**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, SECTION 16, DEFINITIONS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH, DELAWARE, 2005, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING §1-16 DEFINING THE TERM “HALF-STORY”.**

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, by the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware, in session met, as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 1, Definitions of the Municipal Code of the Town of Dewey Beach, Delaware, 2005, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking the definition of the term “half-story” in its entirety and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

“HALF-STORY -- A partial story located above a full story and underneath a sloping roof, where the roof planes intersect two opposite exterior walls at a height of no more than three feet above the half story floor level, and window dormers or other projections out from this roof plane do not exceed more than 50% of the horizontal length of the roof, measured along both opposite roof planes at three feet above the half story floor level or higher. In addition to where the term “half-story” appears in the code, this definition applies in the context of references to “2 ½ stories” appearing in Table 2, Bulk Standards in all Districts.”

**Synopsis**

This Act restates the definition of half-story and clarifies that gambrel and mansard roofs do not meet the criteria of a half-story.