

BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
COUNTY OF BERGEN, NJ

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-74

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE V, CHAPTER 85, ZONING OF THE BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS. THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to establish criteria to clarify the regulations pertaining to institutional signs in all districts; and

WHEREAS, to establish appropriate relationship of public informational banner signs to their surroundings and related criteria, some amendments to the zoning ordinance are reasonable and appropriate.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Article III section §85-37 entitled “Signs permitted for public and semipublic buildings” is hereby amended and supplemented in the existing code in the following particulars only: (deleted sections are noted by ~~strikethroughs~~, new sections are underlined)

Section 1. Amend section §85-37 M. as follows:

(1) No signs or public informational banners are permitted on public or semi-public buildings, other than the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus may elect to erect or permit to be erected upon application a government speech sign expressing official sentiments, which are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. Other institutional signs in all districts. Signs of other institutions of a Signs permitted under this Chapter similar public or semipublic nature may be erected and maintained, provided that:

(a) The size of any freestanding sign shall not exceed 16 square feet and not more than one such sign is placed on a property unless such property fronts upon more than one street, in which instance a sign may be erected on each frontage. No freestanding sign shall be higher than six feet as measured from the average grade at the bottom of the sign.

(b) Signs affixed to the facade of the structure shall be permitted, provided that the sign shall not exceed 5% of the building facade. No such sign shall be higher than 20 feet as measured from the average facade elevation.

(2) An approved municipal public informational banner shall be permitted at a Borough approved public property location. The size of such freestanding public informational banner sign shall be 48 inches high by 96 inches wide. Application for such banners shall be made at the Borough Zoning Department.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to give notice at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this ordinance to the Bergen County Planning Board, and to all others entitled thereto pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15. Upon adoption of this ordinance, after public hearing thereon, the Borough clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage thereof and to file copy of this ordinance as finally adopted with the Bergen County Planning Board as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16 and with the Borough Tax Assessor.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication as prescribed by law.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

This Ordinance published herewith was introduced and pass upon first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, held on September 27, 2022. It will be further considered for final passage after the public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Municipal Council to be held at the Public Meeting on October 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at which time and place all interested member of the public who desire will be given an opportunity to be heard in connection with said Ordinance, and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Borough Hall and copies are available on the borough website www.ho-ho-kusboro.com for members of the general public who may request them.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON **October 25, 2022.**

ATTEST: _____ Joan Herve, RMC, Borough Clerk

APPROVED: _____ Thomas W. Randall, Mayor