

CITY OF BLANCO

2011 - 392

ORDINANCE No.

AMENDMENT TO SIGN REGULATIONS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BLANCO CODE OF ORDINANCES; MODIFYING REGULATIONS FOR SIGNS AND SIGN STRUCTURES IN THE CITY LIMITS AND ETJ; PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: RULES; STANDARDS; PROCEDURES; INCLUDING CRIMINAL FINES AND CIVIL PENALTIES, REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Blanco ("City Council") seeks to promote the community's historic aesthetic, and scenic vistas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council strives to promote reasonable and prudent development, including the use of signage to promote area businesses, events and activities, provide the signage is consistent with land use and development principles annunciated in the Comprehensive Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that signs erected, modified or maintained in violation of the City's regulations are a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare, and constitute a public nuisance to be prevented and abated in accordance with Chapter 217 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received public input by and through the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Blanco Historical Preservation Commission, and the Blanco Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001, the City has general authority to adopt an ordinance or police regulation that is for the good government, peace or order of the City and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 216 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City has the authority to regulate signs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary and proper for the good government, peace or order of the City of Blanco to amend the City's sign regulations in accordance with this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Blanco City Council:

1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

2. AMENDMENT

City of Blanco Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety, and after such amendment, shall read in accordance with *Attachment "A"*, which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes.

3. REPEALER

To the extent reasonably possible, ordinances are to be read together in harmony. However, all ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.

4. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

5. CODIFICATION

The City Secretary is hereby directed to record and publish the attached rules, regulations and policies in the City's Code of Ordinances as authorized by Section 52.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication.

7. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

CITY OF BLANCO:

by: _____
Mayor Chuck Homan

ATTEST:

Bobbie Mowery, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Eddy Rogers, City Attorney

ATTACHMENT "A"

City of Blanco

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Sec. 26.06.063 Political Signs

- (a) A political sign shall not have an area greater than thirty-six (36) square feet.
- (b) A political sign shall not be more than six (6) feet in height.
- (c) A political sign shall not be lighted or have any moving elements.
- (d) Political signs may be installed on private property only with the consent of a property owner and may not be installed in, on or over any street or public right-of-way.
- (e) Political signs related to a particular candidate may be erected no earlier than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the election or primary for which the sign is installed and must be removed no later than three (3) days after the victor is sworn in.

Sec. 26.06.064 Private Street, Road Name & Residence Signs

- (a) The maximum area of a private street, road name, or residence sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet.
- (b) The maximum height for a private street, road name, or residence sign shall not exceed eight (8) feet.

Sec. 26.06.065 Private Traffic-Control Signs

- (a) The maximum area of a private traffic control sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet. Traffic control signs do not count towards total cumulative signable area limits.
- (b) The maximum height of a private traffic control sign shall be eight (8) feet.
- (c) The maximum number of private traffic control signs shall be determined by the Sign Administrator in consultation with the City Engineer.
- (d) Special provisions shall be as follows:
 - (1) Signs may be either freestanding or wall mounted, with same size requirements;
 - (2) All traffic control signs shall be of uniform design approved by the Sign Administrator. No individual sign shall be approved unless it conforms to an overall sign master plan for the entire site, submitted by the applicant.
 - (3) No sign shall contain any advertising, but may identify the owner by name.
- (e) This sub-section does not apply to traffic control signs authorized, required, or placed by a governmental entity for use in a public right-of-way.

Sec. 26.06.066 Projecting Signs

- (a) Only one (1) projecting sign is permitted per business on each property, unless the property is a corner lot, in which case two (2) projecting signs will be permitted.
- (b) The signable area of the projecting sign for each business shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in a residential zoning district.
- (c) The signable area of the projecting sign for each business shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in a non-residential zoning district.
- (d) No projecting sign shall extend, either above the roof of the building or beyond the wall to which it is attached by more than four (4) feet at the point of attachment. In no instance shall the height of the sign exceed the maximum building height established for the zoning district.