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ADOPTION INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: APPENDIX B, COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2010, PART 6. COVINGTON SIGN REGULATIONS, SEC. 6.111. PERMANENT SIGNS IN NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS (ZONING CASE NO. 15-11-02TXT)

WHEREAS, the Zoning Commission of the City of Covington has recommended a certain amendment to the section of the Code addressing permanent wall signs in nonresidential districts; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems this amendment appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Appendix B, Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2010, Part 6. Covington Sign Regulations, Sec. 6.111. Permanent signs in nonresidential districts, shall be amended to read as follows:

3. Wall signs. A building may display one wall, awning, marquee, or canopy sign on each façade of each building that faces a public right-of-way in accordance with the following:

a. Location. The location for each wall, awning marquee, or canopy sign for each building shall be determined by selecting one such area on each of the façades of the building that face a street or on each of the portions of the [building] that faces a street.

b. Size. The permitted sign area for determining wall, awning, marquee, or canopy signs for each building shall be one square foot per linear foot of façade frontage on which the sign is to be placed; provided that building façades with less than 32 square feet of façade frontage be allowed up to 32 square feet of sign area; and that the maximum square footage for any sign in this category be 64 square feet. In CR (Regional Commercial) and MI (Light Industrial) zoning districts along Hwy. 190, Business Hwy. 190, Collins Blvd, Ronald Reagan and Hwy. 25, the sign area shall be 1.25 square feet per linear foot of building façade, provided that no building shall be required to have less than thirty-two (32) square feet of wall signage and no wall sign shall be larger than one hundred twenty (120) square feet.

c. Illumination. Wall, awning, marquee, or canopy signs may be internally or externally illuminated, but such illumination shall not exceed 3,000 lumens per sign or otherwise unreasonably intrude on a residence located in a district zoned residential, and such illumination shall not constitute a traffic hazard. Internally illuminated signs shall have a darker background with lighter colored letter copy to reduce glare.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other sections of Appendix B, Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2010, shall remain the same and in full force.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Coner, seconded by Wright.

YEAS: 7 **ABSENT:** ~~0~~

NAYS: ~~0~~ **ABSTAIN:** ~~0~~

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of January, 2016.

Lee S. Alexius
LEE S. ALEXIUS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 22nd day of January, 2016, at 11:30 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 22nd day of January, 2016.

MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 22nd day of January, 2016, at 1:55 o'clock P.M.

BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK