

ORDINANCE NO. 1097

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LYNN HAVEN, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER FIVE OF THE LYNN HAVEN CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND PROHIBITIONS; AUTHORIZING CODIFICATION; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lynn Haven finds and determines that it is appropriate to update its Code of Ordinances relative to signage;

WHEREAS, the City of Lynn Haven finds and determines that it is appropriate to establish a set of penalties and prohibitions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LYNN HAVEN, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 5, SECTION 5.03.00 of the ULDC is hereby amended to read as follows (deleted text, stricken; new text, double underlined and bold, comments [*bracketed and italics*]):

CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5.03.09 Penalties and Prohibitions.

1. An abandoned sign is prohibited and shall be removed by the advertiser, sign owner, sign contractor or owner of the land; or business upon which such sign is found within thirty (30) calendar days after written notice by a Code Enforcement Officer. Permanent on-site signs applicable to a business temporarily suspended because of a change in ownership or management shall not be deemed to be abandoned unless the property remains vacant for a period of ninety (90) consecutive calendar days or more.

(a) All signs regulated by this Code, including their supports, braces, guides and anchors, electrical parts, lighting fixtures and all painted and display areas shall be maintained so as to present a neat, clean appearance. Painted areas and sign surfaces shall be kept in good condition, and illumination, if provided, shall be maintained in safe and good working order.

(b) Weeds and grass shall be kept cut in front of, behind, underneath and around the base of the ground signs for a distance of ten (10) feet, and no rubbish or debris shall be permitted under or near such signs.

(c) Any described party listed above found to be in violation of said ordinance will be fined \$150.00 by the City of Lynn Haven on the 30<sup>th</sup> day

from the time of being cited. If the property or business is abandoned after 90 days, the responsible party for the abandonment will be fined after the 90<sup>th</sup> day \$150.00 by the City of Lynn Haven.

(d) Any described party that does not comply after 120 days for existing, or suspended businesses, after being cited, the sign will be removed at the property owners' expense by Public Works. City of Lynn Haven employees' hourly rate for each employee to complete the job and the cost will be documented and a lien placed on said property by the City of Lynn Haven.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. The appropriate officers and agents of the City are authorized and directed to codify, include, and publish the provisions of this Ordinance within the Code, and unless a contrary ordinance is adopted within ninety (90) days following such publication, the codification of this Ordinance shall become the final and official record of the matters herein ordained.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

*15<sup>th</sup> Reading 7/14/20*

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

CITY OF LYNN HAVEN,  
FLORIDA

BY: Margo Anderson  
Margo Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becki Garner

City Manager / Clerk