ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-034

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 3, Advertising to repeal Sec. 3-2 Approval of signs and renumber subsequent sections

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 17th day of June, 2014, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 3, Advertising, is amended to repeal Sec. 3-2 Approval of signs, and renumber subsequent sections as follows.

Sec. 3-2. Painting advertising matter on sidewalks or other public property.

- (a) Except as hereinafter provided no person shall print, paint or in any other way deface the sidewalks, streets, parks or other public property of the city for advertising or other purposes. The police department or any other department of the city may mark the sidewalks, streets or other public property for the purpose of controlling traffic or for any other purpose.
- (b) Owners of property zoned for residential use may paint the house or building number of their premises upon the curb of the street upon which their property abuts. Building or street numbers shall be displayed in white on a dark green or black background of not more than nine inches in height by 18 inches in width. Numbers and letters shall be four inches in height.

Sec. 3-3. Flashing and confusing signs and lights prohibited.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, any advertising or commercially used sign or light located in whole or in part within 25 feet of the right-of-way of any street and which sign or light moves, flashes, blinks, fluctuates, is animated or rotates, or which contains any lights, whether flashing or not, similar in color and size, or color and shape, or color and arrangement, to any traffic control device or emergency vehicle light, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and is prohibited. Signs giving public service information such as time, date, temperature, weather or similar information intermittently with low intensity lights which are not similar in any respect to traffic control devices or emergency lights are not prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to install, cause to be installed, operate, maintain or modify any sign prohibited by this chapter as a nuisance, and each day such nuisance is maintained shall be a separate offense.

Requested by:

Development Services Director

Approved by:

Approved as to form:

City Attorney Introduced: 6/10/2014 Final Reading: 6/17/2014 AFFEST.

City Clark

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