

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 36

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING INCORRECT GRAMMAR RELATED TO ELECTION SIGN DISPLAYS, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CITY CODE.

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 21 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and [~~stricken through~~] and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 21: ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

ARTICLE III: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

DIVISION D: SIGN REGULATIONS

§ 21.304.12 REGULATED SIGNS EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A PERMIT.

(a) The City Council finds that allocating public funds and staff resources to those signs that present the most public safety and aesthetic problems will better achieve the overall purposes of this sign code. Requiring a permit for every type of sign in the city would unduly tax staff resources, thus diluting the overall enforcement of this sign code. Therefore, the City Council finds that the following sign types shall be regulated pursuant to this sign code but shall be exempt from the requirement of obtaining a sign permit and from the payment of a permit fee, provided the sign meets all other applicable requirements of this sign code. These exemptions do not override any more restrictive terms in contracts or leases between owners and tenants or between common-interest communities and owners, tenants, members, or occupants.

(10) Signs that exclusively express noncommercial speech, subject to the following:

(C) *Election period exemption.* Notwithstanding any provision of this sign code, noncommercial signs of any size in any number may be posted as follows:

(ii) For years other than state general election years in which elections (including any primaries or votes on ballot questions) are scheduled, beginning 46 days prior to the election[~~or~~], until ten days following the election date.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary to the Council

City Attorney