

ORDINANCE NO. 861

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OYSTER CREEK, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 17.7 OF THE OYSTER CREEK CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING SIGNS; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAWS, A SEVERANCE CLAUSE, A SAVINGS CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OYSTER CREEK, TEXAS:

1. The following definition is hereby enacted and shall be added in alphabetical order in Section 17.7-1, Definitions, of the Oyster Creek Code of Ordinances:

“Building herein shall mean a lawful structure with at least three enclosed sides and a roof for the protection or occupancy of persons or property; and the term *“building”* shall not include: (a) a structure designed, adapted, or used for the principal purpose of supporting or displaying a sign; or (b) a fence.

2. Subsection 17.7-12(a) of the Oyster Creek Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 17.7-12. Number of freestanding, commercial signs per premises.

“(a) (1) There shall not be more than four freestanding commercial signs on any lot, tract, or parcel of land in any zone. Except as provided in subsection (a)(2), none of the signs described in this subsection (a)(1) may be an off-premise sign,

“(2) (i) A business adjoining neither the right of way of State Highway 523 nor the right of way of State Highway 332 may have one freestanding, off-premise sign on a tract adjoining State Highway 523 or State Highway 332, with the written permission of the owner of the premises where the sign is located, and in compliance with all provisions of this ordinance and all applicable law.

“(ii) A business may have only one off premise sign under this subsection (a)(2), not one per location. A premises may have only one off premise sign under this subsection (a)(2), not one per business.

“(iii) An off premise sign shall not be closer than 200 feet to another off premise sign.”

3. **Prior Versions of Ordinance**

The previous versions of the sections hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect as to any violation occurring before the effective date of this ordinance.

4. **No Regulation of Content**

Nothing herein shall be construed to regulate, or to authorize any city personnel to regulate, the content or message of any sign.

5. **Conflict of Laws**

In the event of any conflict of terms within this ordinance or between this ordinance and any other law, the more restrictive provision shall govern and control.

6. **Severance Clause**

If any portion of this ordinance, of any size, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction for any reason, then the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

7. **Savings Clause**

Except as specifically and expressly stated herein, all ordinances and portions of ordinances of the City of Oyster Creek shall remain in full force and effect.

8. **Effective Date**

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

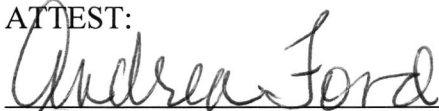
PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of August, 2021.

CITY OF OYSTER CREEK, TEXAS

BY: 

JUSTIN MARK MILLS,
MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANDREA FORD,
CITY SECRETARY