

ORDINANCE NO. 593

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-284 OF ARTICLE VI, CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, TO PROVIDE FOR A MAXIMUM SIGN HEIGHT OF FORTY FEET AND TO INCREASE THE PERMITTED SIZE OF SIGNS FOR MULTIPLE BUSINESS COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CODE PROVISIONS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND/OR INFORMAL POLICIES WHICH ARE IN ANY MANNER IN CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE CONSTITUTES A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS:

Section 1

Section 4-284 of Article VI, Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Columbia, Texas, shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 4

BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE VI. SIGNS

DIVISION 1. GENERAL

Sec. 4-284. Signs Requiring a Permit.

The following signs shall require a permit, issued prior to construction:

[A] Signs on property in other than residential areas.

[1] Single commercial building. Signs shall be permitted as follows:

- [a] Attached or painted onto each side of a building with an allowable total sign area of 1 ½ square feet of signage for each linear foot wall length to which the sign will be attached. Signs on canopies attached to a building shall be considered as wall signs and cannot extend beyond the canopy.
 - [b] One free standing sign not larger than 128 square feet of taller than 40 feet. Buildings with frontage along more than one street may have one free standing sign along each street with a minimum of 200 ft. of frontage.
 - [c] One projecting sign not to exceed 12 square feet.
- [2] Commercial complex. Signs shall be permitted as follows:
- [a] A sign attached to or painted onto the building identifying the complex with an allowable total sign area of 1 ½ square feet of signage for each linear foot of business frontage;
 - [b] One free standing sign for the entire complex, which sign may be no taller than 40 feet or larger than 125 square feet plus 16 square feet per business included in the complex up to a maximum of 288 square feet, all inclusive.
 - [c] One sign per business housed in the complex with an allowable total sign are of 1 ½ square feet of signage for each linear foot of business frontage.
- [3] Illuminated signs.
- [a] Neon signs are prohibited except for signs no greater than 4.5 square feet located on or inside of a window of an establishment. No more than two such signs are permitted per business.
 - [b] No sign shall be lighted to such intensity or in such a manner as to cause glare or brightness to a degree that it constitutes a traffic hazard. Any such sign shall constitute a nuisance.

- [c] Signs may not be illuminated by mercury arc or mercury vapor light sources.
 - [d] Illuminated signs may not be installed facing adjacent or adjoining residential areas.
- [4] Inflatable Signs. Business related inflatable signs with a volume greater than 27 cubic feet are prohibited.

Section Two

Any and all Code provisions, rules, ordinances, police regulations, resolutions, and/or policies of the City of West Columbia, whether written, or otherwise, which are in any manner in conflict with or inconsistent with this ordinance, shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and/or inconsistency.

Section Three

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the several provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any court of competent jurisdiction enters a final order which holds that any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this ordinance is invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable, then any such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and any such ruling shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance which are not specifically designated as being illegal, invalid or unenforceable.

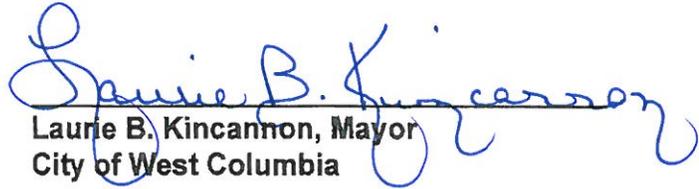
Section Four

Failure to observe and obey the article adopted above shall constitute a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (500.00), constituting a separate offense.

Section Five

This ordinance shall be effective and applicable immediately from and after the date of its passage and approval by the City Council of the City of West Columbia.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 11th day of April,
2011.


Laurie B. Kincannon, Mayor
City of West Columbia


KELLI KUBAN, City Secretary
City of West Columbia