

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) REGARDING ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock duly adopted Ordinance No. 7697 to regulate zoning in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-56-416 and has amended the same from time to time (hereafter “the Zoning Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance should be amended to decrease the copy intervals on electronic changeable copy signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the definition of changeable copy sign (electronic) in Section 2.2 of the North Little Rock Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to as follows:

Section 2.2 – Definitions

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Changeable copy sign (electronic): A sign on which the copy changes automatically on a lamp bank or through mechanical means. These electronic activated changes are allowed in ~~45~~ 5 second intervals, with no illusion of motion. Time and temperature characters may change at real time.

SECTION 2: That Section 14.19 of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to as follows:

Section 14.19 – Changeable Copy

- A. Unless otherwise specified by this chapter a sign may use changeable copy limited to:
1. Manually activated: Signs whose alphabetic, pictographic, or symbolic informational content can be changed or altered by manual means.
 2. Electrically activated: Signs whose alphabetic, pictographic, or symbolic informational content can be changed or altered on a fixed surface composed of electrically illuminated or mechanically driven changeable segments. These electronic activated changes are allowed

in ~~15~~ 5 second intervals and shall not have the illusion of movement.
Time and temperature characters may change at real time.

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(Editor's Note: Deletions noted by ~~strikethrough~~; additions by underline.)

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 5: It is hereby found and determined that the passage of this Ordinance is necessary in order to insure the property and orderly growth of this land and of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Patrick H. Hays

SPONSORS:

ATTEST:

Alderman Cary Gaines

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

Alderman Sam Baggett

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b