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ORDINANCE NO. 1385

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHAPTER XI, SECTION 11-202 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO POLITICAL SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.

WHEREAS, Code 1987, 16-3, Ordinance 1346 and the Columbus City Code of Ordinances, Chapter XI, Section 11-202, as adopted by the City Council, established rules regarding notices on trees, utility poles, etc. on public property.

WHEREAS, compliance with K.S.A. 25-2711 (2015 Supp.) requires revision to the City Code regarding political signs.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS.

SECTION 1: That Code 1987, 16-3, codified at Chapter XI, Section 11-202 of the Columbus City Code of Ordinances, and Ordinance 1346 shall be amended as follows:

11-202. POSTING NOTICES ON TREES, UTILITY POLES, ETC. ON PUBLIC PROPERTY. It shall be unlawful for any person to post, or authorize, permit or allow to be posted any card, sign, poster or similar notice on any utility pole or similar object or structure located on any public property, easement or public right-of-way.

Businesses and individuals may display privately owned, portable, temporary signage on the City sidewalks, easements and right-of-ways, with the consent of the adjoining property owner, under the following safety conditions:

a. Portable, temporary signage placed on City sidewalks, easements and right-of-ways shall not block access for pedestrians, ADA structures and accommodations, businesses, or private or public buildings, and shall leave a minimum sidewalk clearance of three (3) feet for pedestrians to pass.

b. Portable, temporary signage placed on City sidewalks, easements and right-of-ways shall not block visibility for motor vehicles and pedestrians at street corners and intersections.

Political signs may be placed on private property or on unpaved right-of-way for city streets during the 45 days prior to, and the 2 days following, any election. The signs must be of a size and set back at a distance so as to not impede sight lines or sight distance for safety reasons.

(also see Columbus City Code sections: 5-212; 11-203; 13-110-113; 13-231)

SECTION 2: All ordinances, resolutions or policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.


SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Governing body this 15th day of August 2016.



Dexter Opela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cheri Chancellor, City Clerk

