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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," BY AMENDING SECTION 14.07, TITLED "SIGNS FOR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS," SECTION 14.09, TITLED "SIGNS FOR EDUCATION DISTRICTS," AND SECTION 14.22, TITLED "MOVING COPY (ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER (EMC)) SIGNS," TO EXPAND THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNS IN RESIDENTIAL AND EDUCATION DISTRICTS AND TO MODIFY SIGN CONDITIONS IN EDUCATION DISTRICTS REGARDING MAXIMUM SIZE AND ILLUMINATION TIME WHEN NEAR PARKS OR RESIDENCES.

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge is continually reviewing the Zoning Ordinance to update provisions to reflect the needs of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the following amendments will update the Zoning Ordinance to expand the use of electronic messaging center (EMC) signage at City facilities located on arterial streets in the RG-1 District, allow the use of EMC signage in the E (Education) District, and modify sign conditions in the E (Education) District regarding maximum size and illumination time when the sign is located near a park or residence; and,

WHEREAS, the following changes were submitted for approval or disapproval to the Oak Ridge Municipal Planning Commission, and the Commission has unanimously approved the same; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing thereon has been held as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2, titled "The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee," Article XIV, titled "Sign Regulations," Section 14.07, titled "Signs for Residential Districts," Subsection 1, titled "Types, Size and Location of Signs Allowed," Subpart d, titled "Signs for non-residential uses in residential districts," is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph at the end of the subsection, which new paragraph shall read as follows:

Section 14.07. Signs for Residential Districts

1. Types, Size and Location of Signs Allowed:

d. Signs for non-residential uses in residential districts

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Electronic Message Center (EMC) signs in conformance with Section 14.22 may be permitted at city owned facilities located on arterial streets in the RG-1 Zoning District.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 2, titled "The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee," Article XIV, titled "Sign Regulations," Section 14.09, titled "Signs for Education Districts," Subsection 1, titled "Types, Size and Location of Signs Allowed," Subpart a, titled "Ground signs,"

is hereby amended by deleting Subsection 1.a.1., and substituting therefor a new Subsection 1.a.1, which new subsection shall read as follows:

Section 14.09. Signs for Education Districts

1. Types, Size and Location of Signs Allowed:

a. Ground signs

- (1) One (1) illuminated or non-illuminated ground sign shall be allowed per principal building. Such sign(s) shall not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet. Any proposed EMC sign must meet the standards of Section 14.22.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 2, titled "The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee," Article XIV, titled "Sign Regulations," Section 14.22, titled "Moving Copy (Electronic Message Center (EMC)) Signs," Subsection 2, titled "EMC Patterned Movement," is hereby deleted in its entirety without replacement.

Section 4. Ordinance No. 2, titled "The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee," Article XIV, titled "Sign Regulations," Section 14.22, titled "Moving Copy (Electronic Message Center (EMC)) Signs," Subsection 4, titled "Location of EMC in Residential and Public Park Areas," is hereby amended by adding a new sentence at the end of the subsection, which new sentence shall read as follows:

Section 14.22. Moving Copy (Electronic Message Center (EMC)) Signs

4. Location of EMC in Residential and Public Park Areas.

.... EMC signs located in E Zoning Districts may be exempt from this requirement, provided that the EMC portion of the sign may only be active between 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

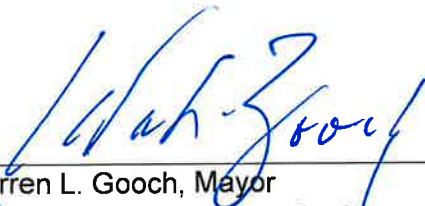
Section 5. The changes shall be imposed upon said map and shall be as much a part of Ordinance No. 2 as if fully described therein.

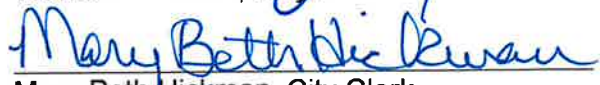
Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Oak Ridge requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Tammy M. Dunn, City Attorney



Warren L. Gooch, Mayor


Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

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