

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ORDINANCE
OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TO CLARIFY PERMITTED
AWNING SIGN DIMENSIONS**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield to promote the use of signs which are aesthetically pleasing, of appropriate scale, and integrated with surrounding buildings and landscape, in order to meet the community's expressed desire for quality development; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Ordinance presently allows for awning signs with the sign placed in the area of the lowest 12 inches of an awning, and that such sign shall not be higher than 8 inches; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Ordinance presently allows for Main Entrance Signs to include one wall sign at the main public entrance placed at a height not to exceed the height of the ground floor or 17 feet, whichever is less, with the sign limited to a vertical dimension of 2.5 feet and horizontal dimension of 20 feet or 75% of the width of the building frontage occupied by the use; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Ordinance includes "awnings" within the Main Entrance Sign regulations creating a conflict with the mounting and dimensional requirements for awning signs; and

WHEREAS, by removing the term "awnings" from "main entrance signs" provisions will eliminate conflicting provisions and clarify the dimensional requirements for awning signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield in the County of Union as follows:

SECTION I. The Town Council of the Town of Westfield does hereby find that a recommendation to amend the regulations of "main entrance signs" to remove reference to "awnings", will eliminate conflicting provisions and clarify the dimensional requirements for awning signs. The Town Council does hereby further find that the public interest of the Town of Westfield will be served by amending the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Westfield in the manner set forth herein.

SECTION II. Article 16, Section 16.04E1 titled “Main Entrance Signs” is hereby amended by modifying the existing regulation at subsection “a” for Main Entrance Signs, to read as follows:

- a. The sign shall be located on the wall at the main public entrance.

SECTION III. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION IV. In the event that any section, provision, or part of provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

SECTION V. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2024.

Maureen Lawshe, RMC
Town Clerk