE

2 NEGATIVE

11:25 P.M.

A True Copy Attest:

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