

ORDINANCE NO. 03-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CMC 18.55.050 TABLE 1, STANDARDS FOR TEMPORARY AND SPECIAL SIGNS, INCLUDING BANNER SIGNS-SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION, NUMBER AND LENGTH OF TIME FOR DISPLAY DURING A CALENDAR YEAR. (AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 42-02 AND 01-08).

WHEREAS, the Section 18.55.050 Table 1 of the Covington Municipal Code (CMC) currently permits the use of temporary banners to advertise a “special sale / promotional event” and “grand openings” for up to ninety (90) days per calendar year; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the economic challenges that continue to face Covington businesses, and in response to feedback from the business community, the City desires to extend the ninety (90) day limit on “special sale / promotional event” and “grand opening” signs to one hundred twenty (120) days as outlined in Table 1 of CMC 18.55.050; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has held a public hearing on February 17, 2011, and reviewed and discussed the banner sign standards for special sale/promotional events and grand openings and made a recommendation to the City Council in favor of increasing the length of time for such banner displays, as well as providing for more specific standards for the maximum number, maximum sign area, maximum height, and location of such banner signs;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment to CMC 18.55.050. Table 1 in Section 18.55.050 of the CMC shall be amended as indicated in Exhibit A, incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance, or ordinance modified by it, is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provision of this ordinance and ordinances and/or resolutions modified by it shall remain in force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after proper posting and publication, or on the date specified below, whichever is later. A summary of this ordinance may be published in lieu of publishing the ordinance in its entirety.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Covington this 22nd day of March, 2011.



Mayor Margaret Harto

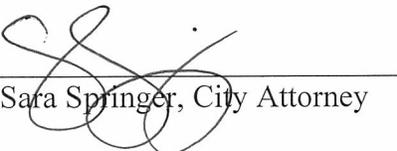
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ATTESTED:



Sharon Scott, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Sara Springer, City Attorney

**Table 1
Allowances for Temporary and Special Signs – Permit Required**

Sign Purpose/ Description	Applicable Zones	Sign Type Allowed	Maximum Number	Maximum Sign Area	Maximum Height	Location	Remarks
Civic or community service event (temporary)	All	Banners, temporary portable signs, inflatable advertising devices, searchlights and beacons	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	On site and off site	30 days prior to the event. Remove within 5 days of the close of the event
Civic or community service event (permanent)	All	Monument and wall sign	1 per site per frontage providing direct vehicle access	The total sign area per monument signs shall not exceed 64 square feet for the total of all faces and no one face shall exceed 32 square feet. Wall signs shall not exceed 7 percent of the exposed building face to which it is attached	Monument signs: 6 feet. Freestanding signs: 12 feet. Wall signs shall not project above the roofline	Nonresidential zones: on/off site. Residential zones: on site only	Electronic changeable message signs allowed. Signs cannot contain commercial messages
Special sale/promotional event (e.g., anniversary sale, etc.)	Nonresidential zoning districts	Banners only	Handled on a case-by-case basis 2 banner signs	Handled on a case-by-case basis 32 square feet	Handled on a case-by-case basis Not located above the base of the roof line	On site. Banners must be attached to an exposed building face	Special promotions: 90 120 days total per calendar year. Does not include window signs
Grand openings	Nonresidential zoning districts	Banners, temporary portable signs, inflatable advertising devices, searchlights and beacons	Handled on a case-by-case basis 2 banner signs	Handled on a case-by-case basis 32 square feet	Handled on a case-by-case basis Not located above the base of the roof line	On site. Banners must be attached to an exposed building face	Grand openings: 90 120 days
Mural display	Nonresidential zoning districts	Painted mural	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	
Scoreboards (athletic fields)	All	Electronic changeable message sign	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	
Service organizations	All	Monument, pedestal, pole (wood or metal)	2 signs per organization	5 square feet including secondary sign plate	Minimum clearance: 7 feet. Maximum height: 10 feet	Principal arterials in public right-of-way (not on planter strips) or on private property	