

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JONESBOROUGH  
BUSINESS AND ADVERTISING SIGN ORDINANCE  
RELATED TO PROHIBITED SIGNS**

WHEREAS, the Jonesborough Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) has studied Section 11-1207, Prohibited Signs, of the Jonesborough Municipal Code in relation to the historic overlay districts H-1 and H-2, and

WHEREAS, the HZC has conducted public meetings to discuss prohibited signs and seeking certain exceptions under certain conditions only applying to the H-1 and H-2 Overlay Zoning Districts, and

WHEREAS, the HZC has approved similar amendments to the Jonesborough Historic Zoning Commission Advertising Standards and Guidelines for the H-1 and H-2 Overlay Zones, and

WHEREAS, the HZC is recommending that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen amend the town's Municipal Code Section 11-1207(1), and

WHEREAS, Section 11-1207(1) Prohibited Signs of the Jonesborough Sign Ordinance states that "*Any lighting arrangement by exposed tubing or strings of lights, outlining any portion of a building or structure or affixed to any ornamental feature thereof*", and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the general public's best interest for Section 11-1207(1) of the Jonesborough Sign Ordinance as this section pertains to the H-1 and H-2 Overlay Districts be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Jonesborough that Title 11, Planning and Zoning, Chapter 12 Business and Advertising Signs, Section 11-1207(1) Prohibited Signs, of the Jonesborough Sign Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

11-1207. Prohibited signs. The following signs are prohibited from being erected or maintained in any zoning district and in any area of the Town of Jonesborough:

- (1) Any lighting arrangement by exposed tubing or strings of lights, outlining any portion of a building or structure or affixed to any ornamental feature thereof. String lights on the exterior of businesses or directly behind business display windows are not permitted. For the H-1 and H-2 overlay zones an exception for the display of String Lights is allowed during the following holiday periods – the Friday before Thanksgiving to January 31 and from June 28 to July 11. During these periods, string lights can be displayed behind storefront windows in so far as they are not excessively bright (examples: light floods onto sidewalk, light distracts traffic, or light makes it difficult to see items inside the window). Lights that flash, wink, strobe, or blink are not permitted in the H-1 and H-2 overlay zones per this Section of the code.

This Ordinance shall become effective after its passage on second and final reading.

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Motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Dickson that the preceding Ordinance be adopted on first reading. Those voting for the adoption thereof were: Alderman Jenkins, Alderman Dickson, Alderman Causey, Alderman Countermine

Those voting against: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED ON FIRST READING October 13, 2025

  
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KELLY WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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JANET JENNINGS, TOWN RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
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JAMES R. WHEELER, TOWN ATTORNEY

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Motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Countermine that the preceding ordinance be adopted on second and final reading. Those voting for the adoption thereof were: Alderman Jenkins, Alderman Countermine, Alderman Causey, Alderman Dickson

Those voting against: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED ON SECOND READING November 3, 2025

  
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KELLY WOLFE, MAYOR

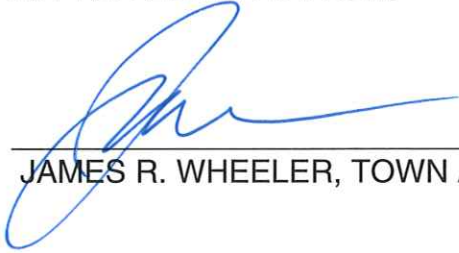
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