



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Council Session

## Item F-1

### **#9573 – Consideration of Amendments to Chapter 31 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Signs**

*This item relates to the aforementioned Public Hearing item E-1.*

Staff Contact: Craig Lewis

ORDINANCE NO. 9573

An ordinance to amend Chapter 31 of the Grand Island City Code; to amend Section 31-20 and Section 31-35 pertaining to signs; to repeal Section 31-20 and Section 31-35as now existing, and any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Sections 31-20 and Section 31-35 of the Grand Island City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 31**

**SIGNS**

**Article I. Signs - Generally**

**§31-20. Signs in Residential Districts**

Except as otherwise provided in §31-20 and §31-34, no signs of any nature whatsoever shall be permitted in districts zoned AG, TA, LLR, R1, R2, R3, R4, RD, and RO under Chapter 36 of the Grand Island City Code. Nothing in this section shall prevent the use of identification signs not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in the districts mentioned above. The maximum allowable size of such identification signs may be increased by one (1) square foot for each one and one-half (1.5) feet of setback from any adjacent property line up to a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet.

In AG or TA zoning districts, tracts of land exceeding 10 acres, and in R-4 zoning districts on tract of land exceeding 5 acres, in which a conditional use permit has been issued for a permitted conditional use, the following restrictions shall apply:

(1) The maximum square footage of all signage shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet.

(2) Ground signs shall not exceed seventy-five (75) square feet, shall be limited to twelve (12) feet in height, be set back from the front property line a minimum of ten (10) feet, be set back from the side property line a distance of one third of the total frontage or a minimum of ten (10) feet, and be separated from other ground signs a distance of one hundred (100) feet.

(3) Flat or projecting wall signs shall not exceed seventy-five (75) square feet and shall comply with all other restrictions of the city code.

In RO zoning districts, and RD districts on tracts of land exceeding 10 acres, the following restrictions shall apply:

(1). Ground signs shall be allowed with the area limited to two square feet of signage for every one foot of street frontage with no single sign face exceeding four hundred square feet.

(2). The maximum height of any ground sign shall not exceed thirty feet in height measured from the nearest street top of curb elevation.

(3). All ground signs shall be set back a minimum of five feet from the property line to the leading edge of the

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signage.

(4). Wall signs or projecting signs shall be allowable at a maximum square footage not to exceed 15% of the building façade. A minimum of 8' of clearance shall be maintained above any adjacent walking or driving surface.

Amended by Ordinance No. 9461, effective 12-24-2013

## Article II. Signs in AC-Arterial Commercial Zone

### §31-35. Authorized Signs In AC-Arterial Commercial Zone

All signs placed in the AC-Arterial Commercial Zone shall be subject to the following requirements:

(A) Signs Allowed. Ground signs, monument signs, roof signs, wall signs (flat or projecting), and freestanding ground signs. (Monument signs shall be those ground signs in which the base width is fifty percent (50%) or more of the width of the sign.)

(B) Size.

(1) Total ground signage allowed per tract of land shall be one square foot of sign for each one lineal foot of street frontage for the first one hundred fifty feet and .75 foot of signage for each lineal foot thereafter. The total ground signage on the property shall not exceed three hundred square feet. (The area of a double-faced sign is calculated on the largest face only).

(2) No single ground sign shall exceed two hundred square feet.

(3) For tracts of land with three hundred (300) lineal feet or more of street frontage the total allowable square footage of ground signage shall be one square foot of sign for each one foot of street frontage for the first one hundred and fifty (150) feet and one point one eight (1.18) square foot of signage for each lineal foot thereafter. No single sign shall exceed three hundred and fifty (350) square feet. This section applies within the AC Zone from Fonner Park Road to Stolley Park Road.

(C) Location.

(1) All signs shall be set back from the front property line a minimum of five feet, and a minimum of ten feet from all other property lines. Exception: the side property line adjacent to a public street shall have a minimum setback of five feet. Monument signs shall be set back from the front property line a minimum of twelve feet, and ten feet from all other property lines.

(2) All ground and monument signs shall be set back from the side property line a distance equal to or greater than 25% of the lot frontage. Exception: the side lot line adjacent to a public street or City owned property ~~legally described as Lot 1 Mil Nie Second Subdivision (2515 S. Locust)~~ and directional signs not exceeding four square feet with a maximum of forty inches (3'-4") in height.

(3) Ground signs on the same tract of land shall be separated by a minimum of fifty lineal feet. The one exception shall be directional signs not exceeding four square feet in size.

(D) Height.

(1) The maximum height of ground signs shall be thirty feet.

(2) Signs shall maintain twelve feet of clearance above all adjacent walking or driving surfaces.

(3) Signs may project over a sidewalk or drive on private property, but shall not extend beyond such surface.

(E) All other provisions of the city code shall apply; the most restrictive requirement shall be enforced.

(F) Billboards.

(1) The maximum size of any billboard shall be three hundred square feet. (The area of double-faced, or back-to-back signs will be calculated on the largest face only).

(2) The maximum height of any billboard shall be thirty feet.

(3) Billboards shall not be located in the required front yard and shall maintain a ten foot setback from all other property lines.

(4) Billboards shall maintain a 1,000 foot separation between other billboards located along the same side of the Locust Street right-of-way and shall be a minimum of fifty feet from any ground sign.

(5) Billboards shall not be calculated in the maximum allowable on-site signage.

(6) There currently exist five signs defined as billboards in the AC-Arterial Commercial Zone from Stolley Park Road south to U.S. Highway 34. Those signs shall be legal non-conforming signs and allowed to remain with the provisions as stated in Section 31-42.

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(7) No billboards shall be allowed within the AC-Arterial Commercial Zone within the area bounded by Stolley Park Road on the south and Fonner Park Road on the north.

Amended by Ord. No. 8787, eff. 12-18-2002  
Amended by Ord. No. 9177, eff. 07-22-2008  
Amended by Ord. No. 9259, eff. 05-10-2010

SECTION 2. Section 31-20 and Section 31-35 as now existing, and any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication in pamphlet form within fifteen days as provided by law.

Enacted: February 23, 2016.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk