

ORDINANCE NO. 352

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ANOKA COUNTY**

**AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING DIVISIONS 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 9 IN THE ZONING
CODE – 2ND READING**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA,
ORDAINS:

Changes in the following sections are denoted with an underline for new text or a ~~strikethrough for deleted language~~. Renumbering and updated references shall occur throughout the Code as needed when sections or subsections are added or deleted.

Section 1. Section 10-22-14 P. of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Property line: A boundary line of any lot held in single or separate ownership except that where any portion of the lot extends into the abutting street or alley, the lot line shall be deemed to be the street or alley right-of-way.

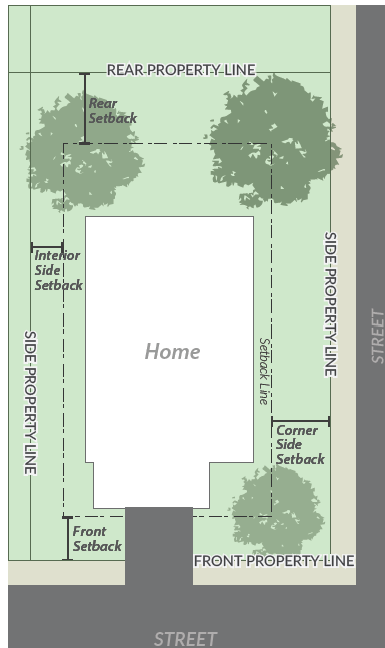
Property line, front: The property line which is along an existing or dedicated street. In the case of a corner lot, the front lot line shall be the shortest dimension along a public street or as designated by the Zoning Administrator based on the practical front yard of the property as determined by such factors as the existing or proposed building configuration of the property and taking into consideration the characteristics of surrounding properties.

Property line, rear: The property line opposite and most distant from the front property line. If the rear property line is less than 10 feet in length or if the lot forms a point at the rear, the rear property line shall be deemed to be a line 10 feet in length within the lot, parallel to and at the maximum distance from the front property line.

Property line, side: Any boundary of a lot which is not a front or rear property line.

Section 2. Section 10-22-16 S. of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Setback: The required minimum horizontal distance between a structure and property line, ordinary high-water mark, top of bluff, street, or right-of-way easement. Distances are to be measured from the most outwardly extended portion of the structure at ground level, except as provided hereinafter.



Setback, perimeter: The minimum horizontal distance between structure(s) and the most exterior property lines of a PUD or similarly planned development regardless of the existence of lot divisions within the development itself.

Section 3. Section 10-22-21 Y. of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Yard: An open space at grade between a building and the adjoining lot lines, unoccupied and unobstructed by any portion of a structure from the ground upward, except as otherwise provided herein. In measuring a yard for the purpose of determining the width of a side yard, the depth of a front yard, or the depth of the rear yard, the minimum horizontal distance between the lot line and the main building shall be used.

Yard, front: The area extending along the full width of the lot lying between the front property line and the nearest line of the principal building.

Yard, rear: A yard extending across the full width of the lot lying between the rear property line of the lot and the nearest line of the principal building.

Yard, required: That distance specified in the yard requirements pertaining to setbacks. Setbacks and required yards are used interchangeably.

Yard, side: A yard between the side property line and the nearest line of the principal building and extending from the front yard to the rear yard.

Section 4. Section 10-23-11 L. of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Lower potency hemp edible wholesale: A business licensed to purchase and sell lower-potency hemp edible products to and from other licensed cannabis and hemp businesses. These businesses may also import and export lower-potency hemp edibles.

Section 5. Section 10-42-02 Uses of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Table 10-42-2 Accessory Use Table – Agriculture Districts:

Use Type	Zoning District		
	A-1	A-2	UR
Accessory agricultural building	PS	PS	PS
Accessory agriculture (hobby farm)	P	P	PS
Accessory building	PS	PS	PS
Accessory dwelling unit			PS
Antenna, accessory and secondary use	PS	PS	PS
Compost structure and firewood pile	PS	PS	PS
Day care, family	PS	PS	PS
Day care, group family	PS	PS	PS
Domestic animal enclosure	PS	PS	PS
Home extended business		I	I
Home occupation		PS	PS
Keeping of animals or fowl	PS	PS	PS
Keeping of bees	PS	PS	PS
Keeping of chickens	PS	PS	PS
Off-street parking and loading facilities	PS	PS	PS
Outdoor wood-burning furnace	PS	PS	PS
Personal vehicle/equipment sales	PS	PS	PS
Recreational camping vehicle, utility trailer, boat, and unlicensed vehicle storage and parking		PS	PS
Short-term vacation rental		PS	PS
Solar energy system, accessory	PS	PS	PS
Swimming pools, tennis courts, and other individual recreational facilities	PS	PS	PS
Temporary/seasonal outdoor sales		PS	PS
Wind energy conversion system	C	C	C
P = permitted use; PS = permitted with standards use; C = conditional use; I = interim use; blank cell = prohibited use			

For more information about the different types of uses, see Section [10-41-02](#).
 For use-specific standards, see Division 6.

Section 6. Section 10-43-02 Uses of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Table 10-43-2 Accessory Use Table—Residential Districts.

Use Type	Zoning District			
	RR	R-1	R-2	R-3
Accessory agricultural building	PS			
Accessory agriculture (hobby farm)	PS			
Accessory building	<u>PS</u>	<u>PS</u>	PS	<u>PS</u>
Accessory dwelling unit	<u>PS</u>	<u>PS</u>		
				PS
Antenna, accessory and secondary use	PS	PS	PS	PS
Compost structures and firewood piles	PS	PS	PS	PS
Day care, family	PS	PS	PS	PS
Day care, group family	PS	PS	PS	PS
Domestic animal enclosures	PS	PS	PS	PS
Home extended business	I			
Home occupation	PS	PS	PS	
Keeping of animals or fowl	PS	PS	PS	
Keeping of bees	PS	PS	PS	
Keeping of chickens	PS	PS		
Off-street parking and loading facilities	PS	PS	PS	PS
Outdoor wood-burning furnace	PS			
Personal vehicle/equipment sales	PS	PS	PS	PS
Recreational camping vehicle, utility trailer, boat, and unlicensed vehicle storage and parking	PS	PS	PS	
Sacred community	PS	PS	PS	PS
Short-term vacation rental	PS	PS	PS	
Solar energy system, accessory	PS	PS	PS	PS
Swimming pools, tennis courts, and other individual recreational facilities	PS	PS	PS	PS
Wind energy conversion system	C			
P = permitted use; PS = permitted with standards use; C = conditional use; I = interim use; blank cell = prohibited use For more information about the different types of uses, see Section 10-41-02 . For use-specific standards, see Division 6.				

Section 7. Section 10-44-02 Uses of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Table 10-44-1 Principal Use Table – Business and Industrial Districts:

Use Type	Zoning District				
	B-1	B-2	BPK	I-1	I-2
Industrial					
Brewery, winery, or distillery	PS	PS	PS	PS	
Cannabis delivery				P	
Cannabis and hemp manufacturing			P	P	
Cannabis transportation				P	
Cannabis wholesale			P	P	
Construction contractor yard				P	
Lower potency hemp edible wholesale			P	P	
Makespace or studio			PS		
Manufacturing, heavy				PS	
Manufacturing, light			P	P	
Manufacturing, storage, and testing of explosives and component parts of instruments used therewith, along with the installation and use of all equipment and buildings necessary therefore, all subject to state and federal regulations pertaining thereto					P
Mining, sand, and gravel extraction					I
Open or outdoor service, sale, or rental				C	
Open and outdoor storage				C	
Scrap or salvage yard				C	
Self-storage facility				C	
Storage and sale of machinery and equipment			C	P	
Storage, utilization, or manufacture of materials or products which could decompose by demolition; refuse and garbage disposal; crude oil; bulk fuel; gasoline, or other liquid storage				C	
Warehouse facility			P	P	
Wholesale establishment			P	P	

B. Table 10-44-2 Accessory Use Table—Business and Industrial Districts:

Use Type	Zoning District				
	B-1	B-2	BPK	I-1	I-2
Accessory building					PS
Antenna, accessory and secondary use	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Drive-thru establishment		PS			
Mobile food unit	PS	PS	PS		
Off-street parking and loading facilities	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Outdoor dining	PS	PS			
Sacred community	PS	PS			
Solar energy system, accessory	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Taproom	P	P	P		
Temporary/seasonal outdoor sales		PS	PS	PS	

Use Type	Zoning District				
	B-1	B-2	BPK	I-1	I-2
Uses incidental to the principal use	P	P	P	P	P
P = permitted use; PS = permitted with standards use; C = conditional use; I = interim use; blank cell = prohibited use For more information about the different types of uses, see Section 10-41-02 . For use-specific standards, see Division 6.					

Section 8. Section 10-53-08 Landscape Alterations of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

- B. Landscape Alterations. The landscape alteration provisions established in Minnesota Rules, Pt. 6105.0150 and in this Section shall apply to the following lands:
1. Lands in the rural Rum River Management District located within 150 feet of the normal high water mark and 30 feet landward of the bluffline
 2. Lands in the urban Rum River Management District located within the required setbacks for the Urban Overlay District established in Section 10-53-06 Land Use District Provisions.

Section 9. Section 10-63-03 Cannabis Retail of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

- C. Minimum distance requirements.
1. The City of St. Francis shall prohibit the operation of a cannabis retail business within a door-to-door span of:
 - a. 1,000 feet of a K-12 school
 - b. 500 feet of a child care center
 - c. 500 feet of a residential treatment facility
 - d. 500 feet of an attraction within a public park that is regularly used by minors, including a playground or athletic field.
 2. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 462.367 subd. 14, nothing in provision A.1 above shall prohibit an active cannabis retail business or a cannabis retail business seeking registration from continuing operation at the same site if a school, daycare, residential treatment facility, or attraction within a public park that is regularly used by minors moves within the minimum buffer zone.
- D. Hours of operation. Cannabis businesses are limited to retail sale of cannabis, cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Section 10. Section 10-68-04 Accessory Structure of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

10-68-04 Accessory Building

- A. Application. Any accessory structure which requires a building permit or which is 30 inches or more in height shall be subject to setback, floor area and other requirements of this Section.
- B. Time of construction. No detached accessory building shall be constructed on any lot prior to the time of construction of the principal building to which it is accessory.
- C. Building permits.
 - 1. Detached accessory buildings not exceeding 200 square feet in floor area shall be allowed without issuance of a building permit or zoning permit, except that any detached accessory building under 200 square feet located within the Rum River Management Overlay District shall obtain a zoning permit from the City. All detached accessory buildings shall comply with all other provisions of this Ordinance. .
 - 2. Detached accessory buildings 200 square feet or greater in floor area shall require a building permit. The Building Official shall review the site plan and construction drawings to determine compliance with the Building Code and other applicable ordinances, laws, and regulations.
 - 3. In conjunction with the issuance of a building permit for a detached accessory building in the Rural Service Area, the property owner shall execute a home occupation awareness form. Said form shall certify that the detached accessory building and the premises on which it is located, will not be used for the purposes of a Home Occupation without first obtaining the required approvals.
- D. Schools in any district shall follow the standards listed in this Section for accessory buildings, except for the following:
 - 1. Exterior building standards in provision E below; and
 - 2. Area, number, and height limitations listed in provision F.1 and 2 below.
- E. Exterior building standards. Architectural details of accessory buildings are to be the same or similar to the principal building based upon (but not limited to) the following criteria:
 - 1. Scale and detailing.
 - 2. Roof pitch orientation and slope.
 - 3. Overhang depth and details.
 - 4. Window and exterior door proportion and types.
 - 5. Building material. Detached accessory structures in the Rural Service Area may, however, be finished with baked enamel siding.
 - 6. Exterior color.
- F. Area, number and height limitations. Accessory buildings shall comply with the following area, number and height limitations:
 - 1. Rural Service Area.
 - a. Attached accessory buildings shall not exceed 840 square feet in size, except that the maximum square footage can be increased, provided that the accessory structure size does not exceed 80 percent of the above-ground square footage of the principal building.

- b. All new and relocated residential homes shall be constructed with an accessory building or garage meeting the minimum standards required in Section 10-72-09 Parking Supply Requirements. Said accessory building shall have a minimum floor area of at least 440 square feet.
- c. Detached accessory buildings shall be limited as follows:

Lot Size	Accessory Building Limits	
Less than 1 acre	Total detached square footage	600 SF
	Maximum number of detached buildings	1
	NO POLE BUILDINGS ALLOWED	
	Maximum sidewall height	10 feet
1 acre but less than 2.5 acres	Total detached square footage	1,200 SF
	Maximum number of detached buildings	1
	POLE BUILDINGS ALLOWED	
	Maximum sidewall height	12 feet
2.5 acres but less than 5 acres	Total detached square footage	2,500 SF
	Maximum number of detached buildings	2
	POLE BUILDINGS ALLOWED	
	Maximum sidewall height	14 feet
5 acres but less than 10 acres	Total detached square footage	4,000 SF
	Maximum number of detached buildings	2
	POLE BUILDINGS ALLOWED	
	Maximum sidewall height	16 feet
10 acres and larger	Total detached square footage	5,000 SF
	Maximum number of detached buildings	2
	POLE BUILDINGS ALLOWED	
	Maximum sidewall height	18 feet

2. Urban Service Area.

- a. Attached and detached private residential garages shall not exceed 840 square feet in size, except that the minimum square footage can be increased to 1,200 square feet, provided that the accessory garage does not exceed 80 percent of the above-ground square footage of the principal building.
- b. All new and relocated residential homes shall be constructed with an accessory building or garage meeting the minimum standards required in Section 10-72-09 Parking Supply Requirements. For one- and two-unit dwelling units, said accessory building shall have a minimum floor area of at least 440 square feet.

- c. Residential properties within the Urban Service Area may have one (1) detached accessory building in addition to a private residential garage. The building shall not exceed 250 square feet in size. On properties that have at least one half (1/2) acre of buildable land, the detached accessory building may be up to 500 square feet in size and 16 feet in height.
 - d. Residential properties with detached accessory buildings that subsequently construct an attached accessory building, shall deduct the square footage of the detached building from the allowable square footage.
 - e. No accessory buildings shall be allowed on non-residential property in the urban service area.
 - f. Unless otherwise permitted, all detached accessory buildings shall not exceed 20 feet in height or the height of the principal structure, whichever is less.
3. General Standards and Conditions, All Districts.
- a. PUD Districts in rural areas: Total accessory building square footage shall not exceed 1,200 square feet per lot or as otherwise identified in the Development Agreement.
 - b. Temporary, hoop, carport, tarpaulin or similar types of non-permanent building are not permitted.
 - c. Semi-trailers, truck boxes, rail boxes, box cars, and similar are prohibited.
 - d. Moving storage containers, Portable on demand storage (PODS) units or similar type units may be allowed with city approval for up to 30 days within an 18-month period.
 - e. No buildings shall be located within a drainage, utility or any other publicly owned easement.

G. Setbacks.

- 1. Attached Buildings/Garages. An attached garage or accessory building shall be considered an integral part of the principal building and shall conform to district setback requirements.
- 2. Detached Buildings:
 - a. Any detached accessory building shall be set back at least 10 feet from any principal structure or other detached accessory buildings on the same parcel.
 - b. Rural Service Area:
 - i. Lots Less Than One (1) Acre. Twenty-five (25) feet from the side and rear property lines.
 - ii. Lots One (1) Acre and Larger. Twenty-five (25) feet from the side and rear property lines.
 - iii. All detached accessory buildings in the Rural Service Area shall be placed no closer to the front property line than the principal building, except when the principal building has a front yard

setback of at least 150 feet. In that case, the detached accessory building may be located closer to the front property line than the principal building, but shall maintain at least a 75 foot front yard setback off a City street and a 100 foot front yard setback off of a County or State road.

c. Urban Service Area:

- i. All Lots. No accessory building shall be located in front of the principal building. Accessory buildings must maintain setbacks of five (5) feet from the side property line and 10 feet from the rear property line.
- ii. Street Side Yard. Detached accessory buildings shall be located no closer than 20 feet from a street side yard on corner lots, provided the building does not have access to the public right-of-way on the side yard.

Section 11. Section 10-72-02 Application of Off-Street Parking Regulations of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

The regulations and requirements set forth in this Ordinance shall apply to the required and non-required off-street parking facilities in all use districts.

- A. Truck Parking. It is unlawful to park a truck (other than a truck of 12,000 gross vehicle rated weight or less), a truck tractor, semi-trailer, bus, construction equipment, construction trailers, or manufactured home within residential districts (RR, R1, R2, and R3) of the City that are zoned and/or used for residential purposes, except for the purpose of loading or unloading the same, and then only during such time as is reasonably necessary for such activity.
- B. Parking in Residential Districts. It is unlawful to park a vehicle in the yard of any property in the RR, R1, R2, and R3 Districts except on parking surface adjacent to a driveway. In the RR district, an approved parking surface is required. In the R1, R2, or R3 districts, the parking surface shall be constructed of bituminous, concrete, or pavers. Such parking pads shall be considered an expansion of a driveway and require the issuance of a driveway permit pursuant to Section 10-72-11. Properties in the RR district may receive a waiver from the surfacing requirements as stated in Section 10-72-11.

Section 12. Section 10-72-11 Residential Driveway Performance Standards of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

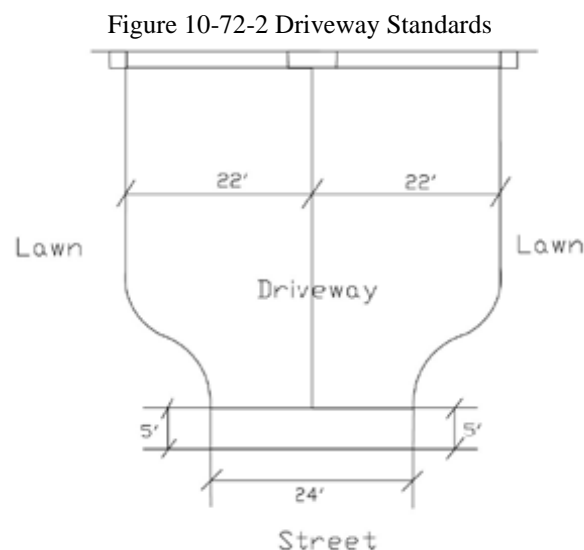
- A. All lots or parcels shall have direct adequate physical access for emergency vehicles along the frontage of the lot or parcel from either an existing dedicated public roadway, or an existing private roadway approved by the City.
- B. Permit Required. All proposed driveway and private drive connections to a City street shall require a permit.
- C. Driveways that access roads that have a paved surface shall be surfaced with bituminous, concrete pavement, concrete pavers, or other similar material as approved by the Zoning

Administrator and shall extend from the existing paved surface to the principal structure in the urban service area, or a minimum of fifty (50) feet in the rural service district, unless a longer length is needed to control erosion.

- D. Controlling Erosion. All driveways shall be constructed in a manner which controls erosion. Driveways with moderate slopes (greater than 4%) which drain towards a paved street shall extend the bituminous, concrete pavement, concrete pavers or other similar hard surface to the crest of the hill. Drainage swales shall be utilized adjacent to the driving surface to control stormwater runoff.
- E. Driveways that access roads that have a gravel surface shall meet the rural driveway standard set forth herein. Driveways shall be constructed to minimize erosion by utilizing drainage swales adjacent to the driving surface to control stormwater runoff.
- F. No residential driveway shall be less than ten (10) feet in width or exceed twenty-four (24) feet in width at the point where it adjoins the street. The driveway shall not exceed a width of twenty-four (24) feet for a distance of at least five (5) feet behind the street, at which point the driveway may exceed twenty-four (24) feet in width.
- G. Number allowed. Residential lots within the urban service district shall be limited to one driveway access to a public street. Residential lots within the rural service area may have two driveway accesses, provided that the driveways have at least one hundred (100) foot separation and the secondary driveway is intended to serve an accessory structure.
- H. Secondary driveways which access paved roads shall be surfaced with bituminous, concrete, or pavers from the edge of the constructed public roadway to the property line, at minimum. All other rural driveway standards shall be met.
- I. Driveways of any type surface shall maintain at least a three-foot side yard adjacent property lines in residential districts.
- J. Two single family residences may share a driveway provided both parcels have adequate frontage, easements are recorded, both property owners agree to maintenance and dissolution agreements, and the driveway meets the minimum fire and safety standards. No more than two single family residences may share a driveway. For the purposes of setbacks, the two parcels shall be counted as one, while the agreement is in effect.
- K. No residential driveway access shall be allowed onto a designated collector or arterial street, unless the Planning and Zoning Commission finds that no other practical alternative exists and the Council approves said access.
- L. No driveway shall obstruct drainage utility access, or impair public safety. When necessary, the lot owner shall install a culvert of adequate size and type, as determined by the City Engineer.
- M. Driveways shall not have a slope of greater than ten (10) percent.
- N. Rural Driveway Standard. Driveways shall be of a design that will provide reasonable access for emergency service vehicles and meet all fire and public safety standards. At a minimum, the driveway shall have at least a 10 foot wide driving surface with a driveway base that is suitable to support the City's largest piece of firefighting apparatus. Gravel driveways in the rural service district shall have a minimum class 5 aggregate thickness of eight (8) inches compacted. Obstructions adjacent to and directly over the driveway,

including, but not limited to; tree branches, shrubs, landscaping materials, etc. shall be removed to provide a fourteen (14) feet clear height.

- O. The property owner shall be responsible for the maintenance in safe condition of all driveways leading to his or her property, including the portions of sidewalks used as part of said driveways.
- P. In lieu of two separate townhome driveways, one shared driveway may be utilized subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. The shared driveway shall not exceed twenty-four (24) feet in width at the point it adjoins the street.
 - 2. Townhome driveways shall be required and maintained by a property owner association.



- Q. Town homes and multi-family dwellings under the ownership and/or control of a property owner association shall be maintained, repaired, and replaced under the cost of property owner association. Said association shall maintain a capital improvement program for the driveways under its ownership.
- R. Financial Surety. Driveways that will exceed 600 feet in length and are not combined with another permit (i.e., principal structure) will require a financial surety in the amount 150% of the estimated construction cost in the form of a cash escrow or Irrevocable Letter of Credit in a form as approved by the City Attorney.

Section 13. Section 10-82-09 Securities of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

The applicant shall provide security for the performance of the work described and delineated on the approved grading plan involving the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan related remedial work as listed in the City's fee schedule. This security must be available prior to commencing the project. The form of the securities must be;

- A. Currency. The financial security shall be provided as a letter of credit in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Section 14. Section 10-91-05 District Regulations of the St. Francis Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

H. B-1 District:

1. All signs not requiring permits as set forth in this Division.
2. One (1) monument sign per development, not to exceed 32 square feet in sign area and six (6) feet in height shall be permitted. The monument sign shall not be placed outside the applicable subdivision or development.
3. One (1) freestanding sign per lot is permitted. The total area of the freestanding sign shall not exceed 64 square feet for lots with a lot width of 100 feet or more and 36 square feet for lots with a lot width of less than 100 feet. The maximum height of a freestanding sign shall be 20 feet.
4. For legally established institutional uses, one (1) freestanding sign per street frontage shall be permitted. The freestanding sign shall not exceed 60 square feet in sign area and 10 feet in height.
5. One (1) wall sign per street frontage shall be permitted according to the following: The total area of all wall signs on any wall of a building shall not exceed 15 percent of the wall area of that wall when said wall area does not exceed 500 square feet. When said surface area exceeds 500 square feet, then the total area of such wall sign shall not exceed 75 square feet plus five (5) percent of the wall area in excess of 500 square feet, provided that the maximum sign area for any wall sign shall be 300 square feet. Wall area shall be computed individually for each tenant in a multi-tenant building based on the exterior wall area of the space that tenant occupies.
6. One (1) sign displaying electronic, scrolling text-based messages provided that the electronic message board component of any sign is no greater than 40 square feet in area.
7. One (1) window sign per window provided each sign does not occupy more than 75 percent of the window area.

Section 15. This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of St. Francis this 5th day of January, 2026.

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CITY OF ST. FRANCIS

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