

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12,
SIGN CODE, SUBSECTION 1230.01 AND
SUBSECTION 1250.03 OF THE ARDEN HILLS CITY CODE**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 12 - Sign Code, Section 1230 - Exempt and Prohibited Signs, subsection 1230.01 – Exemptions, is hereby amended by deleting ~~struckthrough~~ language and adding the underlined language as follows:

1230.01 Exemptions.

All signs shall require an approved sign permit prior to placement except for the signs specifically noted in this section. Exempted signs shall not reduce the permitted signage for a property. These exemptions shall not relieve the owner of the sign from the responsibility of its maintenance and its compliance with the provisions of this Chapter or any other law or ordinance regulating the same.

Subd. 1 Government Signs. All governmental signs, including but not limited to traffic control and other regulatory purpose signs, street signs, identification signs, informational signs, danger signs and railroad crossing signs.

Subd. 2 Non-commercial Signs in an Election Year. In years where a federal, state or local government election is conducted within the city, non-commercial signs may be posted no more than 46 days prior to that election. These non-commercial signs shall be placed in accordance with Section 1230.02 and 1250.03 Subd 2, 3, and 4. Those responsible for posting the signs shall remove any signs within 10 days following an election.

Subd. 3 Address Signs. Address identification not exceeding four (4) square feet in area for each structure or portion of a structure with an assigned address. Street identification numbers are required in all sign districts and should be clearly visible from the street.

Subd. 4 Exempt Residential Signs. Properties in Sign Districts 1 and 3 shall be allowed up to eight (8) square feet of signage provided that a single sign is no larger than six (6) square feet, the signs are not illuminated, and freestanding signs are at least five (5) feet from any property line.

Subd. 5 Temporary Off-premise Signs. Temporary off-premise signs as designated in Section 1250.03.

Subd. 6 Portable Signs. Portable A-frame, T-frame, sandwich , or other similar signs that do not exceed six (6) square feet in size, are not illuminated, are located within fifteen (15) feet of the primary entrance to a building, and are displayed only during the hours of business operation. No more than two of these signs shall be in place at any given time.

Subd. 7 Incidental Signs. Incidental signs or signs within a building provided that the sign is not readily visible from the public right-of-way, adjacent properties, and are not illuminated.

Subd. 8 Window Signs. Window signs that are inside of a building shall not require a permit but shall be in accordance with Section 1240.02 Table 1.

Subd. 9 Non-commercial Signs. Any sign display or device allowed under this section may contain, in lieu of other copy, any otherwise lawful noncommercial message that does not direct attention to a business operated for profit, or to a commodity service for sale, and that complies with the size, height and lighting requirements of this Chapter.

SECTION 2. Chapter 12 - Sign Code, Section 1250 – Special Provisions, subsection 1250.03 – Temporary Off-premises Signs, is hereby amended by deleting ~~striketrough~~ language and adding the underlined language as follows:

1250.03 Temporary Off-premise Signs.

Each residential property is allowed up to five (5) freestanding, temporary, off-premise signs in the city right-of-way or on private property provided the signs meet the standards of this section: (revised XX/XX/20)

Subd. 1 Sign Number Limit. Signs shall be four (4) square feet or less in size, and less than four (4) feet high;

- A. Signs shall be non-illuminated;
- B. Signs shall be within one mile of the property for which the signs are advertising (this provision does not preempt the sign regulations for neighboring communities);
- C. Signs shall be displayed no more than three consecutive days in any seven day period.

Subd. 2 Permission. The sign owner shall obtain permission from the property owner to place a sign on their property or on property that shares a property line with the adjoining right-of-way where the sign is located.

The sign owner shall obtain permission from the property owner on which the sign is placed. The property owner may withdraw that permission at any time.

- A. Failure to obtain permission may result in removal of the sign.
- B. Sign(s) are prohibited on land owned by the city, county, federal government and school district(s).

Subd. 3 Right-of-way Regulatory Authority. Sign(s) placed within city right-of-way, shall not be placed within five (5) feet of the edge of the roadway pavement or curb.

Exception. If the five (5) foot distance places the sign on a trail or sidewalk surface then the signage shall be placed on the dwelling side of the sidewalk.

- A. Sign(s) placed in Ramsey County or State of Minnesota right-of-way shall be subject to Ramsey County and State of Minnesota regulations.
- B. Failure to obtain permission from the appropriate agency may result in removal of the sign.

Subd. 4 Disclaimer. The City of Arden Hills shall not be responsible for damage to any signs placed in the right-of-way.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020, by the City Council of the City of Arden Hills, Minnesota.

CITY OF ARDEN HILLS

By _____
David Grant, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Hanson, City Clerk

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