

ORDINANCE NO.: 2013-078

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Division 12, Signs, Sec. 17-401 Definitions and Sec. 17-407 Signs on Public Property

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 13th day of August, 2013, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Division 12, Signs, Sec. 17-401 Definitions is amended to add Sign, off-premises weekend directional and Sec. 17-407 Signs on public property is amended to add (c) Off-premises weekend directional signs, subject to the remainder of said sections remaining the same, are to read as follows:

Sec. 17-401. Definitions.

Sign, off-premises weekend directional. An off-premise sign not greater than twenty-four (24) inches by twenty-four (24) inches in total size and placed only on the weekend, the purpose of which is limited exclusively to the identification of a use or occupancy located elsewhere and which tells the location of or route to such use or occupancy.

Sec. 17-407. Signs on public property.

(c) Off-premises weekend directional signs.

(1) Off-premises weekend directional signs are permitted in all zoning districts, with the following restrictions:

a. A permit and identification sticker must be obtained from the Planning and Development Services Department for each sign proposed to be erected; and a permit fee/sticker fee of \$5.00 per sign, must be paid. Each permit shall be valid for that particular calendar year only and must be purchased for each subsequent year (2013, 2014, etc.).

1. The identification sticker must be affixed to the face of the sign.

2. Permits shall only be issued to and held in the name of the:

(a) Business owner associated with or identified on the sign; or

(b) Real estate broker or agent.

b. The sign area shall not exceed twenty-four (24) inches by twenty-four (24) inches.

c. Sign height shall not exceed three (3) feet above adjacent grade.

d. Signs may be placed along city roads in the right-of-way or on private property; provided, however, signs shall not obstruct visibility at any intersection location, nor shall more than two (2) signs per permit holder be allowed at an intersection.

e. Prior to placing a sign on private property, written consent must be obtained from the property owner(s).

f. No sign shall be erected on or abutting a road owned and maintained by the state of South Carolina unless specifically allowed by the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

g. Signs shall be placed at least three (3) feet from the edge of the road pavement.

h. Signs shall be placed no closer than 1000 feet to another sign giving directions to the same location with the exception of an intersection where two (2) are allowed.

i. No sign permitted in this subsection shall be erected more than one (1) mile from the site for which directions are being provided.

j. Signs shall not be erected before 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening and shall be completely removed by 11:59 p.m. on the following Sunday.

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(2) Violations. Signs found in violation of these provisions shall be subject to immediate removal and disposal. Three violations within a twelve month period shall result in permit revocation of all weekend directional sign permits and no new weekend directional sign permits shall be issued for a period of one (1) year. In addition, a permit holder who commits an offense may be subject to the penalty provisions of Section 17-87, -89, and/or -90.

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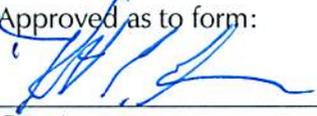
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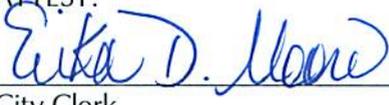

MAYOR

Approved by:


City Manager

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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