

Proposed Amended Ordinance on Permitted Signs

Purpose:

--The City regulates single family residential buildings under its zoning ordinances for general conformity of surrounding lots and structures, including signage. This purpose of this ordinance is to amend language regarding signage that would need to be placed on a temporary construction fence, as the permissible standard yard sign would be obstructed from view.

--This is a "clean-up" ordinance In order to account for the new temporary construction fence requirement.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON PERMITTED SIGNS

Sec. 74-281. Permitted signs.

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- (1) Within a required front yard:
 - a. Not more than one ground sign having a total sign face area not exceeding 60 square feet, and not exceeding five feet in height above the adjacent grade; and
 - b. Not more than two ground signs having a total sign face area not exceeding 16 square feet, and not exceeding five feet in height above the adjacent grade.
 - (2) Within a side or a rear yard adjacent to a street having a driveway connection, not more than one ground sign having a total sign face area not exceeding 16 square feet, and not exceeding five feet in height above the adjacent grade.
- (b) *Subdivision signs.* Not more than one ground sign identifying a subdivision if the sign does not exceed 16 square feet in sign face area, is of subdued design and color, is not over three feet in height above the average level of the ground in the general vicinity, contains only the name of the subdivision in which it is located, does not impede traffic visibility or constitute a traffic hazard, is maintained in good condition by the residents of the subdivision to which it applies, is located within the subdivision to which it applies, and otherwise complies with all regulations established herein, is permitted.
- (c) *Lot signs.*
- (1) Not more than one portable, double-face "For Sale" sign may be erected and maintained on a lot or tract of land, which sign may contain, in addition to the words "For Sale" or "For Lease," only a telephone number and, if the property owner is represented by a real estate agent or broker, the word "Agent" or "Broker" and the agent's or broker's license number. If the owner is also a real estate agent or broker, the words "Owner-Broker" or "Owner-Agent" may also be included. In addition, the sign structure for a "For Sale" sign shall have a steel, metal or wrought iron support, painted either dark green or black, and the sign face shall be white with dark green lettering. The sign face of a "For Sale" sign shall not exceed two square feet, and the sign, including any part of the sign structure, shall not exceed three feet in height. Lettering or numerals on any such sign shall not exceed two inches in height. No "For Sale" sign authorized by this subsection shall be located upon or within 20 feet of any public or private street or public or private roadway right-of-way. Notwithstanding, not more than one "For Sale" sign permissible under this section may be affixed to a properly permitted temporary construction fence, regardless of distance from a public or private street.
 - (2) In lieu of a portable "For Sale" sign as hereinabove described, a lot owner may place not more than one window sign not exceeding four square feet in sign area; however, no window sign erected in lieu of a portable "For Sale" sign shall contain any message not otherwise allowed for a portable "For Sale" sign, nor contain letters or numerals which exceed four inches in height.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PINEY POINT VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE V. SECTION 74-281 –PERMITTED SIGNS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING SIGNS ON PERMITTED TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION FENCES.

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WHEREAS, the zoning regulations and districts established in Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Piney Point Village, Texas have been made in accordance with a comprehensive plan for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the city and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, such regulations and such district have been designed to lessen congestion on the streets; to secure safety from fire, panic and other dangers; to facilitate adequate provisions of transportation, particularly in times of natural disaster when timely evacuation is critical for the protection of lives; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; and to facilitate adequate provisions of water, sewage, schools, parks and other public requirements; and

WHEREAS, these regulations have been made with reasonable consideration of the character of the city and its suitability for a particular use, and with a view of conserving the value of buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 74-98 of the Piney Point Village Code of Ordinances, the City Council of the City of Piney Point Village, Texas and the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Piney Point Village, Texas have each held a public hearing to consider possible amendments to the Piney Point Village Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 74-98 of the Piney Point Village Code of Ordinances, the Planning and Zoning Commission of Piney Point Village, Texas submitted its written recommendation to the City Council of the City of Piney Point Village, Texas concerning proposed amendments to Chapter 74, Article V., Section 74-281 –Permitted Signs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 74-98 of the Piney Point Village Code of Ordinances, the City Council of the City of Piney Point Village, Texas has considered the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, concerning the proposed amendments to Chapter 74, Article V., Section 74-281 –Permitted Signs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Piney Point Village, Texas, has concluded that amendments should be made to Chapter 74, Article V., Section 74-281 –Permitted Signs, of the Piney Point Village Code of Ordinances relating to relating to the placement of signs on permitted temporary construction fences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINEY POINT VILLAGE, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are adopted as the findings of fact of the City.

Section 2. Chapter 74, Article V., Section 74-281 –Permitted Signs of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Piney Point Village, Texas is hereby amended to read as set out in Appendix A, attached hereto. All other portions of the Piney Point Village Code of Ordinances not specifically amended hereby remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

Section 4. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or other part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall ever be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, neither the remainder of this Ordinance, nor the application of such word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or other part of this Ordinance to any other persons or circumstances, shall be affected thereby.

Section 5. The City Council officially finds, determines and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of each meeting at which this Ordinance was discussed, considered or acted upon was given in the manner required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, as amended, and that each such meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during such discussion, consideration and action. The City Council ratifies, approves and confirms such notices and the contents and posting thereof.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Aliza Dutt
Mayor

Attest:

Robert Pennington
City Administrator / City Secretary

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ATTACHMENT A

Chapter 74

Article V.

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