

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 46-2003

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CLASS OF TEMPORARY SIGNS AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 34-90.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Washington in its wisdom enacted Ordinance 34-90, concerning zoning in the City of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the City of Washington have benefited from Ordinance 34-90; and

WHEREAS, It is the expressed desire of the City Council of the City of Washington and the Planning Commission of the City of Washington to provide mercantile and commercial establishments in the Downtown Historic District an additional option for the placement of signs given that certain other restrictions are placed upon mercantile and commercial establishments in the Downtown Historic District; and

WHEREAS, The Service Committee of the Washington City Council as recommended to the Planning Commission of the City of Washington and the Planning Commission of the City of Washington has concurred with the Service Committee of City Council that certain amendments to sections of Ordinance 34-90, concerning temporary signs are advisable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, FAYETTE COUNTY, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Zoning Regulations of the City of Washington be amended by modifying Section 27.05 as follows:

SECTION 27.05 General Requirements – Temporary Signs

Temporary signs shall be subject to the following general requirements:

- A. Banners and pennants less than ten (10) square feet in area are permitted provided they are secured at each corner, point and/or end as to prevent movement. Banners erected by public or non-profit groups announcing a community or charitable event shall be exempted from this provision. All streamers are prohibited.
- B. Portable signs as defined in Section 27.02 K are prohibited except as outlined in sub-section D of this Section.
- C. The date upon which a temporary sign is first displayed shall be legibly marked on the sign.
- D. Portable signs shall be permitted in the Public-Right-of-Way during the customary business hours of mercantile or commercial establishment that comports with all of the following requirements.
 - 1.) The portable sign is less than (10) square feet per side and displays no more than two sides of lettering or advertising.

- 2.) The sign shall not be placed so as to block or obstruct vehicular or pedestrian line of sight of an intersection of any two or more streets and the intersection of an alley or driveway to a public street.
- 3.) The sign shall be freestanding and located in front of the business or mercantile establishment the sign represents.
- 4.) The sign may be located in the Public-Right-of-Way, but not within two (2) feet of the curb, not in the clear path of travel and not in the clear areas adjacent to any street furniture.
- 5.) The sign shall be removed during non-business hours of the commercial or mercantile establishment and shall be removed when weather conditions create potentially hazardous conditions.
- 6.) Paper signs and wind-activated devices shall not be used or attached to a sign.
- 7.) The sign must be constructed of wood, metal or other durable materials in such a manner as to resist movement by high winds.
- 8.) The sign may consist of a changeable writing board, chalkboard, or surface that accommodates changeable letters.
- 9.) No sign that requires electricity or any other power source shall be permitted.
- 10) Signs shall be constructed in a manner that incorporates a base from which no supports or feet extend which may cause pedestrians to trip. No external cables, brackets, wires or props shall be permitted.
- 11) A sign shall be replaced when the sign becomes defaced or tattered in whole or in part, at the determination of the City Manager or his/her designee.
- 12) No more than one portable sign as described in this sub-section shall be permitted per business.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest date permitted by law.

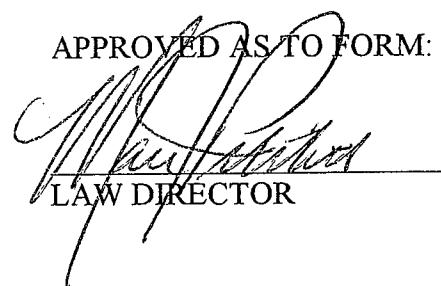
PASSED: January 25, 2004


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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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