1	ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE II OF THE CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS RELATING TO SIGNS; REDUCING THE WINDOW SIGN ALLOWANCE; AMENDING THE SIZE AND TIME ALLOWANCE FOR TEMPORARY BANNER SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.  WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to protect the safety of motorists,
13 14 15 16	pedestrians, and others from distraction caused by signs; and  WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that an overabundance of temporary signage can detract from the aesthetic beauty of the landscape, waterways, and the Atlantic Ocean; and
17 18	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the City Commission wishes to preserve the aesthetic beauty of the City of Flagler Beach; and
19 20	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the regulation of signage for purposes of aesthetics has long been recognized as advancing the public welfare; and
21 22	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the Florida Constitution provides that it shall be the policy of the state to conserve and protect its scenic beauty; and
23 24	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the regulation of signage for purposes of aesthetics directly serves the policy of this state by conserving and protecting its scenic beauty; and
25 26 27 28	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the City Commission finds that the existing allowance for window signs in the Code allows situations where windows can be completely covered by window signage as long as such signage does not exceed 50% of the total window area of the building; and
29 30	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the City Commission finds that such coverage contributes to sign clutter and detracts from the aesthetic beauty of the City; and
31 32 33	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the City Commission finds that the current banner sign allowances are being abused by a small number of users and finds that a reduction in the size and time allowances are appropriate and necessary; and
34 35 36 37 38	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the Planning and Architectural Review Board, acting as the Local Planning Agency, found and determined that this Ordinance is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the City Commission finds and determines that the following amendments are consistent with all applicable policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan; and
39 40 41	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the City Commission finds and determines that the City's sign regulations are concerned with the secondary effects of speech including but not limited to aesthetics and traffic safety, and are not intended to regulate viewpoints or censor speech,

and for those and other reasons that the foregoing provisions are not subject to, or would not fail, a "prior restraint" analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds and determines that adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the residents, businesses, and visitors of Flagler Beach.

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION ONE.** The findings set forth in the recitals above are hereby adopted as legislative findings of the City Commission pertaining to this Ordinance.

**SECTION TWO.** Article VII, "Signs," of the City of Flagler Beach Land Development Regulations is hereby amended as follows (note, <u>underlined</u> text notates additions, strikethrough text notates deletions, and ellipses (\*\*\*) notate text which remains unchanged and is not reprinted here):

#### ARTICLE VII. SIGNS

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### Sec. 7.06.07. Window signs.

Copy area of <u>Wwindow</u> signs shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of <u>the area of any</u> window as viewed from the outside of the <u>building</u> the <u>building</u>'s window area. For <u>purposes of calculation</u>, <u>Ssuch signage</u> shall include permanently and temporarily affixed window signs, neon displays, or any other sign displayed in a manner to be readily visible from the exterior of the building. <del>Window signs shall not be calculated in a lot or premises' total allowable number of signs and sign copy area unless otherwise specified in this article. <u>Window signs existing as of April 11, 2024</u>, shall be brought into compliance with the coverage limitation provided herein on or before May 10, 2024.</del>

## Sec. 7.07.03. Standards for certain temporary signs-erected with a permit.

The number of such signs and a sign's copy area shall not be calculated in a lot or premises' total allowable number of signs and sign copy area unless otherwise specified in this article.

### A. Temporary freestanding signs.

- 1. Only one (1) temporary freestanding sign may be erected on a lot. All temporary signs may be authorized for a total period not to exceed ninety (90) days during any calendar year. Said sign shall be removed upon the expiration of the above-described period.
- 2. A temporary freestanding sign's copy area shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in the SFR, LDR, MDR zoning districts and thirty-two (32) square feet in all other zoning districts except the single- and two-family residential use portions of the comprehensive plan designated planned and limited development overlays and the mixed-use overlay. Temporary freestanding signs erected in the comprehensive plan designated planned and limited development overlays and the mixed-use overlay shall not

83 84 85			exceed sixteen (16) square feet of copy area within single-family and two-family residential use areas and thirty-two (32) square feet of copy area in all other use areas.
86 87		3.	Temporary freestanding signs shall not exceed six (6) feet in height measured from the finished grade to the highest point on the sign.
88	B.	On-	site temporary banner signs.
89 90 91 92 93 94		1.	No more than two (2) one (1) temporary on-site banner signs of sixteen (16) square feet or less of copy area in a residential zone and sixty four (64) thirty-six (36) square feet or less of copy area in a non-residential zone may be displayed for up to two (2) weeks one (1) week, twelve (12) six (6) times per calendar year, with a minimum of fourteen (14) thirty (30) days between times of display.
95 96 97 98 99		2.	No more than two (2) temporary on-site banner signs of six (6) square feet or less of copy area in a residential zone and twelve (12) square feet or less of copy area in a nonresidential zone may be displayed for up to three (3) weeks, twelve (12) times per calendar year, with a minimum of seven (7) calendar days between times of display.
100 101		<u>2</u> 3.	Applications for temporary on-site banner signs shall meet all of the following content-neutral criteria:
102 103 104			a. The temporary sign is not displayed more than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the special event, and the sign will be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of the closing of the special event.
105			<u>ab</u> . The temporary banner sign will not exceed nine (9) feet in height.
106 107			<u>be</u> . The temporary banner sign will not conceal or obstruct adjacent land uses or signs.
108 109			<u>c</u> <del>d</del> . The temporary banner sign will not conflict with the principal permitted use of the site.
110 111			<u>de</u> . The temporary banner sign will not interfere with, obstruct the vision of or distract motorists, bicyclists or pedestrians.
112 113 114			<u>ef</u> . The temporary banner sign will be installed and maintained in a safe manner and in such a way that it will not disassemble, float, or fall in the event of wind.
115 116 117 118	<u>3</u>		Banner signs erected as part of a special event approved pursuant to Chapter 4, Article III of this code of ordinances shall be exempt from this subsection provided that the signage to be erected for the special event has been approved by the city as part of the special event approval.
119	C.	San	dwich signs.
120 121 122		1.	Sandwich signs are temporary signs which are only permitted in the General Commercial, Highway Commercial and Tourist Commercial Zoning Districts, the Community Redevelopment Area's Downtown

123 Mixed-Use Overlay District and A1A Retail Corridor Overlay District. All 124 of the following regulations shall apply: 125 Only one (1) sandwich sign is allowed per business and can be a. 126 displayed only during the business hours of the business it identifies and shall be stored indoors during non-business hours. 127 128 Maximum sign area is twelve (12) square feet, with a maximum b. 129 height of four (4) feet. A sandwich sign shall be placed in front of the use and shall allow for 130 c. a minimum of at least five (5) feet of unobstructed pedestrian 131 132 clearance adjacent to the sign. If a sandwich sign cannot be placed in front of the business because of these regulations, and the business is 133 on a corner, the sandwich sign can be placed in the side yard. 134 135 d. The sign shall not be located in a public right-of-way or on a 136 sidewalk. 137 A business located above the first floor of a building may place one e. 138 (1) sandwich sign on the ground level of the building in which the 139 business is located. A sandwich sign does not count against other allowable sign number 140 f. 141 or area of a business. 142 A sandwich sign shall not be located in a manner which violates the g. 143 provisions of Section 7.06.04 of this article. 144 h. A sandwich sign shall not be illuminated or electric, shall not have 145 any electric devices attached thereto, and shall not contain any 146 attachment for holding pamphlets, leaflets, written material, or any 147 other items. 148 A sandwich sign shall be stored indoors during tropical 149 storm/hurricane watches and warnings and other severe weather 150 advisories. 151 Special events parking signs. Signs directing participants on parking availability 152 during a special event shall be no more than sixteen (16) square feet in sign copy area and six (6) feet in height. 153 154 The temporary signs shall comply with all other applicable sections of this article not in conflict with this section. Specifically, prohibited signs under Section 7.05.00 155 156 shall not be allowed. The temporary sign permit is in addition to any other permit required by applicable 157 F. 158 county, state or federal statute, law or regulation. Any decision of the city manager or designee regarding the display of temporary 159 signs may be appealed in accordance with Section 7.02.03 except that the initial time 160 in which the city must make a determination on the sign permit application shall be 161

ten (10) days as opposed to the forty-five (45) days provided in Section 10.02.03.

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166	6 <b>SECTION THREE. Codification.</b> It is the intent of the City Commission of	the City of				
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168	granted broad and liberal authority in codifying the provisions of this Ordinano	e.				
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170	<b>SECTION FOUR.</b> Conflicts. In any case where a provision of this Ordinance is found to					
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