

ORDINANCE NO. ~~17-029~~

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 152, ENTITLED "SIGNS", OF THE CITY ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the City of Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois has determined it is in the best interest of the citizens to the City of Monmouth, to clarify and amend its ordinance regarding signs located within the City of Monmouth;

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1:

Sections 152.01 through 152.04, of Chapter 152 entitled "SIGNS," are hereby rescinded and amended to read as follows:

151.01 DEFINITION

(A) Sign. Any device, fixture, placard or structure that uses any color, form, graphic, illumination, symbol or writing to advertise, announce the purpose of, or identify the purposes of a person or entity, or to communicate information of any kind to the public. A portable sign is a temporary free standing sign not attached to any permanent structure, which remains in a location less than sixty (60) days. All portable signs shall not be considered a sign, under this ordinance.

(B) Off-Premises Sign. A sign, including a billboard as defined by the Zoning Code for the City of Monmouth, which refers to a place of business or event at a location other than the lot upon which the sign is erected.

152.02 LOCATION OF SIGNS REGULATED.

(A) No person or business shall, locate, erect, construct, operate, or cause or permit to exist in the City any sign or billboard, any part of which is located within 100 feet of the center of any railroad tract crossing, other than those painted or erected upon a building. Further no sign or billboard shall be erected that obstructs or interferes with the clear view of any railroad tract crossing signs. All signs not painted or erected upon a building shall be at least fifty (50) feet from the center of any street right of way.

(B) The foregoing shall not prohibit the use of signs on city-owned or city-leased trash cans, litter cans, or barrels placed on the city streets or sidewalks.

152.03 CONSTRUCTION ON AND ABOVE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Any of the following shall be unlawful without first obtaining the permission of the City Council:

(A) Erect, construct, or maintain in the City any sign in such a manner that it is fastened to, rested upon, or supported upon any street, boulevard, or curbing.

(B) Construct any sign in such a manner that it hangs, rests, or remains within two (2) feet of the line of the upper side of the top globe of any boulevard light in the City, or within two (2) feet of the line of the inner side of the inside globe of any boulevard light.

(C) Construct any sign in any case projecting beyond the outside lines of the sidewalk over which such sign projects.

(D) Construct, erect, or maintain any standard, pole or light of any kind in the City in such a manner that it shall be fastened to, rested upon, or supported upon or from any street, sidewalk, boulevard, or curbing.

(E) Construct, erect, or maintain in the City any sign that is located within fifty (50) feet from the center of any street right of way.

152.04 OFF-PREMISES SIGNS PROHIBITED

No Off-Premises Signs, as defined by this Chapter, shall be allowed on any property, regardless of the property's zoning classification, located within the city limits to the City of Monmouth. Any Off-Premises Signs currently located in the City of Monmouth prior to the enactment of this Section shall be allowed, however, if any Off-Premises Signs currently existing become destroyed or otherwise require replacement, said Off-Premises Signs shall not be allowed to be replaced. This Section shall take precedence over any other ordinances for the City of Monmouth that conflicts with the language of this Section.

Section 2:

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after this due publication in pamphlet form, passage and approval thereof as provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, A.D., 2017.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, A.D., 2017.

MAYOR

ATTESTED:

CITY CLERK

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent or not voting: _____