

ORDINANCE NO. 7212

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30, "BUILDING INSPECTION," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS, REPEALING ARTICLE VI, "SIGN REGULATIONS," OF THE GARLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 10.05 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS:

Section 1

That Section 30.85, "Purpose," of Article VI, "Sign Regulations," of Chapter 30, "Building Inspection," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas, is hereby renamed and amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"Section 30.85 General.

(A) Garland Development Code. It being the intent of the City to consolidate ordinances regarding or related to property development in the City into a comprehensive set of development ordinances apart from those contained in this Code, the former provisions of this Article VI, "Sign Regulations," have been recodified in the Garland Development Code ("GDC"). To the extent any portion of this Article VI conflicts with the most recent iteration of the GDC, the provision contained in the GDC shall control.

(B) Imitation of Traffic and Emergency Signs Prohibited. No person shall cause to be erected or maintained any sign using any combination of forms, words, colors or lights which imitate standard public traffic regulatory, emergency signs or signals.

(C) Powers and Duties of the Building Official.

(1) Generally. The Building Official is hereby authorized and directed to enforce all the provisions of this Code.

(2) Stop orders. Whenever any work is being done contrary to the provisions of this article, the Building Official may order the work stopped by

notice in writing served on any person engaged in the doing or causing of such work to be done, and any such person shall forthwith stop such work until authorized by the Building Official to proceed with the work.

(D) Design.

(1) Construction. All signs and their supports shall be built, constructed, and erected in conformance with the requirements of all laws and ordinances, including this Code and the GDC.

(2) Structural. Signs shall comply with the design standards of the Building Code as adopted by the City.

(3) Electrical. Signs in which electrical wiring and connections are used shall comply with the requirements of the Electrical Code of the City.

(4) Plumbing and mechanical. Signs in which plumbing or mechanical devices are used shall comply with the requirements of the Plumbing Code and Mechanical Code of the City.

(5) Materials. The type of materials used in the construction, wiring, plumbing or mechanical portion of a sign shall conform to the structural codes of the City (Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes).

(6) Protection. Electrical devices within reach of persons on public property shall be protected by wire glass, safety glass, locked box of metal or wood, or other approved methods. No sign shall be erected nearer than two feet from any telephone cable, electrical street light standard, electrical power poles, or electrical power distribution lines when voltage between conductors is less than three hundred (300) volts. If the voltage between conductors is three hundred (300) volts or greater, clearances shall be maintained as follows:

Voltage of Conductors	Horizontal Clearance in Feet	Vertical Clearance in Feet
300 to 8,700	3	8
8,700 to 15,000	8	8
15,000 to 50,000	10	10
50,000 and up	10 plus 9.5" per kv in excess	10 plus .5" per kv in excess

Note: For spans greater than one hundred fifty (150) feet, refer to the National Electrical Safety Code.

(7) Clearance from fire escapes, exits, or standpipes. No sign or its supports shall be erected in such a manner which will interfere in any way with the use of any fire escape, exit or standpipe. No sign or its supports shall be attached to a standpipe or fire escape.

(8) Obstruction of openings in buildings. No sign or its supports shall obstruct any required openings to such an extent that light or ventilation is reduced below that required.

(9) Weatherproofing. All signs shall be constructed so as to prevent the accumulation of water.

(10) Materials. All freestanding signs shall be constructed of materials that are noncombustible or slow burning (as in the case of plastic insert of facings) and shall be supported by noncombustible material only and finished in a presentable manner. Untreated wood or unpainted or nongalvanized steel supports are specifically prohibited."

Section 2

That the following Sections 30.86 - 30.116 of Article VI, "Sign Regulations", of Chapter 30, "Building Inspection", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas, are hereby repealed in their entirety:

- (1) Section 30.86, "Definitions;"
- (2) Section 30.87, "General Provisions;"
- (3) Section 30.88, "Imitation of Traffic and Emergency Signs Prohibited;"
- (4) Section 30.89, "Roof Signs;"
- (5) Section 30.90, "Signs in Rights-Of-Way Prohibited;"
- (6) Section 30.91, "Signs on Public Property;"
- (7) Section 30.92, "Floating Sign Prohibited;"
- (8) Section 30.93, "Portable Signs Prohibited;"
- (9) Section 30.94, "Special Purpose Signs;"
- (10) Section 30.95, "Movement Control Signs;"
- (11) Section 30.96, "Protective Signs;"
- (12) Section 30.97, "Sale or Lease Signs;"
- (13) Section 30.98, "Homebuilder/Real Estate Directional Signs;"
- (14) Section 30.99, "Vehicular Signs;"
- (15) Section 30.100, "Government Signs;"
- (16) Section 30.101, "Creation of Site;"
- (17) Section 30.102, "Presumption;"
- (18) Section 30.103, "Provisions for Business Zoning Districts;"
- (19) Section 30.104, "Programmable Signs, Changeable Images, and Sign Illumination;"
- (20) Section 30.105, "Freestanding Signs;"
- (21) Section 30.106, "Attached Signs;"
- (22) Section 30.107, "Provisions for Residential Zoning Districts;"
- (23) Section 30.108, "General Provisions Applicable to Signs in Residential Zoning Districts;"
- (24) Section 30.109, "Freestanding Signs;"
- (25) Section 30.110, "Attached Signs;"
- (26) Section 30.111, "Powers and Duties of the Building Official;"
- (27) Section 30.112, "Permits, Applications, Fees;"
- (28) Section 30.113, "Design;"
- (29) Section 30.114, "Existing Signs;"
- (30) Section 30.115, "Variance Procedure/Plan Commission;"
and
- (31) Section 30.116, "Public Hearings Provided."

Section 3

That Sections 30.86 through 30.124 of Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garland, Texas, be reserved.

Section 4

That Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garland, Texas, as amended, shall be and remain in full force and effect save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

Section 5

That a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Sec. 10.05 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas.

Section 6

That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are severable and are governed by Sec. 10.06 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas.

Section 7

That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 6th day of April, 2021.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

PUBLISHED: