

PALMER LAKE, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2022

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMISSION OF SIGN PERMITS AND CONSTRUCTION OR INSTALLATION OF NEW PERMANENT SIGNS WITHIN THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palmer Lake, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado statute and the Palmer Lake Municipal Code, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town of Palmer Lake, Colorado;

WHEREAS, the Town had previously adopted regulations related to signage, with such regulations being contained in Chapter 14.50; and,

WHEREAS, recent developments in case law have caused the Board of Trustees to establish a need to address the Town's current sign code in order to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens and businesses of Palmer Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board of Trustees incorporates the foregoing recitals as conclusions, facts, determinations and findings by the Town Board of Trustees.
2. Effective immediately, upon the date of this Ordinance, a moratorium is imposed upon the submission, acceptance, processing, and approval of all applications for sign permits within the Town. No application for a sign permit shall be submitted to or accepted by the Town, and no such application shall be reviewed or issued or approved in response to such an application. The moratorium imposed by this Ordinance shall commence as of the effective date of this Ordinance and shall expire six (6) months thereafter, unless repealed prior to that date.
3. This moratorium shall not apply to temporary signs of less than square feet. This moratorium is imposed to ensure citizens and business owners do not expend funds to design, install, construct or otherwise add signs that may not comply with the updated sign code.
4. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part or parts thereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.
5. Repeal. Existing ordinances or parts of ordinances covering the same matters embraced in this ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

6. Publication and Effective Date. This Ordinance is necessary for the immediate protection and preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Palmer Lake for the reasons described above, and therefore, shall become effective immediately as an emergency ordinance upon adoption by the Board of Trustees.

INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE ON THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO

Dawn A. Collins
Town Administrator/ Clerk

BY: _____
William Bass
Mayor