

ORDINANCE NO. 87.9

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SIGNS, REQUIRING PERMITS, RESTRICTING LOCATION AND USE AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES.

(1) PERMITS REQUIRING ZONING APPROVAL

- a. No sign, unless herein excepted, shall be constructed, altered, posted and/or painted, until a permit has been issued by the building official.
- b. Any sign requiring a permit shall be clearly marked with the permit number, and the name of the person or firm placing the sign on the premises.
- c. All applications for sign permits shall require certification by the applicant as to the number, type, location and size of all existing signs on the premises.

(2) EXCEPTIONS TO PERMITS REQUIRED

The following signs are exempted from the provisions of (1) above:

- a. Changing of permitted copy on an existing bulletin board, general advertising poster or paint panel(s), display encasement, marquee, flat sign, projecting sign, detached sign or roof sign, provided no increase occurs with respect to either the area of any such sign or the manner in which it is structurally supported.
- b. Signs on a truck, bus, or passenger vehicle which are used in the normal conduct of business.
- c. Name Plates
- d. Symbolic flag and award flag of an institution or business (house flag); not to exceed one for each forty (40) feet of street frontage adjacent to an institution or business.
- e. Weather flags, for providing information on weather conditions, one set for each premises.
- f. Real Estate & construction signs temporary in nature, non-illuminated, not exceeding more than twelve (12) square feet in area, advertising real estate for sale or lease, or announcing contemplated improvements of lease, or announcing contemplated improvements of the real estate no more than two such signs for each street or water frontage not to exceed three signs.
- g. Window signs
- h. Temporary decorative flags and bunting for convention and commemorations.
- i. Warning, security, and/or permitted directional signs.
- j. Political signs which are displayed only during the duration of a campaign. All such signs shall be removed within five (5) days after election. Signs located within residential districts shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area.

(3) SIGNS EXTENDING OVER PUBLIC PROPERTY (PROJECTING SIGNS)

Are prohibited.

(4) SIGN DEVICES PROHIBITED

- a. No sign shall be erected which is of a rotating nature and/or displays either intermittent light and/or light of such intensity that it either constitutes, because of its location,

hazardous condition to motorists, or simulates light customarily associated with those used by police, fire, ambulance, or similar emergency vehicles.

b. No sign shall be erected which uses the words "stop" or "danger" so as to imply the need or requirement for stopping, or the existence of danger, or which is a copy or imitation of an official sign. This provision does not apply when the words are a part of an attraction title for a theatre or similar event or purpose.

c. No sign shall exceed the base flood elevation requirement in height.

(5) PROHIBITED SIGNS

a. No sign, unless otherwise provided for by this ordinance, shall be attached or applied to trees, utility poles, trash receptacles, or any other unapproved supporting structure.

b. Portable signs which are not securely fixed to an approved supporting structure.

c. Signs placed upon or affixed to portable structures (including trailers), unless such signs are approved by the Building Official. In no instance, however, shall any such sign be placed upon a premises for a period of time exceeding thirty (30) days.

(6) PENALTY

a. Any person, firm or corporation violating the terms of this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by fine not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON this the 23 day of November, 1987.

ATTEST:

T. D. White
City Clerk

Andy J. ...
Mayor