

ORDINANCE NO. 991

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30 - SIGNS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, the City Council of the City of Chipley is vested with the authority to adopt this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chipley is authorized to enact viewpoint neutral regulations of signs located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Chipley; and

WHEREAS, following public input and review by the Chipley Planning and Zoning Board, the following recommendations regarding permitted permanent outdoor advertising signs (billboards) have been provided to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chipley, Florida, has determined that it is in the best interests of all of the citizens and residents of the City that the provisions of Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Chipley be amended, relating to the regulations of certain signs within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Chapter 30 – Signs, Section 30-7 of the Code of the City of Chipley is hereby amended, to provide as follows (additions are shown by underline and deletions are shown by strikethrough) by changing regulations on permitted permanent outdoor advertising signs (billboards):

Sec. 30-7. Permitted permanent outdoor advertising signs (billboards).

- (a) Where allowed. Permanent outdoor advertising signs are allowed in within commercial (C) and industrial (I) land use districts. Such signs may not be located closer than 100 feet to any residential dwelling unit.
- (b) Content. Outdoor advertising signs may not display any message that is harmful to minors.
- (c) Permissible number, area, spacing and height of permanent outdoor advertising signs.
 - (1) Maximum size. No permanent outdoor advertising sign may exceed a total of 600 square feet in size. No single side face may exceed 300 square feet in size.
 - (2) Maximum height. No permanent outdoor advertising sign, or combination of signs, may exceed 38 feet in height.
 - (3) Maximum width. No permanent outdoor advertising sign, or combination of signs, may exceed 30 feet in width.

- (4) Spacing. No permanent outdoor advertising sign may be closer than 20 feet from any property line, nor closer than ~~1,000~~ 750 feet from any other permanent outdoor advertising sign on either side of the thoroughfare to which the permanent advertising sign is directed. Spacing shall be determined based on signs that have received the necessary city permit pursuant to this chapter, and signs having received prior authorization shall have priority over a later applicant in determining compliance with the spacing restrictions.
- (d) Nonconforming permanent outdoor advertising signs. Nonconforming outdoor advertising signs are subject to this chapter, except that, if the only reason for the nonconformance is a failure to meet the spacing requirement between signs, the sign may remain subject only to the prohibition listed below:
- (1) Any sign within the city which is prohibited by or does not conform to the requirements of this chapter; except that signs that are within ten percent of the height and size limitations of this chapter, and that in all other respect conform to the requirements of this chapter, shall be deemed to be in conformity.
 - (2) If, because of the removal of other signs, a sign comes into compliance with the spacing requirements, the owner of that sign may apply for a permit to maintain the sign as a conforming sign,

INTRODUCED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on January 14, 2025.

PASSED after second reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on February 11, 2025.

CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Tracy L. Andrews, Mayor

Sherry Snell, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michelle Blankenship Jordan
City Attorney