

ORDINANCE NO.: 2018-075

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 12, Signs, Sec. 17-401, Definitions and Sec. 17-405 Temporary signs (b)(5)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 5th day of February, 2018, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 12, Signs, Sec. 17-401, Definitions and Sec. 17-405 Temporary signs are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 17-401. Definitions.

Sign, feather flag means a vertically oriented banner attached to a single pole allowing the fabric to hang loose at one or two of the four corners. Such signs are also referred to as banner flags or swooper signs.

Sec. 17-405. Temporary signs.

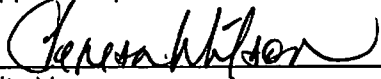
- (a) Temporary signs may be erected in any district in addition to signs permitted otherwise, provided such signs:
 - (1) Are placed only upon the property where the event is located;
 - (2) Are non-illuminated and constructed from materials that do not degrade over the life of the sign;
 - (3) Are safely and securely fastened, mounted, and/or affixed to prevent damage to the sign, surrounding structures, and people, especially considering potentially adverse weather conditions;
 - (4) Are not located within, or otherwise restrict access to, any parking spaces necessary to fulfill the requirements of section 17-258.
- (b) Specific types of temporary signs are also subject to the following provisions:
 - (1) *Temporary subdivision signs.* Temporary signs announcing a land subdivision development may be erected on the premises of the land subdivision, provided that those signs do not exceed 50 square feet in area, are set back at least 20 feet from any property line, are spaced at least 500 feet apart, and are removed not more than 30 days from such time as 75 percent of the lots are conveyed.
 - (2) *Craftsmen's signs.* Signs of craftsmen, artisans, house painters, contractors or subcontractors may be erected and maintained during the period that those persons are performing repair, remodeling, repainting or improvement work on the premises on which those signs are erected, provided that the size of the signs is not in excess of 12 square feet and that the signs are removed immediately upon completion of the work.
 - (3) *Contractor's signs on building under construction.* One sign displaying the names of the building, contractors, architects, engineers and similar information is permitted upon the premises of any work under construction or any work of major repair or improvement, provided that the sign does not exceed 60 square feet in area and the sign is removed within seven days after completion of the work.
 - (4) *Real estate signs.* One sign per street frontage offering real estate for sale, rent or lease is permitted, provided that the display surface area of each sign does not exceed ten square feet for residential property and 48 square feet for multifamily, commercial and industrial property. The sign must be located on the same property that is advertised for sale, rent or lease.

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- (5) *Sales/special events signs.* Temporary signs announcing sales and special events may be located on the premises of the establishment the signs are intended to promote. Each establishment may apply for eight permits totaling a maximum of no more than 120 days within the calendar year. No more than two of the allotted eight permits may be for inflatable signs and/or feather flags. Also:
- a. Only one sign shall be granted per permit, and each permit shall be valid for no more than 30 days. No premises shall contain more than four temporary signs at any one time.
 - b. Unless otherwise stated, the size of any sales/special events sign shall not exceed 48 square feet, except inflatable signs, the tallest point of which shall not exceed the height requirement of the respective zoning district.
 - c. A sales/special events sign shall not be located in or above a right-of-way or in any other manner to obstruct any pedestrian passage, and such signs shall comply with section 17-280, "Visibility at intersections."
 - d. Inflatable signs may be permitted, except within any residential or -DP district, provided they are stationary, producing no movement. Such signs shall be installed according to manufacturer's specifications and, absent such specifications, the building official reserves the right to require any and all devices deemed necessary to safely secure the sign.
 - e. After 90 days from the effective date of this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, where an owner or tenant has been found to have established a sales/special event sign without a permit, the owner or tenant may apply for a permit to retain that sign; however, that permit shall be valid for no more than 15 days from the date of written notice. In such cases, and even if the owner or tenant elects to remove the sign, the premises shall be assessed as having had one sales/special event sign for 30 days.
 - f. Feather flags shall only be permitted in accordance to this subsection. Feather flags may be permitted within the M-1, M-2, or C-3 district, provided they are installed according to manufacturer's specifications and setback a minimum of 3 feet from any property line. Feather flags shall not exceed 10 feet in height.

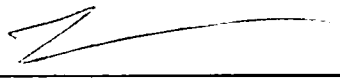
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