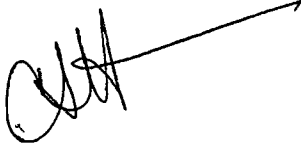


TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW  
DELAWARE

March 3, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Carol S. Houck, Town Manager 

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Implement Unattended Display Policy for Town Owned Property

In association with the review and consideration of a request to add additional holiday displays, it has been recommended by the Town Solicitor to adopt a new policy for the purpose of addressing Unattended Displays on Town owned property. The purpose of which is to define the location, and terms under which an unattended displays are permitted on Town property.

The policy as recommended and drafted by the Town Solicitor allows that:

- The Town of Ocean View may erect unattended displays on Town owned property that are placed and maintained by Town personnel or Town hired contractors and owned, rented or leased by the Town.
- Private unattended displays (secular, non-secular, or other types of displays) will not be permitted on Town owned property.
- Unattended displays erected on Town owned property will be removed by the Town at the expense of the person or organization that erected it.

It is recommended that by vote of Council, the Town of Ocean View establishes the attached policy.

# **TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW UNATTENDED DISPLAY POLICY**

## **Article I** **Purpose**

The purpose of this unattended display policy is to define the location, time period, and terms under which unattended displays are permitted on Town Property (as defined herein).

## **Article II** **Definitions**

### **1. Unattended Display**

Any display, symbol, structure, or exhibit which the owner or sponsor seeks to leave either overnight or unattended for any period of time.

### **2. Town Property**

Any parcel of land owned by, leased by, and/or deeded to the Town of Ocean View. Town property does not include land owned by the Town that is fully leased to a third party.

### **3. Private Property**

Any parcel of land owned by, leased by, and/or deeded to, a private individual, company or organization.

## **Article III** **Procedures**

### **1. Town Displays**

The Town of Ocean View may erect Unattended Displays on Town Property. Unattended Displays on Town Property must be erected, be under the control of and maintained by Town personnel.

### **2. Private Displays**

The Town of Ocean View does not permit private Unattended Displays (e.g. non Town owned, Town leased, or Town rented Unattended Displays) on any Town Property.

### **3. Violations of the Unattended Display Policy**

If an Unattended Display is erected on Town Property that is not a Town owned, Town leased, or Town rented Unattended Display, the Town will remove the display at the expense of the person or organization erecting the display.

#### **Article IV** **Private Property**

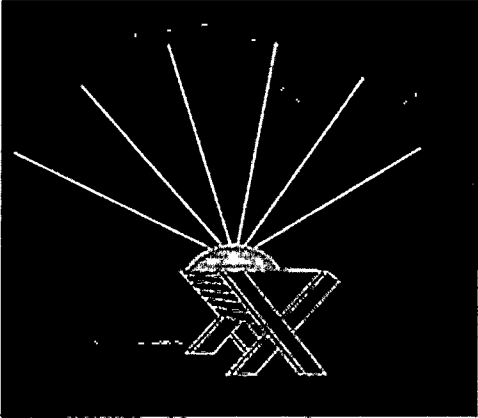
Nothing in this policy is intended to limit Unattended Displays on Private Property which are erected in compliance with applicable local, state and federal laws.

#### **Article V** **Reservation of Rights**

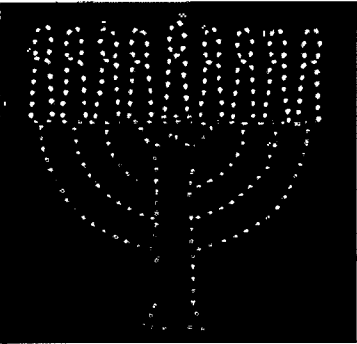
The Town of Ocean View reserves the right to amend this policy as may be necessary from time to time.

Initial adoption:

SAMPLE NON-SECULAR ITEMS WE COULD ADD TO OUR TRAIL OF LIGHTS IF WE DECIDE TO CHANGE FROM OFFERING SECULAR HOLIDAY DECO TO NON-SECULAR (RELIGIOUS COMPONENTS) TO OUR OFFERINGS



6' manger \$850



10' menorah \$1,400



15' Kwanzaa \$2,900 (smaller version) \$1,500