



Huntsville, Alabama

308 Fountain Circle
Huntsville, AL 35801

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Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 10/13/2022

File ID: TMP-2145

Department: Planning

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Resolution to set public hearing on an ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance Article 72 - Sign Control Regulations to update current regulations concerning Temporary Signs, Projecting Signs, and signages in the General Business C-3, Central Business C-B, Research Park 2, Village Business C-6, and Airport Industrial Park districts; and the introduction of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set November 17, 2022 Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No.

Ordinance No.

Finance Information:

Account Number: n/a

City Cost Amount: \$ 0

Total Cost: \$ 0

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, has given consideration to an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, a synopsis of said amendment being as follows:

- (1) Amend Zoning Ordinance Amends Zoning Ordinance Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 72 - SIGN CONTROL REGULATIONS to update current regulations concerning Temporary Signs, Projecting Signs, and signages in the General Business C-3, Central Business C-B, Research Park 2, Village Business C-6, and Airport Industrial Park districts.
- (2) The first publication of this resolution, this synopsis, and the ordinance hereinafter set out at length shall be in the Huntsville Times on the 23rd day of October, 2022, and the second publication shall be one week thereafter on the 30th day of October, 2022, both of which publications shall be at least 15 days in advance of the date of the public hearing hereinafter referred to.

WHEREAS, it is the judgement and opinion of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that consideration should be given to the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, in accordance with said request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, shall meet at 5:30 p.m. on the 17th day of November, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the City of Huntsville Administration Building at 308 Fountain Circle in the City of Huntsville, Alabama, for the purpose of holding a public hearing at which time and place all persons, parties in interest and cities who desire, shall have an opportunity to be heard in opposition to or in favor of said Ordinance No. 22-____, which is introduced by the City Council of the City of Huntsville on the 13th day of October, 2022, amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

2. That the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, is substantially in words and figures as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-

**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 72.6 - Temporary Signs, by updating subsection 72.6.4(2)(b)(iii):

72.6.4(2)(b)(iii) The maximum height of any sign shall be four feet.

to read as follows:

72.6.4(2)(b)(iii) The maximum height of any sign shall be six feet.

Section 2. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 72 - SIGN CONTROL REGULATIONS, Section 72.7 - Permanent Sign on Nonresidential Premises by District, by updating subsection 72.7.5(1)(c), subsection 72.7.5(1)(e), subsection 72.7.5(1)(f), subsection 72.7.5(1)(g), subsection 72.7.5(2), and subsection 72.7.12:

72.7.5(1)(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.

72.7.5(1)(e) For lots that contain one building unit, one attached sign is permitted on each street frontage provided the sign area shall not exceed one square foot per linear foot of building façade width on the applicable street frontage, with a maximum sign area of 100 square feet.

72.7.5(1)(f) For lots that contain two or more building units with permitted nonresidential use buildings, the following shall be allowed:

- (i) Either one attached sign is permitted with a maximum sign area of 100 square feet per street frontage; or
- (ii) One attached sign is permitted for each building unit on each street frontage provided the total cumulative sign area does not exceed two square feet of sign area per each linear foot of building façade

width, per street frontage. No one building unit shall have a sign with a sign area that exceeds 40 square feet and there shall be no more than 100 square feet of cumulative attached sign area per street frontage. Wall signs shall be mounted in such a way so that they do not extend above the top of the second-floor windows. Projecting signs may be mounted on area of the sign subject to any applicable height standards in this article.

72.7.5(1)(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 wall sign is permitted for each ground-floor nonresidential building unit, per street frontage, provided that the total sign area shall not exceed one square foot per linear foot of building façade width of the applicable frontage, with a maximum sign area of 100 square feet.
- (ii) One projecting sign is permitted to be attached to any residential component in accordance with Section 72.5.4.

72.7.5(2) In lieu of the attached signage allowed above, one monument sign may be located on a lot with a permitted nonresidential use building containing two or more building units provided:

- (a) Such sign shall not be placed within the right-of-way;
- (b) The maximum sign area shall be 100 square feet; and
- (c) The maximum height of the sign shall be eight feet, excluding a base that does not exceed one-foot in height.

72.7.12 Permanent Signs in the Airport Industrial Park District

- (i) Attached signs are permitted on each side of a building that faces a street frontage provide the maximum total sign area of all attached signs do not exceed 100 square feet.

to read as follows:

72.7.5(1)(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, and shall not extend above the roof line of the building.

72.7.5(1)(e) For lots that contain one building unit, the following shall be allowed:

- (i) One attached sign is permitted on each street frontage provided the sign area shall not exceed one square foot per linear foot of building façade width on the applicable street frontage, with a maximum sign area of 100 square feet.
- (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, but not above the roof line, provided the maximum sign area for any one sign shall be no more than 200 square feet.
- (iii) Illumination shall only be internal to the sign.

72.7.5(1)(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, but not above the roof line; 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;
- (ii) One attached sign is permitted for each building unit on each street frontage provided the total cumulative sign area does not exceed two square feet of sign area per each linear foot of building façade width, per street frontage. No one building unit shall have a sign with a sign area that exceeds 40 square feet. Wall signs shall be mounted in such a way so that they do not extend above the top of the second-floor windows. Projecting signs may be mounted on area of the sign subject to any applicable height standards in this article.
- (iii) Illumination shall only be internal to the sign.

72.7.5(1)(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, but not above the roof line; 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;
- (ii) One wall sign is permitted for each ground-floor nonresidential building unit, per street frontage, provided that the total sign area shall not exceed one square foot per linear foot of building façade width of the applicable frontage, and no one building unit shall have a sign with a sign area that exceeds 40 square feet.
- (iii) One projecting sign is permitted to be attached to any residential component in accordance with Section 72.5.4.
- (iv) Illumination shall only be internal to the sign.

72.7.5(2) In addition to the attached signage allowed above, one monument sign may be located on a lot with a permitted nonresidential use building containing two or more building units provided:

- (a) Such sign shall not be placed within the right-of-way;
- (b) The maximum sign area shall be 100 square feet; and
- (c) The maximum height of the sign shall be eight feet, excluding a base that does not exceed one-foot in height.

72.7.12

Permanent Signs in the Airport Industrial Park District

- (i) Attached signs are permitted provided that the sign area for each building unit shall not exceed 150 square feet, per street frontage, plus three additional square feet for each foot of linear façade width in excess of 50 feet. The maximum sign area for any building units shall be 350 square feet.

Section 3. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 72 - SIGN CONTROL
REGULATIONS, Section 72.8 - General Sign Standards, by updating subsection 72.8.8:

72.8.8 No projecting sign, inclusive of any supporting structures or brackets, shall be erected or maintained to extend more than more than four feet from the front or face building, unless otherwise provided. Additionally, a projecting sign shall not be placed closer than two feet horizontal from the curb line of any street and shall maintain a minimum overhead clearance of 12 feet from the sidewalk.

to read as follows:

72.8.8 No projecting sign, excluding any supporting structures or brackets up to a maximum of 18 inches, shall be erected or maintained to extend more than four feet in width from the front or face building, unless otherwise provided. Additionally, a projecting sign shall not be placed closer than two feet horizontal from the curb line of any street and shall maintain a minimum overhead clearance of 12 feet from the sidewalk.

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

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

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

APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

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