



Huntsville, Alabama

305 Fountain Circle
Huntsville, AL 35801

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Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 6/12/2025

File ID: TMP-5592

Department: Planning

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance 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. (Set July 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No.

Ordinance No.

Does this item need to be published? Yes

If yes, please list preferred date(s) of publication: Resolution: June 25 & July 2, 2025; Ordinance: July 30, 2025

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. 25-

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 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.
- (2) The first publication of this resolution, this synopsis, and the ordinance hereinafter set out at length shall be in the Speakin' Out News on the 25th day of June, 2025, and the second publication shall be one week thereafter on the 2nd day of July, 2025, 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 24th day of July, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the City of Huntsville Administration Building at 305 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. 25-_____, which is introduced by the City Council of the City of Huntsville on the 12th day of June, 2025, 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. 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

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