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ORDINANCE NO. 1386

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHAPTER XIII, SECTION 13-112 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO POLITICAL SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.

WHEREAS, Code 1987, 20-10, Ordinance 1348, and the Columbus City Code of Ordinances, Chapter XIII, Section 13-112, as adopted by the City Council, established rules regarding signs, etc. over, or supports on, sidewalks.

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, 20-10, codified at Chapter XIII, Section 13-112 of the Columbus City Code of Ordinances, and Ordinance 1348 shall be amended as follows:

13-112. SIGNS, ETC. OVER, OR SUPPORTS ON, SIDEWALKS; GENERALLY .

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any sign, sign box, awning or fixture to extend over the sidewalk or to allow any supports or posts to rest upon the sidewalk within the city, except signage that complies with (c) below; provided however, that the governing body may, upon written application, grant permission for the erection of signs, sign boxes, awnings, fixtures and support posts or beams upon the sidewalks as they deem proper and applicable.

(b) Any person who constructs or permits the construction of any item prohibited by section (a) without first obtaining the authorization by the governing body shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) 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.

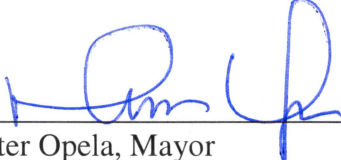
(d) Political signs may be placed on private property or on unpaved right-of-way for city streets during the 45 days prior to, and the 2 days following, any election. The signs must be of a size and set back at a distance so as to not impede sight lines or sight distance for safety reasons.

(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.

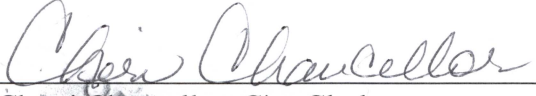
SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

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



Dexter Opela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk

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