



Evart Downtown Development Authority



June 12, 2019

Evart City Council
5814 100th Ave
Evart, Michigan
49631

Dear Council Members,

As you are aware, the Evart Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is working closely with Michigan Main Street to revitalize the downtown corridor of our community. Through this process it has been recognized that some of the current City Ordinances are a hinderance to this progress.

Therefore, the DDA respectfully requests the City of Evart consider the following changes to existing City Ordinances.

1. City Ordinance Part 4 – Traffic Control – Chapter 440 – Section 440.02 Operation Upon Public Ways Prohibited: Towing Prohibited

The DDA requests this section be modified to allow bicycles and roller skates to be used on Main Street.

2. City Zoning Ordinance – Section 6 General and Specific Standards – Section 6.2 Specific Standards – Sub Section 6.2.1 Signs – Letter e. Required Conditions for All Signs – Number 3. No sign, except those established and maintained by the city, county, state, or federal governments, shall be located in, projected into, or overhanging in a public right-of-way or dedicated public easement.

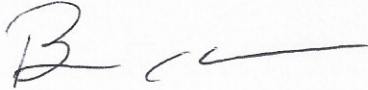
The DDA wishes this to be removed from the Ordinance to allow local businesses to put signage on Main Street.

3. Zoning Fee Schedule / Permits – Sign Permit \$25.00

The DDA requests the sign permit fee be abolished. The reason for this is that in many cases the DDA provides businesses façade funding and therefore seems redundant to then charge for the sign permit.

The DDA hopes the Council will support these requests and feels that by incorporating these changes to local ordinances the revitalization process under the Ewart Main Street Strategy will be greatly enhanced.

Sincerely,

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Bryan Tiedt
DDA/MMS Director