ORDINANCE NO. 0-01-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, BY THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 13, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS; ARTICLE IX, SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS; AMENDING SECTION 13-201 TO PERMIT AN OWNER OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS TO APPLY FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND LEASING OF AN OFF-PREMISES SIGN ON THE OWNER'S PROPERTY, AND ADDING SECTION 13-213 TO LIMIT THE TERM OF LEASES ON BILLBOARDS; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS HEREBY ORDAINS:

<u>SECTION I</u>: Chapter 13, Licenses and Business Regulations, Article IX, Signs and Billboards, Section 13-201 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13-201. Off-Premises Signs Prohibited Inside City Limits; Exception for Owners of Property Within the City Limits.

A. No new off-premises sign shall be erected inside the city limits of the City of Crockett, Texas, except as provided by this section. Signs lawfully in place as of the original effective date of this section shall comply with sections 13-206 - 13-209 of the Crockett Code.

B. Off-premises signs will be permitted in the city limits of the City of Crockett, Texas only with a specific use permit granted to the owner of the real property on which the sign is to be placed, and under the procedures of section 303 of the City of Crockett Zoning Ordinance. The off-premises signs may be permitted only for construction of the sign by the owner of the real property (or at his direction). The off-premises signs must be leased or rented to a third party, subject to the provisions of Section 13-213 of the Crockett Code.

<u>SECTION II</u>: Chapter 13, Licenses and Business Regulations, Article IX, Signs and Billboards, is amended to add Section 13-213 to read as follows:

Sec. 13-213. Restrictions on Length of Billboard Leases.

No lease, rental agreement or renewal of any billboard lease or rental agreement entered into after the effective date of this section may have a term longer than five (5) years, including options to extend the term of the lease.

<u>SECTION III</u>: Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance, but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

<u>SECTION IV:</u> Repealing Clause

All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

<u>SECTION V:</u> Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, on the <u>25</u> day of <u>January</u>, 2021.

CITY OF CROCKETT BY: DR. AYOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

WILLIAM (R. PEMBERTON, CITY ATTORNEY