

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05-29

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.5.128 AND SECTION 5.32.060 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF AMERICAN FORK CITY, UTAH, RELATING TO SIGNS AND ADVERTISING STRUCTURES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF AMERICAN FORK CITY, UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:

PART I

TEXT OF ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. Section 17.5.128(A) of the Municipal Code of American Fork City, relating to permitted signs in all zone districts is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 17.5.128(A). – Permitted signs in all zone districts.

With permission of the property owner, the following accessory signs shall be permitted in all zones; provided, that no sign shall be positioned in such a manner as to result in the creation of an unsafe visual clearance at any intersection or driveway location.

1. Signs not requiring a permit. The following signs shall be permitted without the necessity of requiring a permit:
 - a. Real estate sales signs. One sign per street frontage advertising the sale, rental, or lease of the premises, provided that such signs shall not exceed six square feet in residential zones or eight square feet in other zones.
 - b. Political signs. Signs for the purpose of promoting the candidacy of any person or persons seeking public office or measures on election ballots, provided that such signs shall be removed within seven days following the election.
 - c. Produce signs. One accessory sign announcing the sale of locally produced agricultural products, provided that such signs shall be removed at the end of the local season for said produce.
 - d. Unlighted identification nameplates. Accessory name plates for professional persons or home occupations, which shall not exceed two square feet.
 - e. Governmental Signs. Signs erected by a governmental unit for regulatory or informational purposes, such as traffic signs, street signs, and public notices.
 - f. Public signs. Signs of a non-advertising nature intended to identify a condition or provide information to the public, such as public utility information signs, safety and danger signs, "no trespass" signs, and entrance and exit signs, provided no sign shall exceed two square feet in area.
2. Signs requiring a permit. The following temporary and permanent accessory signs shall be permitted in all zones upon the acquisition of a permit:

- a. Building project identification signs. One sign per street frontage of a building which is under construction or structural alteration or repair, announcing the character of the building enterprise or the purpose for which the building is intended, including names of architects, engineers, contractors, developers, financiers, and others, provided the area of such sign shall not exceed sixteen square feet in residential zones or thirty-two square feet in other zones, and provided the sign shall be removed upon completion of construction.
 - b. Subdivision project identification. One sign per street entrance to the subdivision located on the property to be subdivided, provided such sign shall not exceed thirty-two square feet in area. Such a sign may not be erected until the subdivision has received final approval by the appropriate city officials and may be displayed for a period of one year from the date of such approval, or until all lots are sold, whichever is less.
 - c. Development project identification signs. A sign denoting the name of any apartment structure containing five or more units, or the name of any residential, commercial or industrial complex, provided such sign shall not exceed twelve square feet in area.
 - d. Directional and public services sign. Signs which identify or provide direction to scenic or historic areas or points of interest, public buildings, sports facilities, etc., or which convey community service information; provided, that no such sign shall have a sign face exceeding twenty-four square feet, except when approved by the city council.
 - e. Institutional identification signs. One sign, with or without a changeable text bulletin board, or electronic display sign, located on the premises and denoting the name of the public building, school, or charitable or religious institution; provided, that such sign shall contain a sign face area of not more than twenty-four square feet. Any electronic display sign at an institutional location within any residential zone shall be operated solely between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. after which the sign shall automatically shut off.
 - f. Community entrance signs. Monument signs erected adjacent to an arterial or collector class street, at or near the municipal boundary of the City, for the purpose of providing notice of entrance to or exit from American Fork City. Each sign shall include the name of the city and may include a message of welcome. The design and placement of each sign shall conform with the city standards for monument signs.
3. Public property. With the exception of A-Frame signs permitted in the Downtown A-frame Overlay Zone pursuant to 17.5.128(E), no signs for the purpose of advertisement, political promotion or announcement shall be permitted in the public right-of-way or on public property.

SECTION 2. Section 17.5.128(G)(6) shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 17.5.128(G)

(6) Handbill signs.

- a. No person shall paint, mark, write on, post or otherwise affix any handbill or sign to or upon any public utility pole, street lamp pole, street sign, traffic sign, tree, fence, hydrant, or stake.

- b. Any handbill or sign found posted upon any public property contrary to the provisions of this paragraph may be removed by the police department, zoning administrator or other person designated by the city for that purpose. The person responsible for such posting shall be liable for the cost incurred in the removal, storage and/or disposal thereof and the city is authorized to effect the collection of said cost.

SECTION 3. Section 5.32.060(D) shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 5.32.060(D)

All signs shall be displayed in an appropriate manner. No signage shall be allowed on city or public property. Signs shall be prohibited in public parks and shall not be attached to utility poles or boxes, trees, public buildings, or any street/traffic control signs. Signs posted upon private property shall be placed only after obtaining the consent of the owner of the property.

PART II

CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND ADOPTION

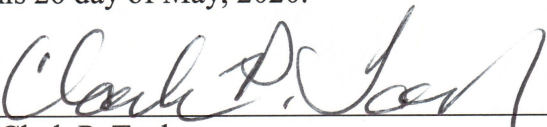
SECTION 1. Conflicting Provisions. Whenever the provisions of this Ordinance conflict with the provisions of any other ordinance, resolution, or part thereof, the more stringent shall prevail.

SECTION 2. Provisions Severable. This Ordinance and the various sections, clauses and paragraphs are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, clause, or phrase is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid, it is hereby declared that the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

EFFECTIVE DATE

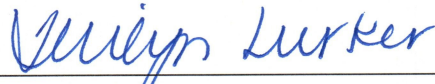
This amended ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as prescribed by law.

Passed by the American Fork City Council this 26 day of May, 2020.


Clark P. Taylor

American Fork City Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Terilyn Lurker
City Recorder

