

Memorandum



Date: July 2, 2026
To: Buchanan City Commission
From: Kristen Gundersen, Planning and Community Development Director
Subject: **Consideration of Amendment to Code of Ordinances – Chapter 76 Signs – 2nd Reading of Adopting Ordinance**

Background

As you are aware in late 2025, the city adopted the Unified Development Code (UDC) or zoning ordinance. The new document incorporated sign regulations, however, the existing regulations found in Chapter 76 Signs of the Code of Ordinances were not deleted. The regulations are different and some users are unaware that there are regulations in the new UDC/zoning ordinance. While many sign contractors understand and there has not been an issue, Chapter 76 Signs of the Code of Ordinances does need to be deleted in entirety to eliminate any confusion.

No review or recommendation is needed by the Planning Commission, nor is there an application for such a request.

The City Commission conducted the first public hearing on June 8th and approved the first reading of the ordinance.

Recommendation

Please consider approving the second reading of the ordinance to remove in its entirety Chapter 76 Signs from the Code of Ordinances. If approved the amendment would become effective 15-days after the legal notice is published.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2026.07/450**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN
BY REPEALING CHAPTER 76, SIGNS, IN ITS ENTIRETY**

THE CITY OF BUCHANAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment; Repeal of Chapter 76, Signs.

Chapter 76, **Signs**, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Buchanan is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to eliminate duplicate and potentially conflicting sign regulations from the City Code following the adoption of the City's Unified Development Code, which now contains the City's applicable zoning and signage regulations.

Section 3. Severability.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption and publication as required by Section 7.4 of the City Charter.

MADE, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ON THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2026, AND IT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE BERRIEN COUNTY RECORD NEWSPAPER ON THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

MARK WEEDON, MAYOR _____

KALLA LANGSTON-WEISS, CITY CLERK _____

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the City Commission of the City of Buchanan, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2026, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as required by said Act.