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**CERTIFICATE OF VOTE
 ARTICLE 27
 2013 SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
 FOURTH AND FINAL SESSION – THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013**

I, Onorina Z. Maloney, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, Massachusetts do hereby certify the following vote taken under Article 27 at the fourth session of the April 29, 2013 Spring Annual Town Meeting held at the Chelmsford Senior Center 75 Groton Road, North Chelmsford. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Moderator Richard DeFreitas. There were 105 Town Meeting Representatives in attendance which satisfied the quorum of 82.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend the The Town Code, Chapter 195, “Zoning Bylaw”, Article VII “Sign and Outdoor Lighting”, Section 195-35 “Temporary Signs” paragraph “A. Political Signs” by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the language shown as underlining, as follows:

- A. Political Signs. Temporary, freestanding political signs, not exceeding in aggregate 24 square feet in area, which are designed to influence the action of voters for the passage or defeat of a referendum question or other measure appearing on the ballot of an election duly called in the Town of Chelmsford or designed to influence the action of voters for election of a candidate whose name appears on the ballot of an election duly called in the Town of Chelmsford are allowed in all districts. It is the Town’s preference that ~~Such signs may~~ be erected no sooner than 21 days prior to the date of election and ~~must~~ be removed not later than 14 days after such election. Signs permitted by this subsection shall not be higher than three feet above ground level; shall not be artificially illuminated; shall be freestanding and not attached to a building, tree, utility pole or fence; shall be set back at least 15 feet from the street line; and shall only be located within the front or side yard area of the property. These signs require no sign permit.

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**
Two-Thirds vote

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 27. **Town Manager Paul Cohen** moves that the Town amend the The Town Code, Chapter 195, “Zoning Bylaw”, Article VII “Sign and Outdoor Lighting”, Section 195-35 “Temporary Signs” paragraph “A. Political Signs” by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the language shown as underlining, as follows:

- A. Political Signs. Temporary, freestanding political signs, not exceeding in aggregate 24 square feet in area, which are designed to influence the action of voters for the passage or defeat of a

referendum question or other measure appearing on the ballot of an election duly called in the Town of Chelmsford or designed to influence the action of voters for election of a candidate whose name appears on the ballot of an election duly called in the Town of Chelmsford are allowed in all districts. It is the Town's preference that such signs may be erected no sooner than 21 days prior to the date of election and must be removed not later than 14 days after such election. Signs permitted by this subsection shall not be higher than three feet above ground level; shall not be artificially illuminated; shall be freestanding and not attached to a building, tree, utility pole or fence; shall be set back at least 15 feet from the street line; and shall only be located within the front or side yard area of the property. These signs require no sign permit.

Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 27
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (4-1) of Article 27

The voting devices registered the following votes:

YES: 115
NO: 8
Abstentions: 0

Motion under Article 27 carries by 2/3 vote

A true copy attest:



Onorina Z. Maloney