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TO: City Council and City Manager

FROM: J. Pat Rich, Development Coordinator 

DATE: May 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Text Amendment for Political Signs

Proposed Text Amendment to the Sign Ordinance Article 8.7.a - Political Signs. The proposed text amendment is to allow temporary signs, such as election signs, so that they may be paced on private property, on the City right of way, at least 2' from the street. The Case File Number is 202500135.

- Requested by the Council March 5, 2025.
- Public held April 22, 2025
- There were no comments.
- Apply to political signs only.

The Planning & Zoning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approving the Text Amendment.

### 8.7 Exempt Signs.

a) Political signs. Any political sign or poster not exceeding three square feet erected on property by the owner thereof or with the property owner's consent pertaining to a candidacy or issued to be voted upon at any election or referendum, provided such sign or poster shall not be erected more than 60 days prior to such election or referendum and shall be removed with seven days after the referendum, or last such election in which the candidate is eligible. All signs must have the name and contact information for the individual placing the sign. Signs must be a minimum of two (2) feet from the street.



Commissioner Bennett  
Commissioner Brewer  
Commissioner Debrow  
Commissioner Parrish  
Commissioner Lawson  
Commissioner Raymond  
Commissioner Sutherland

## **AGENDA**

### **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025**

**6:00 PM CST**

Council Chambers, City Hall  
and via teleconference, if necessary

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#### **Call to Order**

#### **Statement of Purpose**

1. May our decisions today be made with wisdom, careful deliberation and in the best interest of the City of Diamondhead. May we display patience and kindness in our dealings with each other and all who are in attendance and may any decisions made today promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Diamondhead and the enhancement of the City as a whole.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Confirmation or Adjustments to Agenda**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

2. Approval of April 22, 2025 minutes.

#### **Architectural Review**

3. Structures of Diamondhead is constructing a new commercial building at 4405 E. Aloha in the footprint of the former car wash.
4. Boozer's Brew is constructing a new commercial building at 44035 Veterans Blvd.

#### **New Business**

5. The City of Diamondhead proposes a Text Amendment to the Sign Ordinance Article 8.7.a - Political Signs. The proposed text amendment is to allow temporary signs, such as election signs, so that they may be placed on private property, on the City right of way, at least 2' from the street. The Case File Number is 202500135.
6. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

#### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Open Public Comments to Non-Agenda Items**

#### **Commissioners' Comments**

#### **Communication / Announcements**

7. The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, June 3, 2025.  
The next Planning Commission meeting is Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

#### **Adjourn or Recess**

Passed  
6-0

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
DIAMONDHEAD, MS**

The City of Diamondhead will hold a public hearing on a proposed Text Amendment to the Sign Ordinance Article 8.7.a - Political Signs. The proposed text amendment is to allow temporary signs, such as election signs, so that they may be paced on private property , on the City right of way, at least 2' from the street. The Case File Number is 202500135.

In accordance with Article 9.10.6, the City Council shall have jurisdiction with respect to all Text Amendments and Rezoning. The Planning Commission shall review and submit a recommendation to the City Council on Text Amendments and Rezoning.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact J. Pat Rich, Development Coordinator, at [prich@diamondhead.ms.gov](mailto:prich@diamondhead.ms.gov) or 228-242-1613.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Action Agenda.**

6. **2025-048:** Request to **change** sign ordinance for **temporary signs such as election signs** so that they be placed on private property on city right of way as long as at **least 2 feet from City Street**. Election signs are still to follow the 60 days prior to election to be put up, and within 7 days after election to come down. (Maher)

4/22 mfg Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to refer the request to change sign ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Commission for **review and public hearing**. The request is related to temporary signs such as election signs so that they be placed on private property on city right of way as long as at least 2 feet from City Street. Election signs are still to follow the 60 days prior to election to be put up, and within 7 days after election to come down.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. **2025-049:** Motion to request P&Z's recommendation for the following ordinance change: "**Sec. 4-36, - Livestock and fowl**. Livestock and fowl are not permitted in the city limits."

4/22 mfg Recommendation requested: Whether or not to allow residents to obtain a limited amount of chickens for the purpose of harvesting eggs and any stipulations that may be needed. (Clark)

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to request P&Z's recommendation for the following ordinance change: "**Sec. 4-36, - Livestock and fowl**. Livestock and fowl are not permitted in the city limits."

Recommendation requested: Whether or not to allow residents to obtain a limited amount of chickens for the purpose of harvesting eggs and any stipulations that may be needed.

Voting Yea: Ward 4 Clark Voting Nay: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland

**MOTION FAILED**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

8. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232552 - DKT232586) in the amount of \$136,547.43.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232552 - DKT232586) in the amount of \$136,547.43.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## ARTICLE 8 - SIGNS

### 8.1 SCOPE, PURPOSE, AND LEGAL EFFECT.

The regulations herein set forth shall apply and govern in all zoning districts as hereinafter provided. No sign or outdoor advertising device shall be erected unless it is in compliance with regulations for the district in which it is located as specified in this Article. For the purpose of this Article, the following sign regulations are established to assure the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Diamondhead and to encourage the economy of the city, to protect the public investments in streets and highways to preserve natural beauty, and to protect tax revenues by promoting reasonable, orderly and effective display of outdoor advertising.

### 8.2 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this Article, the words and terms found herein shall have the meanings respectively ascribed in Article 10. All words used in this Article not specifically defined herein shall be given their meanings in normal customary usage.

### 8.3 CONFORMITY AND PERMIT REQUIRED.

All signs hereafter erected on any lot in any district of the City shall conform to the provisions of this ordinance. It shall be unlawful for any person, contractor or entity to erect, enlarge, rebuild, or structurally alter any sign without first obtaining a permit therefor and paying the requisite permit fee unless a sign is exempt from this permit requirement.

### 8.4 PERMITTED SIGN TYPES ESTABLISHED.

The following table establishes, defines and illustrates the allowed sign types in the City of Diamondhead. Signs are generally classified into the following categories:

1. On-Premises Freestanding Signs.
2. On-Premises Attached Signs.
3. Off-Premises Freestanding Signs.

4. Off-Premises Attached Signs.
5. Off-Premises Mobile Signs.

### 8.5 SIGNS PERMITTED BY ZONING DISTRICT.

The permitted location of signs is governed by zoning district. The Table of Permitted Sign Locations sets forth permitted sign location by type. The "■" means a sign permit is required. The symbol "□" means the sign is permitted but exempt from permit. The letter "C" refers to a conditional use approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Preservation District (PFR) shall NOT be considered a residential district.

### 8.6 DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS, NUMBER OF SIGNS, AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

The dimensional requirements, number of signs permitted and other special conditions are set forth in the Table of Sign Requirements by Sign Type.

### 8.7 EXEMPT SIGNS.

The following types of signs are exempted from the requirements of the Article; except those particular signs that may be classified by the Planning Commission as obscene, dangerous or hazardous, conflicting aesthetically, or that generally do not meet the basic requirements of other Sections of the Article, such as design, maintenance, etc. No permit is required for exempted signs.

- a) Political signs. Any political sign or poster not exceeding three square feet erected on property by the owner thereof or with the property owner's consent pertaining to a candidacy or issued to be voted upon at any election or referendum, provided such sign or poster shall not be erected more than 60 days prior to such election or referendum and shall be removed with seven days after the referendum, or last such election in which the candidate is eligible. All signs must have the name and contact information for the individual placing the sign. *Signs must be a minimum of 400 feet from street*

