

**AN ORDINANCE  
TO AMEND CHAPTER 550: ZONING CODE, THROUGH THE REMOVAL & ADDITION  
OF LANGUAGE TO SECTIONS § 550-25F(2)(b), § 550-53C(1)(d), § 550-105J(1), and  
§ 550-132 Table 550-132A(3)**

**SPONSOR: MAYOR MCFARLAND, CHAIR  
FROM: PLAN COMMISSION WITH POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION**

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS  
FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Amend Section § 550-25F(2)(b) through addition of language:

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(b) Minimum lot width: 85 feet unless Principal Land Use is a Twin Home. Twin Home Minimum Lot width: 50 feet.

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**SECTION 2.** Create Section § 550-53C(1)(d) through addition of language:

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(d) Within the General Business (GB) Zoning District, no Personal Storage Facility shall be located within 3,500 feet of another Personal Storage Facility in any Zoning District.

[1] Standards of measurement. The distances identified in this subsection shall be measured in a straight line, from the closest point of the parcel of property proposed for use by a Personal Storage Facility to the nearest point of the parcel of property from which the proposed land use is to be separated.

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**SECTION 3.** Amend Section § 550-105J(1) through removal and addition of language:

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(1) ~~Conditional use permit required.~~ Exceeding Maximum Width of Driveways. Curb openings for access drives that exceed the maximum width, as measured at the right-of-way line, may be approved by the Public Works Director/City Engineer. Appeals of the Public Works Director/City Engineer's decision may be heard before the Plan Commission.

~~(a) All residential curb openings for access drives that exceed the maximum width, as measured at the right-of-way line, will require the granting of a conditional use permit which specifically states the maximum permitted width of the proposed driveway at the right-of-way line.~~

~~(b) All nonresidential curb openings for access drives that exceed the maximum width, as measured at the right-of-way line, will require the granting of a conditional use permit which specifically states the maximum permitted width of the proposed driveway at the right-of-way line.~~

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**SECTION 4.** Create Section § 550-132 Table 550-132A(3) through addition of language:

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| Table 550-132A(3): Permanent Misc. Sign Group <sup>1</sup>                                                                |                                               |                                                                           |                                  |                                                                        |                       | Sign Area & Height Maximums for Zoning Districts                                   |            |                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Sign Categories & Sign Types                                                                                              | Sign Permit Needed                            | Number of Signs Allowed                                                   | Sign Area Formula (each side)    | Sign Location Requirements                                             | Sign Lighting Allowed | ER, CR, SR, TR, MR, SNR                                                            | RH, NO, NB | PO, PB, GB, CB, PI, GI, HI |
| <b>B. Optional Miscellaneous Sign Category: *</b>                                                                         |                                               |                                                                           |                                  |                                                                        |                       |                                                                                    |            |                            |
| 1. Plaque Sign                                                                                                            | Sign Permit <b>required</b> for each new sign | Up to 3 per designated historic property, site, or district.              | None needed. Use max area limit. | On-Building, within 10 ft of the main entrance.                        | Ambient only          | 6 sf max area per sign<br>8 ft max height per sign                                 |            |                            |
| 2. Permanent Plat Sign                                                                                                    |                                               | Per Final Plat or Certified Survey Map                                    |                                  | In Plat or Certified Survey Map Outlot                                 |                       | 100 sf max area per sign<br>8 ft max height per sign                               |            |                            |
| <a href="#">3. Auxiliary Freestanding Sign</a>                                                                            |                                               | <a href="#">Not to exceed the total number of required parking stalls</a> |                                  | <a href="#">3 ft from any street, side, or rear lot line</a>           |                       | <a href="#">2 sf max area per sign</a><br><a href="#">8 ft max height per sign</a> |            |                            |
| <a href="#">4. Auxiliary Wall Sign</a>                                                                                    |                                               |                                                                           |                                  | <a href="#">0 ft for parcels located within the CB Zoning District</a> |                       | <a href="#">6 sf max area per sign</a>                                             |            |                            |
| * = Refer to Section § 550-131C for definition and rules for each Sign Category (lettered) and each Sign Type (numbered). |                                               |                                                                           |                                  |                                                                        |                       |                                                                                    |            |                            |
| 1: Available to all land uses.                                                                                            |                                               |                                                                           |                                  |                                                                        |                       |                                                                                    |            |                            |
| 2: "Standard" means the following forms of sign lighting: ambient, backlit, internal character or cabinet, and gooseneck  |                                               |                                                                           |                                  |                                                                        |                       |                                                                                    |            |                            |

**SECTION 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

**Adopted August 1, 2023**  
**Signed – Megan Dunneisen – City Clerk**  
**Approved August 1, 2023**  
**Signed – Emily McFarland – Mayor**  
**Ord. #23-19**

