

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. PZ 2011-1**

A RESOLUTION OF THE NEW CASTLE PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF A NEW SIGN CODE.

WHEREAS, the Town's existing sign code was outdated and difficult to implement; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Staff have conducted extensive research into the needs, wants, and requirements of the Town concerning the location, placement and dimensional requirements for signage; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission hereby finds:

- A. That signs are a necessary means of visual communication for the convenience of the public;
- B. That the Town has legitimate interest in using its police powers to regulate signs to promote aesthetic goals, protect the public against visual clutter, protect the public, including motor vehicle users, against damage or injury caused by signs that serve as a distraction or that are poorly constructed or maintained, and to promote signs that contribute in a positive way towards the ordered growth and development of the Town.
- C. A sign code should recognize the specific and diverse needs of the public, business, and non-profit/charitable communities, and recognize the varying needs of certain areas of the Town including historic preservation, industrial and commercial areas, gateway areas, and residential areas.
- D. The Town has repeatedly expressed its commitment to the conservation of natural resources, including having a Climate Action Advisory Committee and being a signatory to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and the Town believes a sign code should be designed to promote the Town's goals of energy conservation and the use of renewable and reusable resources.
- E. That a sign code should be user-friendly and accessible to the general public.

WHEREAS, the Town desires to consider amendments to Chapters 15 and 17 of the New Castle Municipal Code to repeal the existing sign code and replace it with a new sign code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 17.92.030(B) of the New Castle Municipal Code the Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 26, 2011 to consider amending the municipal code to adopt a new sign code; and

WHEREAS, based on the testimony presented by staff and the general public, the Planning Commission desires to recommend that the Town Council approve changes to the municipal code to adopt a new sign code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEW CASTLE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

1. Recitals Incorporated by Reference. The foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference herein as findings and determinations of the New Castle Planning and Zoning Commission.

2. Recommendation. The Planning and Zoning Commission hereby recommends that the Town Council repeal Chapter 15.32 of the New Castle Municipal Code in its entirety, such other conflicting sections as necessary, and adopt a new Chapter 17.18 of the New Castle Municipal Code in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

THIS RESOLUTION PZ 2011-1 was adopted by the New Castle Planning and Zoning Commission by a vote of 4 to 0 on the 26th day of January, 2011.

NEW CASTLE PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION

By: Chuck Apostolik
Chuck Apostolik, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Wendy Mead
Wendy Mead, Deputy Town Clerk

