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ORDINANCE NO. 1387

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 13-231 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO POLITICAL SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.

WHEREAS, Code 1999, Ordinance 1345 and the Columbus City Code of Ordinances, Chapter XIII, Section 13-231, as adopted by the City Council, established rules regarding use of streets, alleys or sidewalks for storage of building materials or business advertising.

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 1999, codified at Chapter XIII, Section 13-231, and Ordinance 1345 of the Columbus City Code of Ordinances, shall be amended as follows:

13-231. USING STREETS.

(a) No person shall occupy any portion of any street, alley or sidewalk for the purpose of temporarily storing building materials without first obtaining a permit for such temporary use from the governing body.

(b) No person may use any portion of any sidewalk or street right-of-way for the purpose of displaying or offering for sale wares, goods, merchandise or other items unless the display complies with the terms of (c) below. Nothing in this article, however, shall be construed as prohibiting the city governing body from temporarily waiving the prohibition of this subsection in connection with community promotions or community-wide celebrations when such waiver is considered to be in the best interest of the city.

(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.

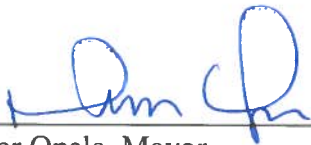
(d) Political signs may be placed on private property or on unpaved right-of-way for city streets during the 45 days prior to, and the 2 days following, any election. The signs must be of a size and set back at a distance so as to not impede sight lines or sight distance for safety reasons.

(also see Columbus City Code sections: 5-212; 11-202-203; 13-110-113)

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:



Chetti Chancellor, City Clerk

