

ORDINANCE NO. 24

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE A LICENSE FOR THE USE, BUILDING OR ESTABLISHING OF ANY EXTERIOR BOARD OR OTHER EXTERIOR STRUCTURE OR DEVICE, SURFACE OR DISPLAY WHICH IS NOT LOCATED ON THE PREMISES OF THE BUSINESS ADVERTISED AND THE FEE THEREFOR.

SECTION ONE: Be it Enacted and Ordained by the Commissioners of Mardela Springs that the owners of each exterior billboard hereafter established or built within the corporate limits of Mardela Springs shall obtain a license and pay a license fee of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) per annum. All billboard licenses issued under this Ordinance shall expire on the 30th day of June succeeding the date of issuance of said license. The sum of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be collected for licenses issued before January 1st of any license year hereafter. The sum of Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$12.50) shall be collected for licenses issued on or after January 1st of any license year hereafter.

SECTION TWO: Be it Further Enacted and Ordained by the Commissioners of Mardela Springs that the billboard license required by this Code shall be issued by the Treasurer of the Commissioners of Mardela Springs and payment shall be made to said Treasurer of Commissioners of Mardela Springs.

SECTION THREE: Be it Further Enacted and Ordained by the Commissioners of Mardela Springs that any person desiring to establish or build a billboard within the corporate limits of the Town of Mardela Springs shall first make application to the Treasurer of Commissioners of Mardela Springs for a billboard license. Such application shall be on forms supplied by Commissioners of Mardela Springs and shall provide the following information:

- (A) The name and address of the applicant;
- (B) The location of the premises to be occupied by the billboard;
- (C) The name of the owner or owners of the premises together with the written consent of the owner or owners to its use as a billboard site;
- (L) A diagram or plat of the premises to be used as a billboard site showing the size thereof, the location of any buildings thereon, and the proposed location of the billboard thereon;

(E) The names of all abutting property owners;

Each application shall be accompanied by an inspection and advertising fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

SECTION FOUR: Be it Further Enacted and Ordained by the Commissioners of Mardela Springs that the Treasurer of Commissioners of Mardela Springs shall cause to be published in one newspaper of general circulation published in Wicomico County or posted in locations around town, a Notice of Public Hearing on the application for the billboard which said notice shall contain the following information:

- (A) Name of Applicant;
- (B) Proposed location of the billboard;
- (C) Name of the owner or owners of the premises;
- (D) Date of hearing on the application;
- (E) A warning to all those having objections to the issuance of the billboard license applied for to appear at the hearing.

Said Notice shall be publish or posted at least five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing. Hearing an application for billboards shall be conducted at regular meetings of Commissioners of Mardela Springs or at special meetings called

for the purpose. After hearing any objections which are presented against the issuance of a billboard license, Commissioners shall either reject said application or authorize the Treasurer to issue same.

SECTION FIVE: Be it Further Enacted and Ordained by the Commissioners of Mardela Springs that no billboard license shall be granted and issued by Commissioners of Mardela Springs unless the proposed location of said billboard shall meet the following requirements in addition to such requirements as may be set forth elsewhere herein:

(A) The billboard shall be located a sufficient distance from any road or highway so as not to be a hazard or hindrance to traffic;

(B) The billboard shall not be located closer than two thousand feet (2000') from any other billboard.

SECTION SIX: Be it Further Enacted and Ordained by the Commissioners of Mardela Springs that any person who builds or establishes a billboard within the corporate limits of Mardela Springs without having obtained a license therefor as provided by Section 1 of this Ordinance or continuing to maintain a billboard within the said corporate limits after a license has been revoked shall be deemed guilty of a municipal infraction as provided in Section 3 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland as amended and shall be fined not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) payable within twenty (20) days of the receipt of a citation.

AND Be it Further Enacted and Ordained by the Commissioners of Mardela Springs that said Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and adoption.

The above Ordinance having been read at a meeting of the Commissioners of Mardela Springs held on November 21, 1987 and a public hearing thereon having been held after notice had been given as required by law, on December 21, 1987, said Ordinance was passed at its meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1988.

ATTEST:

Commissioners of Mardela Springs

Shirley M. Bailey  
Secretary

M. H. G. Catlin  
President