

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 117 DEFINITIONS, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That Article 1 (General Provisions), Section 117 (Definitions), of the Land Development Code, contained in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

117.156 Signs:

15. *Temporary signs:* Any sign not intended or constructed to be permanently located on premises. Temporary signs often (but need not) contain political messages, advertise property for sale or lease, or advertise new construction or remodeling. Temporary signs are intended to be displayed for a limited time period, and they are not permanently affixed to the ground or any structure. Such signs shall not be construed to be a “portable sign” as defined above.
16. *Election Season:* A period of time beginning sixty (60) days before any local, state, or national election and ending three (3) days after campaign or election.

SECTION II. That Article 5 (Sign Regulations), Section 192 (General Provisions), of the Land Development Code, contained in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 192. – General provisions.

192.04 *Lighting.* All lighted or illuminated signs shall be so constructed as to prevent any undue glare in any direction, which may interfere with traffic or become a nuisance to adjoining property. *Except as otherwise provided, no sign or similar device shall flash or move; the message or image on any sign shall not be changed more than once per day. Interior illuminated business signs located within a three-foot radius and visible from any exterior window shall not move or flash.*

192.05 *General regulations.*

1. *Temporary signs.* Temporary signs shall be permitted in all districts without a permit. *Except as otherwise provided, no temporary sign may be displayed for longer than 365 days in any consecutive 12-month period. Except that the Building Official is authorized to grant one or more extensions of time for additional periods not exceeding 90 days each. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated.*
 - a. *Except as provided below, no temporary sign shall exceed six (6) square feet in surface area and four (4) feet in height in areas zoned A, CE, RA, RE, R1A, in areas of PUDs developed as single-family residential subdivisions, or in any area designated as a historic preservation district. Temporary signs in other areas shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in surface area and eight (8) feet in height.*
 - b. *One temporary sign per lot shall be allowed, but additional temporary signs may be displayed on any lot during an election season. Identical temporary signs shall be placed no closer than fifty (50) feet apart and may not be posted on unoccupied lots.*

- c. All temporary signs shall meet the setback and visibility requirements of this ordinance.
- d. Temporary signs for new construction. New commercial and residential developments consisting of three or more primary structures may post one (1) temporary sign no more than sixty-four (64) square feet in surface area at the primary entrance to the development. Once fifty percent (50%) of permitted structures have received certificates of occupancy, the maximum size of such a temporary sign shall be thirty-two (32) square feet. Temporary signs for new construction shall be allowed upon the City's acceptance of all required bonds for the project or, if no bonds are required, upon the City's final approval of the project. Temporary signs for new construction may be displayed for a period not to exceed 180 days after issuance of the last certificate of occupancy for permitted structures.
- e. All temporary signs must be secured and constructed of reasonably durable materials. Temporary signs must be kept well-maintained and in a relatively undamaged state.

3. ~~One flagpole shall be allowed for each business for display of commercial flags.~~
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4. On-premises directional signs, not exceeding two square feet in area and four (4) in height, may be erected, in any district, provided they are not within the right-of-way of any street.

8. Residential subdivisions and developments containing multi-unit dwellings may display one (1) monument sign not to exceed eight (8) feet in height and twenty-four (24) square feet in sign area. In addition, developments containing multi-unit dwellings may have one (1) wall sign not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in sign area.

9. In the PB district, one monument sign not to exceed eight feet in height and 24 square feet in sign area. In addition, one wall sign not to exceed 20 square feet in sign area shall be permitted.

SECTION III. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herein shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE

All ordinances shall take effect and be in force as provided by law.

The above ordinance having being first reduced to writing and read and considered section by section at a public meeting or the governing authorities of the City of Oxford Mississippi on motion of Alderman _____, seconded by Alderman _____, and the roll being called, the same by the following votes:

Alderman Hughes	voted
Alderman Tannehill	voted
Alderman Antonow	voted
Alderman Howell	voted
Alderman Taylor	voted
Alderman Bailey	voted
Alderman Morgan	voted

APPROVED, this day the _____ of _____, 2016

GEORGE G. PATTERSON, MAYOR

LISA D. CARWYLE, CITY CLERK