

Town of Chincoteague, Inc.



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Dear Business Owner,

There is a common misconception among some business owners concerning the use of flags on commercial properties. The Town of Chincoteague Zoning Ordinance allows flags at each business per the provisions of article VII Section B, 7.13.10 which reads as follows;

7.13.10. Flags, commercial. Two flags, displaying a commercial message, with a maximum area each of 15 square feet shall be permitted for any business. Flags must be mounted securely to a wall or from a permanent flagpole. A home occupation is allowed one flag with a commercial message no greater than 15 square feet. Flags not exceeding 15 square feet in area and displaying an art design which reflects merchandise sold on the premises without any commercial wording, or "open and welcome flags" are permitted. The area of any such flags shall not be included in determining the total permitted sign area.

By this definition, feather flags or more than 2 flags exceeding 15 square feet are specifically prohibited for use within the town limits. If you have one of these flags, please discontinue its use.

Our Zoning Administrator, Mr. Mark Bowden will be inspecting businesses in the coming weeks for conformance with this provision of the zoning ordinance.

If you have questions, please contact the Town office at (757) 336-6519.