

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATMORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATMORE, ALABAMA, THAT THE **ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATMORE** IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ARTICLE IX, LANDSCAPING, TREE PROTECTION, SIGNS, of the *Zoning Ordinance for the City of Atmore* is hereby amended to specifically address placement of political signs as follows:

9.61 Display of Political Signs

It is unlawful to place, erect or maintain political signs earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the official election date. Said signs must be removed within seven (7) days after the official election date. In the event of a run-off election, the signs of the run-off candidates may be maintained until the seventh day after the run-off election.

Political signs are limited in size to no more than thirty-two (32) square feet, ten (10) feet in height and shall not be separately illuminated. Said sign may be single or double faced.

Pursuant to Section 23-1-6 of the Code of Alabama and Article Nine of the Atmore Zoning Ordinance, it is unlawful to erect or display political signs on any property owned or controlled by the City of Atmore. This shall include public rights-of-ways, trees, light poles, sidewalks, streets, benches, fire hydrants, public parks or playgrounds, Farmer's Market, libraries, City Hall or other properties maintained by the City of Atmore, etc.

It is the candidates' responsibility to ensure that the volunteers and sign contractors who distribute and erect political signs during an election are doing so in compliance with this law. Candidates will be held responsible for violations.

SECTION 2. Except as herein specifically amended, Article IX of the *Zoning Ordinance for the City of Atmore* shall remain in full force and effect. This ORDINANCE shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

JIM STAFF, Mayor

ATTEST:

BECCA SMITH, City Clerk