



ORDINANCE NO. 25-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF COEBURN, VIRGINIA PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL ZONE PROPERTY MAINTAINING UNOBSTRUCTED FRONT WINDOWS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15.2-2280 of the Code of Virginia, any county or municipality, may regulate, restrict, permit, prohibit, and determine the use of land, buildings, structures, and other specific uses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15.2-2283, zoning ordinances shall be for the general purpose of promoting the health, safety, or general welfare of the public and to provide for adequate light, air, convenience of access, safety from fire, flood, impounding structure failure, crime, and other dangers; and

WHEREAS, ensuring clear visibility in storefront windows assists law enforcement personnel in their crime-prevention efforts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Coeburn Town Council as follows:

111.01 Unobstructed Front Windows on Commercially Zoned Property

Any property zoned for commercial business shall maintain and provide ample space on its front windows facing the adjoining street from dusk to dawn so as to provide clear and unobstructed visibility to normal law enforcement by either vehicular or foot patrol and the violation of this section shall be deemed to be in violation of the zoning ordinance in addition to any other penalty as provided herein. Property that is within commercially zoned property that is being used for residential purposes shall be excluded from this ordinance.

Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$250, in addition to any other penalties or remedies that are available by law.

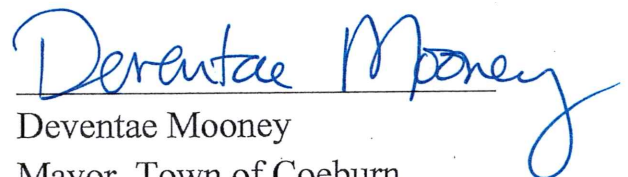
If the violation is uncorrected at the time of conviction, the violator shall be ordered to abate or remedy the violation in compliance with this ordinance, within a time period established by the court. Failure to remove or abate a violation within the time period specified shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000; any such failure during a succeeding 10-day period shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,500; any failure during any succeeding 10-day period shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense for each 10-day period punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000.

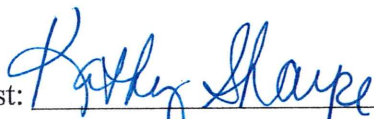
If any section, clause, sentence, phrase, or word of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences, phrases, or words and shall remain in full force and effect.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption. All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Legal Ref: Code of Virginia Sections 15.2-2280, 15.2-2283, 15.2-2286

ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2025


Deventae Mooney
Mayor, Town of Coeburn

Attest: 
Kathy Sharpe, Clerk