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ORDINANCE NO. 12286

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3-96 RELATIVE TO PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC DIRECTIONAL SIGNS AND DELETE 3-116 REGARDING BUSINESS DIRECTIONAL SIGNS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 3, Section 3-96, be and is hereby amended by deleting this section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following language:

Sec. 3-96. Traffic directional signs.

The number, height and set-back limitations in §§ 3-92, 3-93 and 3-94 above shall not apply to on-premise entrance, exit or other directional traffic signs at any premises, provided that no such directional sign shall exceed thirty (30) inches in height nor more than six (6) square feet in sign area, and further provided that no such signs shall contain any words other than customary motor vehicle or pedestrian traffic directional instructions. On premises with land area in excess of seven (7) acres which have two (2) or more occupants, signs marking a one-way entrance to the premises, including the name(s) of the occupant(s) of the premises, shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet in sign area nor exceed nine (9) feet in overall height but shall be located no closer than ten (10) feet from the closest edge of the pavement of any public right-of-way but in no event on a public right-of-way. In no event shall there be permitted more than two (2) traffic directional signs per entrance or exit to the premises. On premises which are within six hundred sixty (660) feet of a controlled access facility, which have a detached sign which is taller than fifty (50) feet and which are not adjacent to a public right-of-way, one such traffic directional sign shall be permitted not in excess of forty (40) square feet in sign area and not in excess of twelve (12) feet in overall height; any such sign shall be located no closer than ten (10) feet from the closest curb or edge of any public street but in no event on any

public right-of-way, and any such sign may be placed on an access easement to such premises, provided that this sentence shall not apply to premises which are permitted more than one (1) detached sign.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Chapter to the contrary, off-premise traffic directional signs may be erected on the city right-of-way by a qualifying non-profit entity any licensed K-12 or educational use pursuant to a temporary use permit granted by the City Council. The location and number of such off-premise traffic directional signs shall be approved by the City Traffic Engineer. For the purposes of this paragraph, a qualifying non-profit entity shall mean a not-for-profit entity which does not charge an admission fee or membership fees or dues or any licensed K-12 educational use and which is not abutting on or visible from a through street designated in §24-501 of this Code or a one-way street designated in §24-504 of this Code. No such off-premise traffic directional sign shall be located more than six tenths of one mile from the premises of the non-profit entity, and no such sign shall exceed three (3) square feet in sign area. The City Traffic Engineer shall review the placement of any non-profit or any licensed K-12 educational directional sign under this section and direct the placement of a business directional sign on a through street public right-of-way in any location which shall in his judgment protect safety of motorists after considering visibility and sight conditions of any minor streets where a business may be located.

SECTION 2. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 3, Section 3-116 entitled “Business directional signs” is deleted in its entirety because it is duplicative and contradictory of the language currently found at Section 3-126 entitled “Business directional signs.”

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect two (2) weeks from and after its passage.

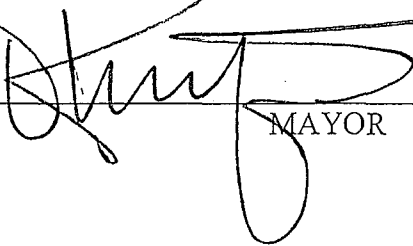
PASSED on Second and Final Reading

September 22, 2009.


CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

DATE: September 23, 2009


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