

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS RESIDENTIAL SIGNS AND FLAGS

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DECEMBER WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

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FLAGS

- Revised definition of “flag” that allows text to be displayed as well as other graphics and symbols.
- Limit of three flags per premises, with a maximum size for each flag of 40 square feet.
- If used, flagpoles are limited to 30 feet in height.
- The meritorious exception process for flags and flagpoles that exceed the maximum height and size has been retained.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

FLAGS – EXEMPT FROM REGULATION

- Flags less than 6 square feet in size are exempt from regulation.
- This covers small American flags on a stick, which range in size from 4" x 6" to 24" x 36". Garden banners are typically 12" x 18" or 28" x 40". A large garden banner would be considered a flag and regulated as such.



SIGNS

- Limited to 3 signs, each a maximum of 6 square feet in size, plus garage sale or for sale/lease signs.



CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 62 – SIGNS

(New/Amended Language in Red)

Amend the Definition of “Flag” -- Amend Section 62-1 (Definitions)

Flag means any fabric or bunting containing distinctive colors, patterns, symbols or graphic depictions **or text**. The term "flag" does not include feather signs which are prohibited.

Delete Flag Regulations from Section 62-137 – Amend Section 62-137 (Government Signs)

Sec. 62-137. – Government Signs -- Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the display of governmental signs including signs for the control of traffic or other regulatory purposes, street signs, danger signs, railroad crossing signs and signs of public service companies indicating danger and/or aids to service or safety where are erected by or on approval of the town.

~~(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the display of the United States, Texas or Addison flag whose size does not exceed 40 square feet and which flag is displayed upon a flagpole which does not exceed 30 feet in height above the natural grade, or when attached to a building, above the finished elevation of the ground floor as defined by the Building Code. The number of flags on a premises shall not exceed three. All national flags or state flags in excess of the foregoing sizes must apply for a meritorious exception as set forth in subsection 62-32(a).~~

CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 62 – SIGNS

Add Allowance for Three Additional Signs - Amend Section 62-143 (Single-family, duplex or townhome residential premises)

Sec. 62-143.- Single-family, duplex or townhome residential premises.

(a) A single-family, duplex or townhome residential premises may display one detached, non-illuminated sign which may advertise a garage sale on the premises or refer to the sale or lease of the premises. The sign shall not exceed three (3) square feet.

(b) In addition to the signs permitted above, a single-family, duplex or townhome residential premises may display not more than three (3) signs. Each sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet.

(c) Political signs are not subject to the three-sign limit set forth in subsection (b) above and shall comply with Texas Election Code Section 259.003.

CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 62 – SIGNS

Add a New Section to Regulate Flags – Section 62.138 (Flags)

Section 62-148.-Flags

- (a) Flags are limited to three (3) per premises. Each flag shall not exceed 40 square feet in size.
- (b) Flagpoles shall not exceed thirty (30) feet in height.
- (c) Flags smaller than six (6) square feet are exempt from these limitations.
- (d) A meritorious exception as set forth in subsection 62-32(a) is required for flags or flagpoles that exceed the above size and height limitations.

QUESTIONS?

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