

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 14**

**[An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Louisburg's Zoning Ordinance, Section 25, Violation and Penalty]**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Louisburg Zoning Ordinance allows for violations of the ordinance to be classified as a misdemeanor; and
2. The North Carolina General Assembly approved a bill with the Governor's signature in October of this year decriminalizing land use regulations; and
3. The Town of Louisburg seeks to amend Section 25 of the Zoning Ordinance removing the language classifying a violation as a misdemeanor, reflecting the will of the General Assembly; and
4. After review of the above issue, an amendment to remove the language in Section 25 of the Zoning Ordinance classifying a violation as a misdemeanor was unanimously approved by the Town of Louisburg Planning Board on December 9, 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:**

1. *Section 25, Violation and Penalty* of the Town of Louisburg Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

*"Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance, or who falsifies plans or statements filed thereunder, or who continues work on any building or structure after having received written notice to cease work from the ordinance administrator, and shall be assessed a civil penalty which shall be punishable by a fine of \$250.00..."*

2. All provisions of other Town Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to the end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

**ATTEST:**

Lori Rogers

**Lori Rogers, Deputy Town Clerk**

12-20-2021

**DATE**

**SIGNED:**

Christopher L. Neal

**Christopher L. Neal, Mayor**