

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.26.C OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 7697), TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR OWNERS TO REPLACE OFF-PREMISE SIGNS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock duly adopted Ordinance No. 7697 to regulate zoning in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-56-416 and has amended the same from time to time (hereafter the “Zoning Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas (“City”) regulates off-premise signs and billboards; and

WHEREAS, the City has created an off-premises or billboard sign permit bank pursuant to Section 14.26.C of the Zoning Ordinance, which provides:

**Section 14.26.C - Off-premise Signs**

There is hereby created an off-premises or billboard sign permit bank whereby the city planning department shall maintain a permit on file for the replacement of off-premises or billboard signs as allowed under Section 14.26.B. In order for a sign owner to be eligible to have an off-premises or billboard sign permit within said permit bank, the owner must file a notice of intent to replace an existing off-premises or billboard sign with the planning department within 30 days after the original off-premises or billboard sign has been removed; and

WHEREAS, there are limited locations within the City where off-premise signs or billboards may be constructed and maintained because of the restrictions within the City’s Zoning Ordinance, as well as State law restrictions; and

WHEREAS, because of the limited number of sites within the City in which off-premise signs or billboards are permitted to be located, owners require additional time to identify and secure a location for the replacement of off-premises or billboard signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That Section 14.26.C of Ordinance No. 7697 (the “Zoning Ordinance”) is hereby amended as follows:

**Editor’s note:** Deletions are denoted by ~~strikethrough~~ and additions by underline.

**Section 14.26.C - Off-premise Signs**

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SECTION 2: That the subsection previously identified as 12.4.F in the Zoning Ordinance is hereby designated as 12.4.G.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 5: It is hereby found and determined that the City benefits from the existence and maintenance of businesses and development within the City; that the passage of this Ordinance is necessary in order to insure the growth and development of properties within the City, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

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Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

  
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Mayor Joe A. Smith *by AF*

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/ABF

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