

ORDINANCE NO. 60-94-8

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SIGNS AND ADVERTISING STRUCTURES, CLARIFYING AND MODIFYING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING REAL ESTATE, DIRECTIONAL AND POLITICAL SIGNS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Atlantic Beach, Florida:

SECTION 1. Article I of Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic Beach, Florida, is hereby amended by adding a new Sec. 17-1, by renumbering old Sec. 17-1 as Sec. 17-1(a), and by amending paragraphs (6), (11) and (13) thereof, which sections shall read as follows:

"Sec. 17-1. The commission recognizes that there are various persons and entities who have an interest in communicating with the public-at-large through the use of signs and advertising structures. The commission is also responsible for furthering the city's obligation to its residents and visitors to maintain safe and aesthetic surroundings. It is the intend of the commission that this ordinance shall place the fewest possible restrictions on personal liberties, property rights and the free exercise of constitutional rights while achieving the city's goal of creating a safe, healthy and aesthetic environment.

Sec. 17-1(a). Certain signs exempted from Article II of this chapter.

The following signs are expressly excluded from the operation of Article II of this chapter:

(6) Not more than one (1) real estate sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of only the premises on which it is maintained. Also, not more than four (4) off-premise real estate signs advertising an official open house which said open house shall be of a duration of no more than eight (8) continuous hours and said signs may not be erected more than one (1) hour before the open house and must be removed one (1) hour after the end of the open house. All signs allowed by this section shall not be more than four (4) square feet in area and shall conform to required setback lines.

(11) Directional signs, located off premises, of any religious, charitable, fraternal or civic organization operated within the city, having a meeting place, clubhouse or other site within the city for the purpose of indicating the place where such meeting place, clubhouse

or site is located in the city. Such signs are not exempt from the provisions of Chapter 17, Article II, if they pertain to a meeting place, clubhouse or site outside of the city. Such directional signs shall not exceed twelve (12) inches by eighteen(18) inches and be not more than ten (10) feet in overall height above ground level. These directional signs shall not exceed four (4) in number for each organization, as listed herein, and shall be no less than one thousand (1,000) feet from another directional sign of the same organization. Any directional sign existing on December 1, 1988, shall be allowed to remain until such time as the condition of the sign becomes unsafe, unsightly or in need of major repairs, at which time it shall be removed. Structural repairs to existing signs shall not be made without a permit. Before any directional signs can be installed after December 1, 1988, a permit shall be obtained from the city specifying design, duration and location.

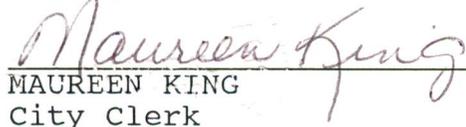
(13) Signs announcing the candidacy of a candidate for public office not exceeding four (4) square feet in area. The placing of such signs on public property is expressly prohibited. Such signs may, however, be placed wholly within the boundaries of private residential or commercial property, at the discretion of the legal owner and/or occupant of the property, provided such signs conform with all traffic, electrical, maintenance, fire and safety regulations of the city. Signs may not be placed on private property prior to qualification of the candidate to run for office or more than twenty (20) days before the first election, whichever is less, and all such signs shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the last election, including run-off elections."

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and adoption.

PASSED by the City Commission on first reading this 27th day of June, 1994.

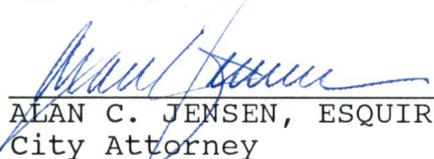
PASSED by the City Commission on second and final reading this 25th day of July, 1994.

ATTEST:


MAUREEN KING
City Clerk


LYMAN T. FLETCHER
Mayor, Presiding Officer

Approved as to form and correctness:


ALAN C. JENSEN, ESQUIRE
City Attorney