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ORDINANCE 2018 – 1204

RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF COLLECTION COSTS AS A PART OF DELINQUENT DEBTS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THE SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT

WHEREAS, the City/Town of West Pelzer is a claimant agency as defined in the Setoff Debt Collection Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 12-56-10, et seq. (the Act) and is therefore entitled to utilize the procedures set out in the Act to collect delinquent debts owed to the City/Town of West Pelzer;

AND WHEREAS, "delinquent debt" is defined in the Act to include "collection costs, court costs, fines, penalties, and interest which have accrued through contract, subrogation, tort, operation of law, or any other legal theory regardless of whether there is an outstanding judgement for that sum which is legally collectible and for which a collection effort has been or is being made;"

AND WHEREAS, the City/Town of West Pelzer has contracted with the Municipal Association of South Carolina to submit claims on its behalf to the SC Department of Revenue Pursuant to the Act;

AND WHEREAS, the Municipal Association of South Carolina charges an administrative fee for the services it provides pursuant to the Act;

AND WHEREAS, the administrative fee charged by the Municipal Association of South Carolina is a cost of collection incurred by the City/Town of West Pelzer that arises through contract, and is therefore properly considered as a part of the delinquent debt owed to the City/Town of West Pelzer as that term is defined in the Act;

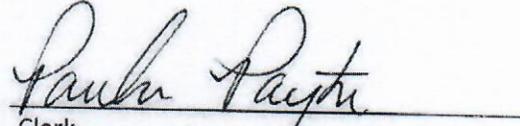
AND WHEREAS, the City/Town of West Pelzer also incurs internal costs in preparing and transmitting information to the Municipal Association, which costs are also collection costs that are a part of the delinquent debt owed to the City/Town of West Pelzer.

AND WHEREAS, the City/Town of West Pelzer may desire to recover its internal costs of collection by adding such costs to the delinquent debt;

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Mayor and Council of the City/Town of West Pelzer as follows:

1. The City/Town of West Pelzer may impose a collection cost of up to \$25.00 to defray its internal costs of collection for any delinquent debts that are sought to be collected pursuant to the provisions of the Setoff Debt Collection Act, S.C. Code Ann. §12-5610 et. seq. This cost is hereby declared to be a collection cost that arises by operation of law and shall be added to the delinquent debt and recovered from the debtor.
2. The City/Town of West Pelzer hereby declares that the administrative fee charged by the Municipal Association of South Carolina is also a collection cost to the City/Town, which shall be added to the delinquent debt and recovered from the debtor.
3. All Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
4. This Ordinance shall be effective on the date of final reading, provided however, that this ordinance is declared to be consistent with prior law and practice and shall not be construed to mean that any fees previously charged to debtors as costs of collection under the Act were not properly authorized or properly charged to the debtor.


Mayor

Attest: 
Clerk

First Reading Approval: 12-4-18

Final Reading Approval: 12-11-18

ARTICLE V SIGN REGULATIONS

SIGNS PERMITTED

Permitted signs and conditions are covered by Town Ordinance.

Permit required: No sign shall be erected, altered or reconstructed without a permit-issued by the Town Council and in compliance with all applicable regulations.

Section 1. Purpose and Applicability

- 1.1 The purpose of this Town of West Pelzer Sign Ordinance is to protect public safety and welfare and to ensure the maintenance of an orderly community sign environment, while satisfying the needs of the sign owners for adequate identification, communication and advertising. This ordinance regulates the number, size, placement, physical characteristics of signs, exempts certain signs, and requires permits for certain signs. From and after adoption of this ordinance, no sign may be erected within the Town of West Pelzer unless it conforms to the requirements of this ordinance.

Section 2. General Regulations

2.1 Definitions

ABANDONED SIGN. A sign structure that has ceased to be used, and the owner intends no longer to have used, for the display of sign copy, or as otherwise defined by state law.

ANIMATED SIGN. A sign employing actual motion or the illusion of motion. Animated signs, which are differentiated from changeable signs as defined and regulated by this code, include the following types:

Electrically activated. Animated signs producing the illusion of movement by means of electronic, electrical or electro-mechanical input and/or illumination capable of simulating movement through employment of the characteristics of one or both of the classifications noted in Items 1 and 2 as follows:

1. Flashing. Animated signs or animated portions of signs where the illumination is characterized by a repetitive cycle in which the period of illumination is either the same as or less than the period of nonillumination. For the purposes of this ordinance, flashing will not be defined as occurring if the cyclical period between on-off phases of illumination exceeds 4 seconds.
2. Patterned illusionary movement. Animated signs or animated portions of signs where the illumination is characterized by simulated movement through alternate or sequential activation of various illuminated elements for the purpose of producing repetitive light patterns designed to appear in some form of constant motion.

Environmentally activated. Animated signs or devices motivated by wind, thermal changes or other natural environmental input. Includes spinners, pinwheels, pennant strings, and/or other devices or displays that respond to naturally occurring external motivation.

Mechanically activated. Animated signs characterized by repetitive motion and/or rotation activated by a mechanical system powered by electric motors or other mechanically induced means.

ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTION. Any projection that is not intended for occupancy and that extends beyond the face of an exterior wall of a building, but that does not include signs as defined herein. See also "Awning," "Backlit awning," and "Canopy, Attached and Free-standing."

AWNING. An architectural projection or shelter projecting from and supported by the exterior wall of a building and composed of a covering of rigid or non-rigid materials and/or fabric on a supporting framework that may be either permanent or retractable, including such structures that are internally illuminated by fluorescent or other light sources.

AWNING SIGN. A sign displayed on or attached flat against the surface or surfaces of an awning. See also "Wall or fascia sign."

BACKLIT AWNING. An awning with a translucent covering material and a source of illumination contained within its framework.

BANNER. A flexible substrate on which copy or graphics may be displayed.

BANNER SIGN. A sign utilizing a banner as its display surface.

BILLBOARD. See "Off-premise sign" and "Outdoor advertising sign."

BUILDING ELEVATION. The entire side of a building, from ground level to the roofline, as viewed perpendicular to the walls on that side of the building.

CANOPY (Attached). A multisided overhead structure or architectural projection supported by attachments to a building on one or more sides and either cantilevered from such building or also supported by columns at additional points. The surface(s) and/or soffit of an attached *canopy* may be illuminated by means of internal or external sources of light. See also "Marquee."

CANOPY (Free-standing). A multisided overhead structure supported by columns, but not enclosed by walls. The surface(s) and/or soffit of a free-standing *canopy* may be illuminated by means of internal or external sources of light.

CANOPY SIGN. A sign affixed to the visible surface(s) of an attached or free-standing *canopy*.

CHANGEABLE SIGN. A sign with the capability of content change by means of manual or remote input, including signs which are:

Electrically activated. Changeable sign where the message copy or content can be changed by means of remote electrically energized on-off switching combinations of alphabetic or pictographic components arranged on a display surface. Illumination may be integral to the components, such as characterized by lamps or other light emitting devices; or it may be from an external light source designed to reflect off the changeable component display. See also "Electronic message sign or center."

COMBINATION SIGN. A sign that is supported partly by a pole and partly by a building structure.

COPY. Those letters, numerals, figures, symbols, logos and graphic elements comprising the content or message of a sign, excluding numerals identifying a street address only.

DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX SIGN. A free-standing sign identifying a multiple-occupancy development, such as a shopping center or planned *industrial park*, which is controlled by a single owner or landlord

DIRECTIONAL SIGN. Any sign that is designed and erected for the purpose of providing direction and/or orientation for pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

DOUBLE-FACED SIGN. A sign with two faces, back to back.

ELECTRIC SIGN. Any sign activated or illuminated by means of electrical energy.

ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGN OR CENTER. An electrically activated changeable sign where the variable message capability can be electronically programmed.

EXTERIOR SIGN. Any sign placed outside a building.

FASCIA SIGN. See "Wall or fascia sign."

FLASHING SIGN. See "Animated sign, electrically activated."

FREE-STANDING SIGN. A sign principally supported by a structure affixed to the ground, and not supported by a building, including signs supported by one or more columns, poles or braces placed in or upon the ground.

FRONTAGE (Building). The length of an exterior building wall or structure of a single premise orientated to the public way or other properties that it faces.

FRONTAGE (Property). The length of the property line(s) of any single premise along either a public way or other properties on which it borders.

GROUND SIGN. See "Free-standing sign."

ILLUMINATED SIGN. A sign characterized by the use of artificial light, either projecting through its surface(s) (internally illuminated); or reflecting off its surface(s) (externally illuminated).

INTERIOR SIGN. Any sign placed within a building, but not including "window signs" as defined by this ordinance. Interior signs, with the exception of window signs as defined, are not regulated by this chapter.

MANSARD. An inclined decorative roof-like projection that is attached to an exterior building facade.

MARQUEE. See "*Canopy* (attached)."

MARQUEE SIGN. See "*Canopy* sign."

MENU BOARD. A free-standing sign orientated to the drive-through lane for a restaurant that advertises the menu items available from the drive-through window, and which has not more than 20 percent of the total area for such a sign utilized for business identification.

MULTIPLE-FACED SIGN. A sign containing three or more faces.

OFF-PREMISE SIGN. See "Outdoor advertising sign."

ON-PREMISE SIGN. A sign erected, maintained or used in the outdoor environment for the purpose of the display of messages appurtenant to the use of, products sold on, or the sale or lease of, the property on which it is displayed.

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGN. A permanent sign erected, maintained or used in the outdoor environment for the purpose of the display of commercial or noncommercial messages not appurtenant to the use of, products sold on, or the sale or lease of, the property on which it is displayed.

PARAPET. The extension of a building facade above the line of the structural roof.

POLE SIGN. See "Free-standing sign."

POLITICAL SIGN. A temporary sign intended to advance a political statement, cause or candidate for office. A legally permitted outdoor advertising sign shall not be considered to be a political sign.

PORTABLE SIGN. Any *sign* not permanently attached to the ground or to a building or building surface.

PROJECTING SIGN. A *sign* other than a wall sign that is attached to or projects more than 18 inches (457 mm) from a building face or wall or from a structure where the primary purpose is other than the support of a sign.

REAL ESTATE SIGN. A temporary *sign* advertising the sale, lease or rental of the property or premises upon which it is located.

REVOLVING SIGN. A *sign* that revolves 360 degrees (6.28 rad) about an axis. See also "Animated sign, mechanically activated."

ROOF LINE. The top edge of a peaked roof or, in the case of an extended facade or parapet, the uppermost point of said facade or parapet.

ROOF SIGN. A *sign* mounted on, and supported by, the main roof portion of a building, or above the uppermost edge of a parapet wall of a building and which is wholly or partially supported by such a building. Signs mounted on mansard facades, pent eaves and architectural projections such as canopies or marquees shall not be considered to be roof signs. For a visual reference, and a comparison of differences between roof and fascia signs, see Section 1003.

SIGN. Any device visible from a public place that displays either commercial or noncommercial messages by means of graphic presentation of alphabetic or pictorial symbols or representations. Noncommercial flags or any flags displayed from flagpoles or staffs will not be considered to be signs.

SIGN AREA. The area of the smallest geometric figure, or the sum of the combination of regular geometric figures, which comprise the sign face. The area of any double-sided or "V" shaped *sign* shall be the area of the largest single face only. The area of a sphere shall be computed as the area of a circle. The area of all other multiple-sided signs shall be computed as 50 percent of the sum of the area of all faces of the *sign*.

SIGN COPY. Those letters, numerals, figures, symbols, logos and graphic elements comprising the content or message of a *sign*, exclusive of numerals identifying a street address only.

SIGN FACE. The surface upon, against or through which the *sign* copy is displayed or illustrated, not including structural supports, architectural features of a building or sign structure, nonstructural or decorative trim, or any areas that are separated from the background surface upon which the sign copy is displayed by a distinct delineation, such as a reveal or border.

1. In the case of panel or cabinet-type signs, the sign face shall include the entire area of the sign panel, cabinet or face substrate upon which the *sign* copy is displayed or illustrated, but not open space between separate panels or cabinets.

2. In the case of *sign* structures with routed areas of sign copy, the *sign* face shall include the entire area of the surface that is routed, except where interrupted by a reveal, border, or a contrasting surface or color.

3. In the case of signs painted on a building, or individual letters or graphic elements affixed to a building or structure, the *sign* face shall comprise the sum of the geometric figures or combination of regular geometric figures drawn closest to the edge of the letters or separate graphic elements comprising the *sign* copy, but not the open space between separate groupings of sign copy on the same building or structure.

4. In the case of *sign* copy enclosed within a painted or illuminated border, or displayed on a background contrasting in color with the color of the building or structure, the *sign* face shall comprise the area within the contrasting background, or within the painted or illuminated border.

SIGN STRUCTURE. Any structure supporting a sign.

TEMPORARY SIGN. A sign intended to display either commercial or noncommercial messages of a transitory or temporary nature. Portable signs or any sign not permanently embedded in the ground, or not permanently affixed to a building or *sign* structure that is permanently embedded in the ground, are considered temporary signs.

UNDER CANOPY SIGN OR UNDER MARQUEE SIGN. A sign attached to the underside of a *canopy* or *marquee*.

V SIGN. Signs containing two faces of approximately equal size, erected upon common or separate structures, positioned in a "V" shape with an interior angle between faces of not more than 90 (1.57 rad) degrees with the distance between the sign faces not exceeding 5 feet (1524 mm) at their closest point.

WALL OR FASCIA SIGN. A *sign* that is in any manner affixed to any exterior wall of a building or structure and that projects not more than 18 inches (457 mm) from the building or structure wall, including signs affixed to architectural projections from a building provided the copy area of such signs remains on a parallel plane to the face of the building façade or to the face or faces of the architectural projection to which it is affixed. For a visual reference and a comparison of differences between wall or fascia signs and roof signs, see Section 1003.

WINDOW SIGN. A *sign* affixed to the surface of a window with its message intended to be visible to and readable from the public way or from adjacent property.

2.2 Exempt Signs

The following signs are exempt from the provisions of this ordinance and require no permit:

- A. Traffic, directional, warning or information signs authorized by any public agency.
- B. Official notices authorized by any court, public agency or official.
- C. Institutional signs, not to exceed twenty (20) square feet for any public, charitable, educational, medical or religious institution.
- D. Building nameplates with related inscription, memorial plaques and cornerstones when made an integral part of a building or structure.
- E. Flags and flagpoles.
- F. On-site directional signs, not to exceed six (6) square feet in area.
- G. One time auction signs not to exceed six (6) square feet in area.
- H. Private property postings related to trespassing or public safety.
- I. Religious symbols and seasonal decorations within the appropriate public holiday season.
- J. Open house signs not to exceed four (4) square feet in area.
- K. Political signs subject to the following limitations:
 1. Such signs shall not exceed a height of eight (8) feet or a total area of thirty-two (32) square feet.
 2. Such signs for election candidates or ballot propositions shall be displayed on public right-of-ways only for a period of fourteen (14) days preceding the election and shall be removed by sundown the day following the election, provided that

signs promoting successful candidates or ballot propositions in a primary election may remain displayed until the run-off election.

3. The maximum number of political signs per street frontage will be one (1) every twenty-five (25) feet.

2.3 Prohibited Signs

The following signs are prohibited:

- A. Strobe or Neon lights, and signs containing strobe, LED or flashing lights which are visible beyond the property line. This does not include a storefront stationary lit, open/closed sign.
- B. Any sign attached to, or placed on, a vehicle or trailer parked on public or private property, except for signs meeting the following conditions:
 - a. The primary purpose of such a vehicle or trailer is not the display of signs.
 - b. The signs are magnetic, decals, or painted upon an integral part of the vehicle or equipment as originally designed by the manufacturer, and do not break the silhouette of the vehicle.
 - c. The vehicle or trailer is in operating condition, currently registered and licensed to operate on public streets when applicable, and actively used or available for use in the daily function of the business to which such signs relate.
- C. Abandoned signs
- D. Rooftop signs
- E. Off premises signs
- F. Contractors signs
- G. Sign or sign structure which obstructs free and clear vision at intersections, or by its position, shape or color may interfere with, or obstruct the view of or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device.

3.4 Permitted Signs

The following signs are allowed, subject to the permitting requirements of **Section 3, Permitting Process** and the applicable development regulations of this ordinance.

- A. Permanent Freestanding Business Identification Signs:
 1. **Allowable area:** Not to exceed thirty-six (36) square feet in area for single business, or one hundred and twenty (120) square feet for multiple businesses on the same panel.
 2. **Number:** One freestanding sign is allowed for each developed site, lot, or parcel on which a nonresidential use is constructed. Where a site or parcel fronts on more than one street, one freestanding sign is permitted for each street. Where two or more businesses or buildings occupy the same site or parcel controlled by a single owner or landlord, (shopping center) only one freestanding sign for the aggregate businesses shall be permitted per street frontage.
 3. **Location:**

No freestanding sign shall:

 - a. Be located nearer than five (5) feet to any property line, nor shall such sign face, overhang or extend beyond the property line or in any way impair visual clearance at driveway or street intersections.
 - b. Be set back less than ten (10) feet from any street right-of-way line.
 4. **Height:** Not higher than eight (8) feet above finished grade of the ground at the sign base.

5. Where average elevation of a lot is lower than the finished grade of the abutting edge of the sidewalk, a pole or support may be permitted to raise the sign to the level allowed by height regulations.
6. Sign must be permanently affixed. A solid base sign shall be ground mounted, solid all the way to the ground, and constructed of wood, brick, masonry or similar durable materials.
7. Temporary unlighted real estate (for sale, rent, lease) signs for residential, not to exceed four (4) square feet in area, or for commercial, not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area, per property, and not to exceed eight (8) feet in height, are allowed provided the proper permit or business license has been obtained. The signs shall be removed not later than five (5) days after the execution of a lease agreement or closing of the sale.

B. Permanent Signs Attached to Buildings

1. **Allowable area:**
 - a. The total area of signs on the exterior front surface of a building shall not exceed twenty (20) percent of the front surface area of the building, so long as the total area does not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet.
2. **Window coverage:** Signage in or on windows, inside or outside, shall not exceed 25% of any front facing window.
3. No part of any sign attached to a building, in any manner, shall extend above the uppermost point of each building.
4. Signs shall be limited to the use, business, or profession conducted on the premises. Except that a sign from a previous business, within that structure, that is otherwise significant or of historical value may be displayed, provided it is properly maintained by the present owner.
5. Letters, decorations and facings of signs shall be constructed of durable materials approved by the Zoning Administrator.
6. Restaurants shall be permitted to display one (1) menu (in an enclosed case) or menu board provided that such shall not exceed three (3) square feet.

C. Awnings/Canopies

1. Awnings/Canopies shall be no closer that eighteen (18) inches to a vertical plane at the street curb line, and have a minimum height of eight and one-half (8.5) feet.
2. Awning/Canopy signs shall consist of the name of the business and numerical address only, with copy area not to exceed an area equal to twenty-five (25) percent of the background area of the awning/canopy.

D. Temporary Signs

1. Pennants, banners, balloons, streamers, pinwheels, fluttering devices, and similar exhibits to announce grand openings and mark sales and special occasions are permitted to be erected no more than ten (10) days prior to such sale or grand opening; provided such exhibits are removed within one (1) day after the event; and further provided that not more than one extension of (10) days may be granted upon request, and no exhibit shall be re-permitted within six (6) months of the time it, or a similar display, is removed from the premises.

Section 3. Permitting Process

3.1 Permits

- A. **Permits required:** Unless specifically exempted, a permit must be obtained from the Zoning Administrator for the erection and maintenance of all signs erected or maintained within the Town of West Pelzer and in accordance with other ordinances of this jurisdiction. Exemptions from the necessity of securing a permit, however, shall not be construed to relieve the owner of the sign involved from responsibility for its erection and maintenance in a safe manner and in a manner in accordance with all other provisions of this ordinance.
- B. **Construction documents:** Before any permit is granted for the erection of a sign or sign structure requiring such permit, construction documents shall be filed with the Zoning Administrator showing the dimensions, materials, and required details of construction, including loads, stresses, anchorage, and any other pertinent data. The permit application shall be accompanied by the written consent of the owner or lessee of the premises upon which the sign is to be erected and by engineering calculations signed and sealed by a registered design professional where required by the International Building Code.
- C. **Changes to signs:** No sign shall be structurally altered, enlarged, or relocated except in conformity to the provisions herein, nor until a proper permit, if required, has been secured. The changing or maintenance of movable parts or components of an approved sign that is designed for such changes, or the changing of copy, business names, lettering, sign faces, colors, display and/or graphic matter, or the content of any sign shall not be deemed a structural alteration.

3.2 Development Standards

All signs allowed by this ordinance must comply with the following development standards:

- A. **Clearance:** Clearances are measured from the grade directly below the sign to the bottom of the sign structure enclosing the sign face.
 - 1. **Visual Clearance:**
 - a. No sign may be located within a vision clearance area as defined in 1.b below and no support structure for a sign may be located in a vision clearance area unless the diameter is twelve (12) inches or less.
 - b. **Location of visual clearance areas:** Vision clearance areas are triangular shaped areas located in the intersection of any combination of streets, private roads, alleys, or driveways. The sides of the triangle extend fifteen (15) feet from the intersection of the vehicle travel areas. The height of the vision clearance area is from forty-two (42) inches above grade to ten (10) feet above grade.
 - 2. **Vehicle Area Clearance:** When a sign extends over a private area where vehicles travel or are parked, the bottom of the sign structure shall be at least fourteen (14) feet above grade. Vehicle areas include driveways, alleys, parking lots, and loading zones and maneuvering areas.
 - 3. **Pedestrian Area Clearance:** When a sign extends over private sidewalks or walkways, the bottom of the sign structure shall be at least eight and one-half (8.5) feet above the grade.
 - 4. **Required Yards and Setbacks:** The sign face of a sign structure may be erected in required yards and setbacks, but no closer than five (5) feet to any property line.
- B. **Sign Measurement**
 - 1. **Sign Face Area**
 - a. The area of sign faces enclosed in frames or cabinets is determined based on the outer dimensions of the frame or cabinet surrounding the

- sign face. Sign area does not include foundations or supports. Only one side of a double-faced or V-shaped freestanding sign is counted.
- b. When a sign is on a base material and attached without a frame, such as a wood board or Plexiglas panel, the dimensions of the base material are to be used unless it is clear that part of the base contains no sign related display or decoration.
 - c. When signs are constructed of individual pieces attached to a building wall, sign area is determined by a perimeter drawn around all the pieces.
 - d. For sign structures containing multiple modules oriented in the same direction, the modules together are counted as one sign face.
 - e. The maximum surface area visible at one time, of a round or three-dimensional sign, is counted to determine sign face area.

C. Sign Design, Construction and Maintenance

1. All signs, except those protected by transparent cover, shall be constructed of materials which will not rapidly deteriorate, fade, fall apart, or otherwise become a hazard to public safety and the general welfare. The sign shall be securely fastened and placed to withstand adverse weather.
2. All signs allowed under this ordinance must comply with applicable requirements of the International Building Code, National Electrical Code, and other applicable federal, state or local codes.
3. All signs shall be kept free from defective or missing parts or peeling paint. The zoning administrator shall possess the authority to order painting, repair, or alteration of a sign which constitutes a hazard to the public health, safety, general welfare, or has lost its visual integrity by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, or obsolescence. Notice of such repair shall be given to the owner by personal service, or registered mail, return receipt requested.
4. The immediate premises around a sign shall be kept free from litter and debris.

D. Removal of Non-conforming Signs

1. The lawful use of any sign existing at the time of the enactment of the ordinance, from which this article derives, may be continued although such use does not conform with the provisions of this ordinance, except those declared to be abandoned, which shall be removed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this ordinance from which this article derives.
2. Any existing sign, which is abandoned, shall be removed, and any existing sign exceeding the allowable face area of twenty-five (25) percent, and which is subsequently destroyed or damaged to the extent of fifty (50) percent or more of its replacement cost, shall be removed or brought into conformity with these regulations. An order under this section shall be issued in writing by the Zoning Administrator to the owner of such sign, or of the building or premises on which such sign is located, to comply within a stated period of time. Upon failure to comply with such notice, the Town of West Pelzer may remove the sign and any costs of removal incurred by the Town may be collected in a manner prescribed by law.
3. Any sign now, or hereafter existing, which no longer advertises a bona fide business conducted, or product sold, shall be taken down and removed by the owner of the property, or agent thereof, where on the sign may be found, such removal to take place within a period of thirty (30) days following cessation of effective use of the sign or closing of the business.
4. All signs and sign structure which are non-conforming to the standards of this section, but, which were lawfully erected under the requirement of previously existing regulations at the time the sign was erected, shall be removed by the owner of the sign or owner of the property upon which the sign is erected, within

five (5) years from the effective date of this ordinance. Any sign owner or property owner who believes this schedule does not minimize their loss, recoup initial investment, or is generally unreasonable, given the specific conditions of that sign or sign structure, may petition for relief. Such requests shall contain sufficient documentation upon which a determination can be made and shall include a copy of the building permit to determine age of the sign and construction contract to determine initial cost of the sign.

Section 4 Appeals

All questions arising in connection with the enforcement of this ordinance shall be presented first to the Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator shall issue a written decision to all such questions and shall send it to the person filing the question. Appeal may be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals by written notice given to it within ten (10) days after receipt of written decision.

Section 5. Validity

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared invalid.

Section 6. Impoundment

The Zoning Administrator, or designated officials, shall have the authority to remove all signs, without notice to the owners thereof, placed within any street or highway right-of-way; attached to trees, telephone and utility poles, other natural features; or otherwise prohibited by this Ordinance.

Section 7. Penalty

The Zoning Administrator, or designated officials, shall have the power to administer and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance as may be required by governing law. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be charged with a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00, plus the cost of prosecution, or be sentenced to imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both, as determined by the Court. Each day a violation shall be considered a separate offense. Punishment for the violation shall not relieve the offender of liability, provided for herein.

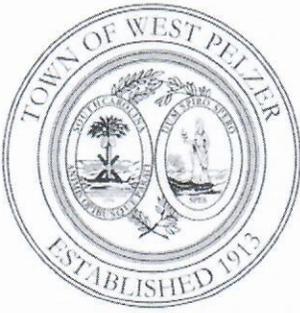
Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Town from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

First Reading: November 6, 2018
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Mayor Blake Sanders


Town Clerk Paula H. Payton, CMC



Town of West Pelzer South Carolina

*30 Main Street
West Pelzer, South Carolina*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, The Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an Act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, make sure we never forget;

WHEREAS, the Town of West Pelzer has had many residents make the ultimate sacrifice in armed conflict since 1898 and some residents have been awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Pelzer has a population of highly decorated military members both active and retired living in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the commitment and increasing sacrifice military families are making.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Blake Sanders, Mayor of the Town of West Pelzer do hereby proclaim the Town of West Pelzer as a Purple Heart City.

Presented on November 6, 2018

Mayor Blake Sanders

**Town of West Pelzer, South Carolina Mayor's Proclamation
Fire Prevention Week**

WHEREAS, the Town of West Pelzer, South Carolina is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting West Pelzer; and

WHEREAS, U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

WHEREAS, U.S. home fires resulted in 2,560 civilian deaths in 2015, representing the majority (78 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household; and

WHEREAS, practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation;

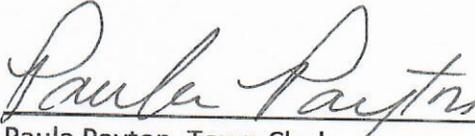
WHEREAS, West Pelzer's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, West Pelzer residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Look. Listen. Learn" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of looking for possible fire hazards, listening to smoke alarms, and learning the ways out of your home.

THEREFORE, I, Blake Sanders, Mayor of the Town of West Pelzer do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. I urge all the people of the Town of West Pelzer to find develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year.


Mayor Blake Sanders


Paula Payton, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-1002

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANDERSON COUNTY AND OCONEE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN DEVELOPED TO ASSIST COUNTIES IN THE UPSTATE IN REDUCING THE HUMAN AND ECONOMIC COSTS OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND SERVES ANDERSON AND OCONEE COUNTIES HAS BEEN UPDATED. THE PLAN WAS UPDATED FOR EACH COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) SECTION 322 OF THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Town of West Pelzer, South Carolina (the "Town") is a body politic and a political and corporate subdivision of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, local governments may enter into agreements to share in administration of powers and the costs associated therewith pursuant to S. C. Const. Art. VIII, 13 and S.C. Code Ann. 6-24-40 (1976, as amended); and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Town citizens are threatened by potential natural disasters, which are caused by tornadoes/high winds, winter storms, hurricanes, hail storms/thunderstorms, drought/heat wave, earthquakes, wildfires, and floods; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Pelzer desires to express its intentions to set forth strategies to mitigate and reduce human and economic costs of natural disasters in the Town of West Pelzer pursuant to FEMA Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 by adopting the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in meeting duly assembled by the West Pelzer Town Council as follows:

1. The Town hereby adopts the Plan and authorizes the Anderson County Administrator or his designee to execute the Plan on behalf of the Town.
2. All funding necessary to implement the Plan shall come from: (a) state and/or federal grant funds where no matching funds are required for the Town or (b) funding specifically approved by subsequent action of the West Pelzer Council.
3. That from time to time this Plan may be revised and that such revisions shall require approval by the West Pelzer Council.
4. All orders and resolution in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict only, repealed and rescinded.

5. Should any part or portion of this resolution be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the remainder hereof, all of which is hereby deemed separable.
6. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment.

RESOLVED, in meeting duly assembled this 2nd day of October 2018.

FOR THE TOWN OF WEST PELZER:


R. Blake Sanders
Mayor

Attest:


Paula H. Payton, CMC
Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST PELZER

PROCLAMATION

September Is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS; September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness surrounding each of the Suicide Prevention resources available to us and our community. The simple goal is to learn how to help those around us and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm; and

WHEREAS; Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and

WHEREAS; According to the CDC, each year more than 41,000 people die by suicide; and

WHEREAS; Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the US, and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and

WHEREAS; "West Pelzer, South Carolina" is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local educators, mental health professionals, athletic coaches, pack leaders, police officers, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; and

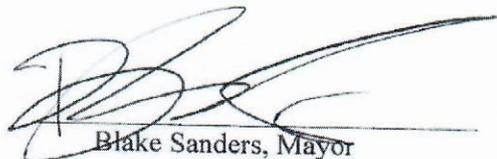
WHEREAS; local organizations like Suicide Prevention Services (SPS) and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle that many still refuse to discuss in public, as suicide and mental illness remain too taboo a topic to speak on; and

WHEREAS, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors over the next few days and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call, message, handshake, or hug can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Blake Sanders, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2018, as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the Town of West Pelzer.

Dated this 4 day of September, 2018, A.D.



Blake Sanders, Mayor

**TOWN OF WEST PELZER
RESOLUTION RENAMING TOWN ROAD
Resolution No. 2018-0206**

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of West Pelzer in accordance with Town Ordinances has the authority to rename roads owned by the Town of West Pelzer; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of West Pelzer have determined that it is in the best interest of the general public to rename a Town road as provided hereinbelow;

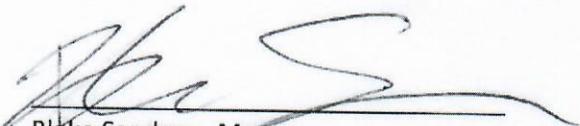
THEREFORE, The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of West Pelzer do ordain as follows:

1. That Donald Street extending north from the intersection with South Carolina Highway 8 (Main Street) and extending 0.13 miles to the intersection of Stephanie Drive is hereby renamed Palmetto Station Way.

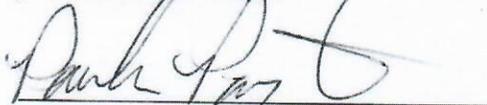
BE IT RESOLVED, all affected municipal signs shall be changed accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be delivered to the appropriate Anderson County agencies, the West Pelzer Fire Department, Pelzer Emergency Services, and any other applicable public safety agency or entity.

Approved this 6th day of February 2018.



Blake Sanders - Mayor



Paula Payton - Town Clerk

Ordinance # / Resolution Proclamation	Title
2017 – 0111	“Ordinance to Regulate the Burning of Leaves, Tree Branches and Yard Trimmings”
2017 – 001	<i>Resolution</i> “Authorizing the Mayor of the Town of West Pelzer to Execute All Documents Necessary to Accept P.A.R.D. Grant Funding”
2017 – 002	<i>Resolution</i> “Supporting the Draft and Enaction of An Ordinance Restricting the Use of South Carolina Highway 8 (Main Street) Within Municipal Limits of the Town of West Pelzer by Large Commercial Vehicles Except for the Purpose of Delivery and/or Maintenance”
2017 – 003	<i>Resolution</i> “A Resolution of Intent to Close the Donald Street Outlet to Stephanie Drive for the Development of New Single-Family Residences”
2017 – 004	<i>Resolution</i> “Supporting the Consolidation of Municipal Clerk Offices to Provide Efficient Public Works and Administrative Services to the Town of Pelzer and Town of West Pelzer”
2017 – 0710	“Adopt the Comprehensive Plan of the Town of West Pelzer, Anderson County, South Carolina”
2017 – 0925(a)	<i>Resolution</i> “Request 30’ of Property that Includes the Original West Pelzer Town Hall be Donated or Sold to the GoWest Community Development Corporation”
2017 – 0925	<i>Resolution</i> “Support for Request of Road Funding from the Anderson county Transportation Committee”
2017 – 1010	“Fireworks; Sale, Possession, Storage and Discharge”