



Huntsville, Alabama

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Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 7/24/2025

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Department: Planning

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Public hearing on amending Zoning Ordinance Article 72 Sign Control Regulations, Section 72.2 Definitions, to modify definitions; Section 72.7.5 - Permanent Signs in the General Business C-3, Central Business C-B, Research Park 2, and Village Business C-6 Districts, Subsections 72.7.5(1)(c), 72.7.5(1)(e)(ii), 72.7.5(1)(f)(i), and 72.7.5(1)(g)(i), to modify requirements; and Section 72.8 - General Sign Standards, subsection 72.8.9, to modify a standard; and consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set June 12, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Ordinance No. 25-436

Does this item need to be published? Yes

If yes, please list preferred date(s) of publication: Ordinance: July 30, 2025

Finance Information:

Account Number: n/a

City Cost Amount: \$ 0

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Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: \$ 0

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: n/a

Resolution #: n/a

Location:

Address: n/a

District: District 1 ☒ District 2 ☒ District 3 ☒ District 4 ☒ District 5 ☒

Additional Comments: Recommended by Planning Commission

ORDINANCE NO. 25-

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

The public welfare requiring it, and under authority granted by Section 11-52-78 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as adopted on the 21st day of March 1963, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 1. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 72 - SIGN CONTROL REGULATIONS, Section 72.2 – Definitions, to modify the definition of Wall Sign to read as follows:

Wall Sign - A permanent sign attached directly to an exterior wall of a building and which does not extend more than a certain distance from the façade, as established in this article, or beyond the limits of the outside wall. The exposed face of the sign in a plane parallel to the building wall. A wall sign shall be considered an “attached sign”.

Section 2. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 72 - SIGN CONTROL REGULATIONS, Section 72.7.5 - Permanent Signs in the General Business C-3, Central Business C-B, Research Park 2, and Village Business C-6 Districts, subsections 72.7.5(1)(c), 72.7.5(1)(e)(ii), 72.7.5(1)(f)(i), and 72.7.5(1)(g)(i), to read as follows:

72.7.5 Permanent Signs in the General Business C-3, Central Business C-B, Research Park 2, and Village Business C-6 Districts

- (1) Attached signs are permitted in the General Business C-3, Central Business C-B, Research Park 2, and Village Business C-6 Districts in accordance with the following:
 - (c) No projecting signs shall project more than four feet from the face of the building, and must have a clearance of at least 12 feet.
 - (e) For lots that contain one building unit, the following shall be allowed:
 - (ii) Buildings with a height of 5 stories and above are permitted to have an additional 100 square feet per street frontage, located at or above the top story of the building, provided the maximum sign area for any one sign shall be no more than 200 square feet.
 - (f) For lots that contain two or more building units with permitted nonresidential use buildings, the following shall be allowed:
 - (i) One attached sign is permitted with a maximum sign area of 100 square feet per street frontage, located at or above the top story of the building; buildings with a height of 5 stories and above are permitted to have an

additional 100 square feet per street frontage provided the maximum sign area for any one sign shall be no more than 200 square feet and;

- (g) For lots that contain a mixed-use building that includes both residential dwelling units and nonresidential building units, the following signs are allowed:
 - (i) One attached sign is permitted with a maximum sign area of 100 square feet per street frontage, located at or above the top story of the building; buildings with a height of 5 stories and above are permitted to have an additional 100 square feet per street frontage provided the maximum sign area for any one sign shall be no more than 200 square feet and;

Section 3. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 72 - SIGN CONTROL REGULATIONS, Section 72.8 - General Sign Standards, subsection 72.8.9, to read as follows:

72.8.9 No roof sign or other sign extending above the roof line shall be erected or maintained which extends for a height greater than 12 feet above the roof of the building on which it is affixed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its publication.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama