



CITY OF COOPER CITY
BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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SIDEWALK OR SANDWICH SIGN PERMIT SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

25-24(m)(1)The person or organization that shall erect a temporary sign within any nonresidential zoning district shall first file with the building department a written statement, guaranteeing the removal of the temporary sign(s) within seven (7) days after the required removal date for the signs, and shall post a cash bond in the amount of \$250.00.

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: () _____ Business Email: _____

Signs Requirements:

- The A-frame or sidewalk sign must be placed on the walkway adjoining the front entry of the business which erects or maintains the sign and must be within six (6) feet of the front entry door.
The sign must be free standing, in that it shall stand on its own base and not be attached to the building or floor in any fashion.
The sign may not exceed four (4) feet in height at the highest point as measured from grade and two (2) feet in width. The support base of the sign may not exceed six (6) square feet at the point where the sign rests upon the ground.
The sign must be erected or maintained so that there is at least forty (40) inches of clearance adjacent to the sign on the walkway and meet any other requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Hours of Operation: _____

(The sign must pertain to the business and may be displayed only when the business, which has placed or maintained the sign, is open to the public, and shall not be left outside while the business is not open to the public nor when there are high winds or other hazardous weather conditions).

REQUIREMENTS OF AND PRIOR TO BOND REFUND:

A Release of sign bond stating all signs have been removed from properties within Cooper City in compliance with City Code.

I, _____ guarantee the removal of the temporary sign(s) within seven (7) days after the required removal date for the signs.

I, _____ authorize the city to use all or part of the bond to cover the cost of removal of the signs, if the signs are not removed within seven (7) days after the required removal date for the signs.

I the undersigned understand and agree to the above requirements and further agree after completion of the above, that the City of Cooper City will refund the above bond amount.

Business Owner Name: _____ Date: _____

Business Owner Signature: _____

Property Owner/Lessee Name _____ Date _____

Property Owner/Lessee Name Signature: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 19-7-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25, ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," AMENDING ARTICLE II ENTITLED, "SIGNS," BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 25-22, ENTITLED "PROHIBITED SIGNS;" AND AMENDING SECTION 25-24, ENTITLED "TEMPORARY SIGNS;" PERMITTING THE PLACEMENT OF SIDEWALK OR SANDWICH SIGNS IN THE CITY, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Cooper City ("City") desires to update and amend the City Code related to the placement of sidewalk or sandwich signs in the City, as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that allowing sidewalk or sandwich signs in the City, under certain conditions, will help promote economic development in the City and make the City more business-friendly; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has held a public hearing in accordance with Florida law; and

WHEREAS, following proper notice to the public and after having received input and participation by interested members of the public and staff, the City Commission finds that this Ordinance is in the best interest of the citizens, residents, and business establishments in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA:

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Section 1. RECITALS ADOPTED. That each of the above-stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. CHAPTER 25 OF CITY CODE AMENDED. That Section 25-22, entitled “Prohibited Signs” of Article II “Signs” of Chapter 25, entitled “Development Standards” of the City Code of the City of Cooper City, Florida, is hereby amended to read, as follows:

ARTICLE II. SIGNS

Sec. 25-22 Prohibited Signs

The following are those signs which shall not be permitted within the municipal limits of the city:

- (a) Animated signs;
- ~~(b) Sidewalk or sandwich signs;~~
- (eb) Snipe signs;
- ~~(dc)~~ Attention attracting devices;
- (ed) All signs that contain exposed lighting of any type or have the appearance of light fixtures which do not comply with regulations for window signs as set forth in Sec 25-26;
- ~~(fc)~~ Roof signs; (g) Billboards;
- (hf) Advertising bench; signs affixed to people shelters or bus shelters;
- (ig) Signs projecting in excess of eighteen (18) inches from the foremost point of attachment of the sign to the structure upon which it is constructed;
- (jh) Signs located on sides of buildings unless the structure is located on a corner lot or unless the structure is located in excess of one hundred (100) feet from the side lot line;
- (ki) Painted wall signs not conforming to section 25-28, construction, maintenance and location;
- (lj) All abandoned signs, sign cabinets, poles, frames, structures and electrical fixtures;
- (mk) Pole signs;
- (nl) Projecting signs;
- (om) Tenant identification signs, except in the interior of shopping centers; (p) Advertising signs, handheld or worn;
- (qn) Any sign which is not allowed as a permitted sign by this article or is not in compliance with all regulations set forth in this article.

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Section 3. CHAPTER 25 OF CITY CODE AMENDED. That Section 25-24, entitled “Temporary Signs” of Article II “Signs” of Chapter 25, entitled “Development Standards” of the City Code of the City of Cooper City, Florida, is hereby amended to read, as follows:

ARTICLE II. SIGNS

Sec. 25-24 Temporary Signs

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(m) Sidewalk or Sandwich signs. Placement of sidewalk or sandwich signs shall be consistent with the following guidelines:

(1) Number of Signs. One (1) sidewalk or sandwich sign may be located and maintained as described in this subsection.

(2) Placement. The A-frame or sidewalk sign must be placed on the walkway adjoining the front entry of the business which erects or maintains the sign and must be within six (6) feet of the front entry door.

(3) Free Standing. The sign must be free standing, in that it shall stand on its own base and not be attached to the building or floor in any fashion.

(4) Size. The sign may not exceed four (4) feet in height at the highest point as measured from grade and two (2) feet in width. The support base of the sign may not exceed six (6) square feet at the point where the sign rests upon the ground.

(5) Time of Display. The sign must pertain to the business and may be displayed only when the business, which has placed or maintained the sign, is open to the public and shall not be left outside while the business is not open to the public nor when there are high winds or other hazardous weather conditions.

(6) Clearance for pedestrians. The sign must be erected or maintained so that there is at least forty (40) inches of clearance adjacent to the sign on the walkway and meet any other requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

(7) Enforcement/Violations. A-frame or sidewalk signs posted in violation of the required posting time and/ or conditions provided herein shall be subject to removal by City public safety or code compliance personnel. Any such sign deemed to be a safety hazard may be removed immediately by public safety or code compliance personnel.

(n) Temporary signs; requirements.

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(1) *Registration and bond.*

a. The person or organization that shall erect a temporary sign within any nonresidential zoning district shall first file with the building department a written statement, guaranteeing the removal of the temporary sign(s) within seven (7) days after the required removal date for the signs, and shall post a cash bond in the amount of \$250.00. The written statement accompanying the bond shall contain language that authorizes the city to use all or part of the bond to cover the cost of removal of the signs, if the person or organization posting the signs does not remove the signs within seven (7) days after the required removal date for the signs. The written statement shall also contain the proposed location of the signs. Candidates for political office who have qualified by means of the petition method pursuant to Section 99.095, F.S. or Section 99.0955, F.S., seeking to post election signs, shall be exempt from this bond requirement.

b. For all temporary signs to be placed on vacant property, the person or organization erecting the signs shall file with the building department a written statement, signed by the owner or lessee, on a form provided by the building department, stating that the owner or lessee of the property has given permission for the temporary sign to be placed on their property.

(2) *Location; limitation; removal.*

a. No temporary sign of any type or size whatsoever shall be erected or maintained within any public right-of-way except as authorized by this article, or upon any property owned or leased by the City of Cooper City.

b. No temporary sign may be erected on any property in such a manner to preclude or limit the sight distance visibility of drivers of motor vehicles.

c. Any person or organization who constructs, erects or causes to be erected a temporary sign and/or the owner and/or lessee of the property where a temporary sign is located, shall be responsible for any hazard to the general public which is caused by, created by reason of the construction and/or maintenance of temporary signs.

~~(10)~~ *Temporary signs; violations.*

(1) The erection and removal of all temporary signs shall be the joint responsibility of the owner of the property upon which such signs are placed and of the owner of such signs. Each such person shall be jointly and severally liable for a violation of the terms and conditions of this section.

(2) Any temporary sign not constructed or erected in accordance with the provisions of this section and any such sign which exists in violation of this section shall be deemed to be a public nuisance and shall be subject to removal by the city. Unless otherwise provided by

resolution of the city commission, the cost of removal shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per sign.

(3) Any temporary signs which are in violation of this section shall be immediately removed by the city and the person or persons responsible for erecting said signs in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00), in addition to the charge for removal of the sign(s) in accordance with subsection (b.).

(4) Any temporary signs not removed within seven (7) days from the date of required removal pursuant to this section, shall be removed by the city, and the costs of removal shall be billed to the person or persons responsible for the sign(s). Signs which are removed shall be held by the city for a period of fifteen (15) days following removal, and the person or persons responsible for erecting said signs shall be authorized to pick up the signs from the city during this time. Following this fifteen (15) day period, the City may dispose of such signs. The city shall bear no liability for damage to or return of such signs.

(5) A violation(s) of this section shall be prosecuted in accordance with Chapter 13, Article VI , of this Code or through any other supplemental municipal code or ordinance enforcement procedures available to the City under the Florida Statutes, this Code, or both.

Section 4. It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Cooper City that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cooper City, Florida, and that the Sections of this ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section," "Article" or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

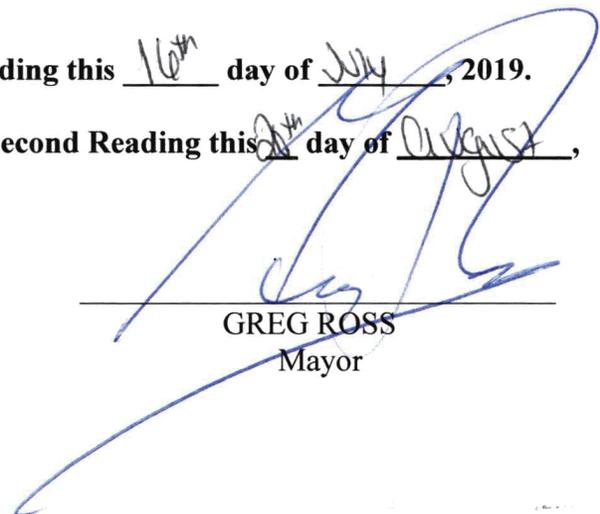
Section 5. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Ordinance shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part or application shall be considered as eliminated and so not affecting the validity of the remaining portions or applications remaining in full force and effect.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on First Reading this 16th day of July, 2019.

PASSED AND FINAL ADOPTION on Second Reading this 2nd day of August, 2019.



GREG ROSS
Mayor

ATTEST:


JENNA MONTOYA
Acting City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ross
Commissioner Curran
Commissioner Green
Commissioner Meltzer
Commissioner Pulcini



APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


JACOB G. HOROWITZ
City Attorney

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